

# MONTHLY MEETING

**Wednesday, October 22, Masonic Temple, Noon**

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 Jo Riley, 2008-10

Zonta International is a global service organization of executives and professionals working together to advance the status of women worldwide through service and advocacy.

Zonta District 12's purpose is to build, develop, and maintain strong clubs through support, leadership, and communication in order to further the mission of Zonta International.

The Zonta Club of Pierre-Fort Pierre is a service organization dedicated to advancing the economic status of women and to improving the health and welfare of women.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We have a great meeting planned for October 22, so please plan to attend! Chris Nelson, Secretary of State, will be our program speaker. He will give us a little background about the 90th anniversary of women's right to vote in South Dakota, and he will update us on the pros and cons of the November 4 ballot issues. This will be a great opportunity to become informed voters.

The fall season has been very busy for our Zonta Club. Our Service Committee was very active with hands-on projects during the month of September—preparing and serving nearly 300 meals at the Community Banquet, delivering backpacks to Pierre and Fort Pierre schools, and a closet cleaning project at the Missouri Shores Domestic Violence Center. We are truly a community service oriented club!

Now we are gearing up for our Zonta Fall Holiday Craft Show that will be held at the Ramkota RiverCentre on November 15 and 16. This event is our biggest fundraiser, of which the net proceeds from the (Fall Craft Show and Spring Craft Show) vendor booth rentals allows our club to distribute \$4,000 in local scholarships and nearly \$8,000 to local service organizations with similar goals of improving the lives of women and children in our community. Kari will be looking for more volunteers to assist with this project, so please come to Wednesday's meeting prepared to sign up if you have not already done so. There will be an updated poster sent to all members with our Zonta emblem and mission statement included, so your assistance within the next couple weeks of posting these at your place of work or on your travels will be appreciated! All members are strongly encouraged to sell one or more books of raffle tickets prior to the November 15-16 Fall Craft Show. Let's all do our fair share to assist with Club fundraising so that we do not have to raise our local membership dues.

We will be voting on updating our Club's Standing Rules (which are published in this newsletter) at our October 22 monthly meeting as well. Please take a few minutes to review these before the meeting.

Peggy Cruse presented a \$100 check from DakotaMart to the Board, our club's second time of attaining \$10,000 worth of receipts! Way to go everyone—keep those receipts coming! Jane Page presented \$123 to the Treasurer from the proceeds received at the District 12 Conference in Colorado Springs (\$98 from the wine/chocolate basket raffle and \$25 for carrying the proxy for the Glendive club). Thank you Jane for organizing the raffle basket and thanks to everyone who contributed items or money to make the raffle so successful! These funds will be used to offset travel expenses.

Oh, and remember to vote on November 4th!

—Laurie Gustafson

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## AGENDA for October 22, 2008

PROGRAM—Secretary of State *Chris Nelson* speaking on “South Dakota Voting Issues”

Call to Order

Welcome Members and Guests

Sharing of THE COLLECT

Approval of September 2008 Meeting Minutes

Accept and File Financial Report(s) for Audit Communications

Unfinished/New Business:

- Installation of New Member
- Vote on Standing Rules updates
- Other

Committee Reports

Announcements

50/50 Raffle

Adjournment

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Diana Big Eagle—Oct 27

Nelly Nord—Nov 5

Jane Page—Nov 21



**Place your AD, glad or sad, for a \$1 fee!  
Pay the Treasurer and e-mail the Editor!**

project in the future. Cleaning and sorting clothes at Missouri Shores Domestic Violence Center was also done as a service project this month. Carroll reported a good turnout for this project.

Chair Kari Stulken reported on the Fall Craft Show. She said there are already 108 vendors with 7 on the waiting list. The craft show's dates are November 15 & 16 and an assignment sheet was passed around. Raffle tickets were distributed. These can be sold after October 1 and prizes are gas cards. Posters will be e-mailed to members to hang up in and out of town. Vendors will also get posters.

New Business: Jane explained information on a display about Women's Suffrage that will be displayed at Rawlins Library in November. Jane shared research that she'd done on women's suffrage in South Dakota. Only six counties voted against women's suffrage.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Donna Hull. Judy Grunewaldt won an egg cup and warmer brought back from the ZI Convention in Rotterdam by Anita Zastrow. Uncle Matt served Holland stew and gave out tulip bulbs to each member.

PROGRAM: Anita Zastrow presented a very interesting report on her trip to Rotterdam to attend the Zonta International Convention. Some of the highlights Anita spoke of were a session on microcredit programs, the delegate session with the very impressive flag ceremony, and the business meeting where she voted on issues of rezoning, changes in categories for membership, officers for the next biennium, etc. She explained that the proposal for retroactive dues did not pass. Anita voted for a resolution honoring the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of human rights. A Going-Dutch trip was enjoyed by having a meal with a family that lived in the country. A corporate social responsibility event was described as very interesting. Anita visited a law firm where roles women play and mentoring were the main focus. Anita very much enjoyed meeting women from around the world and again thanked our club for the opportunity to be the delegate. A slideshow and pictures were available for members to enjoy.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jean Lakner*

[substituting for Secretary *Vonni Kallemeyn*]

## MINUTES of September 24, 2008

The Zonta Club of Pierre-Fort Pierre held its monthly meeting at 12:00 p.m. on September 24, 2008, at the Pierre Masonic Temple. The call to order was made by Vice President Jane Page. Denise Luckhurst read The Collect.

Communications/Introductions: Christine Gors was introduced as a guest. Christine is a massage therapist at St. Mary's; it was announced that she plans on joining Zonta.

Jane Page passed a basket to collect money to purchase wine and silk fudge for a basket to be raffled at the District 12 Conference. The money raised will be used to offset the deficit in travel money for the ZI Convention. Nelly Nord, Jane Page, and Anita Zastrow will be attending the Conference in Colorado Springs, Colorado next week.

Donna Hull moved to approve the August 27, 2008 meeting minutes. Anita Zastrow seconded the motion.

The financial report was filed for audit following a clarification made by Kari Stulken that the \$170 shown as a deposit was a refund to a vendor who had cancelled prior to the deadline.

Committee Reports: Service Chair, Carroll Forsch, reminded members of their job assignments for the Community Banquet to be served Wednesday evening, September 26. Members were also reminded to bring children's books for distribution at the Banquet. Carroll also reported that 18 backpacks were delivered to Pierre Schools. Some schools didn't need more school supplies but rather are requesting money for milk tickets and lunch money. Gloria spoke of the backpack program through PARS for food to be taken home by students on the weekends. This will be considered as a service

## SERVICE CORNER

Thanks to all who supported our Club's efforts in the annual serving of the Community Banquet. Over 300 meals were served on Thursday, September 25, 2008. As always, guests and staff were very appreciative of Zonta's continuing service to this community.

The Service Committee doesn't have any work plans for the next couple months. If any of you have ideas for efforts you would like to see Zonta take on, please let any of the Service Committee members know.

—Carroll Forsch, Service Chair

## Trivia and more!

The Zonta Club of Pierre-Fort Pierre is one of +8 Clubs in Area 1, District 12. Can you name the other +7 Clubs? How many other Clubs are there in District 12?

Who is the Governor of District 12? How many Clubs are represented on the District 12 Board?

The ZI Convention was held in Rotterdam this summer. Where will it be held in the summer of 2010?

What is the name of the newest committee at the Club, District, and International levels?

Zonta International is a global organization of executives and professionals working together to advance the status of women worldwide through service and advocacy. Nearly 33,000 members belong to more than 1,200 Zonta Clubs in 67 countries and geographic areas. How many members are there in District 12?

Founded in 1919 in Buffalo, New York, USA, Zonta means "honest and trustworthy." When was our Zonta Club of Pierre-Fort Pierre chartered? Do any charter members remain on our membership list?

By what amount will our International Dues increase effective June, 2009?

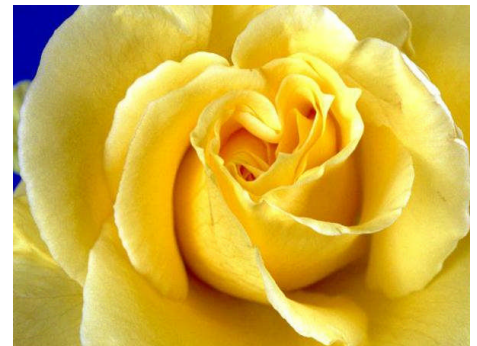
## ZI Dues Update

The 2008 Convention approved an increase of US\$15 in dues beginning 1 June 2009. This brings the total per member international dues to US\$65 for the 2009-2010 fiscal year. This amount does not include the per member fee for liability insurance paid by clubs in the USA and Canada.

The Convention also approved a motion requesting Zontians to pay an additional \$15 per member to Zonta International as a voluntary dues payment in 2008-2009 in addition to their regular dues of US\$50.

To make your Voluntary 2008-2009 Dues Payment, the preferred manner of payment is a group payment by the club using a check or wire transfer (the same methods used for regular dues payments). Clubs are encouraged to make the Voluntary 2008-2009 Dues Payment. **[Please note that this 2008-2009 voluntary dues payment of US \$15 is in addition to the regular international dues of \$50 per member for 2008-2009.]**

In addition, on August 7 individual Zontians received an e-mail with a Subject Line: **Voluntary Dues, Special Message from Zonta International Finance Committee 2008-2010** as well as from Zonta International Treasurer/Secretary Gloria Stootman Wristen detailing the update and links.



## SAVE DAKOTAMART RECEIPTS!!!!

Please remember to continue to save your DakotaMart receipts for the **We Care** program at Lynn's Dakotamart. For each **\$10,000** in register receipts that our Zonta Club collects, we receive a check for **\$100** simply by bringing them to DakotaMart. **[OUR ZONTA CLUB RECENTLY COLLECTED A SECOND CHECK FOR \$100.]** It is EASY! Simply bring your receipts to the monthly meetings and give them to **Peggy Cruse**.

**PROPOSED Standing Rules Updates  
(August 27, 2008)**

3. **Dues & Charges:**  
(Full-Year Dues are DUE April 1; Half-Year Dues DUE December 1) Effective June 1, 2009

|  | Full-Year Dues  |
|--|-----------------|
| International Dues                     | \$ 65.00        |
| International Liability Insurance Fee  | 3.00            |
| District 12 Dues                       | 27.00           |
| District 12 Conference Fee             | 3.00            |
| District 12 Development Fee            | 2.00            |
| Local Club Dues                        | <u>13.00</u>    |
| Total Renewing-Member (Full-Year) Dues | <u>\$113.00</u> |
| New-Member Fee*                        | <u>15.00</u>    |
| Total New-Member (Full-Year) Dues      | <u>\$128.00</u> |
|  |                 |
|  | Half-Year Dues  |
| International Dues                     | \$ 32.50        |
| International Liability Insurance Fee  | 3.00            |
| District 12 Dues                       | 13.50           |
| District 12 Conference Fee             | 3.00            |
| District Development Fee               | 2.00            |
| Local Club Dues                        | <u>6.50</u>     |
| Total Half-Year Dues                   | <u>\$ 60.50</u> |
| New-Member Fee*                        | <u>15.00</u>    |
| Total New-Member (Half-Year) Dues      | <u>\$ 75.50</u> |

\*New members add \$15.00 for the one-time Zonta International New-Member Fee

Late Fee (If Full-Year Dues NOT paid by May 1) is \$15.00

4. **Other Meetings:**

*Area Meeting Expenses:*

The Club will pay the registration fee for all members attending.

*District Conference Expenses:*

Upon presentation of proper receipts, the Club will pay registration, room and gas expenses for the delegate(s) and alternate(s). Registration will be paid for ALL Club members attending. These expenses will be paid providing funds are available.

*International Convention Expenses:*

The delegate(s) to the International Convention will be reimbursed for expenses for registration, travel, and accommodations. Registration will be paid for one alternate. Reimbursement for expenses is determined by the availability of funds.

Except in an emergency, if a member does not attend the meeting or Conference, they must reimburse the Club for any expenses paid by the club.

13. **Service Funds**

The Zonta application and cover letter for Service Funds will be sent to local organizations in January of each year and will explain the criteria for consideration and timelines for submitting the applications and for distribution of the grants.

The Finance Committee will determine the amount available to the Service Committee by February 1. The service committee will select the grant recipients and determine each grant amount. The grants will then be submitted to the Board of Directors for final approval.

The club will not release the individual grant amounts to the media or to the public and will ask the recipient organizations not to publicly reveal the amount of the grant.

Members of the Service Committee employed by or serving on the board of any of the applicants shall be excluded from the selection and grant awarding process.

## October 24 is United Nations Day

### **Zonta International and the United Nations**

Zonta International service has been closely linked with the United Nations since Zonta expressed support for the fledgling UN in 1946. As an international non-governmental organization (NGO), Zonta brings women's concerns to the UN, suggests solutions, draws public attention to issues and encourages its members to participate at the local level.

Zonta maintains representatives of its United Nations Committee at UN sites in Geneva, New York, Paris and Vienna. Committee members attend UN conferences, and UN agency, committee and commission sessions.

Accredited NGOs, like Zonta, participate in these sessions by providing written statements and oral presentations on issues being considered. NGOs also may organize panels relating to the general debate.

Since 1985, Zonta has had general consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), one of six principal bodies carrying out UN work.

ECOSOC is responsible for two-thirds of UN programs, in particular, those concerned with economic issues such as trade, industrialization and development, as well as social issues such as women's rights, children and social welfare. ECOSOC makes recommendations on how to improve education and health conditions and to promote respect for and observance of the human rights and freedoms of people everywhere.

One of nine functional ECOSOC committees, the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) is the leading policymaking body concerned with women's rights and the equal status of women. Since 1946, the CSW has convened an annual conference, now attended by thousands of women worldwide, to discuss issues of paramount concern for women.

Zonta is one of many NGOs associated with the United Nations Department of Public Information because of its strong programs on issues of concern to women. The UN provides NGOs access to information and materials and the NGOs agree to disseminate information to their membership.



## SOMEONE YOU SHOULD MEET—

### *Champion of Women*

#### **The U.N.'s new human-rights commissioner— one of our own**

“This insidious business of gender-based crimes has never been given the serious attention it deserves.” Those are the words of South African jurist and grassroots activist Navanethem (Navi) Pillay, newly appointed by United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon as U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Navi has attained numerous firsts—

- ... first woman of color ... to found her own law firm
- Appointed to be a High Court judge, the first woman of color to hold that post in a country where, for 28 years as a “coloured” lawyer, she had NOT been allowed to enter a judge’s chambers
- Elected to the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, ... the sole woman
- Became one of 18 judges from around the world elected to the International Criminal Court in The Hague—the first permanent, independent court founded to try individuals for genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity

“Rape had always been regarded as one of the spoils of war,” she stated. “Now it is a war crime, no longer a trophy.”

NOW, as U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights, Navi Pillay may be able to show the world another first: that women—more than half of humanity—have human rights, too.

—Julian Travis

Fall, 2008 *Ms. Magazine*, p. 31

## Make A Difference Day

The national day to help others October 25, 2008, the 18th annual Day



### **What is Make A Difference Day?**

Make A Difference Day, which takes place on the fourth Saturday of every October, was created by USA WEEKEND Magazine in 1990. It is the most encompassing national day of helping others—a celebration of neighbors helping neighbors—a day devoted to helping others by doing volunteer work in the community. The activity can be almost anything. Millions of Americans participate in community improvement projects. It takes the form of cleanup, fixup, painting, and repair in poorer neighborhoods, parks and municipal facilities. It doesn't matter what project you take on. It doesn't matter whether you help a non-profit organization, the community, your town, nursing home, a church, a food kitchen, or any other group in need. What matters is that you participate. Make a commitment to help others for just one day. Make a difference on **Make a Difference Day!**

**[Did You Know?** Each year on Make a Difference Day, ex-President Jimmy Carter gets out his hammer and saw and helps to build or rebuild housing in underprivileged areas. There is not a better example of people helping others than this!]

Simply GOOGLE **Make A Difference Day** to find out more!



## **16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence**

**25 November - 10 December 2008**

Join the 2008 Global Campaign!

**Human Rights for Women <—> Human Rights for All**

**UDHR60**

Zonta International invites all Zonta Clubs, Zontians and friends of Zonta to join this global campaign against gender violence. Campaign participants have been instrumental in bringing issues of violence against women to the forefront of local, national, regional and global arenas since the first campaign originated in 1991.

Since 1991, the 16 Days Campaign has helped to raise awareness about gender violence and highlighted its effects on women globally. Each year, thousands of activists from all over the world utilize the campaign to further their work to end violence against women.

This year's theme is dedicated to recognizing the 60th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR60) on 10 December 2008.

**Go to <http://www.zonta.org> to the Take Action section and click on 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence. Also note the information on Stand Up Against Poverty and Say NO to Violence Against Women. [See below.]**

### **Take Action**

#### **[Stand Up Against Poverty](#)**

17-19 October 2008

#### **[Say NO to Violence Against Women](#)**

Help reach one million names by 25 November, when all names will be handed to UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon in a broadbased call for governments to take action to end violence against women and girls.

#### **[16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence](#)**

25 November - 10 December 2008

The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence is an international campaign originating from the first Women's Global Leadership Institute sponsored by the Center for Women's Global Leadership in 1991. The campaign highlights the connections between women, violence, and human rights from 25 November to 10 December. The Campaign is an organizing strategy for individuals and groups around the world to call for the elimination of all forms of violence against women.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## OCTOBER

**Breast Cancer Awareness Month**—Every three minutes a woman is diagnosed with breast cancer!

Domestic Violence Awareness Month—See page 6!

National Disability Employment Awareness Month—Designated by Congress each October. The Office of Disability Employment Policy has the lead in planning NDEAM activities and materials to increase the public's awareness of the contributions and skills of American workers with disabilities.

- October 22 **Monthly Meeting**, Masonic Temple, NOON  
 24 United Nations Day!—See page 5!  
 25 Make a Difference Day!—See page 5!

## NOVEMBER

90th Anniversary of Women's Right To Vote in South Dakota

Native American Heritage Month

- November 8 Zonta's 89th Birthday!  
 15-16 Fall Craft Show, Ramkota RiverCentre

25 25 November was declared **International Day Against Violence Against Women** in July 1981 in Bogota, Colombia to commemorate the violent assassination of the Mirabal sisters (Patria, Minerva and Maria Teresa) on 25 November 1960 by the dictatorship of Rafael Trujillo in the Dominican Republic. In 1999, the United Nations officially recognized 25 November as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women.

26 **Monthly Meeting**, Masonic Temple, NOON

28 *Parade of Lights*

- December 1 World Aids Day—marks the beginning of an annual campaign to encourage public support for and development of programs to prevent the spread of HIV infection and promote awareness of issues surrounding HIV/AIDS.

6 C&YI Center Tour of Homes—SAVE THE DATE!

10 Marks the celebration of the 1948 adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. This document was one of the first major achievements of the United Nations and provided the basic philosophy for many legally binding international instruments to follow.

- January 10 MSDVC *Hollywood Tonight*—Mark your calendars!

***“If you really want to do something, you will find the time; if not, you will find an excuse!”***

Zonta International  
 Logo Picture Frames  
 (holds a 4 x 6 picture)  
 are available for purchase  
 for only \$10 each!

What a great way to display  
 the Zonta Logo and raise funds  
 for our Club!

Pick yours up  
 at this Wednesday's meeting!

## FINANCIAL REPORT

The Financial Report(s) as of September 30, 2008, are being e-mailed in a separate file.

—Alison E. Jares, Treasurer

**REMEMBER** to go to [www.zonta.org](http://www.zonta.org) and register! One of the factors in our success as an international organization is communication. By registering, you contribute to that success! Let's have 100% registration for our Club by the end of the year.



Zonta Club of Pierre-Fort Pierre  
 Member of Zonta International

*Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide*