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District 12 Outreach October 2020

Club Anniversaries

Three District 12 Clubs have significant anniversaries in 2020. Congratulations!

Zonta Club of the Black Hills is celebrating 70 years in Rapid City, South Dakota.

Zonta Club of Pierre-Fort Pierre in South Dakota celebrates 65 years.

Zonta Club of the Southern Black Hills in Custer, South Dakota is 25 years old.

Zonta International Foundation for Women

The Zonta International Foundation will assume the name Zonta International Foundation for Women. The purpose of the name change is to elevate visibility and better align the foundation's name with its globally recognized mission and commitment to women and girls worldwide. The legal name will remain Zonta International Foundation. Clubs may change the name of their foundations in a similar way if they feel it would be beneficial. Be sure to make sure it is not the same as the International Foundation name.

Zonta International Foundation Gets High Ratings

Zonta International Foundation receives excellent ratings from organizations

that rate nonprofits for doners: Charity Navigator, GuideStar and BBB Wise Giving. Charity Navigator's rating was 100 out of 100.

Charity Navigator

Amelia Earhart Fellow Awarded Nobel Prize.

Congratulations to 1987 Zonta International AE Fellow Andrea Ghez for winning the 2020 Nobel Prize in physics. An American astrophysicist, Andrea Ghez, was awarded the Nobel Prize in physics for discovering that stars at the center of our galaxy are hurtling through space around a supermassive black hole.

Ghez, 55, shared the prize with German astrophysicist Reinhard Genzel and Roger Penrose, a British mathematical physicist. Astrophysicists now believe that supermassive black holes reside at the center of all galaxies and played a role in the formation of galaxies from the primordial soup of matter in the early universe.

Ghez, a professor at UCLA, became the fourth woman to win a physics Nobel, following Marie Curie in 1903, Maria Goeppert Mayer in 1963 and Donna Strickland in 2018. Ghez spoke by phone to reporters in Stockholm, discussing the thrills of her research and her hopes that this new recognition will inspire more women to enter the field of physics.

Andre Ghez Nobel Prize winner

Governor's Seminar

The District 12 Governor's Seminar was held on September 26 in Cheyenne hosted by the Zonta Club of Cheyenne. A gala dinner was held the night before featuring magic and music by Elvis.

The meeting was held in a huge building allowing for social distancing. Half of the building held the main meeting and the other half housed the Zonta store.

Training sessions were held in both areas. Goodie bags included Zonta patterned face masks.

A huge pile of backpacks and school supplies was donated by attendees for Unaccompanied Minors, students without a permanent home.

Updates were given on Zonta International and District 12 plans for the biennium. A PowerPoint of the updates is posted on the District 12 website under Resources/2020 Governor's Seminar. The updates include:

- International goals and how they translate to club goals.
- International Service Projects
- Changes made to ZI bylaws and passed Resolutions

A big focus this biennium is member retention and we discussed what members want including:

- understanding issues
- fulfillment through contribution
- friendships and supportive relationships
- training and experience in learning new skills
- networking
- mentoring
- and to just have some fun.

A moving tribute was given for the late Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg by Kay Meyer.

A beautiful Zonta Ring was presented to Deedee Boysen by her Board for her service as last biennium's Governor. Deedee pinned the Governor's pin on Ann Hodgson. Past Governors gave Ann and Deedee advice for their new positions.

Treasurer Jan Kirch reported on the District's finances and the Leadership Team gave an update of what to expect this biennium from Membership, Service, Advocacy, ZI Foundation needs, District 12 Scholarships, United Nations relationship, and Leadership Development.

The lunch speaker was Jackie Parker, Project Director, Strong Families, Strong Wyoming. She discussed the work being done with youth including: healthy relationship education; providing parenting skills; teaching financial literacy; career exploration; and teaching how to navigate social media safely.

Advocacy and Governor's Memorial Service Awards were both won by the Zonta Club of Pikes Peak. Congratulations to them for a productive and impressive year. (Please see related article.)

Lisa Rice and Susie Nulty accept the Service and Advocacy Awards
from Denise Parrish, District 12 Advocacy Chair

Other awards given were given:

- The Bell award for increased membership was won by Zonta Foothills with special mention for Colorado North Forty and Douglas County for retaining membership
- New timers was Cheyenne
- Travel award was Billings

Four workshops were held and attendees could attend two of them. Kathy Cathcart taught a session on Zonta leadership opportunities, Denise Parrish conducted a session on advocacy. Deede Boysen covered Zonta leadership and training workshops, and Tasha Bauman gave tips for being a successful committee chair. Presentations from these workshops are on the District 12 website.

The Zonta Club of Pikes Peak Area invited everyone to the 2021 District 12 Conference scheduled for September 24-26 in Colorado Springs.

Zonta Club of Pikes Peak Area Receives Service and Advocacy Awards

Several new programs put into place by the Zonta Club of Pikes Peak Area were behind the honors it received at the 2020 Governor's Seminar in September. The Club received both the Governors' Memorial Service Award

and the District Advocacy Award for programs it has implemented that fall squarely into both the service and advocacy categories. The newest project implemented in 2020 is Zonta Women in Careers, a facilitated panel presentation where Zontians discussed their professional careers in the following areas: financial services, healthcare/social services, insurance, entrepreneurship, and non-profit work. The panel aimed to educate, inspire, and promote self-sufficiency.

This follows a 2019 event that also focused on enlightening women about career opportunities they may not have adequately considered: Women in STEM: Exploring and Equipping. Both the 2019 and 2020 events described above were conducted in collaboration with other like-minded entities.

Other considerations in giving the awards included the Club's spearheading the local International Women's Day Celebration, its donations to its local safe house, its on-going involvement with the Human Trafficking Task Force of Southern Colorado, and its action trying to influence relevant legislation. Congratulations to the Zonta Club of Pikes Peak Area!

Pikes Peak Area STEM Planning Committee

Every Member Every November

Every Member Every November is a special fundraising campaign in which every Zontian is encouraged to make a personal donation to the Zonta Foundation for Women. Donations will be made through a GoFundMe campaign from November 1 to December 1. More information will be coming from the District 12 Zonta Foundation Ambassador, Kay Meyer.

Even though we are not a big District, we always rate highly among Districts on total club donations to Zonta Foundation for Women. Every Member Every November is a time when we promote personal donations. These are tax deductible.

Donations made to the campaign will go to the International Service Fund. This

fund supports programs that focus on girls' education, adolescent girls' health, preventing early marriage and eliminating other forms of violence against women and girls.

District 12 2020-2022 ZI Liaison Ina Wasserling

Every biennium Zonta International assigns a Board member to each District to act as a liaison with ZI. Our District 12 liaison is ZI Director Ina Wasserling from the Zonta Club of Erfurt in Erfurt, Germany. Hopefully, she will be able to attend our District Conference, September 24-26, 2021 in Colorado Springs.

Ms. Waesserling was born 1961 in Hannover (northern Germany) and studied architecture at the University of Hannover. Since 1994 she has worked as an architect in her own firm in Erfurt. Since 2011 she has worked mainly on developing solar power plants to forward renewable energy.

She became a member of Zonta International 2001 and has served in many positions on Club and District levels. As Governor of District 14 (2018-20) she was responsible for 46 clubs in 8 countries (South Germany, Austria, Hungary, south Tyrol in Italy, Croatia, Greece, Cyprus and Lebanon). Her main interest is advocating for gender equality and supporting projects to empower women

Ms. Wasserling says, "Solidarity among women to reach their personal potential as well as to stand up for gender equality in general and worldwide still describes our goals until today. The approach of Zonta to combine service work, whether on a local or the international level, with a long lasting advocacy initiative leads to sustainable results. And by the way it opens your mind for the perspective of different cultures and offers you friendship with like-minded women around the globe."

2021 Area Meeting Dates

Dates for Area meetings in 2021 are:

Area	Host Club	Date	
Area 1	Black Hills	April 24	
Area 2	Fort Collins	April 17	
Area 3	Foothills	January 23	With Amelia Earhart celebration
Area 4	Royal Gorge	April 10	



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