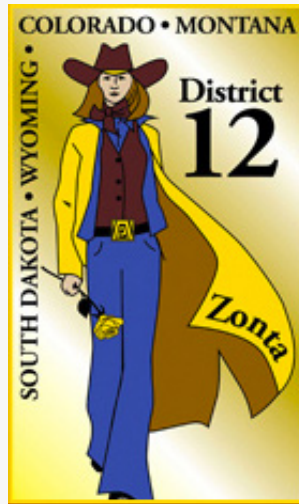


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## **District 12 Outreach May 2021**

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### **Zonta International Core Values**

Zonta International is an independent, nonpartisan and nonsectarian global network of professionals united through purpose, taking positions based on its own values and democratic principles.

It is important that we remember and adhere to these Core Values during these difficult times. They are located on page 2 of the ZI Club Manual.

### **District 12 Presenters at NAIDM**

We are proud that four of our District 12 members will be presenting workshops at the North American Inter- District Meeting June 25 to 27 in Cincinnati, Ohio. They are:

Bridget Masters – Training for Club and District Treasures.  
Renee Coppock - How to Advance Indigenous Women  
Denise Parrish - How to Advocate for Zonta Says No and Anti Trafficking  
Lisa Rice – How to be Successful in Virtual Fund Raising

For more information go to:

<https://www.zonta-cinti.org/na-inter-district-conference-2021>

## **International Women of Courage Awards**

On March 8, Secretary of State Anthony Blinken hosted the 15th annual International Women of Courage Awards in a virtual ceremony honoring women nominated by U.S. embassies around the world for making a difference in their communities, their countries, or the world.

It was an extraordinary opportunity to bring international attention and support to women who have put their lives and/or personal safety at risk in order to improve their societies and inspire fellow citizens.

To learn more about these remarkable women go to:

<https://womenofcourage.state.gov>

## **Club Affiliation Agreements**

In 2021, the Zonta International Board will ask Zonta clubs to refresh their club charter affiliation agreement. This process will begin with clubs in North America and then proceed around the world. Our district will be notified when we will be involved in this exercise. This is a simple document that validates the relationship and key items such as the club's operating territory, logo use and more.

## **Zonta District 12 Conference**

*Empowering Women to Win*





The 2021 District 12 Conference is September 24 to 26 in Colorado Springs, hosted by the Zonta Club of the Pikes Peak Area. Members will be able to attend in person or online.

The purpose of the District Conference is to promote the objects and programs of ZI, conduct the business of the District and provide an opportunity for fellowship.

There will be inspiring speakers and interesting workshops. We will elect District officers for the next biennium and make significant changes to District 12 Policies and Procedures Manual.

There will be time for meeting old friends, making new ones, buying tickets for fundraising drawings and shopping at the Zonta store.

### **Update Your Profile on Zonta International Website**

It's easy to make sure Zonta International has your correct contact information.

- Go to ZI website, click on Hi (your name) at the very top.
- Update and Save

This will ensure that you get information and updates and can be contacted by others.

### **Review of Zonta International Structure**

A resolution passed at the last ZI Convention was to identify ZI areas in need of reform and make recommendations for changes. A report will be given at 2022 International Convention.

One aim is to simplify at the International level: e.g. move procedures out of bylaws, reduce officers and committees – similar to what has been done at the club level.

### **Zonta International Meetings 2021-2024**

North American Inter-District Conference - Ohio - June 2021

ZI 2022 Convention – Hamburg, Germany - June 2022

ZI 2024 Convention – Brisbane, Australia

These meetings are so much fun and full of information. It is a chance to meet and form friendships with Zontians from all over the world. There is always a group of District 12 Zontians to go with.

### **The Zonta Club of Denver II is 35 Years Old**

The Zonta Club of Denver II was chartered in May, 1986. Congratulations to them for reaching this milestone.

### **Area 4 HeForShe Award—Zonta Club of Pikes Peak**

The Zonta Club of the Pikes Peak Area, just like other Zonta Clubs around the planet, gathers each year to honor individuals and like-minded groups with recognition, scholarships and grants. In September 2017, after reading an article in The Zontian titled “Engaging Men to Take Action,” Liz Groothof Croddy, current president, was inspired to ask the Zonta Pikes Peak Board if they could work on recognizing the men in Colorado Springs who have assisted the club in attaining their goals. The board approved, and the #HeForShe Recognition Award is now in its fourth year.

The first honoree, in 2018, was Chris Medina, owner of the Funky Little Theater Company, who raised money for the Human Trafficking Task Force of Southern Colorado (established by Zonta Pikes Peak member Betty Edwards in 2008). He never failed to promote Zonta Pikes Peak before every performance, as well as creating an entire season of plays written by female playwrights.

In 2019 Roger Patrizio (pictured here) was honored for his work as chair of the Task Force from 2016 to 2020.



In 2020 Jay Billups, owner of Jay Billups Creative Media, was recognized for his support of the club's annual International Women's Day – Colorado Springs event (established by Zonta Pikes Peak member Sonya Bergeron 11 years ago) through photos, a video presentation, and keepsakes featuring inductees of the (IWD partner) Colorado Women's Hall of Fame.

Zonta Pikes Peak also created a unique #TheyForShe award for Dirk and Laura Stamp, who have for many years generously donated to the club and sponsored fundraisers through Dirk's store, The Wine Seller, in Monument.

## **70 Year Club Anniversaries!**

Congratulations to two District 12 clubs having significant anniversaries this year. The Zonta Club of Laramie was chartered in May of 1951 and the Zonta Club of Converse County was chartered in June of 1951 making them both 70 years old this year. Here are brief histories of these clubs.

### **Zonta Club of Laramie**

by Deedee Boysen and Tamara Bretting

The Zonta Club of Laramie will celebrate its 70th anniversary on June 8th, 2021. This is an exciting and inspiring milestone for the club and is a point of pride for all our members as we recognize and remember our many accomplishments.

There are many things that make the Zonta Club of Laramie special and a great club to be a part of. We have always been known for our commitment and service to our community. This commitment began in the 1950s and is still strong today. Back then, club members completed many civic projects and initiated University of Wyoming scholarships for young college women. Today, the awarding of scholarships is a priority for us, and in addition to finding amazing young applicants for the District 12 competitions, we also fund and support two local scholarships for women. In terms of community service, we currently offer a clothing closet through our Suited for Success program, that provides outfits for women in need of interview and work clothing, and we annually fund grants to local nonprofits that work toward the empowerment of women. We also support ZI's international projects and have done so over the past 70 years. In 1991, the club received a United Nations Association of the USA citation "in recognition of outstanding public service in support of the United Nations."

The Zonta Club of Laramie is very proud of its two past District 12 Governors, Evelyn Haskell (2004-2006) and Deedee Boysen (2018 - 2020). One of Governor Evelyn's favorite projects was the initiation of the Birthing Kit Project, which was an international service project that provided simple hygiene for safe births in third world countries. Laramie was the first Zonta Club in the USA to administer this vital basic project. The Birthing Kit Project was conducted until May 2013. Governor Deedee served during the Zonta International Centennial and was known for promoting support of the new ZI Centennial Endowment Fund. The Zonta Club of Laramie also takes pride in the many members who regularly serve on the District 12 Board as Area Directors, Vice Area Directors and as members of the Leadership Team. In 2021, Tasha Bauman is serving as Area 2 Director, Deedee Boysen is serving as Leadership Development Coordinator, and Johnna French is serving as the Z and Golden Z Club Coordinator.

We are also very proud of our Z Club at Laramie High School. In 2014 the Laramie High Z Club took second place in the Zonta International Emma L. Conlon Service Award which they won the following two years. Also in 2012, Lori Lewis won the local, District 12, and Zonta International Jane M. Klausman Award for women in business which brought a lot of recognition to the Laramie

...and for women in business, which brought a lot of recognition to the Executive Club.

Congratulations to this wonderful group of amazing women who are proud to call themselves Zontians!

### **Zonta Club of Converse County**

by Val Haskins, Historian

Looking back through the history of the past 70 years has been quite an adventure. For decades, women have shared one common goal: standing up for women's rights through service and advocacy. In 1951 Barbara Cross was the Club's first President. She also served as District 12 Governor from 1954-1956. Other Charter Members include Alzire Cross, Chloris Jones, Margaret Anderson, Margaret Thurston, Lois Ditzler, Violet Lewis, Antoinette Stoddard, Vanessa Birdsall, Edith Browning, Pearl Eathorn, Lucille Combs and Ginny Cross Nuhn. Barbara Cross's niece, Mary Julia Cross Wilson, is still an active member in our Club.

#### **1950's**

- Held food & clothing drives for families in need.
- Hosted dinner dances for High school and College students.
- Provided the hospital with incubators for newborns.
- Helped sponsor the new Douglas Youth Center.
- Provided nursing scholarships.
- Raised funds to sponsor the Amelia Earhart Scholarship for Zonta International.

#### **1960's & 1970's**

- Held eyeglass drives for unused glasses.
- Planned parties and programs for the Extended Care Facility.
- Donated money to the Hungarian Relief Fund.

#### **1980's & 1990's**

- Raised funds for Zonta International to help drill water wells in Sri Lanka.
- Organized 15 years of local blood drives.

## 2000's

- In 2003 we received the Flag Service Award.
- In 2018, Carolyn White and Mary Cross Wilson visited the City Council to declare "No To Violence Against Women." Other Zonta members present at the meeting included Tione Willox, Betsy Varland and Maureen Morgan.
- Helped build a home for "Habitat for Humanity."
- Took part in the Wyoming Pioneer Museum beautification project.
- Funds were raised at the Farmer's Market for scholarships.
- Provided funds to the Jubilee House; a place for newly released women prisoners.
- Annually deliver roses for outstanding women in the community for National Woman's Day.
- We are a proud supporter of the Converse Hope Center; a shelter for women and children.
- Hold annual fundraiser Christmas parties to help support Zonta International.

It is important to remember the members who have come and gone, leaving many precious memories and the legacies they have left with us. Our Club history this past year has a few blank pages in it due to Covid-19. It has been wonderful to recently reconnect with our fellow Club members. We look forward to the next exciting ventures as Zontians. We are committed to improve the legal, political, economical and professional status of women. What an accomplishment of the Zonta Club of Converse County to celebrate 70 years!





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