



## ZONTA INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 12 AREA 1

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### SERVICE WITH A SMILE..... THE ZONTA WAY!

The Zonta Service Recognition Award was established by Zonta International to recognize outstanding service projects undertaken by Zonta clubs and districts which benefit women in the local community. Service projects can be those projects that improve the status of women in general (legal, political, economic, educational, health and/or professional) or those projects that prevent and fight violence against women and girls. All district projects and all club project finalists submitted by the governors will be exhibited during the 2014 Zonta International Convention in Orlando, Florida. A complete description of the Award, eligibility criteria and the nomination process can be found on the ZI website ([www.zonta.org](http://www.zonta.org).)

**What is Area 1 doing?** This month's featured club: **ZONTA CLUB OF PIERRE-FORT PIERRE**



The Zonta Club of Pierre-Fort Pierre honored women veterans during the Christmas holiday with donations and gifts. Other service projects have included: donating coats, books and school supplies to children; cleaning and organizing the donation closet at the violence shelter; distributing over \$8,000 in grants annually; and assisting with lawn care for elderly women.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ZONTA CLUB OF PIERRE-FORT PIERRE FOR ITS FEATURE ON THE ZI WEBSITE.

### Zonta Club of Pierre/Fort Pierre combats violence against women

To recognize Zonta International's support of UNITE to End Violence Against Women and to bring awareness to a new advocacy project, the members of the Zonta Club of Pierre/Fort Pierre wore orange in October. The club expanded its effort to increase local awareness regarding violence against women and kicked off the 16 Days of Activism with the help of the local volunteer fire department and their advocacy slogan, "Real Men Raise Their Voice Against Violence". The club will create posters that will include the firefighter's picture and a listing of pertinent phone numbers. The phone numbers will offer people resources they can go to for help or to receive more information. Posters will be distributed throughout the area, including area businesses, schools, gas stations and even roadway rest stops.

# Area 1 Meeting

Pack your bags and head to Billings, Montana, on April 26 and 27 for the Area 1 Meeting. Festivities will start Friday evening with a social gathering at Simply Wine, featuring appetizers created by the new chef and, of course, fabulous wine.

The meeting on Saturday will include a presentation by Jane Roberts, featured in Half the Sky for launching the 34 Million Friends campaign when she became outraged by George Bush cutting the 34 million dollars that was allocated for UNFPA. Jane sent a letter to the editor of the *San Bernardino Sun* newspaper asking 34 million fellow citizens to join in sending one dollar to the US committee for UNFPA. Lois Abraham joined the effort and asked people to "send this letter to at least ten friends." The women thought their efforts would end quickly. The UN foundation gave grants to hire a staff to open all the mail generated by these two women. Donations reached two thousand dollars a day. By the time President Obama announced restoration of the funding in 2009, the two women had raised over four million dollars, and they decided to continue their work. In recognition of their efforts and accomplishments, Jane and Lois were nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. Jane can show us how to get an advocacy project off the ground, market and keep the momentum.

Zontians will also get the latest news from Governor Sheila Davis, Lt. Governor Marcy O'Toole, Advocacy Chair Jane Page and Foundation Ambassador Tommie Atanasoff. The program will include structured leadership training as well as a fun service project. The project? You will have to come to find out!

Don't miss out on this fun, informative meeting. More information will be sent out at the end of January.

*"There is a special place in Hell reserved for women who do not help other women."* --Madeleine Albright

## WHAT IS HAPPENING IN AREA 1?

The Zonta Club of Billings held a showing of *The Invincible War*, a groundbreaking investigative documentary about one of America's most shameful and best-kept secrets: the epidemic of rape within the U.S. military.

February 23, 2013  
Zonta Club of Billings 16<sup>th</sup>  
Annual Trivia Night St.  
Bernard's Church 226  
Wicks Lane, Billings 6  
p.m.

April 26-27, 2013: Area 1  
Meeting in Billings, MT

If you want to announce an event in the next newsletter, send the information to me, and I'll put it in.