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Rose Day - March 5, 2012

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Sunday March 4 and Monday March 5 will be the Zonta Rose Day event dates. **Rose Day** is the annual Zonta of Laramie event that is timed to coincide closely with International Women's Day . The purpose is to honor special women (and men) in the lives of those who purchase the flowers. Each flower purchased is delivered with a Zonta bookmark to increase Zonta visibility in the community, and the original handwritten message from the person who purchased the flower. Messages are encouraged that tell the recipient how special or outstanding that person is in the life of the sender. Although traditionally many of the flowers are purchased by Zontians for special people in their lives , an additional goal is to make this event much more widespread by promoting it through businesses, sororities,

campus, and other individuals who would enjoy donating to the wonderful cause of the Zonta fundraiser and honor special people in their lives. The flowers are sold for \$5 each. Forms are available at the Zonta meetings before the event, will be emailed to the Zonta email list, will be also through Tasha the Rose Day chair and will be posted on the Zonta of Laramie website. The Sunday March 4 assembly day promises to be fun as well as being a busy assembly line of getting the flowers all ready for the Monday delivery.

Many helping hands make the job go by faster, therefore all are welcome to join in the fun . Tasha will announce the details of time and location very shortly. On Monday March 5, the cheerful team of Zontians on the delivery portion of the event will be busy bringing smiles to at least 500 faces that day as they make their way around Laramie delivering

the flowers to the lucky recipients.

The committee encourages anyone with time on either Sunday March 4 or during the morning of Monday March 5 to consider signing up to Participate in this very fun annual event .



New Member Spotlight



Please welcome all of our WONDERFUL new members to the Zonta Club of Laramie

"I have a strong will to strive to do my best and love getting involved. I am very excited to get to know and to work actively on all the committees that Zonta has."

- Nevada Jackson

Nevada Jackson is a recently inducted member of Zonta having joined in the November 2011 group of outstanding women.

Nevada has already proven to be a very enthusiastic member who has jumped in with both feet into committees.

She is on the OMC and Rose Day committees. Prior to her joining new Zonta, Nevada accepted the request that she fill in at the last minute as a Zonta Style Show!

In getting to know Nevada, one is amazed at how much she has on her plate of life and yet has clearly and quickly become a very active member of Zonta Club of Laramie. Nevada is a mom of 4, ranging from 11 months to 13 yrs of age. She is also the Assistant Branch Manager for First Interstate Bank - UW branch. She is also continuing her education and is of sophomore status at UW. When asked how she discovered Zonta, her story proves to be very inspirational. Nevada states that she attended a CLIMB Wyoming graduation to support her younger cousin who is a single mom who had recently lost her own mother. Nevada was very impressed with the support her cousin had received through CIMB and was very touched by the support of Zonta for these young women. This instilled her passion to look into becoming a member of Zonta. In Nevada's case it is even more personal than being a family member of

a CLIMB Wyoming graduate. Nevada shares that she was also a single mother at a young age who realized personally the struggles that the CLIMB Wyoming women are going through and that even entering the professional world can be so very challenging for the young women who are going through what the single moms in Climb are going through. Nevada is clearly a success story and has much passion for being able to give to others through Zonta. She also has an interest in volunteering directly with the young women of CLIMB. In Nevada's words, "I have a strong will to strive to do my best and love getting involved. I am very excited to get to know and to work actively on all the committees that Zonta has."

Nevada is married to Justin who has been a strength and support for her. She is also a Laramie native. Zonta very much welcomes Nevada and we look forward to getting to know her and have to her so enthusiastically involved in all of the various aspects of Zonta.

Birthing Kits 101

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On February 11, Sarah Hellevang and Evelyn Haskell will lead Zonta members in the **Birthing Kit Assembly Day** to be held at **Gem City Bone and Joint** from **9:00 am - 12:00 pm**. This event is one of Zonta's most inspirational and heart touching projects. Brought to Zonta Club of Laramie by Evelyn Haskell several years ago after attending an international Zonta conference in which a Zonta club in Australia presented this project, our Zonta chapter was the first Zonta chapter in the United States to adopt this project. Birthing Kit Assembly days are now a service project in many Zonta chapters worldwide. Birthing Kits came about as a grass roots level, direct method of trying to reduce/eliminate maternal and neo-natal mortality in the impoverished areas of the underdeveloped countries of the world. Studies have shown that

women who give birth in unsanitary conditions are exposed to life threatening germs, and their infants are also often directly exposed to tetanus germs and die of that disease and other diseases that rarely occur if the conditions of birthing are clean and safe. Birthing Kits consist of inexpensive simple materials that are distributed directly to pregnant women through medical providers in their country. The kits are all consistent in their materials which are as follows, one piece of plastic tarp material that is about 3 ft by 3 ft for mom to give birth on, a scalpel for cutting the umbilical cord, string (or cord clamps) for tying off the umbilical cord, 3 squares of gauze, gloves and soap. These items are all folded together and fitted in a small plastic bag that is labeled with the Zonta chapter name and location. They are then shipped with volunteers to medical providers in the underdeveloped countries who

will then distribute them with education on appropriate use to the individual families.

The goal of Zonta of Laramie is to make 1000 birthing kits on Feb 11. These kits will be stored with the committee chairs and will be available whenever the need arises to be able to send them with the various volunteers.



ASSEMBLY DAY

Date: Saturday, February 11

Time: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Location: Gem City Bone and Joint

A year in a review

Wow has this Zonta calendar year been a busy one!!!! This is the first newsletter of the 2011-2012 Zonta year. To date we have had a very successful 27th **Annual Zonta Style Show**, begun with our **1st annual fundraiser event of a 5K** (also incredibly successful), and had some wonderful **OMC events** which has very definitely increased the visibility of Zonta in the community and attracted amazing new high quality enthusiastic new members to join Zonta. Those new members in turn through a new focus on orientation have now quickly become active members of the organization by immediately being able to get involved on various committees. Hosting the **CLIMB Wyoming graduation** is always a special and memorable occasion. We also had a very festive **Christmas party** hosted by our

which was very well attended by many longstanding and new members. The holidays also saw Zonta in the community helping with the **Salvation Army Bell Ringing** and being hostesses in the kitchen of the Alice Hardy Stevens Center for the **Holidays at Ivinson Mansion** weekend open house.

Looking to the immediate and soon-upcoming future is **Birthing Kit Assembly Day**, and the **Rose Day fundraiser**. The monthly meetings have featured wonderful speakers with time for chat with fellow Zontians. Time has flown by quickly and the nominating committee is hard at work on their job of selecting the members for next years' board.



Suited for Success



Zonta International believes in every woman's ability to succeed. **Suited for Success** exemplifies that belief through the project's goal to outfit and build the confidence of women entering the workplace. Suited for Success provides interview and professional clothing and accessories for women. Suited for Success is a "cousin" organization of Dress for Success, a world-wide, non-profit organization that helps low income women with interview appropriate clothing. The Zonta Club of Laramie's Suited for Success services are available at no charge to women who are actively seeking employment or who are currently employed.

Clients are seen by appointment on a confidential basis. **We are in need of a permanent home for the Suited for Success program.** If you know of a space that is approximately 500 square feet, in good condition, and preferably donated, please get in touch! We are currently able to see clients in our temporary location in the Plains Professional building on McCollum Drive near Iverson Hospital, generously donated by Dr. Bob Shine. While we are looking for our new permanent home, **we ask that you take professional and clean clothing donations to our Zonta NU2U account #2441**, or please hold on to them until we move into a permanent space. Thank you, Jen Mayer and Beth Robertson, Co-Chairs, Zonta of Laramie, Suited for Success Committee.



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Want To Become More Involved?

The nominating committee is busy at work creating the board for next year. The Zonta Club of Laramie is an extraordinary organization with amazing members. Being on the Board is an amazing experience and allows you to be further immersed into the club. If you are interested in becoming a member of the board please contact either of the following:

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