

ZONTA INTERNATIONAL -- DISTRICT 12
CLUB ANNUAL REPORT
Reporting Period: June 1, 2015—May 31, 2016

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Club Administration 2015-2016:

Zonta Club of Cheyenne

Today's Date: April 11, 2016

Area: 2

President: Kathy Cathcart President-Elect (if appropriate): Connie Sloan Cathcart Vice President: Connie Sloan Cathcart

Secretary: Pam Moran Treasurer: Jaime Davis

Incoming Club Officers 2016-2017:

President: Connie Sloan Cathcart President-Elect (if appropriate): Jaime Davis Vice President: Jaime Davis

Secretary: Kristie Wilson Treasurer: Robin Kus

Board of Directors: Melissa Martin, Denise Parrish, Jalaina Ellis, Betty Abernethy, Misti Fisher

Nominating Committee: Linda Bogart, Cindy Wertz, Marci Norby, Kathy Cathcart

Leadership & Leadership Development 2015-2016:

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

Offering and participation in trainings conducted by District. **Zappy hour held once a month. Committee meetings. Knowledge transfer from Chair to co-chair so that co-chair is positioned to take over.**

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

Participation in trainings conducted by District. Attending District and Area meetings. Conference calls/Webinars. Certain members have attended meetings of other clubs in the area to try to get ideas that are being done in other communities and bring back ideas that we can incorporate into our own club.

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).

Describe any leadership challenges and needs.

Engaging members new and old. We've found that the sooner we get a new member onto a committee or the board the odds increase of keeping them in the club. However, sometimes this is also a deterrent to keeping members that are *trying on* the club and really don't want to be active. We've had difficulty keeping members nearing retirement and after retirement. Either because they are busy enjoying retirement or they are now on a fixed income and feel they can't afford to continue membership.

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.

The President-elect and nominating committee members met to determine candidates, called the candidate, met to discuss expectations and commitments, obtained an affirmative to move forward. Some of the discussions led to a "not now but next time" list of potential candidates.

Fundraising:

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

- 1. Zonta Ladies Night Out total \$33,500 less expenses of \$8,500 Net proceeds \$25,000 (Done in partnership with Zonta of Cheyenne Foundation)**
- 2. Silent Auction and Bake Sale at two meetings to raise funds to help member(s) attend ZI International convention**
- 3.
- 4.

Total Funds Raised this year: **\$25,000**

Local Service & Scholarships Dollars Given:

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

Local Service Organizations: \$1000.00

Local Scholarships: \$1200.00

Prizes for local Violence Against Women Art Show – Funded in Conjunction with Zonta of Cheyenne Foundation (\$300)

One of the sponsors of the Wyoming Crimes Against Children Conference sponsored by Wyoming Victims Services (\$100)

This conference gives us an opportunity to have a table at an event and be seen by and interact with others who come into contact with victims (both women and their children) of violence against women. This should allow us more visibility within the community of law enforcement, victim advocates, medical professionals, educators, etc. – NOT SURE, MAYBE THIS SHOULD GO UNDER ADVOCACY???

Total Local: \$2200.00 \$2600

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: **\$1495**

Total Individual Contributions: **\$4470.32**

Total Club & Individual Contributions: \$5,965.32

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. **Haley George**

• **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.

• **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): **Laramie County Community College, Zonta International Club of Cheyenne Scholarship**

ZONTA CLUB OF CHEYENNE SCHOLARSHIP

The LCCC Financial Aid Office will be accepting applications for the Zonta Club of Cheyenne Scholarship. It is the intent of the Zonta Club of Cheyenne to furnish financial aid in the form of scholarships to women who are seeking additional education in order to improve their economic status. Mothers raising their children independently on a limited income are especially encouraged to apply.

Applications must be submitted to the LCCC Financial Aid Office on the Zonta Club of Cheyenne Scholarship Application Form. The deadline is May 24th.

The following factors will be considered in determining the recipients of the scholarship(s):

1. The student shall have financial need as determined by the LCCC Financial Aid Office.
2. The student shall attend LCCC on the main campus, Eastern Laramie County Campus, or Warren Air Force Base Campus.
3. The student may be attending LCCC either on a part-time or full-time basis.
4. The student will be a woman over the age of 21.
5. The student will be a Laramie County resident.
6. The student will need to maintain a 2.0 grade point average. If the student is a current student, she must have a 2.0 grade point average to qualify.
7. The student will need to state her career goals and outline how she intends to fulfill these goals.

An interview with the Cheyenne Zonta Club members may be required.

The Cheyenne Zonta Club is part of a worldwide service organization of women executives in business and the professions working together to advance the status of women. The club was organized in 1956 and has a commitment to serving and improving the quality of life for the Cheyenne community.

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. **We actively recruit during our Zonta Ladies Night Out fundraising event. We have a booth for the Zonta Club of Cheyenne, with a gift basket raffle.**

The raffle tickets ask if the person is interested in additional information about our club. We follow up on everyone that says yes. We then host a Membership reception and invite all of those that were interested in our club.

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

Does your club have a new member orientation program? Yes No If yes, how many sessions did you hold this year? **10, usually, once a month. We host a Zappy Hour at The Historic Plains Hotel. We enjoy beverages and food while talking about what Zonta International is all about and what our Club is all about.**

Does your club have a new member mentor program? Yes No If yes, describe

How does your club measure membership satisfaction? Conversation with board of directors and members. Discussion with members that decide to leave the club as to what their reasons are.

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. **Zonta Ladies Night Out** – our annual fundraising event. **Improves the status of women:** We invite Women Owned businesses to have a booth showcasing their products. We ask each of them to put a 'gift basket' valued at \$50 up for raffle. The raffle tickets have demographic information on them so that the women can use them as contacts to build their business. Attendees understand that the business is going to contact them after the event. The majority of the evening is spent shopping at the vendor's booths. We are improving the status of these women by helping them have successful businesses. **100% of club members are involved in this project. 1/3rd of the funds raised at this event go to ZIF. Visibility and credibility:** We used to be known as those 'antique show women'. We are now known as Zonta! The club that raises money to eliminate violence against women. A portion of the evening, while guests are eating dinner, we provide information regarding Zonta International projects, Zonta of Cheyenne, and eliminating violence against women. 2/3rds of the funds raised will be used to eliminate violence against women. We are guests on the morning TV show talking about Zonta, the event, and what the funds will be used for. **Sustainability:** This has been an annual event for 10 years. We plan to continue.

2. **Zonta Art Contest** - 2nd Annual - we solicited art that represented Human Trafficking. We had 12 artists submit entries. We were on the radio talking about the event, Zonta, and human trafficking. We showcased the art at the Hynds Building, a downtown building with high visibility and known for its art events. We held a reception, all of the artists attended, and many local residents. We also showcased the artwork at our Zonta Ladies Night Out event. . **Improves the status of women:** By raising the level of awareness regarding human trafficking. Many think 'it doesn't happen in my backyard'. **15% of club members were involved in this project** **Visibility and credibility:** We are now known as Zonta! The club that is a resource regarding human trafficking. The TV station came to the reception, taped a segment and we were showcased on the evening news! The local newspaper attended, a reporter and photographer, we were highlighted in the Wyoming Tribune Eagle. **Sustainability:** we plan to make the contest an annual event. We have barely begun to spread the word regarding human trafficking.

3. **Annual Donations** - we select entities each December. This year it was SafeHouse, the local shelter for victims of domestic violence. And COMEA the local shelter for the homeless (which has a growing population of women). We found out what they needed and then asked club members to bring donations to the December meeting. We pack up the items and deliver them to Safehouse and COMEA. **Improves the status of women:** By donating items that women need. Many arrive at the shelter with the clothes on their back and their children's, and little or nothing else. **90% of club members were involved in this project.** **Visibility and credibility:** The executive director of Safehouse is now a member of our club! **Sustainability:** This has been an annual event for more than 10 years. We plan to continue.

4. **Donation of silent auction baskets:** This year we donated baskets to events for the following organizations: Lions Club, Comea, Safehouse, Library Foundation. Each basket included information regarding Zonta. **Improves the status of women:** By donating items we raised the level of awareness of Zonta. Zonta improves the status of women. Each of the organizations has a tie to Women in some fashion. **30% of club members were involved in this project.** **Visibility and credibility:** We are spreading the word about Zonta! The club that is a resource regarding violence against women. **Sustainability:** We plan to continue.

5. **Collection of Clothes for Julie's Closet:** In April and May, we did a clothing drive for a local group that provides professional looking clothing to women in the community in need of appropriate attire for interviews and new jobs. **Improves the status of women:** By partnering with this existing organization, we assisted women who are trying to get back on their feet and find good jobs so they can support themselves and their families – many of these women are single mothers **25% of club members were involved in this project.** **Visibility and credibility:** We are spreading the word about Zonta! We are also building relationships and partnerships with others in the community who care about helping women. **Sustainability:** First year project – not clear yet whether this will continue (likely to continue on an "as needed" basis).

(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)?

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.

United Methodist Church hosts a Women's Rights Rally on International Women's Day. Several of our Zonta Club members are involved with putting the event together. Maddie Amann, one of our Triumph High School Z Club members spoke. The Mayor of Cheyenne attends, speaks, and signs a proclamation. Prevent Child Abuse is represented and Allison Anderson spoke.

The event receives media coverage, both Zonta and Z Club were mentioned. <http://www.kgwn.tv/home/headlines/Cheyenne-Community-Honors-International-Womens-Day--295552111.html> http://www.wyomingnews.com/news/come-one-come-all-to-rally-to-protect-violence-victims/article_353cdaf2-d923-11e5-908e-f38cdec5ce94.html http://www.wyomingnews.com/news/rally-calls-attention-to-local-domestic-violence-child-abuse/article_69e27416-e368-11e5-adb7-3ba3af06c1ce.html "Members of Grace United Methodist Church Women, Triumph High Z Club and Zonta Club of Cheyenne sponsored the rally to call attention to local domestic violence and abuse."

Mention examples of club service activities focused on "Prevention of Root Causes" of inequality and violence against women through education: We have begun the research to determine the gaps that exist in Laramie County as part of our Eliminating Violence Against Women (EVAW) initiative. Club members have met with a pre-determined list of people/entities in the county with a specific list of questions. Our goal is to learn what is already being done, get Zonta invited to the table when entities come together, and develop relationships with like-minded organizations. For the past two years, Zonta Ladies Night Out proceeds have been accumulated to be used for EVAW initiatives. As a result, we have been invited to be a sponsor and attend the 7th Annual Wyoming Crimes Against Children Conference. EVAW will be our primary focus in the upcoming year.

See discussion about partnership with Julie's Closet (above) where we did a clothing drive in order to assist when who are in need of professional clothing for interviews and new jobs

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. **16 Days of Advocacy and Silent Witness March and Display – Category:** full fills both categories by improving the status of women in general by involving influential people in our community in the legal, political, economic, educational, health and professional fields. It also helps prevent and fight violence against women and girls (VAW) through awareness and education. We utilize the Rutgers 16 days of Advocacy theme and materials. We hold proclamation signings with the Governor of Wyoming and Mayor of Cheyenne. We invite other organizations to attend the formal proclamation signings. Our Triumph Z Club attend the proclamation signings and assist with the project. This year the Z Club organized a march from the State Capital to the Laramie County Library. We display the proclamations, information regarding Zonta, the Silent Witness silhouettes and various information at the Laramie County Library for the 16 days. We also display the Silent Witness silhouettes at City Hall and the Federal Building. **Improves the status of women:** Educational - By raising the level of awareness regarding violence against women. The project **coincides** with the definition because we are influencing attitudes regarding human rights. **60% of club members were involved in this project. Partners:** Safehouse, Governor of Wyoming and Mayor of Cheyenne, Triumph Z Club, Laramie County Library, City Hall, Rutgers, Cheyenne Police Department. **Visibility and credibility:** We are now known as Zonta! The club that is a resource regarding violence against women. The newspaper sent a reporter who took pictures and wrote a story about the 16 days. We also received TV coverage.

Zonta International
 District 12
 District 12 “Silent Witness” Service Project Report • 2015

The purpose of this report is to capture the data necessary to report the District project results to International. This report is due by e-mail DECEMBER 29, 2015.

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Place Project took place: Laramie County Library, 2200 Pioneer Ave., as well as at the Cheyenne Municipal Building at 2101 O’Neil Ave., the Joseph C. O’Mahoney Federal Building at 2120 Capitol Ave., and Grace United Methodist Church, 2950 Spruce Drive

Date Project Began: November 23, 2015

Date Project Ended: December 10, 2015

Who are the beneficiaries of the Project?

Triumph High School Z Club and Zonta Club of Cheyenne

What benefits will women/girls receive from the Project?

Awareness and visibility of Domestic Violence

Describe the visibility the Project has given to Zonta International.

Zonta International was showcased during the Proclamation signing with the Governor and at the Laramie County Library during the 18 days the silhouettes were displayed.

Brief explanation of the project:

On November 23, 2015, the Triumph High School Z Club and Zonta Club of Cheyenne participated in a formal proclamation signing by Governor Matt Mead at the Wyoming State Capitol building. The proclamation signing was followed by a procession of silent witness silhouettes from the

Wyoming State Capitol building to the Laramie County Library. Members of Triumph High School Z Club, Zonta Club of Cheyenne and interested citizens carried silhouettes. Upon arrival at the Library, a roll call of the victims of domestic violence was announced. City Council person Dicky Shanor made a speech and presented the proclamation signed by Cheyenne Mayor Kaysen. Z Club sponsor JoLynn Murphy made a speech that included domestic violence statistics for the State of Wyoming and the US. The silhouettes remained on display from November 23rd to December 10th at Laramie County Library, 2200 Pioneer Ave., as well as at the Cheyenne Municipal Building at 2101 O'Neil Ave., the Joseph C. O'Mahoney Federal Building at 2120 Capitol Ave., and Grace United Methodist Church, 2950 Spruce Drive

Here is a copy of what I submitted to Zonta Says No and Zonta International:



Governor Mead signing the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence Proclamation November 23, 2015



Cheyenne Triumph High School Z Club at the Wyoming State Capital for the Governor's Proclamation signing and prior to the Silent Witness Procession. The Silent Witness is Crystal Town, the daughter of Zonta Club Member Debbie Richardson. November 23, 2015



Cheyenne Zonta Club and Triumph High School Z Club at the Wyoming State Capital for the Governor's Proclamation signing and prior to the Silent Witness Procession. The Silent Witness is Crystal Town, the daughter of Zonta Club Member Debbie Richardson. November 23, 2015

NEW: Triumph students march for domestic violence awareness

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CHEYENNE (WTE) - A group of students from Triumph High School's Z Club marched from the Wyoming State Capitol to the Laramie County Library this morning in recognition of domestic violence victims in the state.

Each student carried a silhouette representing a victim of domestic violence who died at the hands of an abuser. Following today's march, the silhouettes will be put on display at several locations around town.

Prior to the march, Wyoming Gov. Matt Mead signed a proclamation acknowledging the Z Club's efforts in connection with Zonta International's 16 Days of Activism against gender violence, which runs from Nov. 25 to Dec. 10. Founded in 1919, Zonta International's mission is to advance the status of women worldwide, with domestic violence one of the service organization's key focuses.

Read more about today's march and the reasons behind it in Tuesday's Wyoming Tribune Eagle.

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Three Proclamations signed by Gov. Mead today

Governor Matt Mead was scheduled to sign three proclamations in the Formal Office today.

Gov. Mead signed the Proclamation for 16 days of Activism Against Gender Violence, the Proclamation for Homeless Children and Youth Awareness Month, and the Proclamation for Diabetes Awareness Month.

Proclamations are issued by the Governor to honor and celebrate events, recognize achievements or increase public awareness of noteworthy causes. Requests are reviewed on a case-by-case basis and are honored at the Governor's discretion and subject to the guidelines of this Policy, according to the Proclamation Policy.

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Cheyenne's Triumph High School senior Madison Amann checks out a silhouette cutout of a victim who died at the hands of an abuser before marching Monday at the State Capitol in Cheyenne. Students from the school's Z Club marched with the silhouettes to the Laramie County Library in recognition of domestic violence awareness. Blaine McCartney/Wyoming Tribune Eagle

CHEYENNE - A group of students from Cheyenne's Triumph High marched in silence Monday morning from the State Capitol to the Laramie County Library.

Each carried a silhouette with them - more than three dozen in all - each representing a victim of domestic violence in Wyoming.

Their stories differed from one person to the next, but they all had the specter of domestic violence in common. There was Sharon Johnson, who was 43 when her husband ran her over with his car, leaving their two children without a mother.

There was Robin Munis, age 40, who was singing on stage at Old Chicago in Cheyenne when her estranged husband shot and killed her with a sniper rifle.

And there was Crystal Town, 29, whose husband was sent to prison for 75 years to life last year for shooting her in front of their 10-year-old daughter.

"We grieve for the family that lost the loved one. But beyond that, you grieve for the opportunity lost," said Gov. Matt Mead, who signed a proclamation Monday recognizing 16 days of activism against gender violence in Wyoming from Nov. 25 to Dec. 10.

Those dates are not coincidental: Nov. 25 is the International Day to Eliminate Violence Against Women, while Dec. 10 is International Human Rights Day. But since the Triumph students knew they would be out of school by the 25th, they opted to hold their march two days earlier to publicly honor victims like Town.

"Consider Crystal, who and what she could've become, what she could've contributed," Mead said, turning to the students. "We all have a role to play, but the most important role lies on your shoulders. It is you all, your leadership, that is going to provide the answer that says, 'In Wyoming ... there's no instance where domestic violence is acceptable.'"

Monday's marchers were mostly members of Triumph's Z Club, a youth spinoff of Zonta International, an Illinois-based service organization that seeks to advance the status of women across the globe. And like the silhouettes they held, many of Monday's marchers said they were similarly affected by domestic violence.

"This is close to my heart because I was abused by my father, and so was my mother," said Triumph senior Madison Amann. "So it carries a lot of significance

personally to me, and it brings awareness and advocacy to other people."

Another senior, Jessica Kling, said she joined the Z Club after watching her father abuse one of her brothers.

"There was one case where he put his tooth through his lip and continued to hit him in the back and throw him through things," Kling said. "That's the main reason I wanted to join Z Club, because it's not right for people to have to go through those things."

Kling said that, too often, domestic violence is swept under the rug, with victims unwilling or unable to confront it or tell their stories. She said that imposed silence makes it doubly important for advocates to provide a voice for victims.

"It doesn't make headlines like it should," Kling said. "This is showing people that it really happens; it's not just some story."

Jolynn Murphy, a co-adviser for the Triumph Z Club, read off some of the state's domestic violence statistics, noting that 66 women, seven men, four minor boys and one girl have died since 1985 as a result of domestic violence in Wyoming.

"Domestic violence doesn't just affect victims and perpetrators; it affects the family and friends who are left behind," Murphy said. "The problem will continue until we as a society and a community stand up with one resounding voice and say, 'No more!'"

Cheyenne City Councilman Dicky Shanor also took part in Monday's march. Having worked as a domestic violence prosecutor for Laramie County, Shanor questioned why there hasn't been more awareness directed toward the issue in recent years.

"It's very prevalent still - hundreds and hundreds of files funnel through the district attorney's office in our county every year," Shanor said. "I just want to say thank you to all of you for doing this, for raising awareness around this issue."

Murphy noted that several of the silhouettes used in Monday's march will remain on display through Dec. 10. They can be seen at the Laramie County Library, 2200 Pioneer Ave., as well as at the Cheyenne Municipal Building at 2101 O'Neil Ave., the Joseph C. O'Mahoney Federal Building at 2120 Capitol Ave., and Grace United Methodist Church, 2950 Spruce Drive.

Local musician Ty Warner concluded Monday's march with a song he wrote in honor of Munis, whom he shared a stage with the night she was killed in July 2007.

"A shot rings out, and a soul is dashed; a pool of life, and a song is past," Warner sang. "Tried to reason why, but reason won't return. And it happens in the blink of an eye."

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2. Participated in Triumph Z Club International Human Rights Fair at Triumph High School. The Club had a table at the event with materials about Zonta and information about Human Trafficking. About 8 members of the Club attended to speak to others about our work. We also stayed to hear the speaker discuss her days as a victim of Human Trafficking and her story of recovery. The event received news coverage during a time when there was a fair amount of local press about Human Trafficking (January, 2016) in Cheyenne.

Zonta Says No:

Describe your club's Zonta Says No activities in 2015 - 2016: See above for Advocacy. **In addition, we supply orange luminary bags with Zonta Says No information to individuals throughout the community. The luminary bags are displayed in windows and outside of homes on November 25th during the 16 days of Activism.**

Other Advocacy questions:

What women's issues have been identified as the most important in your club? **Ending Violence Against Women We have begun the research to determine the gaps that exist in Laramie County as part of our Eliminating Violence Against Women (EVAW) initiative. Club members have met with a pre-determined list of people/entities in the county with a specific list of questions. Our goal is to learn what is already being done, get Zonta invited to the table when entities come together, and develop relationships with like-minded organizations. For the past two years, Zonta Ladies Night Out proceeds have been accumulated to be used for EVAW initiatives. As a result, we have been invited to be a sponsor and attend the 7th Annual Wyoming Crimes Against Children Conference. EVAW will be our primary focus in the upcoming year.**

How have club members been made aware of legislation relevant to women in our country? **Yes, we share the Wyoming Women's Foundation Newsletter throughout the Legislative session, we've invited Lobbyists and legislators to our meetings to provide information in the past as well.**

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). We have not done this.

United Nations:

Please describe how your club informed its membership of Zonta's work with the United Nations. **We utilize Zappy Hour to educate new members and they put together the November evening meeting where the entire agenda surrounds Zonta's work with the United Nations' Programs & Funds. We also highlight Zonta's work with the United Nations' Programs & Funds at our Zonta Ladies Night Out event.**

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



Zonta of Cheyenne **New “Z’s”** Present:

A United Nations Day Program

November 12, 2015

6:00pm: *Welcome, Networking & Dining*

6:45pm: *Business Meeting & Summary of “The Big Picture”*

7:15pm: *United Nation’s Presentation*

History of the UN/Zonta Connection

- UN Charter ratified October 24, 1945
- ZI has an NGO affiliation with the UN
- Representatives in Geneva, New York, Paris and Vienna
- Primarily work with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)
- Maintain consultative services with the International Labor Organization and the Council of Europe
- Work with the GSW, DAW, CEDAW, UNIFEM, UNFPA and the UN Dept. of Public Information
- ZI empowers women to overcome barriers to their equal human rights
- First ZI Service project was in 1956, providing \$8000 to Hungarian refugees.

2014-2016 Biennium Projects

Working Toward an HIV-Free Generation and Effective Prevention and Response to Gender Based Violence in Rwanda.

Overall Objective To contribute to a nation free of AIDS and new HIV infection among children, adolescents, women and families; to support the national scale-up strategy for One Stop Centers; and to invest in community based prevention of violence against women and children. Since 2008, ZI has provided a total of 2.2 million USD to support this project. 89% of health facilities offer prevention of mother to child transmission services and 62% of HIV+ pregnant women received antiretroviral treatment during pregnancy. More than 6,000 survivors of violence were treated at the Isange and Rusizi One Stop Centers

Ms. Heather Wilkins

Vietnam, Gender Responsive Schools Pilot Model.

Overall Objective To create a school environment for adolescent girls and boys across Hanoi that is free from gender-based violence. Background Gender-based violence in and around schools is highly prevalent in Vietnam and is one of the main barriers to girls’ empowerment and gender equality. Plan Vietnam, a UN Trust Fund grantee, will promote a model of safe, accountable and child-friendly schools where adolescent girls and boys receive a quality education in an environment free of gender-based violence.

Ms. Robin Kus

Towards Elimination of Obstetric Fistula and Reduction of Maternal and Newborn Mortality and Morbidity.

Overall Objective To improve the health and socio-economic status of women and young girls within Liberia. Since 2008, ZI has provided a total of 1.95 million USD to support this project. A total of 1,079 women and adolescent girls with various types of fistulae have received surgical treatment. A total of 264 survivors have been rehabilitated and reintegrated into their mainstream communities.

Ms. Lisa Hunt

Safe Cities for Women Project in Guatemala City, Guatemala and San Salvador, El Salvador.

In Guatemala and El Salvador, rates of urban violence and violent homicides are above the already high regional average and women are at an even greater risk of violence due to the traditionally subordinate position of women in society. During the first phase of the project, significant results were achieved in both Guatemala and El Salvador. In Guatemala, women’s organizations submitted proposals to local authorities to improve public spaces and identified insecure spaces which led to the transformation of an abandoned house to a day shelter for people living with HIV/AIDS. In El Salvador, a map of unsafe places determined by the perceptions of local women was presented to the local authorities who are committed to implementing recommendations to make these areas safer for women. For the next phase of the project, efforts will be focused on increasing visibility and impact by disseminating information on violence against women in the most violence districts of both cities and replicating the experience in all districts of the capital cities. The project will also expand to incorporate the issue of violence against women in the context of HIV/AIDS.

Zonta International Advocacy

Zonta International advocates to promote the human rights of women at international, national and local levels. Zonta advocacy aims to influence the making and implementation of laws, as well as general attitudes and behaviors. Zonta advocacy promotes real equality, not formal equality alone. Zonta seeks to take fact-based actions, to highlight root causes of problems and to present solutions with proven results.

Human Rights Framework:

- United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- CEDAW, Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women, Zonta's Objectives align with CEDAW Articles 1 – 16.
- BPfA, Beijing Platform for Action
- MDGs, Millennium Development Goals 2000-2015
- Istanbul Convention, Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence.

Zonta International is affiliated with the United Nations as an NGO in the following ways:

- General Consultative Status with the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC);
- Consultative Status with the International Labour Organization (ILO);
- Affiliation with the Department of Public Information (DPI);
- Member of the Conference of NGOs (CONGO) which has a Consultative Relationship with the UN (Zonta participates in a number of CONGO Standing Committees in New York, Geneva and Vienna);
- Operational Relations with UNESCO (Paris);
- Accredited Representative (on application) to Working Group Sessions of the Human Rights Council (now Commission) via consultative status with ECOSOC (Geneva).

Zonta International has **participatory status with the Council of Europe**, which enables Zonta to actively contribute to its work. At the international level, Zonta supports the efforts of the United Nations and its Members States to empower women through the adoption and fulfillment of international conventions and treaties. Zonta's international committees give recommendations to the Zonta International Board on advocacy actions. Members of the International [United Nations](#) Committee represent Zonta International in NGO Forums in New York, Geneva, Vienna and Paris. Members of the [Council of Europe](#) sub-committee represent Zonta International in relation to the Council of Europe. Members of the International [Advocacy](#) Committee assist in formulating advocacy statements on international issues. For its [International Service](#) and [ZISVAW](#) programs, Zonta International looks for projects that include specific advocacy goals. International committees also alert members to opportunities for advocacy at national and local levels. Members are encouraged to study their country reports to CEDAW as well as reports to UN entities on BPfA and MDG progress to look for opportunities for advocacy actions. The submission of NGO reports on Country reports is also encouraged, thus engaging members in matters which are pertinent to national as well as international issues.

The New "Z's" would like to express their thanks for the opportunity to present this program for the benefit of the club. We hope you have learned as much as we have!

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) **Donation of silent auction baskets: This year we donated baskets to events for the following organizations: Lions Club, Comea, Safehouse, Library Foundation. Each basket included information regarding Zonta.**

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 Zephyr Newsletter, Facebook, Directory, Website, Email, monthly meetings**

ZIF Ambassador:

Does your club have a foundation ambassador? Yes No

How has your club encouraged individual donations this year? Please describe. **Yes, we utilized 'every member every November' this year.**

Z-Club or Golden Z-Club:

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

If yes, please describe key events held during the year. **See below:**

1. School Service

School service consists of projects or programs that benefit the school that sponsors the Z club or Golden Z club. In the case of off-campus Z clubs or Golden Z clubs, programs or projects that directly benefit the sponsoring Zonta club may apply.

Examples of school service:

- Hosting an international fair that focuses on the role that women play in different countries to teach others about different cultures and the status of women internationally;
- Establishing a tutoring network for the school or university;
- Creating a Z club program table at a school orientation night for incoming students to raise awareness of the Z club program and Zonta International.

2. Community Service

Community service consists of projects or programs that benefit the local community where the Z club or Golden Z club is located.

Examples of community service:

- Enlisting the expertise and network of the sponsoring Zonta club to host a reception for women candidates for public office in the community;
- Volunteering for a community literacy program to read to children or to assist adults to learn to read;
- Hosting a fund raising event or donating resources (time, money, material goods) to contribute to a local charity, crisis center, or special project of the sponsoring Zonta club.

3. International Service

International service is service that benefits an international organization, international cause or an international community other than the one where the Z club or Golden Z club is located. International service may be a project that raises funds or resources for an international organization, such as UNFPA, UNICEF or UN Women, or contributing to one of Zonta International's designated international service projects.

Examples of International Service:

- Raising awareness for the United Nations by hosting a United Nations Day celebration on 24 October;
- Raising awareness of international advocacy for women's rights;
- Hosting a unique fund raising project and donating the proceeds to a project for women that Zonta International and a UN agency co-sponsor during a biennium.

School Service

16 days of Activism/Signing of the Proclamation



- Going along with the Zonta International and Zonta of Cheyenne Chapters, Triumph posted on the daily Spartan news one fact of Activism every day of the 16 days. Z-club students were part of the governor and Mayor signing of the Zonta of Cheyenne Proclamations for the 16 days of Activism for Cheyenne and Wyoming
- During Advisement, classes discussed that day's event and how it impacted their lives, and those around them.
- At the signing of the proclamations, students were able to answer questions from both Mayor Kaysen and Governor Meade of what this means individually to them and their discussions to join Z-Club and what they have learned.
- The facts are now a permanent part of our THS archives because they were printed for the Spartan News. The Proclamations are framed and in a display case for the student body of Triumph to read and reflect.
- 90% participation.



Community Service

Silent Witness Procession

Triumph Students march to bring awareness to domestic violence



- Students and Zonta sponsors coordinated a Silent Witness procession down the streets of Cheyenne, Wyoming to Zonta say NO to Violence against Women.
- We had the domestic violence silhouettes from Wyoming. Students, Zontians, School Recourse Officers family and friends carried the silhouettes from the State Capital the library. We had speakers and local and State TV, Radio, Newspaper Coverage. Students and community members that have been impacted by Domestic Violence were given a chance to speak and a local musician sang a song written to a friend who was a victim.
- Getting the stories out there, brings awareness that there is still a continuing problem with Violence against women even in our community. Awareness is the first step to prevention.
- 100% participation



International Service

Zonta Ladies Night Out



- Students participated in Zonta's Ladies Night Out. We had a booth that sold, pins, Yellow Roses and Mugs all to benefit Zonta International.
- The Students donated all the money \$330 to International to support the advancement of the status of women all over the world. They got to not only work on their salesmanship, but explain what Z-club was and why it was important to them to be involved. They sold Yellow rose for Women's day and then got to listen to what Zonta is and just how far it reaches and what is happening internationally.
- This is always the high light of Z-club, the students dress to impress and really showcase what they have learned all year in Z-club about Women's rights.
- We had 100% participation.

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 **All of our records, older than 5 years, have been turned over to the Wyoming State Archives. We keep the past 5 years archived at the Historian's home (Linda Bogart)**

Please describe your club's progress to date in:

(a) finding & listing your club archives. **Linda Bogart and Jody Gostas have located everything possible.**

(b) arranging for safe storage of materials. **Records, older than 5 years, have been turned over to the Wyoming State Archives.**

Bylaws:

Does your club have a bylaws committee? Yes No

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