

## HISTORY OF ZONTA DISTRICT XII TO 1965

IT WAS OUR SECOND GOVERNOR, BARBARA CROSS (1954-1956), WHO REALIZED THAT A DISTRICT ONLY 3 OR 4 YEARS OLD WAS, LIKE OTHER PIONEERS, TOO BUSY MAKING HISTORY TO TAKE TIME TO WRITE IT. IT WAS, THEREFORE, GOVERNOR BARBARA HERSELF WHO KEPT OUR FIRST PERMANENT RECORD, THE DISTRICT XII SCRAPBOOK, AND TURNED IT OVER TO GOVERNOR LOUISE DENNY'S REGIME.

THE SUGGESTION THAT DISTRICT XII SHOULD HAVE A WRITTEN HISTORY SHOWING ITS PLACE IN ZONTA INTERNATIONAL CAME FIRST FROM GOVERNOR VIVIENNE WORLEY (1958-1960). AT THE 1964 DISTRICT CONFERENCE IN BILLINGS, THE RECOMMENDATION WAS REACTIVATED BY GOVERNOR ALICE McRAE, AND THIS REPORT IS THE RESULT. YOUR COMMITTEE HAS NOT COMPILED THE INDIVIDUAL HISTORIES OF 19 SEPARATE CLUBS, BUT RATHER HAS ATTEMPTED TO SEE OUR DISTRICT AS A GROWING WHOLE, WITH EACH CLUB MAKING ITS OWN CONTRIBUTION.

THE EARLY HISTORY OF ZONTA IN THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION WAS CLOSELY INTERWOVEN WITH THE HISTORY OF THE DENVER CLUB. AS YOU ALL KNOW, THE CONFEDERATION OF ZONTA CLUBS WAS ORGANIZED IN 1919, WITH 9 CHARTER CLUBS--7 OF THEM IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK. IN 1922, IT BECAME THE CONFEDERATION OF ZONTA CLUBS, INCORPORATED, AND THIS WAS THE ORGANIZATION THAT CHARTERED OUR DENVER CLUB IN 1927. THERE WERE TWO OTHER IMPORTANT EVENTS IN 1927. ZONTA CHARTERED A CLUB IN TORONTO, THUS BECOMING INTERNATIONAL, AND LINDBERGH MADE HIS NON-STOP FLIGHT ACROSS THE ATLANTIC. NO,--AMELIA EARHART DIDN'T JOIN THE ZONTA CLUB OF BOSTON UNTIL THE NEXT YEAR. FOR THE FIRST TWO YEARS OF ITS EXISTENCE, THE ZONTA CLUB OF DENVER WAS INCLUDED IN DISTRICT E OF THE CONFEDERATION, THE OTHER 4 CLUBS IN THIS DISTRICT BEING IN SEATTLE, LOS ANGELES, DALLAS AND HONOLULU, AND DENVER'S NEAREST NEIGHBORS BEING THE CLUBS IN CHICAGO AND ST. LOUIS--IN ANOTHER DISTRICT.

ZONTA'S WESTWARD PROGRESS CONTINUED. IN 1928 PERMANENT HEADQUARTERS WERE SET UP IN CHICAGO AND IN 1930 ZONTA INTERNATIONAL WAS INCORPORATED. ORGANIZATION AND EXTENSION HAD BECOME A NECESSITY. THRUOUT THE DEPRESSION YEARS OF THE 30'S THE MINUTES OF THE DENVER CLUB SHOW FREQUENT ASSESSMENTS FOR ORGANIZATION, WITH COLORADO SPRINGS, SALT LAKE CITY AND KANSAS CITY THE NEW CLUBS DENVER MOST DESIRED. LARGELY THRU THEIR EFFORTS THE KANSAS CITY CLUB WAS CHARTERED IN 1937 WITH SALT LAKE CITY FOLLOWING IN 1939.

IN 1940, DENVER ENTERTAINED THE 20TH ANNUAL ZONTA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION AT ESTES PARK-- (THAT WAS BEFORE CONVENTIONS HAD BECOME BIENNIAL EVENTS)--AND THE EASTERN CLUBS BEGAN TO SEE FOR THEMSELVES THE NEED FOR MORE CLUBS IN THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA. A RE-DISTRICTING HAD BEEN ACCOMPLISHED AND DENVER WAS NOW IN DISTRICT VII ALONG WITH KANSAS CITY, MINNEAPOLIS, AND ST. LOUIS. WYOMING WAS ASSIGNED TO THIS NEW DISTRICT AS A FIELD OF ENDEAVOR, AND IN 1946 MARIE COLLINS WAS SENT OUT FROM DENVER TO BEGIN THE "SPADE WORK".

AGAIN IN 1948, THE DENVER CLUB WAS A HOSTESS--THIS TIME TO THE FALL CONFERENCE OF DISTRICT VII. FOR OBVIOUS REASONS ORGANIZATION BECAME THE DOMINANT THEME. DENVER'S OWN A. HELEN ANDERSON WAS THE GOVERNOR OF DISTRICT VII--ONLY THEN THEY SEEM TO HAVE CALLED HER DISTRICT CHAIRMAN. THE DELEGATE FROM KANSAS CITY HAD TRAVELLED ONLY 650 MILES, FOR THE KANSAS CITY CLUB WAS ONE OF THE DENVER CLUBS' NEAREST NEIGHBORS. THE DELEGATE FROM ST. LOUIS HAD HAD TO COME 800 MILES; FROM DES MOINES, 800 MILES; FROM ST. PAUL AND MINNEAPOLIS, 1000 MILES; AND DULUTH WAS PROUD EVEN TO HAVE SENT A DELEGATE THE 1300 MILES SHE HAD TO TRAVEL. WHAT A DISTRICT! THERE, IN SOLITARY SPLENDOR, SAT POOR DENVER--CHARTERED 21 YEARS BEFORE IN 1927, ALONE IN HER MOUNTAINS. IF EVER A CLUB HAD A VALID EXCUSE FOR BECOMING A RUGGED INDIVIDUALIST, THAT CLUB WOULD HAVE BEEN DENVER.

THE FIRST PANEL DEALT WITH ORGANIZATION, AND WAS LED BY MARIE COLLINS OF DENVER, WHOSE LATER EFFECTIVENESS IN ORGANIZING 6 CLUBS IS REMEMBERED BY MANY OF YOUR CHARTER MEMBERS. AMONG THE FACTS BROUGHT OUT BY THAT PANEL WERE THESE:

1. DISTRICT VII, AS THEN CONSTITUTED, INCLUDED 24% OF THE GEOGRAPHICAL AREA OF THE U.S.
2. FOUR OF THE 9 STATES IN DISTRICT VII HAD NO ZONTA CLUBS.
3. DISTRICT VII CONTAINED 34 CITIES, EACH WITH A POPULATION OF MORE THAN 25,000 WHICH WOULD BE POTENTIAL LOCATIONS FOR ZONTA CLUBS.

ONE MEMBER OF THE PANEL, HARRIET LEVIN OF DULUTH, RECALLING HER 1300 MILE JAUNT, VENTURED A REMEDY:

"IF DISTRICT CONFERENCES ARE TO GIVE WHAT WE WANT THEM TO GIVE IN THE WAY OF FELLOWSHIP, IN THE WAY OF INTERCHANGE OF IDEAS, IN THE WAY OF PROGRESS, WE HAVE TO BE ABLE TO REACH EACH OTHER MORE EASILY; AND WITH MOUNTING TRAVELING EXPENSES AND THE TIME PRESSURE ON EVERY ONE OF US, IT JUST CANNOT BE. WE MUST ORGANIZE ENOUGH CLUBS IN THIS AREA SO THAT IT MAY BE SPLIT INTO 2 DISTRICTS."

LATER IN THE CONFERENCE, A. HELEN'S REPORT MENTIONED AGAIN THE IMPOSSIBILITY OF FINANCING A WORTH-WHILE DISTRICT PROGRAM WITH SO FEW MEMBERS AND SUCH ENORMOUS DISTANCES BETWEEN CLUBS. BUT THE PROBLEMS SHE REALLY STRESSED WERE THESE:

1. THE NATURAL ISOLATIONISM THAT DEVELOPS WHERE CLUBS ARE TOO FAR APART, AND
2. THE INEVITABLE CONSEQUENCE OF A FEELING OF ALONENESS, WITH INTERNATIONAL ONLY A REMOTE FORCE.
3. THE VARIED INDIVIDUAL INTERPRETATIONS OF WHAT IS MEANT BY SERVICE AND OF THE PROGRAM OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL.
4. AN INGROWING TENDENCY TOWARD SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN EACH CLUB.

THE DISCUSSIONS BORE FRUIT. THE NEXT YEAR, IN 1949, CLUBS WERE CHARTERED IN COLORADO SPRINGS, CASPER, PUEBLO AND PROWERS COUNTY. IN 1950, BILLINGS, SHERIDAN, AND BLACK HILLS WERE ADDED. IN 1951, BOULDER CO., LARAMIE, AND CONVERSE COUNTY JOINED THE GROUP, MAKING 11 ROCKY MOUNTAIN CLUBS ELIGIBLE TO SEND DELEGATES TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN HOUSTON IN 1952.

THAT HOUSTON CONVENTION WAS THE SCENE OF THE FAMOUS "CUTTING OF THE HERD", AND DISTRICT XII WITH ITS 11 CLUBS EMERGED AS A SEPARATE ENTITY. A. HELEN ANDERSON SERVED AS INTERIM GOVERNOR. THAT FALL, 1952, DENVER AGAIN WAS HOSTESS TO A DISTRICT CONFERENCE, BUT THIS TIME IT WAS OUR OWN DISTRICT XII. WE ELECTED OUR OWN GOVERNOR, PEG MAYER OF DENVER, AND WERE READY TO STAND ON OUR OWN FEET.

JUST AS GAINING AND HOLDING MEMBERS WAS TO BE A PROBLEM FOR THE NEW CLUBS, SO ORGANIZING AND HOLDING NEW CLUBS PROVED TO BE A PROBLEM FOR THE NEW DISTRICT. THE DISTRICT VII CONFERENCE HAD CITED 34 CITIES OF MORE THAN 25,000 (POPULATION) IN THEIR DISTRICT, BUT MOST OF THEM WERE EAST OF THE AREA ASSIGNED TO DISTRICT XII. HOWEVER, IN THESE FIRST 13 YEARS THE NEW DISTRICT HAS REALLY TRIED. THE GLENDIVE AND BURLINGTON CLUBS WERE CHARTERED IN 1953; GOODLAND, STERLING, CODY AND PIERRE-FORT PIERRE JOINED THE GROUP IN 1955; COLBY AND CHEYENNE WERE ADDED IN 1956; DEADWOOD-LEAD AND FORT COLLINS GAINED ZONTA CLUBS IN 1959, AND IN 1961 WE NAMED OUR PRECOCIOUS BABY CLUB ENGLEWOOD-LITTLETON. THE ELEVEN ORIGINAL CLUBS HAD BEEN JOINED BY ELEVEN MORE. BUT THREE OF THEM IN SOME OF THE SMALLER TOWNS GAVE UP THE STRUGGLE. THE CODY CLUB LASTED 6 YEARS, BURLINGTON 9 YEARS, AND SHERIDAN 14 YEARS.

#### PUBLICATIONS

WITH SO FEW CLUBS IN SUCH A LARGE AREA, THERE WAS NEED FOR SOME SUBSTITUTE FOR PERSONAL CONTACTS. AS FAR AS YOUR COMMITTEE CAN LEARN, THE STATEMENT MADE BY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT EMMA CONLON AT OUR 1957 DISTRICT CONFERENCE IN RAPID CITY IS STILL TRUE--THAT DIST. XII HAS BEEN THE ONLY DISTRICT TO PUBLISH ANNUALLY A DISTRICT DIRECTORY. THIS HANDBOOK HAS ALWAYS LISTED THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ALL INTERNATIONAL AND DISTRICT OFFICERS AND OF ALL DISTRICT COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN. IN ADDITION, FOR EACH CLUB IN THE DISTRICT, IT SHOWS NAME, BUSINESS AND HOME ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF EACH MEMBER A DIRECTORY OF CLUB OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS, MEMBERSHIP OF STANDING COMMITTEES, PAST PRESIDENTS, AND TIME AND PLACE OF REGULAR MEETINGS. THE EASE WITH WHICH ANY DISTRICT XII ZONTIAN CAN CONTACT ANY MEMBER OF ANOTHER CLUB HAS BEEN A DEFINITE ASSET IN BUILDING DISTRICT SOLIDARITY. UNTIL 1957, THIS DIRECTORY WAS PUBLISHED BY DENVER AT A FINANCIAL LOSS, BUT THAT YEAR'S DISTRICT CONFERENCE VOTED THAT THEREAFTER EACH CLUB WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PURCHASING A COPY FOR EACH MEMBER AND THAT THE DENVER CLUB SHOULD BE REIMBURSED IN FULL. THE 1964-1965 DIRECTORY WAS PUBLISHED BY THE ENGLEWOOD-LITTLETON CLUB.

FOR OUR OTHER INTER-CLUB CONTACT, THE DISTRICT WAS AGAIN INDEBTED TO DENVER. LATE IN 1927, SOON AFTER THEIR CHARTERING, THE DENVER CLUB HAD BEGUN PUBLICATION OF A SHORT

MONTHLY BULLETIN FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS, INFORMATION ABOUT MEETINGS, AND CLUB NEWS. BY 1930, THIS HAD DEVELOPED INTO THEIR SMOKE SIGNAL. SOME 19 YEARS LATER AS OTHER NEIGHBORING CLUBS WERE ORGANIZED, "BIG SISTER" DENVER GENEROUSLY ADDED NEWS OF THOSE CLUBS (WHEN SHE COULD GET IT) AND EXTENDED THE EDITIONS TO FURNISH A COPY TO EACH ZONTIAN IN EACH CLUB, --STILL ALL AT DENVER'S EXPENSE. THEN DURING VIVIENNE WORLEY'S TERM AS GOVERNOR, THREE DISTRICT BULLETINS CALLED "DRUMS ALONG THE DISTRICT" WERE ISSUED EACH YEAR--WITH DENVER ZONTIANS STILL DOING THE WORK AND PAYING THE BILLS. DURING KATHERINE JACOBSON'S FIRST YEAR AS GOVERNOR, WE HAD AN OFFICIAL "DISTRICT XII NEWSLETTER", BUT DENVER AGAIN PUBLISHED, FINANCED, AND DISTRIBUTED IT. OUT DEEPEST GRATITUDE TO DENVER.

THEN AT THE 1961 DISTRICT CONFERENCE, THE DELEGATES RECOGNIZED THE FACT THAT THE DISTRICT SHOULD PAY ITS OWN BILLS, AND BUDGETED \$75 FOR THAT YEAR'S NEWSLETTER, WHICH WAS ONLY SLIGHTLY LESS THAN DENVER'S COSTS FOR THE PRECEDING YEAR. THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR EDITING AND CIRCULATING IT WAS TRANSFERRED TO BILLINGS, AND TWO YEARS LATER TO BOULDER. HOWEVER THE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER HAS RECENTLY BEEN REPLACED BY PERIODIC LETTERS FROM THE GOVERNOR TO THE CLUB PRESIDENTS DESIGNED TO BE DISCUSSED AT CLUB MEETINGS.

### INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

ZONTA INTERNATIONAL IS ORGANIZED FOR SERVICE, AND ITS INTERNATIONAL SERVICE PROJECTS HAVE BEEN WELL SUPPORTED BY THE DISTRICT XII CLUBS. ALL CLUBS HAVE CONTRIBUTED ANNUALLY TO THE AMELIA EARHART FELLOWSHIPS, AND FORT COLLINS EVEN ARRANGED TO HAVE AMELIA'S "YELLOW PERIL" BROUGHT FROM ITS MUSEUM HOME TO THE 1961 CONFERENCE IN BOULDER. THE ANNE FRANK VILLAGE WAS WELL SUPPORTED IN DISTRICT XII, BUT ITS SUCCESSOR, THE RAMALLAH PROJECT, HAS BEEN EVEN MORE POPULAR. PROBABLY THE MOST SPECTACULAR RAMALLAH EFFORT WAS ENGLEWOOD-LITTLETON'S 1964 SPONSORSHIP OF A FULL SCHOLARSHIP, WITH THEIR MEMBERS RAISING THE \$500 BY MAKING AND SELLING HAND-MADE DECORATED CANDLES. THE GLENDIVE CLUB HAS REPLACED THEIR CHRISTMAS GIFT EXCHANGE BY MONEY GIFTS TO RAMALLAH.

### COMMUNITY SERVICE

IN THESE 13 YEARS THE IMPACT OF DISTRICT XII CLUBS ON THEIR COMMUNITIES HAS BEEN TERRIFIC FIRST, LET'S LOOK AT THE TANGIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS WHICH DO NOT HAVE TO BE REPLACED EACH YEAR. WHEN BILLINGS BUILT A NEW YWCA, THE ZONTA CLUB FURNISHED THE RESIDENTS' LOUNGE; WHEN LAMAR BUILT A NEW COMMUNITY BUILDING, THE PROWERS COUNTY CLUB EQUIPPED THE KITCHEN; WHEN COLORADO UNIVERSITY MEDICAL SCHOOL BUILT A NEW CHAPEL, THE DENVER CLUB FURNISHED IT. COLBY BUYS EQUIPMENT FOR TWO NURSING HOMES AS WELL AS FOR THEIR NEW LOGOPEDICS CENTER. THE GLENDIVE CLUB HAS A POOL OF WHEEL-CHAIRS AVAILABLE FOR LOAN WHEN NEEDED AND HAS PURCHASED A WALKER, AN INCUBATOR AND A SUCTION PUMP FOR A LOCAL HOSPITAL; THE STERLING CLUB BUYS EQUIPMENT FOR THE NORTH EAST COLORADO HEALTH CENTER; YEAR AFTER YEAR, THE LARAMIE CLUB HAS PUT THEIR MONEY INTO EQUIPMENT FOR THEIR CITY'S RECREATION PROGRAM; GOODLAND, LIKEWISE, HAS PURCHASED SWINGS FOR A CITY PARK, AND PROWERS COUNTY GAVE PLAY-GROUND EQUIPMENT FOR THEIR SWIMMING POOL AREA. THE BOULDER CLUB GOES FARTHER AFIELD AND BUYS BOOKS AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE STATE HOSPITAL AT PUEBLO. THE CHIEF INTERESTS OF THE CASPER CLUB LIE ALONG THE LINES OF WYOMING HISTORY. THEY HAVE SPENT SEVERAL YEARS DEVELOPING A ROADSIDE PARK ACROSS THE ROAD FROM HISTORIC FORT CASPAR AND HAVE NAMED IT FOR IRENE PATTERSON. ANOTHER FIREPLACE IS THEIR 1966 OBJECTIVE. CASPER HAS ALSO PUBLISHED A BOOKLET CONTAINING TALES AND PICTURES OF EARLY CASPER, OF WHICH THEY HAVE SOLD NEARLY 1500 COPIES. IN STATUARY HALL IN WASHINGTON, D. C. AND IN FRONT OF THE WYOMING STATE CAPITOL, STAND IDENTICAL STATUES OF ESTHER MORRIS, THROUGH WHOSE EFFORTS WYOMING WOMEN GAINED THE RIGHT TO VOTE. THESE WERE DUE TO THE EFFORTS OF THE CASPER AND CONVERSE COUNTY CLUBS LED BY EDNESS KIMBALL WILKINS, IRENE PATTERSON, AND BARBARA CROSS.

THERE ARE MANY OTHER ZONTA SERVICES WHICH HAVE BECOME PERMANENT PARTS OF THEIR COMMUNITIES. WHAT WAS FORMERLY THE DENVER CLUB'S CAREER COUNSELING PROJECT HAS NOW BECOME AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE PROGRAM OF ALL DENVER HIGH SCHOOLS. IT TOOK THE BILLINGS CLUB 10 YEARS TO CONVINCING THE LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD THAT THEY SHOULD TAKE OVER AND AUGMENT ZONTA'S ADULT EDUCATION PROJECT, BUT NOW THE CLASSES ARE OFFERED THE YEAR AROUND WITH USUALLY

SOME 300 PERSONS ENROLLED. THE SAME THING IS TRUE OF THEIR TEEN-AGE DRIVING CLASSES. THE CASPER CLUB COMPILED BOOKLETS CONTAINING THE CITY'S TRAFFIC SAFETY ORDINANCES AND FURNISHED 400 COPIES TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO BE GIVEN TO TRAFFIC CODE VIOLATORS. TANGIBLE, BUT EXPENDABLE, ARE THE SEWING MATERIALS FURNISHED BY THE PUEBLO CLUB TO NEEDY GIRLS IN THE HOME ECONOMICS CLASSES OF THE CITY'S NINE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS.

#### HEALTH AND SAFETY

SERVICES MEETING COMMUNITY NEEDS IN THE AREA OF HEALTH AND SAFETY ARE LESS TANGIBLE. ONE OF THE MOST WIDE-SPREAD IS THE DIABETIC DETECTION SERVICE WHICH HAS BEEN AN ANNUAL PROJECT OF THE BLACK HILLS, DEADWOOD-LEAD, GLENDIVE AND STERLING CLUBS. PROBABLY THE ORIGINAL CREDIT FOR PLANNING THESE CAMPAIGNS SHOULD GO TO DR. FREDA RADUSCH, A CHARTER MEMBER OF THE BLACK HILLS CLUB. THE COLBY CLUB CONDUCTS SIMULTANEOUS DIABETES AND GLAUCOMA TESTS. OTHER SIGHT PROBLEMS OF THE NEEDY, PARTICULARLY SCHOOL CHILDREN, ARE ALSO HELPED BY THE CLUBS AT CHEYENNE, CONVERSE COUNTY, GOODLAND AND FORT COLLINS, THE LAST NAMED FURNISHING PRISM GLASSES FOR A HOSPITAL. DENTAL CARE FOR CHILDREN HAS BEEN THE MAIN CONCERN OF THE PIERRE-FORT PIERRE CLUB. WHEN THEY ANSWERED THE CRY FOR HELP FROM LEADERS OF THE LOCAL PROJECT HEAD START, TWENTY NEGLECTED LITTLE MOUTHS COST THE CLUB \$450. DENTAL HEALTH IS ALSO A PROJECT OF THE CLUB IN COLORADO SPRINGS.

IN THE FIELD OF MENTAL HEALTH, THE BLACK HILLS SPONSORED ESTABLISHMENT OF A MENTAL DETENTION ROOM IN A LOCAL HOSPITAL; THE COLORADO SPRINGS CLUB HELPS WITH THE HOPE HOUSE FOR RETARDED CHILDREN; IN 1963-64 THE ENGLEWOOD-LITTLETON CLUB FURNISHED MATERIALS AND TAUGHT TYPING AND SHORTHAND TO PATIENTS AT THE FORT LOGAN MENTAL HEALTH CENTER. THE PUEBLO CLUB HAS "ADOPTED" ONE WARD AT THE STATE HOSPITAL WHERE THEY ENTERTAIN THE PATIENTS EVERY WEEK WITH GAMES, MUSIC, SLIDES, FILMS AND REFRESHMENTS.

PUBLIC SAFETY PLAYS A PROMINENT PART IN THE LARAMIE CLUB'S ACTIVITY. THEY HEAD UP THE LOCAL DISASTER PREPARATIONS COMMITTEE AND HAVE SERVED IN FIVE DISASTER SITUATIONS. THE 1962-63 SAFETY PROJECT OF ENGLEWOOD-LITTLETON PROVED BOTH REWARDING AND LUCRATIVE. THE CLUB PURCHASED 10,000 SOS SIGNS FOR RE-SALE WITH CAR-TAX RECEIPTS. BOULDER SENT SEVERAL DOZEN BATH TOWELS TO THE PROWERS COUNTY CLUB TO BE USED IN THEIR FLOOD RELIEF WORK.

ASSISTING THE NATIONAL AGENCIES, THE GLENDIVE CLUB SPONSORS THE CIVIL DEFENSE WORKSHOPS AND THE DRIVE FOR THE HEART FUND. THE GOODLAND CLUB HAS CONDUCTED THE ANNUAL POLIO DRIVES AND, ALONG WITH BILLINGS AND COLBY, MANNED STATIONS FOR THE SALK VACCINE INNOCULATIONS. THE COLBY CLUB HAS ALSO PARTICIPATED IN DRIVES FOR RESEARCH FUNDS FOR CANCER, CEREBRAL PALSY, BIRTH DEFECTS AND HEART DEFECTS.

#### GERIATRICS

IN THE FIELD OF GERIATRICS, THE COLBY CLUB HAS BEEN WIDELY RECOGNIZED. BESIDES BUYING GIFTS AND EQUIPMENT FOR TWO NURSING HOMES, THIS CLUB SUPPLIES LEGAL GUARDIANS FOR HANDICAPPED, SENILE, OR INCOMPETENT PERSONS WHO HAVE NO RELATIVES OR FRIENDS WILLING TO ASSUME THIS RESPONSIBILITY. CHEYENNE, LARAMIE, DEADWOOD-LEAD, AND ENGLEWOOD-LITTLETON ALSO GAVE THEIR TIME AND PERSONAL ATTENTION TO PATIENTS IN REST HOMES AND HOMES FOR THE AGED.

#### EDUCATION

THE BILLINGS CLUB CONTINUES TO CONDUCT AN ANNUAL CAREER DAY FOR GIRLS FROM SOME 30 HIGH SCHOOLS; CONVERSE COUNTY STILL HAS A CAREER DAY FOR THE DOUGLAS AND GLENROCK HIGH SCHOOLS. SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GIRLS IN NURSE'S TRAINING ARE OFFERED BY SIX CLUBS, INCLUDING COLORADO SPRINGS, CONVERSE COUNTY, DENVER, GOODLAND, PROWERS COUNTY, AND PUEBLO. PIERRE-FORT PIERRE SUBSIDIZES WOMEN TRAINING AS PRACTICAL NURSES. CASPER AND LARAMIE GRANT SCHOLARSHIPS. BILLINGS HAS SET UP THE GAYLE WYNACHT MEMORIAL FUND FOR GRANTS--WHICH MAY BE A SCHOLARSHIP, A LOAN, OR AN OUTRIGHT GIFT--TO GIRLS OR WOMEN WHO, IN ORDER TO BECOME SELF-SUPPORTING, NEED TO COMPLETE SOME TYPE OF TRAINING WHICH THEY HAVE ALREADY STARTED.

## YOUTH

BILLINGS IS PROUD OF HER WORK WITH 150 GIRLS IN THREE HIGH SCHOOL Z-CLUBS. BOULDER AND FORT COLLINS PROMOTE INTEREST IN SCIENCE BY GIVING AWARDS TO THE GIRLS WHO ARE SUCCESSFUL IN THE COLORADO-WYOMING SCIENCE FAIR. DENVER HAS FURNISHED A SALVATION ARMY RECREATION ROOM FOR GIRLS, CONDUCTS AN ANNUAL SUMMER CAMP FOR UNDERPRIVILEGED GIRLS, AIDS WORTHY GIRLS LEAVING THE STATE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, AND CONTRIBUTES ANNUALLY TO THE BRACE FUND AT A REHABILITATION CENTER FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN. THE CLUBS IN DEADWOOD-LEAD, PROWERS COUNTY AND PUEBLO SPONSOR GIRLS ELECTED TO GIRLS' STATE, AND COLORADO SPRINGS AND PUEBLO AWARD CAMPERSHIPS.

## EARNING MONEY

SOME OF THE DISTRICT XII CLUBS ARE AUGMENTING THEIR FINANCES BY INGENUOUS METHODS. THE PIERRE-FORT PIERRE CLUB FINANCED THEIR GIFTS TO CHILDREN IN AN INDIAN SCHOOL BY COLLECTING BUTTERNUT COFFEE KEY STRIPS AND COUPONS. THEIR "COME AND SEE TEA" WHERE THEY DISPLAY UNIQUE CHRISTMAS IDEAS IS ALSO A GOOD SOURCE OF REVENUE. THE PROWERS COUNTY CLUB OPERATES THE LOCAL "WELCOME WAGON" AS A CLUB PROJECT. THE CLUB AT COLBY HAS FOR SEVERAL YEARS SOLD BIRTHDAY CALENDARS. THE ENGLEWOOD-LITTLETON CLUB PAID FOR A SILVER TEA SERVICE FOR THE FORT LOGAN MENTAL HEALTH CENTER WITH TRADING STAMPS. ONE OF GLENDIVE'S MOST INTERESTING MONEY-RAISERS WAS "LITTLE Z"--A CALF PURCHASED BY THE CLUB, WHICH ATE HIS WAY TO A TOP PRICE IN THE SALES RING IN A PASTURE BELONGING TO ONE OF THE ZONTIANS.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

COMPILING THIS HISTORY HAS BEEN A MOST INTERESTING EXPERIENCE. IN THE COURSE OF THE RESEARCH THE FOUR CLUBS IN CASPER, COLBY, DENVER AND ENGLEWOOD-LITTLETON HAVE COME UP WITH MORE OR LESS COMPLETE HISTORIES OF THEIR OWN CLUBS. THREE OTHER CLUBS, BILLINGS, COLORADO SPRINGS AND GOODLAND HAVE HAD CLUB HISTORIES GIVEN FROM NOTES AS PART OF A PROGRAM, BUT HAVE NO WRITTEN HISTORIES. ALL OF OUR CLUBS STILL HAVE SOME OF THEIR CHARTER MEMBERS WHO CAN RECALL MANY THINGS; IN FACT THE 19 CLUBS REPORT 126 CHARTER MEMBERS. THE DENVER CLUB, NOW 38 YEARS OLD, STILL CHERISHES TWO OF ITS CHARTER MEMBERS, MARY GEORGE AND ANN CRONIN, AND 3 OF THE FIRST INITIATES, OCA CUSHMAN, ETHEL COVINGTON (NOW IN THE BOULDER CLUB), AND MARIE COLLINS. WE STRONGLY URGE THAT ALL OF OUR CLUBS HASTEN TO GET A CLUB HISTORY IN WRITING, WITH PLANS TO UP-DATE IT BY PERIODIC ADDITIONS.

## ZONTIANS CONTRIBUTING TO THIS HISTORY

BILLINGS	GERTRUDE WHIPPLE (CHAIRMAN)
BLACK HILLS	KATHERINE JACOBSON
BOULDER COUNTY	ROSENA HALL
CASPER	IRENE PATTERSON
CHEYENNE	WILMA HIRST
COLBY	MAMIE WALTZ
COLORADO SPRINGS	WINIFRED MCBROOM AND EDITH PALMER
CONVERSE COUNTY	ANTOINETTE STODDARD
DEADWOOD-LEAD	MARCELLA WELLS
DENVER	MARION SMALL, A. HELEN ANDERSON, & MARY GEORGE
ENGLEWOOD-LITTLETON	MAVIS BENSON
FORT COLLINS	RUTH ROBERTS
GLENDIVE	CAROLE HAAS
GOODLAND	BEULAH GRANT
LARAMIE	VERNA HITCHCOCK
PIERRE-FORT PIERRE	FREDA THOMAS
PROWERS COUNTY	MABEL CURRELL
PUEBLO	MURIEL MEYERS
STERLING	ETHEL FRIESS

## DISTRICT XII GOVERNORS

1952-1954	MARGUERITE P. MAYER	DENVER
1954-1956	BARBARA CROSS	CONVERSE COUNTY
1956-1958	LOUISE DENNY	BILLINGS
1958-1960	VIVIENNE WORLEY	DENVER
1960-1962	KATHERINE B. JACOBSON	BLACK HILLS
1962-1964	ALICE E. McRAE	BOULDER COUNTY
1964-1966	ISABEL WARNL	PIERRE-FORT PIERRE

IN ITS 13 YEARS, DISTRICT XII HAS HAD ONLY FOUR TREASURERS; MARY GEORGE (DENVER), GRACE OGLE (DENVER), ESTHER WILSON (BILLINGS), AND VIRGINIA RAZEE (DENVER).

## DISTRICT XII CONFERENCES

	<u>CONFERENCE HOSTESS</u>	<u>ASSISTING HOSTESS</u>
BILLINGS	1953 1964	RECEPTION 1958
BLACK HILLS	1957	
BOULDER COUNTY	1961	LUNCHEON 1959, RECEPTION 1964
BURLINGTON		BRUNCH 1954
CASPER	1955	LUNCHEON 1963
CHEYENNE	1958	BRUNCH 1963
CODY		
COLBY		LUNCHEON 1962
COLORADO SPRINGS	1956 1965	
CONVERSE COUNTY		LUNCHEON 1955
DEADWOOD-LEAD		BRUNCH 1962
DENVER	1952 1959	
ENGLEWOOD-LITTLETON		LUNCHEON 1964
FORT COLLINS		LUNCHEON 1961
GLENDIVE		BRUNCH 1960, DINNER 1964
GOODLAND		
LARAMIE	1963	LUNCHEON 1958
PIERRE-FORT PIERRE	1962	LUNCHEON 1957
PROWERS COUNTY	1960	
PUBLICO	1954	LUNCHEON 1960, MIXER & LUNCHEON 1965
SHERIDAN		BRUNCH 1953 AND 1961
STERLING		BREAKFAST 1959

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Zonta Club of Laramie

Zonta Club of Laramie is affiliated with Zonta International, a classified women's service club for executive women in business and the professions. There are clubs in 48 countries with a total membership of 35,000. The word Zonta is derived from a Sioux Indian word meaning honest and trustworthy. Zonta International was founded in Buffalo, N.Y. Nov. 8, 1919 with nine clubs represented. Zonta members give time, talent and energy to the betterment of the local and world community.

The Laramie Zonta Club was chartered June 8, 1951 with a charter dinner at the Connor Hotel for 50 guests including the 16 charter members. Mayor Vernon Bentley welcomed the club to the city. The charter was presented by second vice-president of Zonta International Dorothea Radusch of Minneapolis, Minn. Charter members of the club were: Jo Brown, Frances Cole, Mildred Cowan, Opal Funk Ames, W. Luella Galliver, Lorraine Green Adolphson, Laura Fall, Verne Hitchcock, Marian Julife, Elaine Lake, Jean Logsdon, Dixie Melcher, Mary Lou Pence, Grayce Rardin, Carrie Steele and Mildred Strauch. Mildred Cowan served as the first president. Two members have served as director of Area 2, District 12. Lucile Tihen served from 1980-82 and Laura Gaddis 1986-88.

By 1965 the membership had increased to 20 and by 1986 to 58 members. Officers for 1986-87 are: Juanita Novak, president, Trixie Harvey-McGraw, vice-president; Jane Thomas, secretary; Mary Parker, treasurer; board of directors Elizabeth Holland, L. J. Guthman, Victoria Huntoon, Judy Jones and Marie Christophers.

Zonta meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM for dinner alternating between members homes and a local restaurant.

Zonta Club of Laramie has been involved in many projects for the betterment of Laramie including support of city recreation. Zonta supported the establishment of a warming hut at the city ice skating rink and later assisted in raising money to put a roof over the skating rink. In 1957

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Zonta was instrumental in getting an old historical Fort Sanders building moved from a downtown location to LaBonte Park to be used for city recreation. In the following years Zonta contributed money to improve the building. In 1961 under the able leadership of Opal Ames, an old truck was made into a Play-Mobile and given to the City Recreation Department. The truck was fitted with various recreational items to amuse the Laramie children during the summer months, being taken from park to park under the supervision of city recreation personnel. For this activity Zonta received the National Parks and Recreation Department award - "The most popular summer recreation activity for the younger set."

Zonta furnished a room at Ivinson Memorial Hospital when the new hospital was opened in 1973 and the name Zonta appears on the door.

In 1959 Zonta members conducted a 6 weeks charm course for the women employees of the First National Bank. Zonta was active in establishing the Laramie Plains Museum giving both money and time. This support has continued to the present. More recent projects have been the support of the Albany County Library, the Safe Crisis Center and the awarding of a \$500 scholarship to a woman for advancing her education.

International projects supported by local clubs have included 1959-61 support for the Anne Frank Village plan for non-emigrable families in West Germany; 1962-74 support of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency Women's Vocational and Teacher-Training Centre in Ramallah; 1972-74 Mobile Medical Units to serve Health needs of children and mothers in rural areas of Ghana, West Africa; 1974-76 Pan African Training and Research Centre for Women-dedicated to international Woman's Year 1975 --for the recruitment and financing of the AMERICAN Women's Volunteer Task Force to serve the educational, physical, social and cultural needs of women in rural areas. In 1976 Zonta began in cooperation with UNICEF and the Colombian Government to construct and equip health and education centres staffed by professionals



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and auxiliaries to administer treatment, to disseminate information and to provide immunization programs, referrals for specialized medical treatment, day care and instruction in hygiene and sanitation services. The next international project was through UNICEF to dig wells in Sri Lanka in the poor rural areas in order to improve the health and well being of poor people living in those areas.

Konta's continuing service project is the Amelia Earhart Fellowship Awards for Graduate Study in Aerospace related Science and Engineering--such fields as astrophysics, molecular biology, space medicine. These grants are for \$6000 a year. These awards were established in 1938 as a memorial to its famed aviation pioneer member, Amelia Earhart who was an early advocate of a woman's right to excel in a field of her own choosing. Amelia joined Konta in 1928.

Marta Wallen, formerly of Poland, Department of Physics, University of Wyoming at Laramie, has been the recipient of this fellowship for three years, 1983-86.

## Mary Godat Bellamy

Zonta Club of Laramie, Wyoming lost a most distinguished honorary member with the passing of Mary Godat Bellamy on January 28, 1955, at the age of 94.

Mrs. Bellamy was Wyoming's first woman legislator. She served as a representative from Albany County in 1911. She introduced a bill to permit a married woman to administer estates and helped secure the passage of several bills improving the situation of women and children, including that which permitted transfer of women prisoners from the state penitentiary to women's quarters in other states, and the transfer of boys from the penitentiary to the Boy's Industrial school.

A friend of Carrie Chapman Catt, Mrs. Bellamy was active in the Council of Women Voters and was Wyoming's envoy to the last great rally for women suffrage in Washington, D. C. in 1917. She was also elected a delegate to the Democratic National convention and was named on the committee to notify President Wilson of his renomination.

Mrs. Bellamy was one of the founders of the Cheyenne Woman's club in 1894, of the Laramie Woman's club in 1898 and of the Wyoming State Federation of Women's clubs in 1904. In 1940 she received the Federation's award as the outstanding pioneer club woman of Wyoming.

In 1948 Mrs. Bellamy received the Kiwanis International award for distinguished service to the state, the first woman to be so honored. She was also awarded the state's 50-year commemorative medal.

Nominated by Jacques Laramie chapter of the D.A.R., Mrs. Bellamy's name is inscribed in the organization's memorial bell tower at Valley Forge as Wyoming's first woman legislator.

In June 1952, Mrs. Bellamy received an honorary doctor of laws degree from the University of Wyoming.

Mrs. Bellamy has been an honorary member of the Zonta club of Laramie for the last three years. Her sparkling wit and keen observations will be missed by the members of this club which held her in high esteem.

Ruth E. Campbell, President  
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