

MONTHLY MEETING

Wednesday, February 25, Masonic Temple, Noon

Please e-mail Del Paulson at mpdp@pie.midco.net to advise of attending/eating plans!

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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 had a very nice membership recruitment event on February 19. Thanks to the Membership Committee for organizing it! Great job!

There are some opportunities for leadership positions. The Nominating Committee is working on getting a slate of candidates for various positions. If you are interested in being a Director on the Club Board or know of another Club member that may be interested, please let Laurie Gronlund know. Serving on the Board or being an officer is an excellent way to learn more about our club's objectives and activities as well as gain leadership experience. The slate of officers and directors will be published in the March newsletter and the election will be held in April.

This year's Area 1 Meeting will be held in Glendive, Montana, on April 24-25. More details about the meeting will be coming soon. We will be discussing who is planning to attend this meeting at our March 25 monthly meeting. Just a reminder, a delegate and alternate are not selected for Area Meetings; however, the Club pays the registration fees for all members who attend (provided the funds are available).

We also received an early "Save the Date" notice of the upcoming District 12 Conference which will be held in Denver, Colorado, on October 30-November 1. Watch for more details in the next few months. We will elect a delegate and alternate to represent our Club at our August monthly meeting.

The Zonta Spring Craft Show is scheduled for April 18-19 at the Expo Center in Fort Pierre. This is our Club's second largest service dollar fundraiser event so please be prepared to sign up on the volunteer lists that will be circulated at the next couple of monthly meetings.

The Service Committee is in the process of organizing the Service Dollar Distribution Event to be held the evening of April 22 in lieu of our regular monthly noon meeting. This event is when our Club distributes proceeds from our vendor booth rental funds from our Zonta Spring and Fall Craft Shows to numerous local organizations to help fund their projects to improve the status and/or health of women in our community. Watch for more details about this event and please plan to attend so we can all learn about the great projects that we are funding!

One more reminder. Our Club will be forwarding any voluntary dues to Zonta International the first week in March. If you are interested in contributing the \$15 voluntary dues to assist with the ZI budget, please make your check payable to Zonta Club of Pierre-Fort Pierre and designate "voluntary dues" in your check memo.

Hope to see you at the February 25 monthly meeting!

—Laurie Gustafson

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AGENDA for February 25, 2009

**PROGRAM—Jo Doll (former member)
speaking on “Ovarian Cancer”**

Call to Order
Welcome Members and Guests
Sharing of *THE COLLECT*
Approval of January Meeting Minutes
Accept and File Financial Report(s) for Audit
Communications—
Unfinished/New Business—
Committee Reports—
Announcements—
50/50 Raffle
Adjournment

MINUTES of January 28, 2009

The Zonta Club of Pierre-Fort Pierre held its monthly meeting at 12:00 p.m. on January 28, 2009, at the Pierre Masonic Temple.

Program: The speakers for our Zonta noon meeting were Becky Grandpre and Darielle Schmitt. Both are from Capital Area Counseling. Becky presented information on the various programs at Capital Area Counseling and one of them is the Therapeutic Foster Care. The presentation was to familiarize the group with what Foster Care is all about and to potentially recruit foster parents. Foster parents are needed for children who are being abused or neglected. Many of the children being abused or neglected come from homes where there is drug or alcohol abuse. There was a lot of good discussion about the children needing foster care. Training of the foster parents is necessary because of the behavioral special needs of the children. It was a very enlightening discussion. Darielle licenses foster parents which is an important part of Therapeutic Foster Care. Becky asked us if we knew of anyone who would be interested or if anyone present would be interested in becoming a foster parent to please contact them. Brochures were handed out with information on the program and numbers/e-mails where to contact them.



The call to order was made by President Laurie Gustafson at 12:40 pm; Dawn Tassler read *The Collect*.

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the November and December meeting minutes was made by Anita Zastrow, seconded by Vonni Kallemeyn. All members present approved the motion. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Two months of financial reports were sent previously via e-mail. There were no questions or

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jo Riley—Mar 2
Kari Stulken—Mar 23
M. Colette Kessler—Mar 25
Laurie Gustafson—Apr 16
Laurie Schultz—Apr 26



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Pay the Treasurer and e-mail the Editor!**

comments by the membership. Laurie stated these reports will then be filed for audit.

Communications/Introductions: None.

Committee Reports:

Service Committee: Carroll Forsch reported that letters have been sent out to prospective service dollar applicants. We requested that applications be sent to the Club by the end of February. It looks like we have about \$7,000 to distribute. Carroll thanked everyone who brought socks for the Pierre Area Referral backpack program.

Membership Committee: Denise Luckhurst discussed the February 19 membership meeting and asked us to please submit names of potential members to her.

Spring Craft Show: Audrey spoke about the Spring Craft Show set for April 18 and 19. Sign-up sheets will be passed around at the meeting in February. Audrey sent information out to the vendors and 15 have so far replied back.

Announcements: Phyllis Perkovich commended the Bureau of Personnel for donating 243 pair of socks for the Backpack Program. Donielle Gustafson spent 10 days in Mexico working with a group to make life better for individuals living in poverty. They mixed cement and poured a floor inside of a house that had a dirt floor and dug an outhouse among other things. Jo Riley is a new grandparent. Anita Zastrow has been asked to be a Board Member for the Capital Area United Way for the next three years.

New Business: None.

Other: Anita Zastrow circulated two books that were donated to Rawlins Library in past years by our Zonta Club where Zonta was mentioned; They are: Courage Is The Price by Muriel Morrissey (Amelia's sister) and East To The Dawn by Susan Butler. She mentioned that Amelia Earhart was a member of Zonta, the only organization she belonged to that was not associated with space or aeronautics.

Members are encouraged to bring a prospective Zontian to the meeting where we officially award the applicants their grant money. It is a great time for others to see what the Club is all about. Also, please keep sending ideas to make our noon meetings more interesting.

Phyllis won \$5.00 in the 50/50 drawing.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 12:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Vonn Kallemeyn, Recording Secretary

Women in Science Becomes Expanding Your Horizons

The Pierre Women in Science Conference (WIS) has joined the national Expanding Your Horizons Network (EYH). The Network is a non-profit membership organization of educators, scientists, mathematicians, parents, community leaders, and government and corporate representatives. The mission is to encourage young women to pursue science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) careers. Through Expanding Your Horizons (EYH) Network programs, members provide STEM role models and hands-on activities for middle and high school girls. The ultimate goal is to motivate girls to become innovative and creative thinkers ready to meet 21st century challenges.

As part of the network, Pierre WIS will become the **SD Discovery Center Expanding Your Horizons Conference**. As part of the national network, the conference planners will have access to resources that will help recruit speakers and increase the hands-on nature of the sessions, to an on-line registration system and to a pre-designed conference packet for the girls. To see more about EYH, go to <http://expandingyourhorizons.org/about/>.

The SD Discovery Center EYH conference is scheduled for April 7, 2008, from 8:30 am to 5 pm at the Ramkota. Tanya Crevier, "World's Best Female Basket Ball Handler," from Jefferson, South Dakota, will be the keynote speaker and entertainment. New this year, the committee has accepted proposals from those interested in presenting sessions. A group of girls will select the actual sessions from those proposals. Danette Jarzab of the SD Discovery Center is this year's conference coordinator.

As in past years the Pierre-Fort Pierre AAUW Branch will be the luncheon host. The *Expanding Your Horizons* Committee, however, is also looking for volunteer(s) from other groups to assist in many ways throughout the Conference, i.e., registration and to act as session hosts. Please contact Danette at 224-8295 if you would like to volunteer on behalf of our Zonta Club.

Urge President Obama to Press Ratification of CEDAW

The United States (along with nations such as Iran and Afghanistan) has not yet adopted CEDAW, the "Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women." The international treaty was adopted in 1979 by the UN General Assembly. CEDAW is often described as an international bill of rights for women.

Let our president know that this issue is important to you! Add your personal "vision" to the comment section at: <http://change.gov/page/s/yourvision>. Think how very interesting it would be for the transition team to hear from many women about CEDAW!

—Ann Hefeneider

District 12, Legislative Awareness and Advocacy Chair

ZI Voluntary 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.

—AZ

Voluntary 2008-09 ZI Dues Payment

Please submit your Voluntary 2008-09 ZI Dues Payment of \$15 as soon as possible. Remember, members are challenged to make this additional payment of ZI Dues to assist with the ZI Budget since the retroactive dues proposal did not pass at the ZI Convention in Rotterdam.

[See article above for details and/or go to www.zonta.org!]

Simply make your check payable to:

**Zonta Club of Pierre-Fort Pierre
In the amount of \$15
Designate as "Voluntary Dues"
Give to Club Treasurer**

Our Club will be sending in one check of any Voluntary Dues received to Zonta International by March 1, 2009.

—Alison E. Jares, Treasurer

ZONTA ROSE DAY **(and International Women's Day)** **March 8, 2009**

Since 1999, the yellow rose (symbolizing friendship) has served as the symbol of Zonta Rose Day, which falls on March 8 and coincides with International Women's Day. On this special day, Zontians worldwide are publicly displaying and distributing yellow roses or items bearing the image of yellow roses accompanied by information about Zonta International and issues relating to improving the lives of women to increase the visibility of Zonta and to promote recognition of Zonta Rose Day to further the mission of Zonta International.

International Women's Day is said to commemorate a March 8, 1857, demonstration and march in New York by female garment and textile workers protesting working conditions. It is believed to have first been proclaimed a holiday in Helsinki at an international conference of women in 1910. What is especially unusual about this most widely observed holiday of recent origin is that although it has its roots in the United States, it has been adopted by many other countries, including the former USSR and the People's Republic of China. It has even been declared to be a national holiday in others, such as Nepal and Afghanistan. The day is marked by exhibits, entertainments, and films in many countries, and women workers are presented with flowers or gifts.

The United Nations began observing International Women's Day in 1975—the International Women's Year. In his message for the Day on March 8, 1995, Secretary-General Boutros Boutros Ghali noted that “there is increasing recognition that the problems faced by women worldwide lie at the heart of the global agenda Efforts to improve the lives of women of the world offer in many cases the most immediate efficacious means of changing entire societies for the better.”

Join Zontians around the world on March 8 in celebrating Zonta Rose Day and International Women's Day during Women's History Month in honor of all the women who have fought to make life and times better for those who follow.

On International Women's Day (and for Zonta International)—

“... [T]he legal subordination of one sex to another— is wrong in itself, and now one of the chief hindrances to human improvement; and that it ought to be replaced by a system of perfect equality, admitting no power and privilege on the one side, nor disability on the other.” John Stuart Mill, 1869

SOME HISTORY:

- On 19 September 1893, New Zealand became the first self-governing nation in the world to give women the right to vote.
- In 1908 (some say earlier), 15,000 women marched through New York City to demand shorter hours, better pay, and voting rights.
- **The first International Women's Day was launched on 8 March 1911 in Copenhagen by Clara Zetkin, Leader of the 'Women's Office' for the Social Democratic Party in Germany.**
- **The United Nations established International Women's Day in 1977 to celebrate the rights of women and international peace.**
- **A GLOBAL DAY OF CELEBRATION:** Currently more or less 238 IWD events are listed in 28 countries all around the world. www.internationalwomensday.com
- In two years, 2011 will mark IWD's Centenary—100 years of women's united action for global equality.

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. **[THUS FAR, OUR ZONTA CLUB HAS COLLECTED TWO (+2) CHECKS OF \$100 EACH.]** It is EASY! Simply bring your receipts to the monthly meetings and give them to **Peggy Cruse**.

NEWS FLASH—According to Peggy a few days ago, the latest count for the receipts was \$9,106.75. Let's locate those receipts and bring them to Wednesday's meeting so that we can collect our THIRD \$100 check!

The Zonta Rose

by any other name, it's Still a Zonta Rose to us!

The beauty of a single yellow rose has been a favorite Zonta symbol for nearly 20 years.

The Zonta Roses

History and Details

The beauty of a single yellow rose has been a favorite Zonta symbol for decades. The yellow rose has adorned many Zonta items from stationery to clothing, and has been used in many charter and anniversary celebrations.

The Zonta Rose is much more than a lovely flower. Since 1999, it has served as the symbol of Zonta Rose Day, which falls on 8 March and coincides with International Women's Day. On this special Day, Zontians worldwide are encouraged to publicly distribute yellow roses, or items bearing the image of yellow roses, accompanied by information about Zonta International and issues relating to improving the lives of women.

History of the Zonta Rose

Since the 1980s, each decade has seen a new Zonta rose:

1980s: In 1983, Valerie Webster, then Lt. Governor of District 16, proposed that a breed of rose be developed as a living symbol of our organization. With support from a local rose grower and Zontian Mary Mason, the world famous *R. Harkness & Co., Ltd.* rose nursery in England was contacted. Mr. Harkness had developed a new breed of rose he called *Hartanna* for his daughter, but generously offered to donate it to Zonta International. The *Hartanna*, also known as *Princess Alice* or *Brite Lites*, was introduced for the first time at the 1984 Zonta International Convention in Sydney, Australia.

1990s: In the spring of 1997, the Denmark Zonta Clubs in District 13 undertook a rose project. The leading Danish rose grower, Mr. Martin Jensen, offered the Clubs a new breed of rose, also produced by *R. Harkness & Co., Ltd.* in England, called the *Harflow*, also known as *Easy Going*. Once again, Mr. Harkness sponsored the 500-cut *Harflow* roses introduced at the 1998 Zonta International Convention in Paris, France.

2000s: In 2007 the well known Dutch rose breeder LEX+ developed a new yellow rose, and through the efforts of Ingeborg van't Hooherhuijs, Chairman of the 2008 Convention Committee, the rose was registered with the name Zonta+. **It was introduced at the 2008 Convention Opening Ceremony in Rotterdam; 2006-2008 ZI President Olivia Ferry was joined by Dutch Minister of Foreign Affairs Maria van der Hoeven for the formal naming of the Zonta+ Rose.**

Details of the Roses



HARTANNA, also known as the Zonta Rose, Princess Alice, and Brite Lites

This *Zonta Rose* is a floribunda yellow clustered rose, with frilled edges. Its bright yellow flowers appear in massive clusters of up to 20 blooms, neatly spaced to form a natural floral bouquet. Each mild fragrant bloom is well formed and has about 32 petals. The *Zonta Rose* was bred from the *Judy Garland* rose seed and pollinated by the *Anne Harkness* rose. This disease-resistant rose is a favorite of gardeners for its repeating blooms, hardiness, and ability to grow easily. The *Hartanna Zonta Rose* makes an excellent garden plant, looks good in hedgerows, and is one of the best for cut flowers.



HARFLOW, also known as the Zonta Rose and Easy Going

The *Harflow* variety of the *Zonta Rose* is also a floribunda yellow clustered rose. The larger golden yellow bloom appears in generous sprays of three to five blooms per stem. The mild, spicy fragrant bloom has an extra layer of petals (an average of 40) giving it more substance than its parent rose *Sport of Livin' Easy*. This *Zonta Rose*, with its gleaming bright green foliage, is also highly resistant to disease and is a favorite among gardeners because it is so easy to grow. This stunning golden yellow rose has already earned three important international awards and is ideal for

all garden use, particularly bedding, hedges, and mass planting.

Zonta+

The Zonta+ rose is a bright yellow T-Hybrid rose developed by breeder LEX+ in the Netherlands and introduced to the Dutch market in February 2007. It was formally named Zonta+ in June 2008. Zonta+ roses have large buds, a stem length of 24 to 32 inches, and a vase life of 12 days. Zonta+ roses will be available all year round. They are traded at the six FloralHolland flower auctions in the Netherlands and exported worldwide.





Zonta
International
Strategies to
Prevent Violence

Against Women (ZISVAW)¹ is dedicated to preventing violence against women through service, education, awareness and advocacy and is supported by the Zonta International Foundation. According to zonta.org, there is no country in the world in which women are safe from domestic violence. For instance:

- In the United States², a woman is raped every 6 minutes; a woman is battered every 15 seconds. 700,000 women are sexually assaulted annually; 14.8 percent of them are raped before the age of 17.
- Domestic violence is the major cause of death and disability for European women ages 16 to 44, and accounts for more death and ill-health than cancer or traffic accidents.
- The Russian government estimates 14,000 women were killed by relatives in 1999, yet the country still has no law specifically addressing domestic violence.
- In Peru, a study of 12- to 16-year-old girls giving birth found that 90 percent of them were pregnant from rape, often incest.
- In South Africa, more women are shot at home in acts of domestic violence than are shot by strangers on the streets or by intruders.
- In India, more than 7,000 women will be murdered by their families and in-laws in disputes over dowries.
- In Bangladesh, 200 women this year will be horribly disfigured when their spurned husbands or suitors burn them with acid. *Id.*

Zonta is positioned on both the international and local levels as a catalyst for relationship building and information sharing. On the international level, Zonta works to raise awareness and promote collaboration among individuals, organizations and governments working toward the common goal of a world free of violence against women. At the grassroots or community level, Zonta Clubs participate in service projects and advocacy initiatives that support violence prevention strategies. *Id.*

ZISVAW's biennial grants for 2008-2010 include the following:

Cambodia Project: Ending Violence Against Women in through Community Action (EVAWCA) in Cambodia

Funding: 100,000 to UN Trust Fund in Support of Actions to Eliminate Violence Against Women

In Cambodia, human relative worth is described as "men are gold, women are cloth." Women are expected to be subservient to men in all situations, while many ideals of masculinity include aggressive and dominating behavior that all too often leads to violence. Women victims of

violence are often blamed both by society and by themselves or are too ashamed to complain, and domestic violence is largely seen as a family problem not to be interfered in by outsiders.

Gender and Development for Cambodia (GAD/C) will work to change attitudes of society and to modify harmful behaviors through education and counseling. A research study will be undertaken to better understand current masculine ideals, specifically looking at the relationship between violence and masculinity in the rapidly changing Cambodian society. With a better understanding of how the ideals of masculinity lead to violence, Men's Community Groups will be established to work directly with perpetrators and potential perpetrators. These groups will provide counseling and education in order to change harmful ideas and behaviors, changing the participants from perpetrators or potential perpetrators to non-violent male role models.

Women's Community Groups will also be established to teach women that they have a right to live a life free from violence. Participants will be taught about their rights under the law and trained to advocate for them. The Groups will monitor the enforcement of laws against gender-based violence and work with their local authorities to ensure that laws are enforced as soon as violence against women occurs.

In addition to working to prevent violence, GAD/C will work with survivors, providing legal counseling and social services to help them come to terms with their experiences, to seek justice and to reintegrate themselves into society.

Egypt Project: Combating Physical Violence Against Women and Supporting the Implementation of Protective and Anti-Discriminatory Laws and Policies in Egypt
Funding: \$200,000 to UN Trust Fund in Support of Actions to Eliminate Violence Against Women

Despite that Egyptian women have constitutional equality to Egyptian men, Egyptian attitudes, laws and policies treat women as inferior. Many women are forced into early marriage by family members, often their fathers, decreasing the chance of attaining an education and increasing the chance of early pregnancy and domestic violence. Historically, religious and social ideals in Egypt have valued an obedient wife, and it is generally accepted that a man has the right to discipline his wife as and when he sees fit. This idea is so much a part of every day life that 70% of women surveyed believe that a man is justified in beating his wife if she talks back to him or refuses sex; 65% believed that talking with another man justified being beaten, while 26% felt the same about burning dinner.

The Al Shehab Foundation for Comprehensive Development will begin working with legislators and legal

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professionals to raise awareness of women's rights and the obstacles that stand in the way of equality. Special attention will be paid to the legal system and the ways in which a domestic violence survivor's right to pursue justice is blocked. Because so many women have been taught to believe that violence is an inevitable part of life, awareness raising campaigns will target vulnerable women with the message that violence is never acceptable. When more women are aware of their rights, more women will be able to pursue justice and to escape from dangerous situations. The Al Shehab Foundation will also work directly with shelter workers and survivors of violence.

Syrian Project: Community-Based Center for Housing and Rehabilitation of Women Victims of Violence in Syria

Funding: \$100,000 to UN Trust Fund in Support of Actions to Eliminate Violence Against Women

Many Syrians believe that violence in the home does not count as real violence, and a woman who is beaten by her husband is generally only considered to be in a bad relationship and not the victim of violence. For many years a code of silence has meant that violence against women was not talked about. This silence means that women victims of violence in Syria often do not know what to do to escape from their abusers. One in four married Syrian women report being beaten by a family member, usually their husband or father, and even more have experienced emotional abuse. The few available shelters are often ill-equipped and poorly publicized, so that even those women who understand that they have a right to live free of violence do not know where to go.

The Association for Women's Role Development will create a high quality one-stop center for survivors of violence, focusing especially on those women who are living in poverty. The center will provide immediate protection for women escaping from an abusive situation in addition to offering medical and legal aid. Survivors will have access to counseling and will be assisted with reintegration into their communities when the time comes. The center will also address the broad causes of violence by launching awareness and advocacy campaigns aimed at survivors, victims, authorities and the general public. By addressing harmful societal ideals and discriminatory practices, women will become less vulnerable to violence, and women along with men and boys will be taught to speak out against violence against women.

—Judy Grunewaldt, UN/International Relations/ZISVAW Chair

¹ Virtually all information gathered from www.zonta.org.

² The U.S. statistics likely do not include violence against women in Indian Country in which the violence is significantly higher because no federal or Indian agency/organization systematically collects this information. www.ncai.org.

SERVICE CORNER

The "Sock Drive" was a total success. Zonta members reached out to gather a total of 351 pairs of socks for Pierre Area Referral Service (PARS). Way to go! PARS sends a big thank you to Zonta. The socks will be put in the backpacks that go home with children each Friday. Each week PARS fills backpacks with easy to prepare pasta, fruit, juice, and items children need.



They will need help on a couple weekdays next school year to fill the backpacks, so that will be another service project we can look forward to. Thanks for all your support!

The Service Committee will be meeting on March 9, 2009, at Carroll Forsch's house to review the Service Dollar Grant Applications. The Service Committee's recommendations for distribution will then be sent to the Board for final approval. The Committee will also be putting together ideas for the Grant Distribution Event that will take place in April. This event will be held in the evening, outside of our regular meeting date, and all Zonta members will be invited to attend. More details to come.

—Carroll Forsch, Service Chair

Reduce!
Reuse!
Recycle!

Membership Moments

On Thursday, February 19, the Membership Committee held a prospective member event at Alison Jares' home. Three prospective members (Mindy Cheap, Crystal Lindekugel, and Meghan Sonstegard) and ten current members enjoyed the companionship, food, and refreshments. A skit "Salute to Zonta Founders" and presentations by several members helped explain the past, present, and future of Zonta. Thanks to everyone who attended and participated in the program. A special thanks to Alison for opening her home to her fellow Zontians. [Congratulations to Jean Lakner on her "Best Actress" Award.]

—Membership Committee

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY

National Black History Month

This celebration of the contributions and achievements made by African-Americans to our society has been observed in some form since 1926. For a historical overview, visit the Association for the Study of African American Life and History at www.asalh.org. For fast facts and activity ideas, go to www.biography.com/blackhistory.

American Heart Month

This month the American Heart Association's theme is "Go Red For Women." Cardiovascular disease is the number one killer of women—claiming the lives of nearly 500,000 each year. Visit www.americanheart.org for more information

February 25 Monthly Meeting, NOON, Masonic Temple

MARCH

National Women's History Month

Celebrate the wide range of contributions and achievements made by women that have been overlooked in many U.S. history classes. **Visit www.nwhp.org for ideas and activities.**

2 **Read Across America (Literacy Committee Alert!)**

Get on the reading bandwagon! Locate suggestions and activities at www.nea.org/readacross.

March 8 Zonta Rose Day! AND International Women's Day!

8 Daylight Saving Time Begins

20 **First Day of Spring!**

25 Monthly Meeting, NOON, Masonic Temple

April 4 AAUW's 21st Annual BookSale at the Pierre Mall

7 World Health Day!

12-18 **National Environmental Education Week**

18-19 Spring Craft Show, Expo Center, Fort Pierre

22 **Earth Day!**



***"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 January 31, 2009, are being e-mailed in a separate file.

—Alison E. Jares, Treasurer

REMEMBER to go to 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