



District 12 Outreach

Spring 2019

Deedee Boysen, Governor District 12



District 12 Conference - Save the Date

I'd like to invite all District 12 Zontians to join me at the Zonta District 12 Conference on September 20 - 22, 2019 in Billings, MT. The theme for the conference is "Seize the Zonta Spirit - Honor and Empower Her." Briefly, the conference generally begins late Friday afternoon and concludes on Sunday around noon. We are still in the planning phase of the event, but will be sending out more details as they are finalized. At this time, we know that the Saturday and Sunday meeting location will be the Billings Hotel and Convention Center. It is also the place where most Zontians will want to stay. Friday night is usually a time for networking with other Zontians, meeting new people, and sharing ideas. Saturday includes a business meeting and workshops, followed by a *gala* in the evening. On Sunday we hold a Memorial Service to honor your club members who have passed during this biennium, a brunch, and a final business meeting. All clubs are expected to send at least one delegate to bring information back to your club.

One of the items I will ask each club to bring will be a poster you create about your club that we will display outside the meeting rooms. The idea will be to show other Zontians your club as it has been in the past, and who you are now - something that reflects the centennial theme. This idea of creating a poster is one that many of you have already shared at Area Meetings and it is one that I believe everyone will enjoy viewing at the District Conference.

Centennial Celebration Updates

Centennial Anniversary Grants. Thanks to the Zonta Club of Billings, the Zonta Club of Converse County, the Zonta Club of Denver, the Zonta Club of Fort Collins, the Zonta Club of Greeley, the Zonta Club of Laramie, the Zonta Club of Pikes Peak Area, and the Zonta Club of Southern Black Hills for submitting Centennial Anniversary Grants to Zonta International. These are one time grants of up to \$5,000 to recognize charitable organizations working to improve the lives of women and girls in their local communities. Announcement of winners will be made by Zonta International by the end of June. Congratulations to all these clubs for participating in this program!



District 12 Centennial Anniversary Award. Nine clubs submitted nominations for the District 12 Centennial Anniversary Award. Judges are making their selections now with results to be announced in mid-May. One or more of the nominees will be invited to our District Conference to talk about their efforts toward empowering women, and the top scoring candidate will be sent on for further consideration for the North American Centennial Award. That will be decided by the Governors of North American districts in June. Each of the nominees is spectacular. Watch for the winner in the summer edition of the Outreach.

District-wide Common Action. Our district is planning a common action which we will carry out on Tuesday, November 8, 2019 - but we need all of our clubs to participate to make it really excellent. Our

district is planning to "Light Up the Night" and raise awareness locally about ending child marriage. Zonta International has requested that this common action include a web/social media blast. Lighting up the night is something all clubs can do. Some clubs are planning a candle-light vigil, some are working in their capital to light up government buildings.... Be creative! The main idea is to tell your community about Zonta and the things we care about. Many of our clubs began a conversation about "Lighting Up the Night" at the area meetings. Please plan to send me photos of your event to share with Zonta International, and plan to include a social media blast too.

Centennial Blog. There is a blog on the zonta100.org website under 'News and Events' where clubs can share a brief article and photos from their centennial event. If you are looking for inspiration, this site also provides daily quotes from famous women around the world. Here is one that speaks to me:

"Always aim high, work hard, and care deeply about what you believe in. And when you stumble, keep faith. And when you're knocked down, get right back up and never listen to anyone who says you can't or shouldn't go on." Hillary Clinton, United States Secretary of State, 2009-2013

Governor's Centennial Celebration Tour. Lt. Governor Ann Hodgson and I have attended several Centennial events this Spring and would be absolutely delighted to celebrate this marvelous time in our lives with as many clubs as we can between now and September 20, 2019, and possibly beyond. Sadly, due to timing, we can't make every event, but we would like to get your event onto our calendars. Our plan is to travel to clubs to take photos of your centennial celebrations and club members. In mid-August, we will create a slide show and maybe a video to share at the District 12 Conference so everyone can see the creativity that is afoot in our District. I already know of many of the clubs' plans through the Club Centennial Anniversary Chair meetings, and I look forward to seeing them come to life in your communities. A big thanks to the club Centennial Anniversary Chairs for attending our Zoom meetings and sharing ideas with your clubs.

Please contact me at boysen.deedee@gmail.com to get your club and your centennial event onto our tour schedule. When we visit your club or event, Ann and I will present your club president with a certificate recognizing your club and event along with a donation to the **Zonta International Centennial Anniversary Endowment Campaign**. If clubs or club members would also like to make a donation to this fund or match the contribution Ann and I make, I would encourage you to do so when we visit. We look forward to meeting as many of you as we can! I'd also like to thank all of the club Centennial Anniversary Chairs who have participated in the monthly meetings that have been held this biennium.

Membership Renewal

Clubs are all very busy at this time of year with dues renewal, which is a critical component of our membership programs. Please remember to send your Zonta International and District 12 dues renewal forms and checks to Terri Otley, PO Box 6739, Denver, CO 80206-0739. Dues and paperwork are due to Terri by **May 15th, 2019**.

Club Annual Reports

All clubs are expected to submit a Club Annual Report to Governor Deedee Boysen with a copy to your Area Director by **May 12, 2019**. This report tells us who your incoming officers are so we can make the proper contacts beginning June 1, informs us about your club's service and advocacy projects - which is information we use when choosing District Award winners, and also gives us a good idea about your membership activities. In short, it is a very helpful planning tool for your District leaders.

District 12 Service Project

This year, our District 12 Service Project involved conducting a book drive with an "Empowering Woman" theme. Our goal was to have one book donated for every Zontian in our District. Some clubs have already completed this project, some are in the process of raising funds to purchase books, and some are planning to hold their book drive in the Fall. All of these ideas are terrific. The point is to reach out to local school or public libraries and enhance their collections with inspiring, age-appropriate books about women and/or girls. Just as a reminder, External Communications Chair Michelle Medal has designed Zonta Centennial Book Plates for all clubs that can be personalized with your club logo. They can be printed on standard labels so you can make as many as you need. Contact Michelle Medal at michellemedal@hotmail.com to get a bookplate template and Julie Bradley, D12 Service Chair, if you have questions about the project. We will announce another D12 service project for 2019 - 2020 at the District Conference.

Zonta Says No To Violence Against Women - End Child Marriage!

Ending child marriage is a priority Zonta topic that your club should be looking into this coming year, if you haven't started already. Just as we all learned so much about human trafficking, there is much to learn about child marriage. One idea is to start by educating your club members about child marriage laws in your own state. From there, look into what is going on in the USA and then perhaps in other countries. Take time to learn about the Zonta International Project to end child marriage... or start with that project and learn more about the countries that have been identified for the ZI Project through our partnership with UNICEF and UNFPA. They are Zambia, Mozambique, Uganda, Ethiopia, Niger, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Sierra Leone, Yemen, India, Nepal and Bangladesh. Find out why these countries were chosen. Learn enough to be knowledgeable advocates on this topic, then share your findings with your community. Become an advocate for ending child marriage.

It is ZI's goal that 250 clubs around the world will deliver an action to oppose child marriage. Perhaps your club will be one of them. Find out more about this biennium's campaign to end Child Marriage at www.zontasaysno.com.

2019 YWPA District Scholarship Winner - Grace Anderson

The Zonta Club of Laramie's applicant, Grace Anderson, of Devils Tower, WY, is our 2019 YWPA District 12 Scholarship recipient. Grace is currently enrolled at Liberty University in Lynchburg, VA and is majoring in Strategic Communications and Youth Ministry. Her career interests are in communications, "working to be a voice for the voiceless, and to bring recognition to topics we like to avoid, or do not know enough about." It is her hope to conduct a ministry advocating for and empowering young girls to recognize their value and worth so that they can achieve their full potential, especially through quality education. Grace will next compete at the International Level with results being posted by July 1, 2019.

2019 Women in Technology Scholarship

It would be wonderful to have a 2019 District 12 Women in Technology Scholarship winner this year, but in order to do that, we need applicants. Please take some time now to review the guidelines and application form and get in touch with colleges in your community or state. Please be sure you allow enough time for your club scholarship committee to select one applicant to send on to Denise Luckhurst, the D12 WIT Scholarship Coordinator, before August 1, 2019. A poster to promote the WIT Scholarship at the club level is also available on the Award, Scholarship and Fellowship Tools page on the ZI website. Your club decides if you want to or can give a local scholarship. The District winner will receive a \$2,000

check and a certificate from Zonta International, and will be entered into the international competition. Six international scholarships will be awarded by ZI from the pool of potentially 32 district winners.

The deadlines for submitting applications for the Women in Technology Scholarship have been announced by Zonta International.

- **Club Deadline:** Determined by your Zonta Club
- **District Deadline:** August 1, 2019
- **International Deadline:** October 1, 2019

For more information go to the website listed above, or contact Denise Luckhurst, D12 Women in Technology Scholarship Coordinator at dluckhurst@pie.midco.net.

Spring Leadership Training for Club Presidents and Club Treasurers



District 12 is offering two classes in June - President's Training and Treasurer Training. These classes are open to all District 12 Zontians, and are beneficial to Board Members as well as the Club President and Club Treasurer. **Club Treasurer Training** will be held on Tuesday, June 4 and Thursday, June 20, 2019 from 6:00 - 7:00 PM. This is the same class offered on two different days. **Club President Training** will be held on Tuesday, June 11 and Thursday, June 13 from 6:00 - 7:00 PM. The same material will be presented at both training sessions, so you only need to attend on one day. A mailing will be sent out to current club presidents and treasurers in mid-May. If a list of your club officers has been sent to the District, incoming Club Presidents and Treasurers will be included in the e-mails.

If you have ideas for a particular type of training that isn't currently being offered, please share your thoughts with Sheila Davis, District 12 Leadership Training Chair (shedavis@comcast.net)

Calendar Items

- **May 12, 2019** - Club Annual Reports due to Governor Deedee and you Area Director
- **May 15, 2019** - District and International Membership Dues need to be turned in to Terri Otley.
- **May 31 - June 2, 2019** - Summer District Board and Leadership Team meeting in Laramie, WY.
- **June 4 & 20, 2019** - Club Treasurer Training, 6:00-7:00 PM on Zoom
- **June 7 - 9, 2019** - North American Inter-district Meeting in Dallas, TX. The theme is "Empowering Women - Past Present and Future," in celebration of Zonta's 100 year anniversary. There will be workshops and leadership training for all Zontians.
- **June 11 & 13, 2019** - Club President Training, 6:00 - 7:00 PM on Zoom
- **August 1, 2019** - Deadline for submitting WIT applicants to District.
- **September 20 - 22, 2019** - District 12 Conference in Billings, Montana.
- **July 4 - 8, 2020** - Zonta International Convention in Chicago, IL.