

## **ZONTA INTERNATIONAL**

Zonta Club of Pierre-Fort Pierre
May 2009



## MONTHLY MEETING

Wednesday, May 27, View 34, 6 p.m. RSVP to Laurie Gustafson no later than May 22!

President Laurie Gustafson
Vice President Jane Page
Secretary Vonni Kallemeyn
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

We had an outstanding Service Dollar Distribution Event that was held the evening of April 22 at the Senior Center! A special Thank You to Carroll Forsch and the Service Committee for putting together such a successful event. Thanks also to Del Paulson for the excellent location with delicious desserts and beverages, and to Anita Zastrow for making publicity arrangements for the radio station to attend and take interviews! The evening began with our special guest Mayor Laurie Gill updating us on a wide variety of activities going on with the City of Pierre. Then Zonta members Carroll Forsch and Carrie Jacobson awarded the sealed grants to 16 organizations, allowing each of them a few minutes to explain the project they plan to fund with our Zonta funds. Two of the organizations, the Right Turn and Dakota Horse Stars Therapeutic Riding Center, brought individuals who are direct recipients of the prior year Zonta funds—funding assistance to complete GED testing and funding to attend a wellness camp for an at-risk teenager, respectively. It was so touching to hear from these young women as to how thankful they were to Zonta for assisting to improve their lives. Wow! Laurie Schultz provided an update on our recent scholarship awards to seven recipients and I had closing comments summarizing that the total amount we awarded to the 16 organizations was \$6,500 plus the scholarships of \$3,500 for a grand total of \$10,000 distributed to the Pierre and Fort Pierre community to improve the status of women and to improve the safety of women and children! Mayor Laurie Gill and all of the attendees of the event were very impressed with our Zonta Club of Pierre-Fort Pierre's hard work and dedication. Great job everyone in all of the efforts to raise these funds!!

Denise Luckhurst, Jane Page, and I drove to Glendive, Montana, to attend the Area 1 Meeting on April 24-25. We had the pleasure of touring a newly built dinosaur museum the evening of arrival. We had a great meeting on Saturday with interesting speakers and updates of club activities from all of the Area 1 Clubs in attendance. The Glendive Club is a very active and growing club; they provided entertainment and an activity report from a couple of their Z-Club (high school Zonta club) members.

Reminder—we will not be having a regular noon monthly meeting in May. We have many accomplishments to celebrate, so

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## AGENDA for May 27, 2009

Dinner

Call to Order

Welcome Members and Guests

Sharing of *The Collect* 

Program: Donna Lee, Master Gardener Approval of March Meeting Minutes File Financial Reports for Audit (both March and April)

#### **Business:**

- Installation of Officers and Directors
- Induction of New Members
- Share Highlights of 2008-2009 Annual Club Report
- Announcement of Zontian of the Year Adjournment

#### MINUTES of March 25, 2009

The Zonta Club of Pierre-Fort Pierre held its monthly meeting at 12:00 p.m. on March 25, 2009, at the Pierre Masonic Temple. The Call to Order was made by President Laurie Gustafson; Audrey Nelson read *The Collect*.

**Program:** Program for this meeting was delayed due to Jo Riley being sick.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion to approve the February meeting minutes as printed in the newsletter was made by Vonni Kallemeyn, seconded by Phyllis Perkovich. All members approved the motion.

The financial report was sent to all members via e-mail. No changes were requested by the members. President Laurie Gustafson accepted the reports and stated they would be filed for audit.

#### **Election of Officers:**

President: Laurie Gustafson was nominated by the nominating committee for the position of President. Donna Hull moved to close the nominations and to vote unanimously for Laurie Gustafson for President. Motion was seconded by Jane Page. All members approved. Motion carried. Laurie Gustafson remains president.

Vice President: Jane Page was nominated by the nominating committee for the position of Vice President. Peggy Cruse moved to close the nominations and vote unanimously for Jane Page for Vice President. Motion was seconded by Audrey Nelson. All members approved. Motion carried. Jane Page remains Vice President.

Secretary: Vonni Kallemeyn was nominated by the nominating committee for the position of Secretary.

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Judy Grunewaldt—May 19 Dawn Tassler—May 22

Donna Hull—Jun 12 Alison Jares—Jun 16 Martha Rankinl—Jun 19 Phyllis Perkovich—Jun 30



Rose Ann Wendell-Jul 25

Denise Luckhurst moved to close nominations and vote unanimously for Vonni Kallemeyn for Secretary. Motion was seconded by Jane Page. All members approved. Motion carried. Vonni Kallemeyn remains Secretary.

Treasurer: Nelly Nord was nominated by the nominating committee for the position of Treasurer. Jane Page moved to close the nominations and vote unanimously for Nelly Nord for Treasurer. Motion was seconded by Denise Luckhurst. All members approved. Motion carried. Nelly Nord becomes Treasurer.

Directors: Judy Grunewaldt was nominated by the nominating committee for the position of two-year Director. Vonni Kallemeyn moved to close nominations and vote unanimously for Judy Grunewaldt for Director. Motion was seconded by Carrie Jacobson. All members approved. Motion carried. Judy Grunewaldt becomes a new two-year Director.

Denise Luckhurst was nominated by the nominating committee for the position of two-year Director. Phyllis Perkovich moved to close nominations and vote unanimously for Denise Luckhurst for Director. Motion was seconded by Donna Hull. All members approved. Motion carried. Denise Luckhurst becomes a new two-year Director.

Nominating Committee: Alison Jares, Jean Lakner, and Sherri Miller were nominated by the nominating committee for positions on the 2009-10 nominating committee. Donna Hull moved to close nominations and vote unanimously for Alison Jares, Jean Lakner, and Sherri Miller for the 2009-10 nominating committee. Motion was seconded by Donna Hull. All members approved. Motion carried. Alison Jares, Jean Lakner, and Sherri Miller are the members of the 2009-10 nominating committee.

#### **Committee Reports:**

*Finance:* The 2009-2010 Project and General Fund budgets were discussed. Alison Jares discussed the scholarship fund changes and answered a couple of

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# **GENDER FACTS**

## Global Issues ...

- Females in developing countries on average carry 20 liters (about 5 gallons) of water per day over 6 km (about 3.7 miles)
- Globally women account for the majority of people aged over 60 and over 80
- Pregnant women in Africa are 180 times more likely to die than in Western Europe
- 530,000 women die in pregnancy or childbirth each year
- World population hit 6,872,741,131 on 1 January 2009
- Of 1.2 billion people living in poverty worldwide, 70% are women
- 80% of the world's 27 million refugees are women
- Women own around only 1% of the world's land
- AIDS sees women's life expectancy of 43 in Uganda and Zambia
- Today, 7,000 women and girls will contract HIV
- 5 people are added to the world's population every 2 seconds
- Women are 2/3 of the 1 billion+ illiterate adults who have no access to basic education
- Every year an estimated 4 million women and girls are bought and sold worldwide
- 60 million women are "missing" because of gender-based violence

## **Business/Finance...**

- Women control \$14 trillion in assets and this should grow to \$22 trillion over next
   10 years
- Women comprise 21 of the 37 million people living below the poverty line in the US
- Only in Japan and Peru are women more active in starting a business than men
- Women spend more time researching before they invest than men do
- Female inventors still only account for around 10% of the US inventor population

## Media/Arts ...

- Only 21% of all news subjects (people interviewed or whom the news is about) are female
- Women less than 1% department heads, editors, media owners but third of working journalists
- 80% of UK purchasing decisions are made by women but 83% of 'creatives' are men

## Work ...

- Women do two-thirds of the world's work but receive only 10% of the world's income
- Women's education is the most powerful predictor of lower fertility rates
- One year out of college women earn 20% less than men and 10 years later 31% less
- Women on average are away from workforce for 14.7 years compared to 1.6 years for men

—contributed by Judy Grunewaldt, International Relations, United Nations, ZISVAW Chair

#### **Zonta Club of Pierre-Fort Pierre**

2009 – 2010 Dues Statement (June 1, 2009 – May 31, 2010)

	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 Dues	\$ <u>113.00</u>
New-Member Fee*	<u>15.00</u>
<b>Total New-Member Dues</b>	\$ <u>128.00</u>
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(\*New Members add \$15 for the International New-Member Fee)

Complete this form and return with your dues payment *if* any of your information for the local Program Booklet and the District 12 Directory has changed. [Refer to the Excel spreadsheet that was e-mailed earlier.] If there are no changes to your information, you do not need to return the form.

Please make your check payable to the Zonta Club of Pierre-Fort Pierre and mail it along with the form to: Alison Jares, Treasurer, PO Box 111, Pierre SD 57501-0111.

Please pay dues by May 1, 2009. A delinquency fee of \$15.00 will be charged if dues are not received by May 15, 2009.

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Business Address	
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questions regarding these budgets. There was also discussion about getting our scholarship forms out on our web page. Jane Page moved and Carrie Jacobson seconded to approve the budgets as they were presented by separate e-mail. All members were in favor. Motion carried. Laurie thanked Alison and her finance committee for their efforts to get the budget approved much earlier than in the past. Now our budget will closely align with Zonta International's recommended schedule.

Spring Craft Show: April 18 and 19 are the dates for this year's Spring Craft Show. Audrey Nelson reported there are 56 vendors signed up this year which is down about 13 from last year. Mostly having to do with the vendors cutting down on the number of shows they attend due to a slowed economy. Audrey also discussed the "Women's Day Out" craft show that will be held the weekend of April 4 here in Pierre. It was pointed out these craft shows even though not on the same date are competing with our craft show regarding the limited money to be spent by individuals. Audrey sent around a sign-up sheet for helping with the craft show. Amelia Earhart: On April 7 the Discovery Center is hosting an Expanding Your Horizons conference for girls in grades 6-12. Our Zonta Club will help sponsor the event by helping at the registration table and/or with other duties as needed. We are also going to provide water and cookies at the end of the event. This will give us a good opportunity to tell these young women about Zonta and what we stand for. A sign-up sheet was passed around for cookie donations. Members present signed up to bring 37 dozen cookies to the Discovery Center on that day. Way to go women. Service: Carroll Forsch reported that she has sent out emails for potential speakers for the evening event where service dollars will be awarded. Del Paulsen reported that the Senior Citizen's Center is available on April 22 for this event, and she has tentatively reserved the room. It will cost \$100.00 to rent the room and that includes drinks and food. It was decided that this evening event would take the place of our regular monthly meeting. Del will confirm this date with the Center. Carroll will send letters out to the service dollar recipients explaining the award and asking them to send a representative.

Other Business: Anita Zastrow handed out our Zonta raffle tickets. Audrey, Spring Craft Show Chair, stated she had gotten permission from the City of Pierre to conduct the raffle. Anita reminded us to please not put our own name on the tickets if we buy the tickets ourselves Rather, put a family member or friend's name on the ticket.

The Area 1 Zonta Meeting is in Glendive, Montana,

this year on April 24-25. Laurie Gustafson, Denise Luckhurst, and Jane Page will be attending.

Jane Page mentioned there is a District position open and to contact Jane if you are interested.

Jo Riley called Anita regarding the program and the fact that she was too sick to attend. Anita handed out a quiz and where we could go to find the answers on the internet.

Audrey mentioned members that three pictures were given to us by vendors last year to use by our Club. One picture will be one of the prizes for our Zonta Spring Craft Show raffle.

**Announcements:** American Cancer Society is having a luncheon in Fort Pierre Community and Involvement Center on April 4.

The month of May will be our annual meeting.

Nelly asked to send her ideas for programs during our monthly meetings. Members stated that sometimes we should not have a program scheduled as it would be nice to chit-chat with other members during the meeting.

Del Paulsen reminded us of the Ethnic Supper at Lutheran Memorial on April 16. Money raised is for Habitat for Humanity efforts.

Anita reminded us of the AAUW BookSale at the Pierre Mall on April 4.

Nelly Nord won the 50/50 drawing.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 12:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted, *Vonni Kallemeyn*, Recording Secretary

Editor's Note: No official minutes were taken at the April 22 Service Dollar Distribution Event held at the Senior Center at which +18 members were in attendance! See the Service Corner on page 7 for information and a photograph.

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please plan to attend our Annual Meeting at the View 34 (the new restaurant next to the Hillsview Golf Course in Pierre) for a dinner meeting on May 27 at 6 p.m.

We will have as a special guest Master
Gardener Donna Lee, who will demonstrate a
design of how to get the WOW factor in a patio
container. We will also have the installation of
officers and directors, an induction of new
members, and announcement of the Zontian of the
Year.

I hope to see all of you at our Annual Meeting on May 27! Remember to RSVP to me by May 22!

—Laurie Gustafson

# LILLIAN BRADY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP 2009 WINNERS

The 2009 Lillian Brady Memorial Scholarship winners in the amount of \$500 each are: *Tessa Bollinger*, *Heidi Halderman*, *Nicole Halderman*, and *Jenny Ness*. They were selected from a pool of very qualified young women from T.F. Riggs High School. No applications were received from Stanley County High School this year.

**Tessa Bollinger** plans on attending SDSU at Brookings and majoring in nursing. She is in the Student Senate, the National Honor Society, Symphonic Band, Yearbook, Track, and was a page during Legislative Session.

Heidi Halderman will be attending the University of Mary in North Dakota. She will pursue a double major in special elementary education and a masters degree in counseling. She has been involved in numerous youth involvement programs—a Circle of Friends leader, Big Buddies leader, Yearbook, Teen Court, Youth 2 Youth, United Way Board, and National Honor Society.

Heidi received both the Lillian Brady Memorial Scholarship for \$500 and the Young Women in Public Affairs Scholarship for \$500. Her YWPA application has been forwarded to District 12 for further scholarship opportunities.

**Nicole Halderman** will also be attending the University of Mary in North Dakota. She will major in Physical Therapy and Athletic Training. She has been a Circle of Friends leader, Big Buddies leader, TGIC President, Student Senate, Yearbook, National Honor Society, Boys Basketball Manager/Statistician, Teen Court, Y2Y, and Girls State.

**Jenny Ness** plans on attending SDSU at Brookings and majoring in nursing. She is on the Pierrette Dance Team, Student Senate, and is Senior Class Vice President.

The young ladies were recognized as Zonta scholarship recipients at the May 5 awards presentation event at T.F. Riggs High School.

—Laurie Schultz, Scholarship Chair

#### **Changing Careers in Midlife**

Dr Mutt Dickson (Mutt is her nickname) from Montana was a speaker at the Area 1 meeting in April. She told us about the many fulfilling career changes she has made in her life. Her story is an inspiration to those who might be hesitant about making life changes.

Mutt dropped out of college after 2 years because she hadn't decided what she wanted to do with her life. She drifted along for a few years working as a carpenter, then a truck driver and finally as an EMT.

She enjoyed her EMT work so much that she went to school to become a paramedic. Several years later, realizing she had more to give, she decided to go back to school to obtain a nursing degree. After working at a County Hospital for a few years, she was hired to work at the American Nuclear Testing Site. She spent 4 years working on their security team as one of the first people to go to the site after a nuclear test. For a few of those years she w as the lone female working on a nuclear testing ship in the Marshall Islands.

Again, she decided it was time to do something different, so she quit her job to join the Peace Corps and asked to be assigned to the Marshall Islands where she staffed an emergency room. When her duty was completed, she finally realized what she wanted to do with the rest of her life, but first she spent 9 months backpacking around the world. Then in her 40's she headed off to medical school. She has now been in practice almost 12 years in family medicine and psychiatry.

Her experiences are a reminder to us that no matter where we are in life, we should not be afraid to act on our dreams.

—Jane Page

Dear all,

I am saddened to inform that Past International President, International Honorary Member, and long-term Zontian, Helvi Sipilä, has passed away. This sad news was reported by media in Finland in the late evening news May 16, 2009.

Sincerely,

Beryl Sten, President Zonta International



## **World Environment Day (WED)**

World Environment Day (WED) was established by the UN General Assembly in 1972 to mark the opening of the Stockholm Conference on the Human Environment.

Commemorated yearly on 5 June, WED is one of the principal vehicles through which the United Nations stimulates worldwide awareness of the environment and enhances political attention and action. The day's agenda is to:

- 1. Give a human face to environmental issues;
- 2. Empower people to become active agents of sustainable and equitable development;
- 3. Promote an understanding that communities are pivotal to changing attitudes towards environmental issues;
- 4. Advocate partnership which will ensure all nations and peoples enjoy a safer and more prosperous future.

The theme for WED 2009 is 'Your Planet Needs You-UNite to Combat Climate Change'. It reflects the urgency for nations to agree on a new deal at the crucial climate convention meeting in Copenhagen some 180 days later in the year, and the links with overcoming poverty and improved management of forests.

This year's host is Mexico which reflects the growing role of the Latin American country in the fight against climate change, including its growing participation in the carbon markets.

Mexico is also a leading partner in UNEP's Billion Tree Campaign. The country, with the support of its President and people, has spearheaded the pledging and planting of some 25 per cent of the trees under the campaign. Accounting for around 1.5 per cent of global greenhouse gas emissions, the country is demonstrating its commitment to climate change on several fronts.

Mexican President Felipe Calderon states that the WED celebration will "further underline Mexico's determination to manage natural resources and deal with the most demanding challenge of the 21st century—climate change."

-AZ

#### JUNE PROGRAM PLANS

According to Nelly Nord, Program Chair, the program plan for the June meeting is to allow 10-15 minutes for members of our Club's committees to sit together and go over the committee's agenda. The idea is that this will allow us to see how our committees are doing!

## **SERVICE CORNER**

The Zonta Club of Pierre-Fort Pierre awarded \$6,500 in grants on April 22 to organizations that support our mission throughout our community. Mayor Laurie Gill was guest speaker at the Event.

The applications also included requests for hands-on service where Zonta could help these organizations, so the Service Committee members will be meeting in June to schedule the activities for the next few months. If any of you have suggestions, please e-mail me.

Also, our Zonta Club was represented on Saturday, May 9, at the Habitat for Humanity work group that replaced a sidewalk at last year's home.

-Carroll Forsch, Service Chair

Editor's Note: The photo shown below appeared in the Capital Journal along with a story following the Event.



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 27 **Annual Meeting**, View 34, 6 p.m.

June 1 National Cancer Survivor's Day

5 World Environment Day

Mexico will host this year's official World Environment Day celebration under the United Nations Environment Programme theme of "Your Planet Needs You—UNite to Combat Climate Change." See the UNEP website: www.unep.org or just google World Environment Day.

- 21 Father's Day! Do something nice for Dad!
- 24 Monthly Meeting, Masonic Temple, NOON



"Though we take things as we find them, we can always leave them better."

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

# FINANCIAL REPORT

The Financial Report(s), as of March 31, 2009, and April 30, 2009, are being e-mailed in a separate file.

—Alison E. Jares, Treasurer

## 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. It is EASY! Simply bring your receipts to the monthly meetings and give them to **Peggy Cruse**.

**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.

