**Zonta International -- District 12**

**CLUB ANNUAL REPORT**

**Reporting Period: June 1, 2015—May 31, 2016**

***Please email to Governor Marcy O’Toole (******motoole48@comcast.net******) by May 8, 2016 with a copy to your Area Director.***

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**Club Administration 2015-2016:**

Zonta Club of Denver Today’s Date: April 27, 2016

Area: 3

President: Judith Allen President-Elect (if appropriate):Katie Wienecke Vice President: Julie Bradley

Secretary: Carin Paupore Treasurer: Gwen Fornia

**Incoming Club Officers 2016-2017:**

President: Katie Wiencke President-Elect; Julie Bradley Vice President: Marian Lee

Secretary: Carin Paupore Treasurer: Gwen Fornia Board of Directors: Nancy McWhirter, Kathy Hyzer, Liz Stewart, Mary Benoit

**Leadership & Leadership Development 2015-2016:**

Describe the leadership training conducted for officers, board members and committee chairmen.

What training opportunities / workshops have your club officers participated in at area & district levels?

Does your club have a long range plan that includes success planning for future leaders in club? [ ] Yes x[ ] No

If yes, please describe (or provide copy to Governor and Area Director).

Describe any leadership challenges and needs.

**Nominating:**

Did the club suggest nominees for area, district and international office? [ ] Yes x[ ] No

Please describe the process used by the nominating committee to prepare a slate of officers for 2016-2017.

A nominating form is sent out in the January newsletter asking for nominations. The nominating committee then reviews the names, calls members for the positions that are open. A report is then given in the newsletter and the nominations are open to the membership at the March meeting. Any member has to give their approval before being elected.

**Fundraising:**

Please list the major fundraiser(s) your club held during 2015-2016. (*Feel free to add additional fund-raisers.)*

1. Accessory sale at District Conference $320

2. Day of Film $13,065

3. Garage Sale yet to be held anticipated $1,200

4.

Total Funds Raised this year: $14,585

**Local Service & Scholarships Dollars Given:**

Please list the contribution amounts given by your club during 2015-2016.

Local Service Organizations: $38,268

Local Scholarships: $1,500

 Total Local: $39,768

**Zonta International Foundation (ZIF) Dollars Given:**

Please list the total club & individual contributions given to the Zonta International Foundation during 2015-2016. (Jan Kirch at jankirch50@gmail.com can provide this information to you)

Total Club Contributions: $19,105

Total Individual Contributions: $

 Total Club & Individual Contributions: $ 45,132.04

**Zonta International Scholarship Information:**

* **YWPA-Young Women in Public Affairs Awards**

Did your club participate in the YWPA program? [ ] Yes x [ ] No

Please list the name of the candidate(s) forwarded by your club to the district for this award*.*

* **Jane M. Klausman Women-in-Business Scholarships (JMK)**

Did your club participate in the Jane M Klausman program? [x] Yes [ ] No

Please list the name of the candidate(s) forwarded by your club to the district for this award. Edit Maszlaver

* **Amelia Earhart Fellowships**

Did your club celebrate Amelia Earhart Day? X No

If so, please describe how your club celebrated this year.

**Local Scholarship Information:**

* **Local Scholarships** awarded by your club

Name(s) & description(s) of scholarship(s): Edna Jean Hersey Award, This is an endowment we have at Metropolitan University. It is awarded to single moms and can be used for anything they need.

**Membership:**

Please describe your club’s recruitment and retention efforts for 2015-2016 in order to meet the *net +1* goal as of June 1, 2016. Our recruitment strategy over the past two years has been to encourage members to bring guest to the meetings whenever possible, but not to try and sell them on joining the club. We want as many people as possible to see who we are and what we do. That in itself is a benefit to all of us. We do not want our guest to feel pressured to join, nor do we want to make members uncomfortable by having to sell the club. We have found that this strategy works. A substantial number of our visiting guest have chosen to join the club. This year we are NET+7

Our retention efforts focus on mentoring, holding happy hours for the members to socialize informally, and contacting members who miss our meetings without RSVP’d that they would not be able to attend. One of our committee members checks the attendance sheet after each meeting and calls those who did not attend to confirm that they are still interested in ZONTA, and if they are wavering, ask what we can do to keep them as members.

If your club currently has fewer than 20 members, what plans do you have in place to increase membership in 2016 - 2017? N/A

Does your club have a new member orientation program? xYes If yes, how many sessions did you hold this year? 2 One is August 2015 and one in March 2016

Does your club have a new member mentor program? [x] Yes If yes, describe: After new members have been inducted, our “Orientation Leader” schedules an orientation program for them and assigns mentors. We contact club members to see who is interested in serving in that role, and from that group, try to select the best pairings with the new members. When the assignment is made, we send a set of “Mentor guidelines” to help the mentor and mentee understand what is expected of them.

How does your club measure membership satisfaction? Primarily by contacting members who don’t attend meetings. When they are called, the caller asks whether they are satisfied with their membership and whether there is anything we could do to improve the member experience,

*The information below will be used to determine the District Service Award to be given out at the 2016 Governor Seminar, Deadwood, SD on Sept. 23-24, 2016*

**Local Service:** (Hands on work to help women & girls in the local community)

Please name and briefly describe your local service projects including for each item:

(a) category: improved the status of women in general (legal, political, economic, educational, health and/or professional)

 or

 helped prevent and fight violence against women and girls (VAW)

(b) % of club members involved in the project

(c) contribution to the Zonta International Foundation is at least 1/3 of the dollars raised this year

(d) visibility and credibility to Zonta created by the project

(e) sustainability of the project (long lasting results, and could the project continue for a certain period of time)

1. Picnic with women at Open Door Ministries (provided all the food and activities), improved the status of women, 25% participation, sustainable

2. 12 monthly dinners for the homeless women at The Delores Project, average of 25% participation, improved the status of women, sustainable

3. Provided refreshments, toys, and children’s activity books for the Hands of the Carpenter Car Clinic, sustainable

4. Craft Day with the Women at Second Chances (provided materials to make and decorate canvas bags and refreshments), improved the status of women, 25% participation, sustainable

5. Christmas Party for The Haven (provided the food and gifts for all the women in the program), improved the status of women, 63% participation, sustainable

6. Collected misc. items at regular Zonta meetings: toilet paper and paper towels for Open Door Ministries, women’s panties for The Haven, cash donations for the Delores Project dinners (twice), feminine hygiene products for Women Veterans of Colorado, children’s books and stuffed animals for Domestic Violence Initiative, coffee and tea for The Delores Project, improved the status of women, an averages of 25% participation, sustainable

*(Feel free to add additional projects)*

**Other Service Questions & Linking Service and Advocacy:**

Do all club service projects relate to Zonta’s mission (advancing status of women / empowering women through service and advocacy)?

[x] Yes [ ] No If no, describe

What like-minded organizations have you partnered with for service and/or advocacy. Please list and briefly describe how you partnered with them. UNA, we sponsored a film event.

CoNEHT (a network of agencies providing services to trafficking victims) – the club donated $500 for emergency transportation. Representatives of CoNEHT spoke at a club meeting.

Mention examples of club service activities focused on “Prevention of Root Causes” of inequality and violence against women through education:

*The information below will be used to determine the District Advocacy Award to be given out at the 2016 Governor Seminar, Deadwood, SD on Sept. 23-24, 2016*

**Advocacy:** The expression of support for or opposition to a cause, argument or proposal. Advocacy may include influencing laws, legislation, or attitudes. Zonta advocacy is an action taken in "the public interest" or for "the greater good" with respect to advancing the status of women and girls and their human rights.)

Does your club have an advocacy committee?

x [x] Yes [ ] No

**(Do Not Include Zonta Says No Activities Here - See Below)**

Please name and describe your advocacy projects including for each item:

(a) category: improved the status of women in general (legal, political, economic, educational, health and/or professional)

 or

 helped prevent and fight violence against women and girls (VAW)

(b) how closely the project coincided with the advocacy definition above

 (c) did the project reflect one of the District 12 Platform for Advocacy issues which are:

* + Achieving pay equity
	+ Supporting measures to oppose gender based violence such as trafficking, rape & domestic violence
	+ Ensuring equal rights under the law

(d) % of club members involved in the project

(e) names of any community partners UNA, CoNeht

(f) visibility and credibility to Zonta created by the project

1. CoNEHT (a network of agencies providing services to trafficking victims) – the club donated $500 for emergency transportation. Representatives of CoNEHT spoke at a club meeting.

2. Committee provided info from the Women's Collaborative to members about legislation affecting women (e.g., HB 1227, the bill to streamline child care access for teen parents and domestic violence survivors) and encouraged law maker contact.

3. Committee solicited the participation of members in presenting brief “Advocacy Moments” at each club meeting and in the preparation of a Smoke Signal article, to train members as advocates.

4.

 *(Feel free to add additional projects)*

**Zonta Says No:**

Describe your club's Zonta Says No activities in 2015 - 2016: The club participated in the Silent Witness project by preparing silhouettes, gathering stories about victims of domestic violence, and displaying the same at the club’s annual Day of Film fundraiser, which featured the film The Hunting Ground.

**Other Advocacy questions:**

What women’s issues have been identified as the most important in your club? There has not been a club vote on this.

How have club members been made aware of legislation relevant to women in our country? Yes, see above.

Have statements/letters, etc. been sent to law-makers or government/officials at national/state/community levels? If yes, please send copy to motoole48@comcast.net (and copy your Area Director). No, only by members as individuals.

**United Nations:**

Please describe how your club informed its membership of Zonta's work with the United Nations.About one-third of members attended the event co-hosted by Zonta and Denver UNA; reports about the event and the SDGs were made in our newsletter and at club meeting.

List topics shared with club members regarding the UN (& Zonta’s engagement) (i.e., CSW, Sustainable Development Goals, etc.)Club members were made aware of the CSW and encouraged to attend by Past-Gov Sheila Davis. See above re SDGs.

**External Communications/Public Relations:**

*Please check box for the PR tools your club uses:*

Brochure x[ ]      Newsletter x[ ]     Club or Individual Business Cards x[ ]     Website x [ ]   Facebook x [ ]   Other (describe)

Did the club submit a “Share your Story” through the Zonta International Website? [ ] Yes [ ] No If yes, describe

**Internal Communications** (e.g., newsletter, directory, website)**:**

Please describe how your club kept its membership informed & connected this year. Monthly newsletter, membership directory, Face Book, Meetup, Individual and Club web sites

**ZIF Ambassador:**

Does your club have a foundation ambassador? x [ ] Yes [ ] No

How has your club encouraged individual donations this year? Please describe.

**Z-Club or Golden Z-Club:**

Does your club have a Z or Golden Z Club? [ ] Yes x [ ] No

If yes, please describe key events held during the year.

If no, please describe what steps taken or plans to add a Z or Golden Z Club.

**Archiving & History:**

Does your club have an archivist/historian? x [ ] Yes [ ] No

Please describe your club's progress to date in:

(a) finding & listing your club archives.

(b) arranging for safe storage of materials.

**Bylaws:**

Does your club have a bylaws committee? x [ ] Yes [ ] No

Are your bylaws up to date in accordance with Zonta International bylaws? x[ ] Yes [ ] No