

# MONTHLY MEETING

**Wednesday, September 24, Masonic Temple, Noon**

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**President** Laurie Gustafson  
**Vice President** Jane Page  
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**Treasurer** Alison Jares  
**Directors** Del Paulson, 2007-09  
 Phyllis Perkovich, 2007-09  
 Carrie Jacobson, 2008-10  
 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

I will be gone on vacation with my bowling teammates—doing wine country touring in California for a week—so I will miss the September monthly meeting. Jane Page has graciously agreed to run the meeting for me.

It was so nice to have such a great turnout at our August monthly meeting. That really made my day!

The new 2008-2009 directory for our Zonta Club was distributed last month to those in attendance, so if you haven't received yours, please plan to get it at the September meeting. There is a new directory feature this year—your ZI membership number is listed next to your join date. This will be very handy when you want to access the Zonta International websites that require your ID number. Also, check out the calendar reminders on pages 12-13 of the directory so if you think of activities our Club can do to celebrate these events or ideas to publicize Zonta's activities to our community, please let me know.

Remember that our Club is preparing food and serving the meal at the Community Banquet on September 25. If you have some children's books to contribute for this event, please plan to bring them to the September 24 monthly meeting or contact Carroll Forsch, Service Chair.

It is another exciting time of year for our Zonta Fall Craft Show with all of the booths full and having a waiting list for cancellations! I strongly encourage every member to sell one or more books of raffle tickets prior to the Craft Show. This is a great tool to build our travel funds, which will also avoid increasing our local Club dues to fund the travel expenses. It is amazing how willing most folks are to buy raffle tickets, especially when we have such cool prizes to win!

See you at the next meeting.

—Laurie Gustafson

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## SAVE DAKOTAMART RECEIPTS!!!!

Please remember to save your DakotaMart receipts for the **We Care** program recently initiated throughout Lynn's Dakotamart locations! For each **\$10,000** in register receipts that our Zonta Club collects, we receive a check for **\$100** simply by bringing them to DakotaMart. It is **EASY!** Simply bring your receipts to the monthly meetings and give them to **Peggy Cruse**.

## AGENDA for September 24, 2008

Call to Order

Welcome Members and Guests

Sharing of THE COLLECT

Approval of August Meeting Minutes

Accept and File Financial Report(s) for Audit Communications

Old/New Business

- Collection of children's books for the September 25 serving of the Community Banquet
- Send off to District 12 Conference Attendees (*Nelly Nord*, Delegate; *Jane Page*, Alternate; and *Anita Zastrow*, Database and Directory Chair and Outreach Editor)

Committee Reports

Announcements

50/50 Raffle

Adjournment

PROGRAM—*Anita M. Zastrow*,  
ZI Convention Delegate Report

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Del Paulson—Oct 9

Diana Big Eagle—Oct 27

Nelly Nord—Nov 5

Jane Page—Nov 21



present approved the motion.

### Committee Reports:

**Financial:** Everyone received the financial report. No comments were made by members on the financial report. This report will be filed for audit.

**Service:** We had a very good turnout for the backpack drive. Several backpacks, school supplies and money were donated. Both Pierre and Fort Pierre schools will benefit.

**Fall Craft Show:** November 15 and 16 are the dates for the Fall Show. Sign-up sheets were passed around. There were only 5 single booths and half a double left. A committee meeting regarding the Craft Show is scheduled for September 3 at the Saint Charles Regency Room at noon.

**Banquet:** Volunteers for serving at the Banquet are needed. Several have signed up already. Missouri Shores is in need of some help to sort out clothing in their donation room. A time and date will be arranged by Carroll Forsch, and she will contact Service Committee members and others who may want to participate.

**Membership:** The new directory of Zonta members was handed out. Orientation and new member event was discussed. We discussed a better way to do this as schedules for all involved sometimes just cannot be worked out. It was discussed that rather than a special meeting we would hand out Zonta Club information and discuss Zonta at one of our noon monthly meetings. It will be like a refresher for current members as well as providing new members information on what we are all about. February was mentioned as membership drive month.

**Standing Rules:** Alison stated there are some standing rules that need to be revised. These standing rules will be discussed at the next Board Meeting and then the membership. Alison thought that changing the budget to increase travel dollars does not require a change in the standing rules. She will check for sure.

**Announcements:** Dawn Tassler won the 50/50.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 12:57 pm. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 24, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Vonni Kallemeyn*, Recording Secretary

## MINUTES of August 27, 2008

The Zonta Club of Pierre-Fort Pierre held its monthly meeting at 12:00 p.m. on August 27, 2008, at the Pierre Masonic Temple. The call to order was made by President Laurie Gustafson; Phyllis Perkovich read The Collect.

**Program:** The speaker for our Zonta noon meeting was Jo Riley who is one of our Zonta members. Jo talked about the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to our US Constitution giving women the right to vote. There are a number of brave women who fought hard to get us the right to vote. One such person was Alice Paul. Alice Paul was imprisoned along with a number of other women, because of their involvement in a protest outside of the White House. While in prison Alice embarked on a hunger strike. They tied her to a chair, forced a tube down her throat, and poured liquid into her until she vomited. She was tortured like this for weeks until word was smuggled out to the press. South Dakota gave women the right to vote in 1918 in State elections. It was not until 1920 when women could vote in a national election. Please use your right to vote; it was earned.

**Communications/Introductions:** None.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion to approve the July meeting minutes was made by Phyllis Perkovich, seconded by Anita Zastrow. All members present approved the motion.

**Budget:** The budget was sent to all members via email. It was explained that the first page is the projects page and the second page is the general page. The budget is pretty much the same as last year's with an increase in travel money and international and local contributions. We also approved the budget as sent via e-mail. All members

## SERVICE CORNER

Remember, our Zonta Club will serve the Community Banquet at Southeast Community Center, 2315 Park Street, on **Thursday, September 25, 2008**. Please note the following:

1. More help is needed. We could use 3 more people to serve food at the Banquet from 5:30-6:30; and at least 3 more people to help clean up from 6:30-7:00 or so. Please e-mail me back if you can help out.
2. Books, books, books! In addition, Anita reminded me that September is Literacy Month so we'd like to have a supply of children's books on Banquet night that the children can read after they eat and take the book home if they choose. [This is the Read and Eat Program!] So ... if you have children's books to donate, please bring them to the September meeting or bring them to SE Community Center on September 25.

The following have already signed up to help:  
Making BBQ: The meat and fixings were delivered to those who volunteered to prepare the BBQs. [If prepared in advance and frozen, REMEMBER that the BBQ needs to be thawed and brought to SE Community Center between 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. on Thursday, the 25th!]

### Making BBQ

1. Peggy Cruse
2. Laurie Gustafson
3. Donna Hull
4. Carrie Jacobson
5. Vonni Kallemeyn
6. Del Paulson

### Set-Up—3:00 pm

1. Theresa Burke
2. Peggy Cruse
3. Anita Zastrow
4. \_\_\_\_\_

### Serving—5:30 pm

1. Diana Big Eagle
2. Alison Jares
3. Nelly Nord
4. Phyllis Perkovich
5. Jo Riley
6. Kari Stulken
7. Anita Zastrow
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### Clean-Up—6:30 pm

1. Anita Zastrow
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—Carroll Forsch, Service Chair

## 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.

## Hands-On Service Completed



Rob Coverdale, McKinley Principal, accepts backpacks and school supplies from Service Chair Carroll Forsch. Deliveries were also made to several other elementary schools in Pierre as well as to Stanley County Elementary.



On Saturday, September 6, Donna Hull, Carrie Jacobson, Denise Luckhurst, Laurie Schultz, Vonni Kallemeyn, Diana Big Eagle, and Carroll Forsch organized the MSDVC storage area.



## **United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) Report, *Progress of the World's Women 2008/2009: Who Answers to Women?* [United Nations Day is October 24]**

On September 18, 2008, the Executive Director of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), Ines Alberdi, held a press conference to launch the UNIFEM Report, *Progress of the World's Women 2008/2009: Who Answers to Women?* Accentuating governments and multilateral organizations failure to answer to women, Alberdi stated, "If we had stronger accountability on commitments that have been made to women, we would be a lot closer to achieving the Millennium Development Goals."

The UNIFEM Biennial Global Report features new data and calls for stronger accountability systems to move from commitments on women's right to results. The Report <http://www.unifem.org/progress/2008/whoAnswersToWomen.html>, points to "painfully slow movement" on maternal mortality—which was declining at a rate of 0.4 per cent rather than the 5.5 percent required to meet Millennium Goal 5. Alberdi stressed that existing accountability mechanisms in public services have not worked for women. Overcoming the accountability crisis requires more women decision makers in political, business and public service, as well as systemic change that put women's needs at the core of public mandates.

The Report focuses on five key areas where the need to strengthen accountability to women is urgent: 1. politics and governance, 2. access to public services, 3. economic opportunities, 4. justice, and 5. the distribution of international assistance for development and security. It reveals that to date, women are still outnumbered 4 to 1 in legislatures around the world and without an increase in the current rate of change, it would take 40 years for the developing world to achieve gender parity in government; the majority (over 60 percent) of all unpaid family workers globally are women; women earn 17 per cent less than men; in sub-Saharan Africa, three women are infected with HIV for every two men; and in some parts of the world, 1 in 10 women dies from pregnancy-related causes even though the means for preventing maternal mortality are cost-effective and well-known. Discrimination on this scale after decades of national and international commitments is symptomatic of an accountability crisis.

Alberdi was accompanied by UNIFEM's Anne-Marie Goetz, the report's main author; Christiana Thorpe, Chairperson of Sierra Leone's National Electoral Commission; and Shankar Singh, an activist with India's Right to Information Movement. Goetz said the question at the heart of the report—"who answers to women"—was rarely asked, despite the need for those in power to respond to the people directly affected by their actions. It was posed to highlight how a lack of accountability was among the root causes of the international community's failure to meet commitments to women. Describing the treatment of violence against women in a manner that respected their rights and resulted in redress and prosecution as a "litmus test" of accountability, she said laws on women's rights and crimes against women remained woefully underdeveloped in many parts of the world. In fact, one study in the report showed that in no country did more than 30 per cent of women victims of violence report the crime to police. Despite those obstacles, however, women around the world were creating innovative solutions to the accountability crisis. Drawing from them, the report outlined clear policy guidelines to move from commitments on gender equality to results.

Sharing the successful results of her tenure as Chief Election Commissioner during last year's presidential elections in Sierra Leone, Thorpe said she had approached her work as a sacred trust, upon which she had to account to her fellow citizens. "Women in decision-making positions can succeed in turning situations around because we not only give account but also demand accountability."

Because the number of females in such positions was too low, however, women leaders should squeeze maximum results from their minimum numbers by using every opportunity to place women's issues on every agenda. Additionally, there was a need for access to information in order for accountability to make a difference on the ground. Since women had been specifically targeted for voter education during Sierra Leone's elections, the Electoral Commission had recorded a higher percentage of female voters than ever before.

When asked how those issues related to calls for the United Nations to create a separate agency for women, Goetz said the Report showed there was a serious gap between commitments to women's rights and results across multilateral institutions. Within the United Nations and other multilateral institutions, there was no system-wide mechanism to track resources devoted to women's empowerment and equality, or to determine their impact. Given the need for "unswerving leadership" on the issue, United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon's focus on gender issues was welcome, but there remained a lack of staff, resources, and authority for a voice on gender equality in the system.

Asked about the Report's findings on women's participation in and portrayal by the media, Alberdi stressed that, without the media and the channel it provided to spread information, research into women's struggles would amount to nothing.

For more information: [http://www.unifem.org/progress/2008/media/POWW08\\_Executive\\_Summary.pdf](http://www.unifem.org/progress/2008/media/POWW08_Executive_Summary.pdf).

—Judith C. (Judy) Grunewaldt and Marilyn Osse, United Nations Co-Chairs

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- SEPTEMBER  
September 21 Literacy Month (United Nations Literacy Decade—2003-2012)  
International Day of Peace—In 1981 the United Nations General Assembly passed resolution 36/67 declaring an International Day of Peace. In 2001, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a new resolution 55/282 declaring 21 September of each year as the International Day of Peace.
- 24 **Monthly Meeting**, Masonic Temple, NOON  
25 Serving of The Community Banquet [See Service Corner!]  
26 SD Women's Summit, Sioux Falls [Goto [www.southdakotawomenssummit.net](http://www.southdakotawomenssummit.net)]  
26-28 SD Festival of Books, Sioux Falls [Goto [www.sdhumanities.org](http://www.sdhumanities.org)]  
28 FIRST South Dakota Susan G. Komen Race For The Cure, Vermillion
- OCTOBER  
October 3 - 5 Breast Cancer Awareness Month; Domestic Violence Awareness Month; Disability Awareness Month  
*District 12 Conference*, Colorado Springs  
13 Columbus Day Holiday!  
22 **Monthly Meeting**, Masonic Temple, NOON  
24 United Nations Day!
- November 8 Zonta's 89th Birthday!  
15-16 Fall Craft Show, Ramkota RiverCentre

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

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

**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 August 31, 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.



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*Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide*