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President's Message

By Denise Luckhurst

Happy Summer Solstice! As I write this message, it is the longest day of the year. This marks the end of a season and the beginning of another. Our club is also marking an end and a beginning.

Let's celebrate the end of a year....

- Our annual meeting was a great success. Almost all of the club members were able to attend to hear Mayor Laurie Gill talk about the flood that dominated last summer and will affect decisions for many years to come.
- Laurie Schultz was selected as our Zontian of the Year. Congratulations Laurie!
- Thanks to Jane for her leadership. We accomplished a lot during the last two years! She will be a hard act to follow.

Let's start the new year with a bang...

- We have three new members. Please join me in welcoming Lori Thompson and Brenda Kramme to Zonta, and welcoming back Gloria Bump. Thanks for your dedication to the ideals of Zonta.
- Nelly Nord will be leaving very soon for Torino, Italy to attend the Zonta International Convention. This will be an experience of a lifetime and something she will always remember. Safe Travels, Nelly!

Unfortunately it isn't all happy news. Sylvia Schultz, a long time member, passed away on Saturday, June 9. Sylvia was a charter member of our club and always supported and lived Zonta's Objects. We are also losing four other members. Jody Bartels, Jackie Rounds, Judy Zeigler and Dawn Tassler won't be joining us this year. They will all be missed.

As incoming president, I look forward to working together to "Advance the Status of Women" in the Pierre-Fort Pierre community and beyond. And of course, having a lot of fun while we do it!

Club Officers 2012 - 2013

President

Denise Luckhurst

Vice Pres

Laurie Schultz

Secretary

Carroll Forsch

Treasurer

Robyn Livermore

Directors

Kari Stulken

Phyllis Perkovich

Denise Voorhes

Vonni Kallemeyn

Denise

Calendar of Events

June 1

1st Day of New Fiscal Year

June 5, Tuesday

World Environment Day

June 13, Wednesday

Board Meeting
Noon

June 27, Wednesday

Member Meeting
Masonic Temple at Noon

July 4, Wednesday

Independence Day

July 7-12

International Convention
Torino, Italy

July 11, Wednesday

Board Meeting
Noon

July 25, Wednesday

Member Meeting
Masonic Temple at Noon

August 8, Wednesday

Board Meeting
Noon

August 22, Wednesday

Member Social
TBD, Evening

August 26, Sunday

Women's Equality Day

September 20

Serve the Banquet

September 21-23

District Governor's Meeting
Denver, CO

Congratulations to Laurie Schultz 2012 Zontian of the Year



Laurie Schultz was selected as the 2012 Zontian of the Year for the Pierre-Fort Pierre Zonta Club. Laurie is:

- A person which enjoys traveling;
- She is always willing to lend a helping hand;
- She is looked at as a leader in groups within and outside;
- Her hobbies include reading and wine tasting;
- She has served Zonta as a committee chair for several years and as a member of multiple committees and on special event planning committees;
- She is known to be a very organized and common-sense type of person, who prefers to have an itinerary of daily events when going on vacation;
- She is known as a person that cannot say no when asked to serve on special projects or committees within Zonta and for her job and for her church;
- She has recently been elected as a club officer, a member since 2004, and has served as scholarship chair from 2006 to 2012;
- She has served on numerous church boards/projects;
- She is married and the mother of three children;
- She was born in Waukegan, IL, then grew up in LaBolt, SD, graduating from Grant-Duel High School;
- She attended South Dakota State University in Brookings where she earned a Civil Engineering degree;
- She was the first female engineer hired by the South Dakota Department of Transportation in 1979;
- She is a registered Professional Engineer;
- She is the Division Director for the Division of Planning & Engineering-Administrative Office of the Department of Transportation.

General Membership Meeting Minutes

May 23, 2012



The Pierre/Ft. Pierre Zonta Club held its Annual Meeting at 6:00 on May 23, 2012, at the Hitching Horse Bed & Breakfast Inn on north Euclid, Pierre. This meeting represented the club's end-of-year meeting and banquet.

Vice President Denise Luckhurst opened the meeting and welcomed guests Anne Rolfe, Brenda Kramme, Gloria Bump and guest speaker Mayor Laurie Gill.

Installation of Officers and Zonta Board of Directors for 2013: Laurie Gustafson recognized and conducted the installation of officers, as elected during the April Membership Meeting. Board Members for the coming year are: Denise Luckhurst, President; Laurie Schultz, Vice President; Carroll Forsch, Secretary; Robyn Livermore, Treasurer; Vonni Kallemeyn, Director; and (not present) Denise Voorhes, Director. Officers were each given a yellow rose and Denise was presented the president's gavel and pin.

Program: Pierre Mayor Laurie Gill spoke to the group about the challenges and impacts of last year's flooding on the community and plans for the future. Mayor Gill noted that the people in the community are still hurting, a fact that is acknowledged by the local Oahe Recovery Team. Current estimates indicate the area suffered \$16.5 million in damages. While community officials expect it will take two to three years before things are back to normal, the goal is to make Pierre a better place than it was before the flood. Mayor Gill spoke about the short notice the community was given before shoreline flooding began and how the Chamber of Commerce stepped up to coordinate response efforts during that first week, before federal support arrived. She noted that federal disaster response officials are using what the community did as a model.

Following Mayor Gill's remarks, Jacque Storm, Zonta Rose Day Chair, presented the Mayor with a yellow rose and a \$25 check to the city of Pierre, for use in the community's tree planting effort.

Zontian of the Year: Laurie Gustafson read a commemoration, awarding Laurie Schultz with the Zontian of the Year award. Congratulations Laurie!!

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned approximately 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Robyn Livermore and Carrie Jacobson

"..where women are educated and empowered, economies are more productive and strong. Where women are fully represented, societies are more peaceful and stable."

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon



Sylvia Schultz

December 22, 1912 – June 9, 2012

Charter Member of the Pierre-Fort Pierre Zonta Club

Sylvia Gladys Knutson was born December 22, 1912, in rural Haakon County, the daughter of Anton and Olga M. (Tungland) Knutson. She grew up in Haakon County and received her education in that area. She attended Alfalfa Valley Rural School in the 7th and 8th grade, which her father donated the land for the school. She then attended Philip High School where she sang in the Glee Club, and participated in basketball and softball.

She worked for Nobles Garage and Cafe in Nowlin for a short time after high school. It was then that she met William Ross “Bill” Mostert, an accordion player, at a square dance. They were later married in 1933 in Philip, and to this union were born two children, Pauline “Punky” Mae, and Bob Ross. They made their home in Philip. In 1937, her husband Bill was killed in an airplane accident.

Sylvia continued to live in Philip, and raise her two children, as well as work with the WPA in the courthouse making men’s shirts. She also cooked at the Winchester Hotel. In 1943, she started working for the Farm Loan Association, measuring maps and aerial photos. Later that year, she was offered a position in Pierre. Sylvia and the kids moved to Pierre where they lived on the top floor of the Locke Hotel. While in Pierre, she met a service man named Matthew Nolz, and were married in 1947. Sylvia worked for the Superintendent of Schools and later worked in the office of the hotel. They then moved to Ohio for a short time after her children were out of high school. They moved back to Pierre where they managed both the Locke and St. Charles Hotel. Her husband Matt died on January 31, 1965. After Matt’s death, Sylvia moved to California for five years before returning to Pierre. She took a job at the City Auditors Office as a bookkeeper and office manager in the State Publishing Company. It was there that she met Philip Schultz. They were later married on November 8, 1980. They made their home in Pierre, and Sylvia continued to work for the Publishing Company. In March of 1983, her husband Philip died of cancer.

Sylvia continued to live in Pierre, and in 1986, retired from the Publishing Company. In 2004, she moved to Brookings to be closer to her daughter Pauline and her family, where she has since resided. Sylvia was most thankful for her relatives and friends. Throughout her life, she learned patience and how to survive during the tough times. She will be missed by all that knew her.

Grateful for having shared her life include her son Bob Mostert and his wife Patty of Vienna, Virginia; a daughter Pauline Earley and Dennis I. Johnson of Brookings; eight grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter; one sister Lillian Perry of Seattle, Washington; several nieces and nephews; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Sylvia was preceded in death by her first husband William Mostert; her second husband Matthew Nolz; her third husband Philip Schultz; her parents Anton and Olga M. (Tungland) Knutson; a son-in-law Loren Earley; a granddaughter Julie Mostert; a grandson Kyle Earley; two brothers Luther and Ted Knutson; and two sisters Helen Culbreath and Alice Carr.

Visitation was held one hour prior to the services.

Funeral services were held 2:00 p.m. Thursday, June 14, 2012, at the First Lutheran Church in Philip, with Pastor Frezil Westerlund officiating. Interment was at the Masonic Cemetery in Philip. A memorial has been established.

Zonta International Convention Voting Issues

One of the many stimulating parts of attending a Zonta International Convention is using the electronic voting machines. This year will be the fifth convention to use electronic voting. For Nelly's sake, I hope they have ironed out the bugs.

Putting aside the mechanics of voting, Nelly, as our delegate, will be voting on several issues during the convention. During our meeting on Wednesday, we will **briefly** discuss a **summarization** of the proposed International Projects, Biennial Goals, bylaws and resolutions and the slate of candidates for International Office.

If you would like to review the information in detail, you can find the information on the ZI website. Below is a link to background information on the proposed items.

Happy Reading!

Denise

<http://www.zonta.org/MemberResources/Tools/ClubTools/March2012ClubMailing.aspx>



Summer Solstice

By Denise Luckhurst

Some fun Facts about Summer Solstice -

Did you know?

- Solstice comes from the Latin bases, 'sol' + 'sistere,' meaning 'sun' and 'to stand still.'
- Summer Solstice has interchangeably been called "midsummer," even though it marks the beginning of the season.
- In ancient China, Summer Solstice was a time to honor the feminine and the earth - the yin forces. The yang forces - masculinity and the heavens - received their due at Winter Solstice.
- Ancient Pagans believed that Midsummer was rife with evil spirits. To combat these, the Pagans wore garlands of St. John's Wort, which is used today as a homeopathic mood stabilizer.

In North America, Native American tribes held rituals to honor the sun and the Sioux were well known for theirs. In addition to dancing, the Sioux would paint their bodies in the symbolic colors of red (sunset), blue (sky), yellow (lightning), white (light), and black (night).

AGENDA

May 23, 2012 at 5:30 pm

Welcome

Introduction of Guests

Sharing of *The Collect*

Approval of May Meeting Minutes

Accept Financial Report for Audit

Old Business:

- Recognize Outgoing Officers & Committee Chairs

New Business:

- Membership Committee
- Installation of Board Member
- Induction of New Members
- ZI Convention Voting Issues
- 2012-2013 Committee Chairs
- August Social
- Other Committee Reports

Program - "Hospice Care/Advanced Directives", Jeff Ekle St. Mary's Hospital

Announcements

50/50 Raffle

Adjournment



Anita Zastrow, Jane Page & Denise Luckhurst at the District 2012 Board Meeting in Estes Park, CO



Photo on Left: Mayor Laurie Gill & Jacque Storm

Photo to the Right - New Officers: Denise Luckhurst, Laurie Schultz, Vonni Kallemeyn, Carroll Forsch, & Robin Livermore (not pictured, Denise Voorhes)



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