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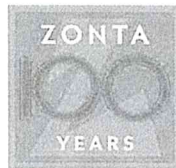
Deedee Boysen, Governor District 12

Happy Birthday Zonta and hello District 12 Zontians! It was *great* to see so many of you at the Governor's Seminar. Thank you for joining me. We shared a lot of information -- news from Zonta International, ideas for our Centennial Celebration, and much more. In case you couldn't make it, key topics are presented in this edition of the Outreach for your reference. More will be shared in future editions of the Outreach.

Area Meetings

Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend the Area Meetings. Area Meetings are a *great* way to meet Zontians from your area as well as leaders from throughout our District. Area Meeting dates follow:

- **Area 1.** Kelli Buscher, from the Zonta Club of Pierre-Ft. Pierre is your Area 1 Director. The Area 1 Meeting will be held in Pierre-Ft. Pierre, SD on April 13, 2019.
- **Area 2.** Kathy Cathcart, from the Zonta Club of Cheyenne is the Area 2 Director, and the Area 2 meeting will be held in Laramie, WY on April 6, 2018.
- **Area 3.** Rhonda Bolich-Lampo, from the Zonta Club of Douglas County is your Area 3 Director. The Area 3 meeting is hosted by the Zonta Club of Denver, and will be held in Boulder, Colorado. The Area 3 meeting is held in conjunction with the Amelia Earhart luncheon, which is open to all Zontians from throughout the District. At this luncheon, our District 12 Amelia Earhart fellow, Mary Bastrawrous, will be recognized and honored. The meeting and luncheon are scheduled for January 26, 2019.
- **Area 4.** Susan Miller-Sutphin, from the Zonta Club of Prowers County, is your Area 4 Director. The Area 4 meeting will be held in Colorado Springs, CO on April 27, 2019, and is hosted by the Zonta Club of Pikes Peak Area.



District 12 Centennial Celebration

Zonta's 100th birthday will take place on November 8, 2019; however, our District will celebrate this wonderful event on September 20 -22, 2019 at our District 12 Conference in Billings, MT. Many ideas for club celebrations of the Centennial were presented at the Governor's Seminar, and will be relayed to your clubs via your District 12 Centennial Chair, Kelly Christy. At this point, most clubs have designated a Club Centennial Chair to attend the monthly meetings. To date, there have been regular monthly meetings where information and ideas have been shared to get your club jump started with ideas for all types of celebratory events. For more information about the Centennial Celebration, contact Kelly Christy at ekscrimshaw@gmail.com or go to the zonta100.org website. In addition, many of the tools for the Centennial can also be found on the District 12 website.

Another thing you should know about your centennial celebration is that Zonta International is offering Centennial Anniversary Grants of up to \$5,000. This is a competitive grant program which requires submission of an online application by March 31, 2019. Creating local partnerships with like-minded organizations in your community is one of the priorities of this grant. Partnering will help your club learn from your local partner, and provide more visibility for both Zonta and your partner organization. The Centennial Anniversary Grant will be awarded to your club's partner in support of the project you will do collaboratively. Find out about the application requirements before you begin! They are now available on the zonta100.org website. Some clubs in our District have already gotten started on their applications. Jump on board and get in on the creativity this opportunity offers!

At the District level, we are planning some great fun for the centennial and will reveal our plan in the next Outreach newsletter, which is planned for release at the end of December. Plans for our District-wide celebration are being finalized as you read this. It will be something fun for all clubs to participate in during 2019.

District 12 Service Project

The District 12 Service Project for 2018-2019 is to encourage all clubs in the district to host a book drive with an "Empowering Woman" theme. Just think of the women throughout history who inspired you, then find a book (or two or three...) that you can share with a local library or school. The District Board recommends that each club reach out directly to an underserved school or library in your community, and work with the librarian to create a list of appropriate titles that focus on an "empowering woman" and female heroes. Clubs are asked to make these donations on International Women's Day (which is Friday, March 8, 2019). Take pictures and share them on your own Facebook pages or with Michelle Medal, administrator of the District 12 Facebook page. In addition, the District is creating bookplates that you can use in the books you donate. Please contact Michelle Medal (michellemedal@hotmail.com) with the number of bookplates your club will need for your book donation.

District 12 Advocacy Project

Denise Parrish, the District 12 Advocacy Coordinator, plans to develop and send out a short list of articles that can be posted to newspapers or social media. We are asking clubs to post or submit an article or photos on the topic of child marriage between November 25 - December 2018, with the intent of flooding the media during this time. Did you know that the 16 Days of Advocacy begins on November 25 - which is the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, and ends on December 10 - which is Human Rights Day? Perhaps your club could learn more about child marriage in your state as a way to familiarize your club with the topic, or investigate the problems that impact a girl who marries before the age of 18.

Governor's Seminar

Each year, the District recognizes and honors clubs and individuals in our Districts for a variety of reasons. Here is a brief summary of award or recognition winners this year.

- **2018 District 12 Advocacy Award** - Denise Parrish, D12 Advocacy Chair, presented the Advocacy award to the *Zonta Club of Cheyenne* for a multi-phased program against human trafficking that included presentations during Cheyenne Frontier Days that reached 20,000 people, alerted truckers to the problem, hosted an art contest, and participated with its Z Club in 16 Days activities (including a downtown march, proclamations by the Governor and Mayor and silent witness silhouettes). Members were also encouraged to write letters about legislative issues and the club showed the movie "Equal Means Equal" at a community event.

- **2018 District 12 Governors Memorial Service Award** - Julie Bradley, District 12 Service Chair, presented the Governors Memorial Service Award to the *Zonta Club of Greeley* for its "Kits for Rescued Survivors of Human Trafficking" project. The club partnered with local law enforcement organizations to construct kits for officers to provide trafficked victims taken into custody. The kit includes clothing, a blanket, and personal toiletries. The items are provided in a drawstring backpack so that the victim doesn't have to leave the station carrying a plastic grocery bag. In addition, since most victim's clothing is used in evidence, they provided yoga pants, tops, underwear, and sandals or flip-flops. Getting the word out about Zonta and their project has resulted in more law enforcement contacts, contacts with trafficking coalitions, and requests for kits.

Club Anniversaries:

- Zonta Club of Glendive - 65 years
- Zonta Club of Royal Gorge - 45 years
- Zonta Club of Douglas County - 15 years
- Zonta Club of Greeley - 5 years

Scholarships:

- 2018 District 12 Young Women in Public Affairs winner - Grace Kiburz, was nominated by the Zonta Club of Greeley.
- 2018 District 12 Jane M. Klausman Women in Business winner - Cassidy Shaver, was nominated by the Zonta Club of Billings.
- 2018 District 12 Amelia Earhart Fellow is Mary Basterwrous, who will be honored at the Area 3-Amelia Earhart luncheon.

Foundation Contributions

Your Governor says "thank you so much" for your generous donations to our District 12 Scholarship Program, to the Foundation and its many projects to empower women globally, and for your contributions to honor Beverly Augustine. We raised \$980 for the Zonta International Foundation through the Wall of Wine drawing, and \$1755 to honor Beverly for her 65 years of service and membership in the Zonta Club of Prowers County.

Women in Technology Scholarship. This is a new pilot program for the 2018-2019 biennium and will target women in computer science. Eligibility requirements for this scholarship are now available on the ZI website. The application and accompanying scholarship materials will be available in December, however, in the meantime, you can familiarize yourself with the eligibility requirements.

CSW 63

The 63rd session of the Commission on the Status of Women will be held on March 11 - 22, 2019 in New York City. The priority theme for this session is social protection systems, access to public services and sustainable infrastructure for gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls. If you would like to learn more about this event, please send your questions to Renee Coppock, District 12 United Nations Chair, at rcoppock@crowleyfleck.com or visit <http://www.unwomen.org/en/csw/csw63-2019>. Zontians from throughout our District will be attending so if you are interested, let Renee or Governor Deedee know (boysen.deedee@gmail.com). ZI has already booked the Millennium Hilton One UN Plaza, which is directly across the street from the United Nations and within walking distance of many CSW events and activities. The rates are:

Deluxe Queen: \$154.00/night
 Deluxe King: \$169.00/night
 Deluxe room with 2 Double Beds: \$180.00/night
 All rates are plus applicable taxes.
 WIFI is 9.95 a day *unless guest is a Hilton Honors member.



Leadership Training

Zonta International introduced a Leadership Program at the end of the last biennium that provides Zontians with organizational knowledge, personal and professional development, and opportunities to expand their leadership capabilities. These classes are online and on demand. They are Power Point presentations with audio narration. One of the classes focuses on soft skills in working with people. Another class provides tools and techniques for leading teams. Many of these classes can be used as a recruiting tool for potential new members so check them out and use them in your discussions with women unfamiliar with Zonta. All classes can be found on the ZI website at www.zonta.org, in the MYZONTA section. Some classes are under the E-LEARNING icon on the gold ribbon. Other classes are in the Tools, Leadership Development Tools, How to Tools section.

District 12 plans to put some classes online and on-demand this biennium. The Club President's Responsibilities training will be the pilot class for this effort. In the meantime, instructor led classes in many different areas will be given. See the Upcoming Events box on District 12's homepage for dates and times. As always, please let Sheila know (shedavis@comcast.net) your training topics needs.

Zonta e-Club of USA 7

Our District's e-Club is currently recruiting members, meeting monthly on Zoom, and focusing on growing the club to 15 so they can charter. The SOM Committee, headed up by Lt. Governor Ann, would appreciate your suggestions of men or women you know who might be interested in an online service and advocacy club. Please send your recommendation with a name, a phone number, and an e-mail address. E-mail Ann at johnannhodgson@att.net with your ideas for future e-Club members.

Zonta Says No to Violence Against Women #EndChildMarriage

The 16 Days of Violence Against Women campaign will begin on November 25 and run through December 10, 2018. Zonta International recommends the following ways you can take action.

- You could take a short quiz on November 24 on the ZI website to test your knowledge on global facts related to child marriage. Engage your friends, colleagues and family members by sharing the quiz and encouraging them to learn more.
- Donate to end child marriage. Beginning on November 26, the ZI Foundation will collect donations through a Charity Challenge on the CrowdRise platform. Contributions from our District will help Zonta win the top prize of \$100,000. A link to the challenge page will go live on November 26th.
- Stay Social. Each day, starting on November 24, ZI will release a new graphic via Facebook, Twitter and Instagram that highlights important facts that illustrate the need to end child marriage. When you like, comment and share these original posts, the message that Zonta says NO to violence against women and child marriage will be seen as highly engaged content and stay relevant on more social media feeds.
- Share how you are saying "NO". Share your action on Share Your Story on the ZI website with a photo and a brief paragraph on what your club is doing to say no to violence against women.

Young Women In Public Affairs (YWPA) – 2019

All Zonta clubs are encouraged to honor a well deserving young woman who is committed to the volunteer sector, shows leadership in her volunteer activities, and is dedicated to empowering women in her community and worldwide. Women age 16-19 are eligible. Applications for the YWPA award need to be submitted to the District by April 1st. Clubs do NOT have to give club money for this award. More information pertaining to getting started in this process will follow in the next Outreach newsletter. For more information, please e-mail District 12 YWPA Chair Debbie Sundberg at dsunnyone11@gmail.com.



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