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District 12 Outreach February 2022

ZI Convention

Early bird registration for Zonta International's 65th Convention in Hamburg goes through February 28 so you still have time to register at the reduced rate. Dates for the Convention are, June 25-28, 2022. Program and registration information is available on the ZI website: www.zonta.org



District 12 Clubs in the Zontian Magazine

Four District 12 clubs were mentioned in the November Zontian magazine:



- Boulder Foothills and its Z Club for its bilingual



program to encourage COVID vaccinations and Fort Collins for celebrating Denim Day in support of survivors of gender-based violence.

- Denver, Foothills and Cheyenne clubs for significant contributions to Zonta Foundation for Women

Beverly Augustine - 1922-2022

Long time Zontian, Beverly Augustine, passed away February 9, 2022 at her home in Lamar, Colorado.

Beverly Augustine became a member of the Zonta Club of Prowers County as a young businesswoman in 1955 and she fell in love with Zonta. Beverly was a Zontian for sixty-seven years.

Beverly held numerous positions and offices, including Chair of the International Nominating Committee (1970-72), International Hostess Committee, and Chair of the International Service & Membership Committee (1974- 1976). Beverly was District 12 Governor (1966-68), Club President, and has chaired every committee in her club several times. She was currently Chair of the club Royalty Committee which picks the King and Queen of the Lamar Days parade.



Beverly was still running her successful clothing shop in Lamar, Colorado, which she opened in 1948. She was at the shop every day, and went to market several times a year.

A few years ago, she had to renew her driver's license and she was little concerned about it. When asked what she would do if she didn't pass the test, she said "Oh, well, I'll just have to ride my bike to work!"

As you can imagine, Beverly was an icon in Lamar. A few years ago, Beverly talked to her club about recruiting new members, she said.: "The best PR you can do for Zonta is what you do at home on a day to day – face to face basis. Each of you is a walking billboard for Zonta." Beverly was an inspiration and role model for all of us. Beverly said that she was so appreciative of all the doors Zonta opened for her and all of the wonderful people she met world-wide.

Jane May janellenmay@gmail.com Zonta Club of Prowers County

2021 Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholar

Danielle B Wallace is Zonta District 12's winner for the Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarship. Danielle is from Prowers County, Colorado.

Danielle is a 3rd year student at Colorado State University-Pueblo studying Business Administration/Accounting in the Hasan School of Business. Her plans for her scholarship will be towards earning her Master's Degree at CSU-Pueblo – an MBA with an emphasis in Accounting. She will be graduating with her Bachelor's Degree in May 2022.

Danielle has received various scholarships during her studies and has volunteered in many areas such as The National Society of Leadership and Success, Alta Vista Book Club helping write a book with the AV students, the College Fair where she ran a booth for Lamar Community College (LCC) as well as assisting in campus tours at LCC. Danielle has been a farm hand and done various office work, including being an office assistant for a local accountant, and even worked in maintenance at a local high school.

Area Meetings

Plan to attend your Area Meeting in April. The Area Directors are planning some exciting and educational meetings.

- Area 1 April 30 Virtual—Debbie Sundberg, Area Director
- Area 2 April 23 Hybrid—Tasha Bauman, Area Director
- Area 4 April 9 In person—Sonya Bergeron, Area Director

Thank you Renee Coppock: 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence Articles



November!

I discovered recently that Renee Coppock has been writing the articles for the 16 Days of Activism emails. She has been doing this for years. A BIG thank you to Renee for all the great information she has been sending our way every

Zonta USACaucus Project Featured in Forbes

Zonta International and the Zonta USA Caucus billboard campaign were featured in the article below for Forbes:

“In the U.S., Zonta has been an active advocacy partner as well, joining UNICEF USA to push for state legislation banning child marriage with no exceptions, with encouraging results: in 2021, Rhode Island and New York joined Delaware, Minnesota, New Jersey and Pennsylvania in taking this important step. Zonta and UNICEF USA won't stop until laws are in place across the country. “



Zonta International, a UNICEF USA partner since 1972, supports UNICEF programs in rural Peru and also helps UNICEF USA advocate for U.S. states to ban child marriage with no exceptions. © ZONTA INTERNATIONAL

Prowers County Club Member Honored

The Zonta Club of Prowers County is proud to share the news that Dr. Tammy Benabides, President-elect, was named Citizen of the Year at the Lamar, Colorado Chamber Banquet on January 28th, 2022. Benabides was nominated for the award by Lamar High School student Mason Mireles. Included in the various commitments and successes cited was Benabides work as a Zontian. As Advocacy Chair, Benabides brought the Red Sand Project to the community.



Further, she was key in helping students at the high school charter a new Z Club. Mireles is also involved with the Z Club and is currently serving as the president.

Zonta Service Recognition Awards

The deadline for the Zonta Service Recognition Awards for 2020-2022 is fast approaching. Submissions must be made to D12 Service Chair (Julie Bradley - julieqb@gmail.com) by February 20th so that Governor Ann and our committee can evaluate and submit the submission to ZI by February 28th, This is not the District award, but is a new award given by ZI.

"Consideration for Service Recognition Awards will be for service projects involving members providing direct hands-on service to women and girls who are the beneficiaries of the project."

An example for your guidance:

- a project where members work directly with victims of sex trafficking, or domestic violence, perhaps providing counselling or education about their rights, or working with individuals to resolve practical problems like finding accommodation or schools, in addition to advocating to improve conditions or changing laws would be acceptable. However, if this same project was a club providing funding to a third-party to work with the women and girls and the club's only involvement is in advocating or

raising awareness then it would not be eligible. The latter is an 'advocacy project', and although it is still a very necessary project for a club to do it is not for this purpose considered 'an eligible service project'.

All the work we do in Zonta is service, but these awards are specifically for those clubs/districts where members give direct hands-on service to beneficiaries. It is not because one type of service is better than another as all our work is essential to achieve our mission.

This biennium the Service Awards are to recognize members working directly with beneficiaries.

I look forward to seeing any submissions as soon as possible.

Thank you.

Julie Bradley, D12 Service Chair

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District Advocacy Calls

Those interested in Zonta Advocacy will have periodic opportunities to share their ideas and ask questions of others through virtual district-wide Advocacy Sharing Sessions. The first of these Zoom sessions is scheduled for February 9th at 6:30 p.m. MST. The idea for the meeting came about through digital conversations held by Ranelle Randles and Denise Parrish when questions arose as to whether District 12 Advocates ever conferred together and if not, should they. The first meeting will include brief updates of a few Zonta Advocacy projects, sharing of ideas Clubs are using to successfully advocate (with a focus on but not exclusively addressing Violence Against Women issues), and plenty of opportunities to ask questions of other Zontians. While participation primarily by Zontians is encouraged for the first session, consideration will be given at future meetings of including other like-minded advocates in the discussion. Current plans are to hold an Advocacy Sharing Session every couple of months with the session limited to no longer than one-hour. For additional information or to be included on the Advocacy notification list, please contact Denise at parrishzonta@gmail.com

REGISTRATION FOR THE NGO CSW IS OPEN



The United Nation’s Commission on the Status of Women is held each year for 2 weeks in March. The sixty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women will take place from 14 to 25 March 2022. Due to the continued impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, CSW66 will take place in a hybrid format. All side events and parallel events will be fully virtual.

There will be over 750 virtual workshops and panel discussions, called parallel sessions, put on by nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) during the 2-week period. The sessions are free, but participants must register at the NGO CSW website:

https://ngocsw.configio.com/pd/6/?mc_cid=6de9ff2b13&mc_eid=a09800224b.

Registrants will receive information about the sessions and how to participate. There is also a training video on the website. Be sure to register early because space is limited in many sessions. On March 13, the NGO CSW will start with Consultation Day. There will be keynote speakers and valuable information shared. Be sure to join in that session.

In addition to the parallel sessions, there will be workshops and panel discussions sponsored by the UN or NGOs, called “side events.” Look for information from ZI on how to register for those sessions.

Participation in these events is the best way to find out what is going on around

the world with regard to women's rights and empowerment. This year's theme is "Achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls in the context of climate change, environmental and disaster risk reduction policies and programs."

I hope to "see" many of you at these sessions.

Reneé Coppock

D12 UN Chair

Zonta Says NOW - Action for the Environment and Gender Equality

In 2021 Zonta International released a statement on climate change and gender equality that explained the direct connection between these hard to imagine co-conspirators. The latter, gender equality is a 'fundamental human right' (UN Sustainable Development Goal #5) and is vitally important as our right to clean air, water, food, safety, healthcare, shelter, education, and economic opportunity.

Many are aware that extreme weather disasters are on the rise as a result of climate change. Lesser known but gaining recognition worldwide is the reality that disasters disproportionately and severely affect the lives of women, leading to premature death, loss of home and homeland, and forced migration. This, in turn, leads to an increase in violence against women and human trafficking. The basic human rights for clean air, water, food, safety, healthcare, shelter, education, and economic opportunity are then unattainable. Thus, to improve our climate through equitable climate action, it is necessary to empower women and girls as decision makers, leaders, educators, negotiators, government officials, managers, and directors.

One of the limitations many of us feel is not knowing where to begin, so we do not do anything. When the Zonta International statement arrived in our inboxes, there were Zonta clubs throughout the world who spoke up and got busy creating programs, events, websites, and advocacy plans to counter this incredibly urgent issue. This is what Zontians stand for, to pursue change to

improve the lives of women and girls. At District 12 Zontians have begun this journey for climate action and gender equality.

During the fall of 2021 at our district conference our District Governor, Ann Hodgson, showed us the Zonta International Statement, talked about it and requested volunteers to serve on a district committee to address climate action and gender equality. Hands raised, voices were heard, and many fellow Zontians are now working together to make a difference in our district and our nation.

The district 12 committee has named itself, 'Action for Environment and Gender Equality committee' or AEGE in short form. The committee has begun by building a climate action and gender equality webpage on our district 12 website that will offer educational resources, ideas for local climate action, legislation effecting your community, and more to help you and your club act locally, which will make a difference globally. It will launch in the spring of 2022.

On the national level, the AEGE committee is linked with the ZontaUSACaucus subcommittee on climate change and gender equality, 'Zonta Says NOW' organizers from Perth, Australia and the NGO CSW/NY to establish a common identity using these impactful words, 'Zonta Says NOW'. At district 12 we will be part of Zonta Says NOW to act now.

Recently the U.S. Women's Caucus at the United Nations released seven specific recommendations for climate action after studying the climate impact on women and girls. These specific recommendations focus on water, health, disasters, migration, indigenous women, technology and funding, and agriculture and food security. In the west we are no strangers to all of these issues. Which of these are-as concern you, your club members, and community-at-large? Maybe one, a few, or all of them. AEGE will look at each one and its impact within our district while the Zonta USA Caucus will reach out to all Zontians in the US.

As you begin to digest this information, we invite you to think about how your advocacy and service plans can include climate action and gender equality so your club can begin to act now. The AEGE committee can be of service to your

club, so please reach out for more information and ideas. If you feel compelled to be a part of the Action for Environment and Gender Equality committee, please contact us.

By Julie Trone, President of the Zonta Club of Fort Collins, Chair of the Action for Environment and Gender Equality committee at District12, and member of the ZontaUSACaucus subcommittee on climate change and gender equality.
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Equal Rights Amendment

The USACaucus is supporting the ERACoalition position that the 28th Amendment is both ratified and is now in effect. While there are still legal arguments being made that the ratification should not be accepted, the ERACoalition's position is that such arguments do not outweigh the basic facts and the historically accepted process of ratifying constitutional amendments.

The ERACoalition states that The Equal Rights Amendment has satisfied all requirements set forth in Article V of the Constitution to be added as the 28th Amendment. The ERA was passed through Congress with well over the required 2/3 majority vote and sent to the states in 1972. On January 27, 2020, Virginia voted to become the 38th and last needed state to meet the 3/4 state ratification requirement. According to Section 3 of the Equal Rights Amendment, which stipulates a two-year waiting period from the date of ratification, the ERA is now officially in effect.

The ERACoalition argues that further efforts to clarify the 28th Amendment's validity are not necessary, but that they are being pursued to remove any ambiguity as to the status of its ratification. Concerns and ongoing questions being raised by some relate to the 7-year time limit for ratification included in the preamble and the fact that 5 states have attempted to rescind their prior ratifications.

Ongoing actions to solidify the implementation of the ERA include: (a) asking the Justice Department and Biden Administration to remove barriers that might be prohibiting the Archivist from publishing the ERA as an amendment to the

be prohibiting the Archivist from publishing the ERA as an amendment to the Constitution, (b) encouraging passage of SJ Res1 which would clarify that all requirements for ratification have been met, in spite of the 7 year time limit in the preamble, and (c) passage of H. Res 891 (and a companion Senate bill) affirming the validity of the ERA.



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