

**ZONTA INTERNATIONAL -- DISTRICT 12
CLUB ANNUAL REPORT**
Reporting Period: June 1, 2018—May 31, 2019



Please email to Governor Deedee Boysen (boysen.deedee@gmail.com) by May 12, 2019 with a copy to your Area Director.

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Club Administration 2018-2019:

Zonta Club of Jane May
Area: 4

Today's Date: April 24, 2019

President: Jane May
Vice President: Amber Settles
Treasurer: Linda Freiberger

President-Elect (if appropriate): _____
Secretary: Sharon Allen

Incoming Club Officers 2019-2020:

President: Amber Settles
Vice President: Julie Rydberg
Treasurer: Cody Laughton
Board of Directors: Lorraine Woolley, Linda Freiberger, Tammy Benabides, Theresa Emick

President-Elect (if appropriate): _____
Secretary: Sharon Allen

Leadership & Leadership Development 2018-2019:

Describe the leadership training conducted for officers, board members and committee chairs.
At the beginning of the year (May, 2018), the officers and board members received training using District 12 training materials. The committee chairs received training via email or face-to-face. Most committee chairs were returning chairs and were very familiar with their duties.

What training opportunities / workshops have your club officers participated in at area & district levels?
The current President attended Leadership Trainings offered at the Zonta International Convention in Yokohama, which was very beneficial.
Other officers and many members attended the Governor's Conference in Lamar and attended the various sessions offered.

Does your club have a long range plan that includes succession planning for future leaders in club? Yes No
If yes, please describe (or provide copy to Governor and Area Director).
Our Club By-Laws state that the officers and directors shall be "a President, Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, and a Treasurer. There shall be 5 Directors, (4) elected and the Past President also serves on the Board. Officers shall have experience in a decision-making capacity. To be eligible for the office of president, a member must at some time have been a member of the Board for at least one (1) year.

Describe any leadership challenges and needs.
Leadership challenges always, in my experience, include motivating members to fulfill their club responsibilities. Many of our members are busy members of our community and find themselves "overloaded". We feel the best way to manage this issue, is to encourage members to pick their "favorite" committee or project and not try and do it all. We are a large enough club that this philosophy seems to work.

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 2019-2020.

Both the Area 4 Director and District 12 Treasurer were from the Prowers County Club. Unfortunately, the Treasurer resigned due to increased duties at her place of business. We have an appointed nominating committee who meets to compile a list of potential qualified names for offices. The committee then contacts those members. The committee presents their slate of officers to the entire membership, who then votes for the officers and board members, as presented.

Fundraising:

Please list the major fundraiser(s) your club held during 2018-2019.

Holiday Home Tour - 100% profits go to two local organizations (Domestic Resource Center and Pregnancy CareNet).

Planners - Local businesses advertise in our annual planners. Rose Day - Our club purchases, prepares and delivers 1600 yellow roses to our communities.

"Girls Wanna Have Fun" - This is a fun night out, with entertainment, a silent auction, vendors and food!

Total Funds Raised this year: \$14,082 (net profit)

Did you have any donations of \$100 or more that were not associated with a fundraising event? Yes No
If yes, what was the total amount of such donations for the year? _____

Local Service & Scholarships Dollars Given:

Please list the contribution amounts given by your club during 2018-2019.

Local Service Organizations: Domestic Resource, Pregnancy CareNet Local Scholarships: Open, LCC, Non-Traditional, YWPA

Total Local: \$6,635.00

Zonta International Foundation (ZIF) Dollars Given:

Please list the total club & individual contributions given to the Zonta International Foundation during 2018-2019. (Mary Benoit at mary@mathiaslockandkey.com can provide this information to you). ZI recommends that one third of the money your club raises be contributed to ZI to support the international service projects.

Total Club Contributions: \$4,834.00 Total Individual Contributions: \$970.00

Total Club & Individual Contributions: \$5804.00

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.

Emily Gyurman

• **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 yes, please describe how your club celebrated this year.

We celebrated during our January meeting with a paper airplane contest. We found the template on the ZI website. Our Amelia Earhart committee chair, an elementary teacher, read a story book about Amelia having dinner at the White House with Eleanor Roosevelt. After dinner, Amelia and Eleanor took Amelia's airplane for a "spin" around Washington DC (much to the chagrin of Eleanor's secret service!). It was a delightful evening for everyone.

• **Women in Technology Scholarship (WIT)**

Did your club participate in the Women in Technology program? Yes No

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

Local Scholarship Information:

Local Scholarships awarded by your club

Name(s) & description(s) of scholarship(s):

Zonta Club of Prowers County Open Scholarship - Open to a young lady with a 3.8 GPA planning on attending an institution of higher learning.

LCC Scholarship - A young lady planning on attending our local community college. Non-traditional scholarship - A women who is entering high education after an absence. All Scholarships recipients are awarded \$1,200.

Membership:

Please describe your club's recruitment and retention efforts for 2018-2019.

Our club has an ongoing recruitment program where potential members are identified by our membership committee, or any member. We encourage potential members to attend one of our recruitment meetings. We also provide each new member with a mentor who helps them through the first year of membership. We also provide a New Member Orientation, which is open to everyone. This helps members decide which committee they would like to be involved in. We have over twenty committees to choose from.

If your club currently has fewer than 20 members, what plans do you have in place to increase membership in 2019 - 2020?

Does your club have a new member orientation program? Yes No

If yes, how many sessions did you hold this year? Three

Does your club have a new member mentor program? Yes No

If yes, describe.

Mentors help new members become acquainted with our committees, meetings, and other aspects of the club. Mentors invite their new member to the monthly meetings, committee meetings and events. The mentors usually stay with the new members for a year.

How does your club measure membership satisfaction?

We encourage members to fill out a satisfaction survey. Also, if someone chooses to not re-new their membership we have a frank conversation as to why they have made this decision.

How many of your club members are young professionals? None

The advocacy information below will be used to determine the District Advocacy Award to be given out at the 2019 District 12 Conference in Billings, MT on Sept. 20-22, 2019.

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) % of club members involved in the project.
- (d) Names of any community partners.
- (e) Visibility and credibility to Zonta created by the project.

As part of our Centennial Celebration, District 12 challenged each club to donate books to local libraries. The books were to have a focus on strong girls and female leaders. The Zonta Club of Prowers County accepted the challenge! We were very excited about the project and we went "all in". Our volunteer Chair, Tammy Benabides, is a high school English teacher, so this project was right up her alley. Because our club is county-wide, we decided to collect and distribute books to schools within Prowers County (not just one school). Tammy emailed the school librarians to explain our project and asked them to recommend books for their students. We received a long list of great books, so that was very helpful. Tammy compiled the list and emailed our members. We then signed up for which book(s) we personally chose to donate. We collected over 60 books with 100% participation. After adhering the labels designed by District 12, we sorted the books and presented the school's books at their respective School Board meetings. Over 2100 students in our rural county will benefit from District 12's book drive.

This project promoted improved the status of women in general, targeting school ages girls and boys.

Zonta Says No:

Describe your club's Zonta Says No activities in 2018 - 2019.

This year's Zonta Says No activities were in the VAW category. Both the Prowers County Commissioners and the Lamar City Council signed our Proclamation. Our Zonta Says No banner was hung in a highly visible location and our three silhouettes were displayed in three locations where there is the most public traffic. We displayed one in the County Courthouse, one in the Lamar Community Building and the other the Lamar City Complex. We also posted them on Facebook. We received positive feedback from the community regarding our silhouettes. This year, we partnered with the Domestic Resource Center, which covers the 14th Judicial District. Our club, along with the Domestic Resource Center, purchased drink coasters which had the Zonta Says No logo printed on them with emergency contact numbers. We distributed all of the coasters to local drinking establishments throughout the county.

Other Advocacy questions:

What women’s issues have been identified as the most important in your club?

Empowering young girls through the Girls in the Run program. Domestic violence and teen pregnancy. All require self-esteem and self-confidence.

How have club members been made aware of legislation relevant to women in our country?

Through Dennis Parrish.

Have club members sent statements/letters, etc. been sent to law-makers or government/officials at national/state/community levels? Yes No

United Nations:

Please describe how your club informed its membership of Zonta's work with the United Nations.

We receive excellent information from Denise Parrish through emails and presentations at area meetings and the Governor's Seminar.

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

Ending underage marriage

External Communications/Public Relations:

Please check box for the PR tools your club uses:

Brochure Newsletter Club or Individual Business Cards Website Facebook
Information from ZI toolkits Other (describe)

Did the club submit a “Share your Story” through the Zonta International Website this year? Yes No

If yes, briefly describe.

Through District 12, we submitted our story about Beverly Augustine. Beverly is a remarkable woman who has been a continuous Zonta member for 65 years.

Beverly was honored at the 2018 Governor's Seminar.

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

Please describe how your club kept its membership informed & connected this year.

We use Facebook, email and texts to keep our membership informed

Website:

Does your club have a club website Yes No Is it associated with the D12 website? Yes No

If no, what is your club website address? _____

Is the information on your website updated regularly? Yes No

When did your club last update your website? May, 2018

ZIF Ambassador:

Does your club have a foundation ambassador? Yes No

Does your club give an annual donation to Zonta International Service Projects? Yes No

How has your club encouraged individual donations this year to ZIF? Please describe.

We had a drawing for a beautiful basket during one of our monthly meetings. We had 100% of attending members make a donation.

Z-Club or Golden Z-Club:

Does your club sponsor a Z Club? Yes No

Does your club sponsor a Golden Z Club? Yes No

If yes, please describe key events held during the year.

Archiving & History:

Does your club have an archivist/historian? Yes No

Is your club history current? Yes No

Is your club history available on your website? Yes No

Bylaws:

Does your club have a bylaws committee or chair? Yes No

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

Centennial Celebration:

Has your club held an event to celebrate Zonta's Centennial in the past year? Yes No If yes, describe.

We selected a community member to receive our Centennial Recognition Award. We will be donating to her program - The Hope Center.

We had 100% + participation in the District 12 Book Drive challenge. See the description on page 5.

Does your club plan to hold an event to celebrate Zonta's Centennial in the coming year? Yes No

If yes, describe.

We plan to enter a Zonta Float in the annual Sand and Sage Parade. Other ideas are in the works.

Did your club submit a Centennial Grant? Yes No

If yes, what was it entitled? _____

Are you planning to hold a "Light Up the Night" event on November 8, 2019? Yes No

Identify any other centennial plans your club has.

None at the time, but we are open to ideas!

Please remember to invite Governor Deedee and Lt. Governor Ann to attend your Centennial event.

Successes, Achievements and Challenges:

What have been your club’s successes and achievements in 2018 - 2019?

Our successes include hosting the Governor's Seminar in October, 2018. We feel it was a huge success! We completed four successful fundraising activities, raising funds for our scholarships. We had a great 16 Days of Advocacy committee this year and we feel like we spread our mission throughout the county. We are most proud of our Service Project where we partnered with the Middle School "Girls On the Run" program. We also loved the Book Drive.

What have been your club’s challenges in 2018 - 2019?

The feedback we received from our member survey told us that they felt our club was a bit "cliquey" . I'm sure this is a historical issue for most every club, but I feel we helped to alleviate this somewhat (see answer below). Another challenge we face is that our local newspaper is not local any longer and has very little is the way of local news. We try to utilize social media, but that is spotty at best. Still working on that!

How did you meet those challenges?

After brainstorming ideas, we decided to add icebreaker activities to our agenda for our monthly meetings. The members said that they really enjoyed the time to relax and get to know each other a bit more. The survey we conducted at the end of the reflected this.

What guidance or information from the District or Zonta International level would help your club achieve the ZI biennial goals? (1. maximizing our impact through service and advocacy initiatives and educational programs that empower women and girls, 2. strengthening our resources to support our mission, 3. enhancing our profile around the world through our centennial anniversary activities)

The Any learning opportunities we can get online are appreciated. Both ZI and District 12 are providing great online help.

Are there specific areas for which your club needs help? Yes No

If yes, what areas?

New ideas regarding membership retention and Centennial celebration are always appreciated. We got a lot of great ideas for the Centennial at our Area 4 meeting recently.

Is there anything else your club would like to address?

2019 District Conference:

What programs or training would you like to see at the upcoming District Conference?

Would someone from your club be interested in making a presentation or conducting training at the District Conference? Yes No If yes, please provide the name and contact information for the person and the subject matter for the presentation or training.

Name:

None that I know of.

Topic:

Thank You!