**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***](mailto: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 Fort Collins Today’s Date: May 5, 2016

Area: 2

President: Andrea O’Connell President-Elect (if appropriate):       Vice President: Joan Dyer

Secretary: Judy Wray Treasurer: Judy Barth

**Incoming Club Officers 2016-2017:**

President: Andrea O’Connell President-Elect (if appropriate):       Vice President: Joan Dyer

Secretary: Louise Grey Treasurer: Judy Barth Board of Directors: Michel Olds

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

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

We held an annual planning retreat in which we worked through goal setting and team building but also working on understanding of Zonta International and responsibilities of the various committees.

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

District wide officer training via conference call.

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

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

We really just started looking at this. We have one board member who is willing to serve as the next President. Over the next year we will begin to work with members on who might look to move in to teasurer roles as well as committee chairs. Some of this will come at our annual planning retreat.

Describe any leadership challenges and needs.

Getting enough people to serve on the board. We are short of Directors.

**Nominating:**

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

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

We had a conversation at a board meeting about who was interested in continuing in their role and then ideas for who would make a good board member. We then reached out to those people to find out their interest/willingness.

**Fundraising:**

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

1. Author Event--$4500

2. Rose Day--$777

3. King Soopers Gift Cards--$819.51

4.

Total Funds Raised this year: $**6096.51**

**Local Service & Scholarships Dollars Given:**

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

Local Service Organizations: $

Local Scholarships: $4000

Total Local: $4000

**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: $100

Total Individual Contributions: $1513.92

Total Club & Individual Contributions: $1613.92

**Zonta International Scholarship Information:**

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

Did your club participate in the YWPA program? Yes No

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

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

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

Please list the name of the candidate(s) forwarded by your club to the district for this award. This is the first year we have sent a candidate for JMK. We are still in the process of deciding the recipient for this year.

* **Amelia Earhart Fellowships**

Did your club celebrate Amelia Earhart Day? Yes 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): **Arlene Davy Memorial Scholarship**: Scholarship(s) given to single mothers pursuing an education at Front Range Community College, Larimer Campus to support a career or profession or as a prerequisite for a career.

**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. The club holds potential new member orientations every quarter. We also work on recruitment at our Annual Author Event.

If your club currently has fewer than 20 members, what plans do you have in place to increase membership in 2016 - 2017? We will continue to hold the potential new member orientations; We are asking each current member to invite one person to visit a Zonta event and encourage them to join; We will also do more work to try to retain existing members through more closely aligning our activities with the District and ZI, and with getting input on focus from members; we will continue a membership of the Red Carpet committee with the Fort Collins Chamber of Commerce; the club was just added to the Larimer County United Way volunteer opportunities section of the website;

Does your club have a new member orientation program? Yes No If yes, how many sessions did you hold this year? Once a year

Does your club have a new member mentor program? Yes No If yes, describe We have had this in the past and intend to consider adding it back again in the next year.

How does your club measure membership satisfaction? We recently did a survey through Survey Monkey to get an idea of member satisfaction; we also do an annual retreat to get feedback and input from members.

*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. Birthing Kit Project -- We share a Global Women’s healthcare PPT and then the students make 200 birthing kits per class and we have a partnership with a program in Loveland that has two classes of students. In May 2015 these classes made 400 kits, in AUG 2015 our Chamber Red Carpet committee made 400 birthing kits, as they had chosen us as one of their (4) four volunteer non-profit service projects for 2015. They helped us complete our 1000th birthing kit by end of 2015. We were written up in our local Coloradoan, and subsequently In the online Health section of USA Today as we are a Gannett paper as well having an article in the Huffington Post. In April, 2016 these two classes completed another 400 birthing kits.We partner with a non-profit in Loveland, CO called Think Humanity.org who take our birthing kits to their Ugandan Health Clinics. Think Humanity provides pictures of the pregnant moms receiving our kits which have our Logo inside of the birthing kit bag. About a third of the club participated in this project in some way.

2. Junior League Career Closet—

(a)  Provides free professional wear for disadvantaged women in our community who are scheduled for job interviews.

(b)  % of club members involved in the project--66%

(c) Contribution to the Zonta International Foundation is at least 1/3 of the dollars raised this year--N/A not applicable to this project

(d) Visibility and credibility to Zonta created by the project--Jr. League partners with multiple organizations to make the services of the Career Closet available to low income or no income women who need clothing and can use stylist services in preparation for job interviews. Our partnership with the Closet aids in provision of these services.Since March, one of our members has been trained as a stylist and works directly with women referred to the Closet. She volunteers weekly at the Closet. Our prep work at the closet was put on hold until summer due to size of our membership.

(e)  Sustainability of the project--Closet is actually a boutique in a space in downtown Fort Collins and has been a long term project of the Jr. League.

**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)?

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. Fort Collins Junior League-Service Closet

Think Humanity, Front Range Community College-Birthing Kits

U Count Campaign, A Face to Reframe, Soroptomist International, Larimer County Human Trafficking, Life for the Innocent, No More Injustice-Zonta Says No

Mention examples of club service activities focused on “Prevention of Root Causes” of inequality and violence against women through education: See Below with our Zonta Says No Project

*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? 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

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

1. Her Legacy/Women in Public Places Project

* 1. We have initiated an advocacy/service project to recognize women with ties to city of FC who have helped create the fabric of our city, due to the fact they followed their passions to make a difference and ultimately created a legacy. This website is [www.HerLegacyZontaFC.com](http://www.HerLegacyZontaFC.com).
  2. We have been approved to be apart of the FC Old Town renovation project. WE are extremely excited about this project. We are into our 3rd year of this enormous project and have garnered lots of community support. The school district is going to pay their teachers to write curriculum including our selected women’s life stories into the following classes:
     1. 2nd Grade FC history
     2. 4th Grade CO history
     3. Middle and high school social studies
     4. Art curriculum as well.
  3. As women of Zonta, we are creating Her Legacy Project to inspire women and girls to discover themselves in the many talents, contributions, and achievements of women, both past and present, in our Fort Collins community,"Inspiring Girls and Women To Create Their Own Legacies"; To recognize notable women with ties to Fort Collins who have contributed to the fabric of our community
  4. Right now only 3 members of the club are actively involved in this project.
  5. This project, when completed will provide extensive visibility in the Fort Collins community as our logo and information will be prominently displayed on the permanent project site.

**Her Legacy Community Partners:**

**APPROVED BY** Downtown Development Authority/Matt Robenalt

Ed Stoner/Old Town Properties

Dwight Hall/CooperSmith Brewer, Managing Partner

Final Approval from Fort Collins Historic Preservation Society

**MEETINGS HELD 2014 with and input received from the following:**

Lesley Drayton: Fort Collins Museum Curator History Archives

Katy Schneider and Lindsey Rohrbaugh: Visit Fort Collins

Linda Ellis: Colorado Welcome Center

Anne Macdonald: Harmony Library non-profit funding software

Derek Getto: Downtown Development Authority/planning process

Jennifer Hensley: DDA/Summer Art exhibits in Old Town

Karen McWilliams: Fort Collins Historic Preservation Society

Gail Budner/Jill Stilwell: Fort Fund/Cultural Services

Kathy Jack-Romero/Publisher Coloradoan

Sarah Scobey: Fort Collins Library Non-profit Support Director

**ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY PARTNERS:**

Poudre School District Curriculum Director: they will have teachers write curriculum to include these women’s life stories in the following classes-

\*2nd Grade Fort Collins History

\*4th Grade Colorado History

\*Middle and High School Social Studies

\*High School Art classes

Front Range Community College/Larimer Campus: providing print shop space use

CSU Women’s Studies and Research Department: include women’s life stories in curriculum

Poudre High School: Sponsor of Zonta Z International Leadership Club (18 students: 15 girls/3 boys) these students will learn about these women’s stories in addition to the local and International projects they choose to pursue. The Club was initiated Fall, 2015 and meets 2-3 times per month.

**Selection Committee:**The selection committee is made up of 30 women from all different backgrounds in work, race/ethnicity, ages and interests. They have met three times and have selected the first 24 notable women to be recognized as part of this permanent art-in-public places exhibit.

2. City of Fort Collins proclamation—We worked with the mayor and city council of Fort Collins to proclaim in our city of the rights of all genders to live free from violence. It was aired on the local television station.

**Zonta Says No:**

1. Describe your club's Zonta Says No activities in 2015 - 2016: In Mar 2015 one of our members was invited to speak at a community education event at our FC Police Dept about our Zonta Says No project. There were 45 community members present and 17 signed up to help us create our NOV 2015 Zonta Says No event. In April 2015 we invited these individuals and other non-profits and community members to an initial planning meeting where we had 21 nonprofits and community members attend. Out of that meeting we had a core of about 8-10 members who actually worked together to address Human Trafficking in Northern Colorado. We decided to take a two pronged approach; a general community awareness campaign and an actual event which took place on NOV 14. For the community awareness campaign, we printed posters about Human Trafficking and postcard-sized handouts about what to do if someone suspects human trafficking. We also did a social media blitz with information about human trafficking in general and what in looks like in our community. For the event we showed the film “Tricked” and had a panel of experts who spoke about what human trafficking looks like in northern Colorado. We also had about 8 organizations who work on trafficking prevention and intervention with booths at the event. There were about 60-70 community members who attended the event. We had a group of CSU students involved in the planning of the campaign who also provided a presentation specifically for students about trafficking. They had a turnout of about 20 students.

**Other Advocacy questions:**

What women’s issues have been identified as the most important in your club? Education, Violence Prevention, Anti-Human Trafficking

How have club members been made aware of legislation relevant to women in our country? We share any information about legislation in the media with all club members.

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](mailto:motoole48@comcast.net) (and copy your Area Director). no

**United Nations:**

Please describe how your club informed its membership of Zonta's work with the United Nations.In the fall of 2015 the club co-hosted a presentation by Leslie Wright, the ZI chair of the United Nations committee. We worked with the Zonta Club of Greeley as well as the local United Nations Association to plan the event. We had an excellent turnout with about 30 Zontians, UNA members and community members attend. Leslie gave an amazing presentation about the UN’s Sustainable Development Goals and the specific focus for Zonta. Our club learned a great deal about the relationship between Zonta and the UN and about our involvement in the SDG’s.

List topics shared with club members regarding the UN (& Zonta’s engagement) (i.e., CSW, Sustainable Development Goals, etc.)

**External Communications/Public Relations:**

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

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

Did the club submit a “Share your Story” through the Zonta International Website? Yes No If yes, describe We had a story about our 1000 birthing kits displayed on the International website.

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

Please describe how your club kept its membership informed & connected this year.As President, I sent weekly emails with updates about upcoming events, meetings, and other activities. Anyone in the club who had information to share could send their information directly to me and I would send the information in the weekly emails. This kept the number of emails manageable and information easy to keep track of for members. Our website held information about upcoming events and allowed for people to register for upcoming events.

**ZIF Ambassador:**

Does your club have a foundation ambassador? 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 No

1. If yes, please describe key events held during the year. We worked for 1 ½ years to plan a Zonta Z club and it began Spring of 2015 with introduction meetings and officially Fall of 2015 at Poudre HS. We ended this spring with 18 student: 15 girls and 3 young men. We typically had 8-13 who attended our meetings. During the fall we met 2x /month and one SUN afternoon at a coffee shop and this spring we met 2x per month. The 2x/month meetings were held during lunch hour at the high school.The students and parents and Zonta members attended Malala’s presentation in Denver last summer, 2015 and they were in awe of what she has accomplished as a young women and her unwaivering conviction to support girls education.The group chose an international project to support a girls hostel in Uganda )(30 girls) that our partner Think Humanity (who takes our birthing kits) has created and supports. The girls raised money and two laptops were obtained as a donation for this project as well. The girls attempted to create a local project with an elementary school to read to 2nd/3rd grade girls and share books about young girls, but; the Principal and their other contacts did not pan out. They participated in a school International day and they had a table at their fall Activity day recruitment fair. We held our installation of officers and our District Gov and Zonta Z Coordinator both joined us to conduct the ceremony.We have students who want to continue in Zonta Z club next school year. We have a school counselor who is our school sponsor that is very supportive.

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? 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? Yes No

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