

# ZONTA DISTRICT 12 OUTREACH



MARCH 2023

## GOVERNORS MESSAGE

March is a busy month for clubs. International Women's Day and CSW are so important for our organization and I hope some of you have had a chance to participate virtually in CSW. This issue of the Outreach highlights activities from some of our clubs during International Women's Day. IWD is a great opportunity for clubs to advocate, provide service and recognition to our causes. This issue also has some ideas for clubs to do Advocacy and an update about the STEM Scholarship. Area meetings are coming up next month and I hope to see many of you as we learn about Zonta and each other. Please let me highlight the great work you are doing in clubs. Send me information before and after events **AND LOTS of PHOTOS!!!!**

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### Area 2 Meeting

April 14 and 15  
Cheyenne, Wyoming

### Area 4 Meeting

April 21 and 22  
Colorado Springs, CO

### Area 1 Meeting

April 28 and 29  
Glendive, MT

### District 12 Conference

September 15-17  
Laramie, WY

## CANVA TRAINING

Zonta District 12 has a Canva account that is available for clubs to utilize to prepare all types of materials for promoting their clubs. EVEN to prepare the District 12 Outreach!

**Learn about Canva as a way to create social media posts, brochures, flyers and more for your Zonta Club.**

**Zoom meeting on Mar 22, 2023 06:30 PM Mountain Time**

Register in advance for this meeting:  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlvd-CtrDwjGtZAt6J8fjgmh-nPRZ9fxGDD>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

## SHARING ADVOCACY IDEAS

ARE YOU STRUGGLING TO FIND AN ADVOCACY PROJECT FOR YOUR CLUB? HAVE YOU RECENTLY WORKED ON A SUCCESSFUL, MEANINGFUL, OR UNIQUE ADVOCACY PROJECT THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE? THE ZONTA USA CAUCUS MAY BE ABLE TO HELP. THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE ZONTA USA CAUCUS IS UNDERTAKING A TASK TO COLLECT ADVOCACY PROJECT IDEAS AND PRESENT THEM IN A SIMPLIFIED, UNDERSTANDABLE MANNER BY CREATING ONE-PAGE PROJECT SHEETS. (SEE PICTURE FOR EXAMPLE) SO FAR, WE HAVE CREATED PROJECT SHEETS FOR WHAT WERE YOU WEARING, THE REDRESS PROJECT, THE RED SAND PROJECT, AND IN HER SHOES. WE ARE WORKING ON SEVERAL MORE, BUT WOULD LIKE SOME IDEAS FROM THE CLUBS ON PROJECTS THAT MIGHT BE IMPLEMENTED BY OTHERS. IF YOU HAVE AN IDEA, PLEASE SEND SOME BASIC INFORMATION AND A PICTURE, IF YOU HAVE ONE WE MAY USE, TO DENISE PARRISH AT PARRISHZONTA@GMAIL.COM. CURRENTLY, THESE SHEETS ARE POSTED ON THE ZONTA USA CAUCUS WEBSITE AT [HTTPS://ZONTAUSA.ORG/SERVICE-AND-ADVOCACY-PROJECT-IDEAS/](https://zontausa.org/service-and-advocacy-project-ideas/) . YOU MAY ALSO REACH OUT TO DENISE PARRISH IF YOU NEED A PROJECT SHEET OR ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS MATTER.

## ZONTA DISTRICT 12 ADVOCACY SHARING SESSION

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS. THE NEXT DISTRICT 12 ADVOCACY SHARING SESSION IS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 24TH FROM 6 TO 7 P.M. MOUNTAIN TIME. THE ZOOM LINK IS [HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/3159567513?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3159567513?pwd=OTNTAXPEBKRRUTN2EEJPU2TAEENHQT09)  
PWD=OTNTAXPEBKRRUTN2EEJPU2TAEENHQT09 THIS ZOOM MEETING IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO ASK QUESTIONS OF OTHER ZONTIANS AND HAVE AN OPEN DISCUSSION – WITHOUT A PREPLANNED AGENDA. PLEASE JOIN US! PLEASE CONTACT DENISE AT PARRISHZONTA@GMAIL.COM IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS.

## WOMEN IN STEM SCHOLARSHIP BY SUSIE NULTY

Zonta International presented 20 scholarships in 2019 and again in 2021 to Women in Technology (WIT). In 2022 the international membership voted to continue supporting this and expanding the program to include all STEM fields and allowing each Zonta District to submit one winner so 31 District winners and one region will receive the ZI \$5,000 award.

I served on the 2021 WIT Scholarship Committee and was surprised at the number of world-wide applicants as all applications went directly to ZI. We had numerous meetings beginning in December 2021 with 7 committee members. There were committee members from Europe, Hong Kong, Texas, Uganda and other locals. One women attended one meeting in bed as it was 3am at her location!

We reviewed 228 applications from 52 countries and the award was \$8,000. For many, the generous scholarship money would help them with their degree, their lodging and supporting their families. \$8,000 in some of the countries represented is a fortune. The 2021 winners were from Palestine, India, Jordan, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Belgium, the USA, Nigeria, Egypt, the Philippines and Mexico. It should make you proud to be a supporter of Zonta. YOU make an impact of women's lives all over the world. Bravo!



**ZONTA CLUB OF BLACK HILLS HAD AN EVENT WITH 33 TABLES OF WOMEN'S OWNED OR CONCERNING WOMEN'S ISSUES, A HUGE SILENT AUCTION TABLE, WINE-PULL, 50:50, FOOD, A SMALL ORCHESTRA AND FUN HAD BY ALL! SHIRLEY HEHN WAS IN CHARGE AND IT TOOK A YEAR OF PLANNING, AS THIS WAS OUR FIRST ATTEMPT TO REPLACE OUR PREVIOUS EXPO. WITH REDUCED MEMBERSHIP, THIS VENUE AND THE EFFORT TO SHOWCASE SMALL BUSINESSES SEEMED TO FIT OUR CURRENT BUDGET. IT'S A PLEASURE TO SHARE HOW PROUD I AM OF OUR CLUB. JO PRANG, PRESIDENT ZONTA CLUB OF THE BLACK HILLS**



**GLENDIVE ZONTA WAS ASKED BY THE INDIGENOUS CLUB OF DCC TO BRING OUR RED DRESS DISPLAY TO SHARE WITH THOSE ATTENDING THE LAST DAWSON COMMUNITY COLLEGE BASKETBALL GAME OF THE SEASON. TWO OF OUR ZONTA MEMBERS, WHO ATTENDED THE GAMES, REPORTED OBSERVING MANY SPECTATORS READING INFORMATION ABOUT MMIW LISTED BY THE DRESSES.**

**THE ZONTA CLUB OF PROWERS COUNTY CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY WITH ITS ZONTA ROSE SALE. THE SIGNATURE YELLOW ROSES SYMBOLIZE FRIENDSHIP AND PURCHASERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO GIVE A ZONTA ROSE TO WOMEN WHO INSPIRE THEM.**

**THIS YEAR ZONTA OF PROWERS COUNTY SOLD NEARLY 1600 ROSES, WHICH THEY PREPARE AND DELIVER TO AMAZING WOMEN ALL OVER PROWERS COUNTY. CONTACT NUMBERS FOR THE NATIONAL DOMESTIC SAFETY HOTLINE AND THE COLORADO HUMAN TRAFFICKING COALITION WERE INCLUDED ON THE GIFT CARDS THAT ACCOMPANY THE ROSES.**

**THE PROWERS Z CLUB CELEBRATED INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY WITH SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS ABOUT WOMEN LEADERS AND PIONEERS, AND A CAKE. THEY DEVELOPED AND INCLUDED IN THE LAMAR HIGH SCHOOL DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS A MESSAGE ABOUT INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATIONS WORLDWIDE. THEY ALSO CO-SPONSORED A FREE SHOWING OF WAKANDA FOREVER AT THE CULTURAL ARTS CENTER IN LAMAR WITH THE LAMAR PUBLIC LIBRARY TO EMPHASIZE WOMEN IN STEM.**



ZONTA FOOTHILLS CLUB OF BOULDER COUNTY CLUB MEMBERS NOMINATE A WOMAN OF ACHIEVEMENT FROM WOMEN IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO MOST EXEMPLIFY THE MISSION OF ZONTA. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WE HAVE DONE FOR ALMOST 20 YEARS. CLUB MEMBERS THEN VOTE TO SELECT THE WINNER FROM THOSE NOMINATED. THE WINNER IS INVITED TO OUR MARCH BUSINESS MEETING TO BE HONORED AND TO SPEAK TO OUR CLUB.

THIS YEAR WE CELEBRATED BY HONORING OUR 2023 WOMAN OF ACHIEVEMENT, DR. PATRICIA ROMERO-LANKAO. A DISTINGUISHED RESEARCHER AT NREL'S CENTER FOR INTEGRATED MOBILITY SCIENCES, PATY IS AN NCAR SCIENTIST IN THE CLIMATE SCIENCE AND APPLICATIONS PROGRAM. HER TRAINING ISN'T IN METEOROLOGY, ATMOSPHERIC CHEMISTRY OR SOLAR PHYSICS. RATHER, PATY IS A SOCIOLOGIST WORKING TO UNDERSTAND THE HUMAN DIMENSIONS OF CLIMATE CHANGE, ENERGY USE, URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND WATER MANAGEMENT AND THEIR DIRECT IMPACT ON THE LIVES OF WOMEN AND GIRLS.

SHE HAS DEVELOPED MANY INNOVATIVE METHODS TO EXAMINE HOW INEQUALITIES IN INCOME, EDUCATION, AND DECISION-MAKING POWER ACROSS POPULATIONS RELATE TO THE NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF TRANSPORTATION ACCESS, WE HONOR PATY FOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS, HER COMMITMENT TO OUR PLANET AND FOR HER RESEARCH ON INJUSTICE AND ITS IMPACT ON WOMEN. SHE IS A LIVING EXAMPLE OF ZONTA SAYS NOW!



THE COLORADO SPRINGS INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION, SPEARHEADED BY ZONTA PPA AND ASSISTED BY SIX LOCAL PARTNER WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS, HELD MARCH 4, 2023, AT THE PINERY ON THE HILL IN COLORADO SPRINGS WAS A RESOUNDING SUCCESS! LED BY OUR VERY CAPABLE ZONTIAN SISTER, LYNETTE JONES, WE ARE PLEASED TO REPORT THAT DESPITE LAST YEAR'S HIATUS, THE COMMUNITY WAS READY AND EAGER TO ATTEND AN IN-PERSON EVENT ONCE AGAIN. THERE WERE 138 ATTENDEES, EXCEEDING OUR GOAL TO SELL 125 TICKETS. WE USED THE 2022 UNITED NATIONS THEME OF GENDER EQUALITY TODAY FOR A SUSTAINABLE TOMORROW.

IN KEEPING WITH THAT THEME, IT WAS IMPORTANT TO THE IWD COMMITTEE TO FIND A WAY TO INCLUDE A SUSTAINABLE ITEM DURING THE EVENT. OUR GOLD SPONSOR, ZONTIAN SISTER LISA RICE, GENEROUSLY DONATED "PLANTABLE" NAME TAGS EMBEDDED WITH FLOWER SEEDS. THE ATTENDEES WERE SURPRISED AND PLEASED TO TAKE THEM HOME TO PLANT!

THE WONDERFUL SPEAKERS WERE ALL FROM COLORADO THIS YEAR. OUR EMCEE, BREE SHELLITO SERVES AS THE SENIOR DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY IMPACT AT ENT FEDERAL CREDIT UNION. OUR SPEAKERS INCLUDED SIMONE D. ROSS, CEO, COLORADO WOMEN'S CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FROM DENVER, WHO USED POPULAR MUSIC AND DANCE TO ENCOURAGE THE ATTENDEES TO ACCEPT INNOVATIVE IDEAS AND CHANGE IN THE WORKFORCE. ALLISON STALEY, MD, MPH, GYNECOLOGIC ONCOLOGIST FROM SWEDISH MEDICAL CENTER, EXPLAINED HOW ALL WOMEN, NO MATTER THEIR SOCIOECONOMIC STATUS, CAN RECEIVE QUALITY MEDICAL CARE BY ASKING THE RIGHT QUESTIONS AND BEING INFORMED, NOT INTIMIDATED, WHEN SEEING THEIR DOCTORS. LUCY MOLINA, ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCATE AND TEDX PRESENTER TOLD HER PERSONAL STORY OF LIVING IN THE MOST POLLUTED COMMUNITY IN THE UNITED STATES, AND HOW HER REFUSAL TO LET HER FAMILY, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS SUFFER IN SILENCE AGAINST BIG PHARMA HAS MADE HER A CHAMPION IN COMMERCE CITY, CO. THE MORNING ENDED WITH A POEM COMMISSIONED BY THE IWD COMMITTEE FROM OUR PIKES PEAK POET LAUREATE, ASHLEY CORNELIUS, WHO TIED ALL THE SPEAKERS TOGETHER IN AN ANTHEM OF POSITIVITY AND PERSEVERANCE.

THE BRUNCH WAS EXCELLENT AS ALWAYS AND SERENADED BY A HARPISIT. ALL ATTENDEES RECEIVED A LONG-STEM YELLOW ROSE AS THEY EXITED THE EVENT. NETWORKING WAS IN FULL DISPLAY, AND STRANGERS LEFT WITH NEW CONTACTS AND THE PROMISE TO KEEP IN TOUCH.





**ZONTA CLUB OF COLORADO NORTH FORTY DOES THIER ANNUAL FUNDRAISER BY SELLING A SINGLE ROSE IN A VASE AND DELIVERING TO THE RECIPIENTS. TALKING ABOUT ZONTA AND OUR MISSION IS THE FOCUS DURING DELIVERY**



**ZONTA CLUB OF FORT COLLINS ALSO DOES THIER ANNUAL FUNDRAISER BY SELLING A SINGLE ROSE IN A VASE AND DELIVERING TO THE RECIPIENTS. THEY ALSO SOLD 62 ELECTRONIC ROSES.**

