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District 12 Outreach December 2021



Come to Convention

Zonta International's
65th Convention will
be in
Hamburg, Germany,
June 25-28, 2022.



This Convention is the first one of our second century of empowering women



through service and advocacy. It will also be our first chance this biennium to meet in person - although there is also a virtual option.

Please come to Convention! It will enlarge what you know about Zonta and meeting Zontians from around the world will inspire you. Program and registration information is available on the ZI website: zonta.org. A number of District 12 Zontians have already registered to attend in Hamburg.

Golden Z members are able to attend in person or virtually and enjoy an exciting program, complete with tailored workshops, networking, social events and opportunities to engage with Zonta members through the main convention program.

More 70 Year Club Anniversaries this Biennium

The Outreach missed celebrating two significant club anniversaries In October 2020. Billings and Black Hills had 70 year anniversaries.

Susie Nulty Appointed to ZI Committee

Susie Nulty, a member of the Zonta Club of the Pikes Peak Area, has been appointed to serve on the Zonta International Women in Technology Scholarship Committee. Susie is also the District 12 Webmaster.

Colorado North Forty Club—Billboard Project

The Colorado North Forty Club sponsored this billboard which is currently up in Fort Collins, Colorado. For those of you who might know the area, it is near the cross streets of Drake and Redwing Road. For those of you not familiar with the area, Drake is a major street in town.

We at District 12 are very proud of this relatively new Club! FYI, Colorado did update its Child Marriage laws a few years ago, but there are still exceptions.



A Note from Bridget Masters

I want to thank all of my Zonta sisters for being there for my daughters and me in our time of loss. We received so many kind words and wonderful hugs during the District 12 conference. Attending the conference was difficult after such a loss but we were filled with kindness and compassion that helped us then and in the weeks to come with all the wonderful cards and emails. We are so grateful for the love and support received from so many of you.



Thank you, Bridget Masters, Destiny Satrang, and Stephanie Dinkel

Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women

Recently, questions have been raised by several District 12 Zontians as to the issue of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women. It is satisfying to say that this issue is finally starting to get the attention it deserves.

At the North American Interdistrict Zonta Meeting in June, 2021, the Zonta Club of Billings partnered with the Montana Native Women's Coalition, and hosted a workshop on How to Advocate for Indigenous Women. It was so well received

workshop on how to advocate for indigenous women. It was so well received that the Billings Club was asked to offer another presentation on this topic for an even wider group of Zontians. This second workshop was offered on October 11, 2021. If you missed this webinar, you can watch it at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZDoVD9AmvMo>

The Zonta Club of Cheyenne heard a presentation on some of the legal issues that surround the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women issue last Spring. Many of the legal issues focus on which law enforcement agency has jurisdiction when a crime is reported. The women from Wyoming are pleased to report that the Wyoming legislature has made some progress on these law enforcement jurisdictional issues with the passage of a law in 2020 that calls for and allows various law enforcement agencies to cooperate on criminal matters. The legislation may be found at <https://www.wyoleg.gov/Legislation/2020/SF0008>

It is also notable that both Montana and Wyoming have created task forces to address issues related to these missing women. One of the first things done by these task forces was to try to actually get good data on the number of people missing, since some of the existing data was incomplete and the reporting systems were not very workable.

Turning back to the Billings Club, several awareness events have been held where Zonta partnered with some of the indigenous women's organizations. The Red Sands Project is an awareness event that has been spoken of as being a meaningful activity. More information about the Red Sands Project may be found at <https://redsandproject.org/> Another very successful activity was the Red Dress Project. More information about this may be found at <https://www.jaimeblackartist.com/exhibitions/>

Some Clubs are curious about how they may get involved. One suggestion is to find an indigenous women's group with whom to partner and discuss together how Zonta may best help. Another suggestion has been to look at current legislation in your state and see if it needs updating to address crime reporting issued or law enforcement jurisdiction issues. A third suggestion is to work with others, including the legislature, to create a hotline or alert system for

when indigenous women go missing – similar to the Amber Alert system in place for children.

District 12 Climate Change Committee

At the District 12 Conference in September the subject of climate change and its ad-verse effects on women created a groundswell of excitement. A new District 12 committee has been created to focus on this issue. Julie Trone, President of the Zonta Club of Fort Collins, is its chair. The committee has accomplished a lot already. They have gotten permission from District 23 of Australia to use their slogan: Zonta Says Now. They are working with Zonta's USA Caucus on the issue and they have plans for a website. Much more to come soon from this committee.



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