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Governor's Message

As the old saying goes, "Time flies when you are having fun." And, the time has flown by since last July when my term as Governor of District 12 began. I want to mention briefly my first District Conference as Governor. I want to say a huge thank you to the Zonta Club of Prowers County in Lamar, Colorado, for hosting the Conference. The women of the Prowers County Club are enthusiastic, hardworking, excellent hosts, and great women to have a good time with. The Conference was well attended; and, I believe, most people had a wonderful time, learned something about Zonta they might not have known, met some new Zontians, and perhaps visited a part of District 12 they hadn't been to previously. The September Conference now is a beautiful memory, and we are looking forward.

District 12 is hosting the Interdistrict Membership Conference in June, 2005. The dates are June 24-26 and the conference will be held at the Denver Marriott at Gateway Park near DIA. The program committee is currently finalizing the speakers. The focus will be membership—but it won't be your grandmother's membership—we have speakers who are professionals in presenting all kinds of new and innovative ideas for increasing Zonta membership in the Americas. Put the dates on your calendar and information will be forthcoming regarding specifics.

It is only mid January but plans have been underway for the 2005 District 12 Conference. The Conference is being held in beautiful Boulder, Colorado, and will be hosted by the two Boulder Zonta Clubs. I have met in person with Kay Meyer and Toni Lorgan, the president's of their respective Zonta Clubs, and we have followed these meetings up with many e-mail messages and telephone conversations. We are making good progress on putting the conference together. Barbara Nelson, Area 3 Director, had the conference on the agenda for her January 2005 President's meeting. The Conference will indeed be a cooperative effort with all Clubs in Area 3 sharing the fun and responsibility of putting a District Conference together. We are excited about all the possibilities and, of course, the "call to conference" will go out at the appropriate time so you can make your plans to attend. Finally, the 2005 Conference will include election of District 12 Board officers for 2006-2008, and District 12's official Zonta International Representative, Beryl Sten from Sweden will be our guest. The Conference promises to be exciting.

Your District 12 Board met on January 14-15 in Gillette, Wyoming, the home of the youngest District 12 Zonta Club. The Gillette Zontians were very helpful in providing me with information necessary to planning the meeting and the Board met with a delegation of very enthusiastic Gillette Zontians for dinner at the Chop House Restaurant in Gillette. I highly recommend the Chop House if you are passing through Gillette at dinner time. As some of you know, I am a vegetarian, and the Chop House didn't exactly sound like someplace where I would find much to fit my taste. WRONG—they have a wonderful selection of vegetarian fare. We had a very productive Board meeting with all elected members present, several committee

chairs present, and all members were represented by comprehensive reports of their activities. During the meeting we dealt with a myriad of topics.

Many of the topics you will be hearing about from your AD in detail. For example, we put together a comprehensive list of reputable agencies to make contributions to the Tsunami Relief efforts. Because this is such a huge world event we are following the advice of President Mary Ellen Bittner. Some Districts have established Tsunami Funds—we decided that individual Clubs may make the decision how to proceed with the information provided to them. However, we want to know what kind of impact our district is having on the relief efforts. Therefore, we are requesting that all Clubs in the District include a category in their annual service report designating tsunami relief. Thank you for honoring this request.

The Board discussed annual reports and concern with creating the easiest way for Clubs to complete these vital reports. Several pieces of information were discussed. One of which is that all report forms can be found on the CD that contains the District Directory. In addition, all reports will be posted on the District 12 website along with a list of who each report is to go to. Another matter discussed was reaching the goal that each Club in the District have a **Club e-mail address** posted on the District 12 Website by summer, 2005. In addition, Zonta International has a current campaign to get every Zonta member registered on the ZI website. Information has been presented in several ways on the process. If you are unsure of how to go about registering,

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2004-06 International Service Projects

Each biennium, through the International Service Program, Zontians support International Service projects. These projects are identified by Zonta leadership based on priority issues and/or geographical area needs. Zontians worldwide embrace the International Service Fund through their generous donations. In addition, they often use the issues addressed by the projects as platforms for education and action within their own countries.

The International Service projects for the 2004-2006 Biennium focus on urgent issues in three parts of the world: Niger, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Afghanistan.

- ◆ Women now account for almost half of all cases of HIV/AIDS in the world. The impact of HIV/AIDS is so devastating in the Bouza District of the Tahoua Department (state) in Southern Niger, that the district is known as "the Valley of the Widows" because of the high number of young married men who have died in recent years.
- ◆ In late 2000, the International Police Task Force of Bosnia estimated that over 10,000 victims of trafficking are in the country at any one time. Local women's groups estimate that more than 95 percent of these are women.
- ◆ Only 3 percent of Afghan women are literate; and the majority of women have no access to clean water, energy or sanitation. For almost six years, Afghan women were completely removed from social, economic and political life, and virtually all of their human rights have been violated.

Zonta International District 12 Mission Statement

Zonta District 12's purpose is to build, develop, and maintain strong clubs through support, leadership, and communication in order to further the mission of Zonta International.

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contact your Area Director. We also discussed the value of Club newsletters and discussed the fact that there are a number of excellent newsletters being generated in the District. However, there are still Clubs who do not have a newsletter. The Board agreed that the newsletters are not only a way to communicate with Club members but they are a way to showcase your Club to the rest of the District and can even be used in recruiting new members.

Our final major discussion was coordinating planning for the four Area Meetings coming up in April. The schedule of Area Meetings is: Area 4—April 2 in Colorado Springs, Colorado—with a Friday night fellowship for those arriving the night before; Area 3—April 9 in Boulder, Colorado—Friday night fellowship unknown at this time; Area 2—April 16 in Douglas, Wyoming, hosted by the Converse County Club—Friday fellowship currently undecided; and Area 1—April 22 in Sturgis, South Dakota—with the details of the Friday night fellowship undecided. By now you all will have received the Call to Area Meeting from your host Club and your Area Director. Many of your District Board members will be attending all area meetings. We all are looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at each of the area meetings. We are especially eager to see members who have not attended an Area meeting previously. I cannot emphasize too strongly the advantage of attending meetings beyond your individual Club. It is the best way to gain a wider perspective of the enormity of what and who Zonta International really is and the great good we do worldwide.

Though belated, I want to wish each and every one of you a happy, prosperous, healthy, productive New Year, and a year filled with fun and joy.

Evelyn J. Haskell, Governor
District 12, Zonta International

Request from ZI!

All Zonta members are asked to register on the ZI website. Go to www.zonta.org and select "Members Register Now" and follow the simple instructions. Registered members will not only have access to valuable member-only information and resources but may participate in the Strategic Planning Survey (available to registered members after February 1). All District 12 clubs are listed on our District 12 website at <http://zontadistrict12.org/>, so please review your current link or information. If you would like to update or add information, please contact Susie Nulty (nulty@csdco.com or 719-337-3888).

Efficient Communication and Visibility [or ZI Requests Club E-Mail]

The Club Locator will be the primary way the public, prospective members, and program award applicants will contact Clubs. The 2004-2006 Directory will not contain specific contact information for each Club or Club president. Over time, HQ will be spending less money on mailings and will use e-mail as the primary method of communication.

Therefore, the ZI Board decided that every Zonta Club is expected to provide HQ an up-to-date e-mail address by 1 June 2005. It is strongly suggested that each Club E-Mail address remain the same from year-to-year and be checked frequently. All Club presidents are urged to provide an e-mail address now.

—excerpt from *ZI Club Mailing, March, 2004*

SERVICE/ZISVAW UPDATE

SERVICE:

1. The Area meetings last year had positive results from "hands-on" service projects. Please be thinking of ideas as you plan your meetings.
2. Clubs need to remember to document the types of project, hours, and how many club members participated. This will be important in the annual report but also important for each club's board to evaluate projects.
3. Service projects are more powerful and invigorate clubs more when they meet the mission of Zonta.
4. I have replied to the international service chair that District 12 would like to participate in a project for District 17.

ZISVAW:

From the international chairperson I received an e-mail reminding Zontians to remember that the people affected by the tsunami are at great risk for violence, especially the women and children.

Mary Walker, Service/ZISVAW Chair

Need forms to complete your end-of-year reporting? Check out the Zonta District 12 website at <http://zontadistrict12.org> and/or go to your Club's Directory CD.

2004-05 Club Presidents

Area 1—

Billings..... Maribeth Haynes
 Black Hills Tracy Manning Egge
 Gillette Debra Niemi
 Glendive Connie Udem
 Pierre-Fort Pierre ... Laurie Bonrud Gronlund
 Southern Black Hills..... Kristy K. Schmitz
 Spearfish.....Mistie Caldwell
 Sturgis Area Pepper Massey-Swan

Area 2—

Cheyenne..... Valerie (Val) Rodekohr
 Converse County Holly S. Richardson
 Fort Collins..... Bridget Masters
 Laramie Karen O. Smith

Area 3—

Boulder County Toni Lorgan
 Denver Diane Twining
 Denver II Carol Leffler
 Douglas County Joslin Nagle
 Foothills of Boulder County...Kathryn L. (Kay) Meyer
 Jefferson County..... Jo Ann Warner
 Lakewood-Golden..... Laurie P. Johnson

Area 4—

Canon City Area..... Earlene Wolfers
 Pikes Peak Area Teri L. Hermans
 Prowers County Ileta Pierson
 Pueblo County Colleen Armstrong

TSUNAMI DISASTER: Suggested Organizations for Donations from District 12 Clubs and Individual Club Members

Clubs in District 12 are being encouraged to send a Club donation to one of the entities listed below. In addition, Club members may choose to make a donation (individually) to one of these entities and/or another entity such as a local church, place of work, etc. NOTE: Club Presidents will want to state their Club's donation and the total individual donations their respective members make to tsunami disaster relief efforts in their President's report that will be prepared later this spring.

UNICEF, United Nations Children's Fund, at <http://www.unicef.org/>, you can click on Disaster in Asia, Donate Now for a drop down menu of national affiliates through which you can make your contribution. (Our contributions to the Zonta International Foundation International Service Fund support UNICEF Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus Immunization efforts in Afghanistan.)

CARE International, at <http://www.care.org/> you can select a national affiliate through which you can make your donation. (Our contributions to the Zonta International Foundation International Service Fund support the CARE International Mata Masu Dubara project in Niger.)

Doctors Without Borders / Medecins Sans Frontieres, an independent humanitarian medical aid agency. <http://www.msf.org/> is the international website of this organization. Through this link to the Homepage, you can get updates on their current activities in response to the crisis, and "Go to MSF country sites" in the upper right to make your donation through a national affiliate. (Note: MSF has received sufficient funds for its foreseen emergency response in South Asia.)

International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, http://www.ifrc.org/helpnow/donate/donate_response.asp, or visit your national Red Cross or Red Crescent affiliate. (Suggested by Janaki Krishnan, member Zonta Club of Madras, in Chennai, India, and past International Board Director.)

OXFAM, an independent international relief organization that works with others to find lasting solutions to poverty and suffering around the world. Go to <http://www.oxfam.org.uk/>.

UNFPA, a United Nations agency calling on governments, sister UN agencies and other humanitarian partners to ensure that the special needs of women and girls are factored into all short- and medium-term relief planning. UNFPA has committed up to \$1 million and additional staff for rapid health assessments, hygiene needs and health supplies, including water purification tablets. Priority areas to be addressed by UNFPA will include emergency obstetric care, the establishment of temporary health facilities, and the provision of equipment and supplies. Go to <http://www.unfpa.org/support/index.htm>.

In addition, you may also consider sending your Club's donation and/or individual donations to Zontians in Thailand who have set up a Zonta Thailand tsunami relief fund.

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Beneficiary Name: ZONTA THAILAND FOR TSUNAMI RELIEF FUND

Savings Account Number: 096-020-1234 Swift Code: BKKBTHBK

Email/fax a copy of your transfer slip to: Barbara Kesara Pantumrat at babra4@yahoo.com.

REPORT FROM UN/INTERNATIONAL CHAIR

October 24 brought UN (United Nations) Day and each District 12 Club was encouraged to observe in some way. Two clubs reported on their activities. Pierre-Fort Pierre under Anita Zastrow, Chair, included an article in the Club newsletter as well as an article in the local newspaper on Zonta and the UN. Members were also encouraged to visit the website to learn more about the UN. The Denver Club under Mary Benoit, UN Chair, commemorated UN Day by having an international menu served at the October meeting, and I provided an update on the Zonta International Service Projects and UN activities.

My email of January 4 to all Clubs and District Board Members provided information on the International Service Projects approved for the 2004-2006 Biennium to focus on urgent issues in Niger, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Afghanistan. I also encouraged all Clubs to commemorate Zonta Rose Day/International Women's Day on March 8, 2005. In the e-mail, I provided ideas on how to do this. Again, I urge all Clubs to report to me ways that they observed Zonta Rose Day/International Women's Day on March 8, 2005, so that I may share with all Clubs.

I will continue to provide updates! It is a pleasure to serve as your UN/International Chair. Please contact me if you have any questions at jeashmore@comcast.net or at 303-617-0947.

Evie Ashmore, UN/International Relations Chair

It's Time to Chart our Future

by Kate Brewster, Nominating Committee Chairman

As we look forward to the promise of 2005, it is also time to start thinking about the future of District 12 and of Zonta International. We are midway through this biennium, which means the time has come to build a slate of officers for the next biennium. Additionally, this is a good time to start developing your club's slate of officers if you haven't already begun the process.

Two important deadlines are just around the corner:

- April 15—District Officer nominations must be received by the D12 Nominating Committee chairman (from the Club Nominating Chairman). The new D12 slate of officers will be submitted to the Governor on May 1.
- May 31—International officer/director nominations must be received by the D12 Nominating Committee chairman (from the Club Nominating Chairman).

Information has been sent to each Club president and nominating committee chairman outlining the qualifications for Club, District, and International officer positions. We ask that all of you check your membership lists to see which of your members might be eligible to run for an International or District office. For example, for an International office, who in your Club has been an International Director or has served as District Governor, Lt. Governor, Treasurer or Area Director? For a District office, which of your classified members are actively engaged in their profession and have served two years in an elected club office or District chairman position with at least one year as president? Once again, the detailed qualifications are in the hands of your president and nominating committee chairman. We urge you to become familiar with this information, and to schedule time for discussion during your regular meetings.

We, the District 12 Nominating Committee, look forward to recruiting qualified, knowledgeable, and energetic candidates to continue leading District 12 and our International organization through the next biennium. Each one of you has the ability to help us build this leadership through your careful consideration and nomination of qualified members for office at all levels. Remember that it takes all of us to ensure that Zonta continues to be an organization of value, purpose, energy, and effectiveness.

We encourage all members of District 12 to contact us with suggestions for District and/or International office (after first talking to the person of interest) so that we may move forward in charting our future. You can reach us as follows:

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Elizabeth Clinton: elizbobb@msn.com; 719-547-8133; PO Box 7769, Pueblo West, CO 81007-7769

Stephanie Seymanski: sseymanski@msn.com; 406-656-2608; 2036 Alderson Avenue, #4, Billings, MT 59102

News from Zonta International

by Jacki Sammons

A Strategic Planning Task Force was appointed in February, 2004. There are four members from the Zonta International Board and two members from the ZI Foundation Board. I am one from the ZIF Board.

The Task Force has prepared a survey that all members are being asked to complete. It has been online since February 1. For those that do not have e-mail, the Club presidents have been asked to provide a hard copy with the instructions on mailing to ZI headquarters.

At the November meeting of the ZIF Board, I was elected Treasurer.

Mary Ellen Bittner, our ZI President, fell down her stairs and has had surgery and has been in a wheelchair. She is recovering.

The tsunami disaster has been on our minds and we are asked to directly contribute to the charities listed on the Zonta website www.zonta.org. Also, District 17, which was the hardest hit, has set up a contribution site.

Thank you for continuing to support the programs of Zonta International by contributing to the Zonta International Foundation. It is a pleasure to serve on this Board, and I thank all of you.

PUBLIC RELATIONS NEWS

Happy New Year to all: After the District Conference in late September, I e-mailed the Communications and Public Relations Plan presented at District to each Club President. I asked each to e-mail me the name of their PR chair. I did receive a few names and can only assume that Club Presidents forwarded the information to their chair. I received a few requests for examples of PR materials and have forwarded the information as requested. In turn I had asked that Clubs send me examples of the materials they had created so that I could share with the District—I have not received many to date (with the exception of Club newsletters). I may need to make a second request as the original request was in the body of the plan and not a separate e-mail. I believe with the holidays behind us and the New Year upon us, we will see more activity in the area of PR.

—Lynn Eggebrecht, Public Relations Chair

AREA DIRECTOR REPORTS

AREA 1

Sturgis, here we come!! Plans are well underway as a capable group of Zontians from the Zonta Club of Sturgis plan this year's Area 1 Meeting. Scheduled for April 22-23, this meeting will enable all Clubs in Area 1 (Billings, Black Hills, Gillette, Glendive, Pierre-Fort Pierre, Southern Black Hills, Spearfish, and Sturgis) to showcase their involvement in their respective communities and the contributions (financial, time, effort) they have made to the goal of improving the status of women and children—locally and worldwide.

Over the past several months, I have had the pleasure of connecting (primarily via e-mail) with the Area 1 Club Presidents, answering questions, and passing along information of importance to their Clubs. I am impressed with the commitment and enthusiasm of the Area 1 Club Presidents and commend them for their leadership.

As of today, I have visited three of the Clubs, with plans to visit the remaining five Area 1 Clubs this spring. My interaction with the newest Area 1 Club, Gillette, was via a Club retreat that allowed time for formal and informal discussions regarding local, national, and international issues. This enthusiastic group is a wonderful addition to Area 1!

Meeting with the Sturgis Area 1 Meeting Planning Committee and the Zonta Club of Sturgis was a delight as well. We are all hopeful that each Club in Area 1 will be represented at the Meeting and that many will see this as an opportunity to network with fellow Zontians while learning more about Zonta International. This Club has some fun things in store for the attendees! Don't miss it! Of course, I continue to be involved with the Zonta Club of Spearfish and have shared information with them on several occasions regarding Zonta International. At the 2004 Festival of Trees (the Club's primary fundraiser), an information table on Zonta was set up so that members and the public could learn more about Zonta and its mission.

In my interaction with the Club Presidents, I have noted that Club members are actively engaged in opportunities to learn more about Zonta International via speakers at Club meetings, videos, the *Zontian*, the Zonta website, brochures/pamphlets, and interaction with one another. In addition, each Club has found a fundraising niche that enables the Club to donate money directly to young women (in the form

of scholarships), children's groups, as well as to other organizations/entities in the area that also address the needs of women and children. It is heartwarming to hear what the Clubs in Area 1 (and all Clubs in District 12!) are doing in their communities and the impact they have made. It's amazing what can be accomplished through the combined efforts of so many capable women!

—Priscilla Young Romkema, Area 1 Director

AREA 2

The **Fort Collins Club** raised \$700 on their Zonta Putt Fundraiser. This money was awarded to a student from Front Range Community College. Other donations were made to: the rape unit at Poudre Valley Hospital for a blue light that detects sperm, funding was given to each of the Fort Collins high schools to purchase a video "Remember Jenn" (regarding date rape), \$200 was given to the International Service fund in memory of Arlene Davy a long time member of Zonta, 219 pounds of turkeys and \$20 was given to the Food Bank at Thanksgiving, and \$500 was given to the Amelia Earhart scholarship fund from Lucy Stefan one of their members and a former recipient of the scholarship. Members volunteered to help register voters. They hosted a Membership open house with 13 in attendance and initiated one new member.

The **Zonta Club of Converse County** hosted their Fifth Annual Fall Fashion Show in October at the Wyoming State Fairgrounds in Douglas. In addition to supporting Zonta International projects the proceeds also benefited their local Scholarship Program and initiated an 'Adopt-A-Teacher' program. In October members celebrated United Nations Day at a local restaurant. A discussion on the elimination of violence against women as a major contributing factor in the spread HIV/AIDS was conducted. Internationally, Zonta provides micro-credit loans and health education for HIV/AIDS infected women. Members discussed how they could adopt a similar outreach in Douglas and they are currently pursuing the establishment of a program for women in Converse County. A Zonta Blood Drive was held in November collecting a total of 72 pints. It was such a success that the Club held it again in December.

The **Cheyenne Zonta Club** held its 30th annual Antique Show Fund Raiser this September. The shows expenses were up and profits were down but

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the show made more than \$5,000. Members donated to the annual Latina Youth Conference. In October a women from Mongolia spoke at their monthly meeting helping celebrate UN Day. Cheyenne sent five members to the District Conference in Lamar. Four members also attended Laramie's Fashion Show.

The **Laramie Zonta Club** annual Fashion Show was a success earning nearly \$10,000 that will go to International Service Projects and local service projects. The Club serves Sunday Brunch to the Eppson Senior Center one Sunday each month. An afternoon in October was spent by members cleaning up a stretch of highway designated as Laramie Zonta Club's section. The Suited for Success Open House was held at their new facility. The facility is larger and provides more room for clothing. The area is set up similar to a store with mannequins, displays, and dressing rooms. In December members rang the Salvation Army Bell during the holiday season and provided cookies, beverages, and hostesses for the Holiday Open House at the Laramie Plains Museum.

The Golden Z Club has been meeting monthly. Their membership continues to grow with around 25 members! The girls provided a Christmas basket for a needy family during the Holidays.

—Linda L. Bogart, Area 2 Director

AREA 3

The Area 3 Amelia Earhart Dinner on January 27 featured a casino night. Spouses and guests were encouraged to attend. Some of the guests volunteered to be dealers for blackjack and to man the craps tables. Winnings were used to buy raffle tickets for prizes. The speaker was the first woman pilot hired by Frontier Airlines.

Area 3 Clubs are busy planning the Area Meeting which will feature a panel discussion on CEDAW, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. This was adopted by the UN General Assembly in 1979 and still awaits ratification by the U.S. Senate. Plans are to have women from business, education, law, etc., help attendees understand the ramifications of this act. The meeting will also feature a service project. New undergarments will also be collected to donate to women's shelters in Area 3.

During the weekend following the area meeting, Area 3 will have a booth at the MESA charity walk. (MESA stands for Moving to End Sexual Assault.) The presidents felt that this would be a good way to

help sponsor MESA and to get the Zonta name in the public eye. Zonta will be listed as a sponsor of the event on all publications.

The President's Meeting in March will focus on what needs to be done at the Zonta year end. We will go over the forms to be submitted to Area, District, and International and discuss payment of dues.

—Barbara L. Davis Nelson, Area 3 Director

AREA 4

All of the Clubs are off to a good start for this year. The District Conference in Lamar was a great success with record numbers of "first-timers" in attendance and even a \$1,000 profit. Looks like the postcard-writing campaign paid off. Good Job Everyone!

Canon City held its 5th Annual Zonta Artful Women Exhibit in the fall. This is a juried art show drawing from Colorado women artists who pay entry fees to display their work and compete for cash prizes. The show is held at the Fremont Center for the Arts. It's a great "win-win" proposition allowing the Zonta Club to gain exposure as well as promoting the aspirations of female artists and raising funds for service projects.

The **Pikes Peak Area Club** has enjoyed excellent programs this season with topics ranging from micro-lending to women in politics at the local and state level. They are employing a unique approach to orientation for new members with their "New Z's Group." New Zs are members in their first year who form an action group under the tutelage of a veteran member. Together they explore the aspects of Zonta, then design and implement their own projects enlisting the participation of the entire membership.

The **Prowers County Club** is sponsoring the Athena Award for a deserving woman in business in Lamar. The Holiday Home Show raised \$700 for the local domestic violence program. At their Christmas party, the Club received a much-appreciated donation of \$1,250 from WalMart for service projects.

In **Pueblo** the energetic members assembled 15 gift packages for women at the local domestic violence shelter and prepared 100 Christmas stockings for needy children at Posada—a program that assists immigrant families.

Plans are underway for the Area 4 meeting to be held on Saturday, April 2, 2005, in Colorado Springs. The Zonta Club of the Pikes Peak Area will be hosting this event, which promises to be full of information and fun.

—Sharon Roggy, Area 4 Director

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

Zonta International sponsors two scholarship and award programs that are initiated at the Club level. Clubs have the opportunity to publicize these two programs in their local communities, select a Club recipient, and submit that recipient to the District 12 Scholarships and Awards Committee. I encourage and challenge all Clubs to provide monetary awards of at least half of the potential District 12 award. If your current Club budget does not allow for this, consider budgeting for these two very worthy programs in the 2005-2006 Zonta year. These programs and the submittal deadlines are described in more detail below. All application forms and additional information may be downloaded from the ZI website: www.zonta.org. Please contact me if you have any questions or need further assistance in initiating the submittal process.

Young Women in Public Affairs Award (YWPA)

The YWPA Award is available to pre-university female students, aged 16-20. The goal of the Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA) Program is to encourage more young women to participate in public and political life by recognizing a commitment to the volunteer sector, evidence of volunteer leadership achievements and a dedication to the advancement of the status of women.

An e-mail was sent out to all District 12 Club Presidents on January 12, 2005 regarding the YWPA program. **All club recipient applications are to be mailed to me by April 15, 2005.** A committee will then review all applications and make a selection for the District 12 recipient. As long as funding is available, the District 12 recipient will receive a \$500 award, and the application will then be submitted to Zonta International by May 15, 2005 to compete for one of five \$1,000 awards.

Look for another Club e-mail in March reminding Clubs of the deadline and providing more information on scoring applications, inviting recipients to the Club to receive the award, and a news release on the Club YWPA recipient.

Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship

The ZI Foundation established the Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarships in 1997 for women pursuing an undergraduate degree in business leading to a business management career. ZI offers five \$5,000 scholarships and in the past District 12 has been able to award a \$400 scholarship to the District recipient. Recipients must meet the following requirements:

- Be eligible to enter the third or fourth year of an undergraduate degree program at an accredited university/college/institute program at the time the funds are received.
- Have achieved an outstanding academic record during the first two-three years of academic studies.
- Demonstrate intent to complete a program in business and show outstanding achievement in business-related subjects, as recorded on the official university/college/institute transcript.

Look for a Club e-mail this month regarding the Klausman Scholarship. **All club recipient applications must be submitted to me by May 31, 2005.**

Stephanie Seymanski
Scholarships and Awards Chair
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ZONTA PLAQUES

The first "plaques" were sold in June of 1998. Since that time District 12 has contributed \$1,609.30 to the Susan G. Komen Foundation—\$910.30 in May of 2001 and \$699.00 in May of 2003. We currently have \$290 in the account. This amount, and any other funds collected from the sales through the end of this fiscal year, will be contributed in May of 2005.

**Remember...
Attend your
Area Meeting!**

Membership Momentum by Beverly Morrow, Lt. Governor

We are almost there! District 12 is soooooo close to meeting our short-term goal of 700 members. The most recent official figures I have indicate that, as of early February, District 12 has a total of 696 members. Here is the breakdown by Areas:

- Area 1—272 members (up by 14), 8 clubs
- Area 2—161 members (up by 3), 4 clubs
- Area 3—175 members (up by 8), 7 clubs
- Area 4—88 members (up by 5), 4 clubs

This number compares to 679 members at the end of the last biennium in May, which is a 17 member increase. I know that Clubs are still adding some new members, so I believe that our numbers will exceed our goal of 700 very soon! The real key, however, will be to retain that level of membership when we move into the new Zonta year in June.

The 23 Zonta Clubs in District 12 are doing a great job of recruiting new members, so let's work hard to keep that momentum going. We have less than three months left in the Zonta year, so it is important to look at the membership opportunities

we have right now. This is a perfect time to be looking for potential new members who may share our Zonta vision. In the next few months, you can invite them to your meetings and educate them about Zonta's mission and projects. By the time they are ready to make a commitment, and the membership forms have been completed and approved by your Board, it will be time for paying dues for the new year beginning in June.

This is also the perfect point in the year to be thinking about the members you already have. Are there members you haven't seen for a while, or ones who have not been encouraged to actively participate? Now is the time to strengthen the commitment of your current members and to give some extra attention to those members who may not be feeling as welcome and needed as they should. Member recruitment can't be truly effective unless member retention is also a strong focus.

I am planning to attend all of the Area Meetings in April, so I look forward to seeing you and sharing more information and ideas about membership!

[Editor's Note: As of 3/28/05, the District 12 database contains +719 paid members for 2004-05.]

REPORT FROM JANELL WILL DISTRICT 12 STATUS OF WOMEN/Z CLUB CHAIR WINTER BOARD MEETING—JANUARY 2005

STATUS OF WOMEN REPORT

- E-mailed in late October to all Club Presidents and Board a list of candidates running for federal office prior to the 2004 National Election
- E-mailed results in November after the election to all Clubs and Board
- Plan to e-mail Clubs the WOW! Statistics on Women, a factoid reference book of women's status in this country
- Forwarded the STATUS OF WOMEN Newsletters and on October 6, 2004 the two e-mails from Gabriele Springer & Iesje Vermeulen-Haanappel, ZI STWS Committee to all Club Presidents and the District Board

Z CLUBS/GOLDEN Z CLUBS REPORT

- E-mailed to all Clubs the survey on Z Clubs (a total of 3 times)
- Received completed survey responses thus far from 13 Clubs—Denver, Laramie, Boulder, Jefferson County, Converse County, Black Hills, Pikes Peak, Pierre-Fort Pierre, Douglas County, Glendive, Foot-hills Boulder, Sturgis, Fort Collins (pending results from 2 Clubs)
- Mailing Z Club information to the Zonta Club of the Black Hills—very interested in forming a Z Club again, since they had a Golden Z Club until 5 years ago
- Will keep pursuing a response from all Clubs and finalize responses by March 1
- Most responses are time, lack of membership, lack of school contact or interest

FYI from D12 Foundation Ambassador

There has been much concern the past couple of months about the tsunami disaster. This is one area of giving for our Zonta Clubs and a very serious one. There are two suggested ways to give to this effort.

Directly to involved organizations:

CARE International, Doctors without Borders, Red Cross organizations, OXFAM, UNFPA, and UNIFEM. Links are available from www.zonta.org.

Our Zonta world: (See www.zonta.org for the link to these two district appeals; exact instructions for donating are given.)

District 17 (Hong Kong, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand)

District 25 (Bangladesh, India, Sri Lanka)

President Mary Ellen Bittner reports that Zonta International is evaluating ways to help the long-term assistance needs of the tsunami recovery efforts that fit into our mission of advancing the status of women.

Another area of giving is our service projects goals as agreed upon at our International Convention last summer. As you know, the Zonta Foundation was established in 1985 to carry out the charitable service projects of Zonta International. It is organized specifically for this purpose. Zonta International has pledged to support projects in Afghanistan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Niger. Women in these countries are also counting on us to provide our donations to change their lives in education, basic health care, and violence.

At our Area meetings, we will review these many demands on our dollars and how our service project goals are being met. As in our private lives, we will probably find that it is a matter of setting priorities and ... yuck, a budget. Hope to see you all in April.

—Betty Edwards, D12 Foundation Ambassador

REGULAR REPORTING OF CURRENT INFORMATION IMPORTANT IN KEEPING DISTRICT 12 DIRECTORY INFORMATION UP-TO-DATE

The efforts of the Directory Chair continue to be focused on **encouraging active Club level reporting of members' information**. The continued expansion of the Directory is designed to enable all Zontians in District 12 to develop networking contacts. [It is especially important to provide the most current, workable e-mail addresses so that members can receive the District 12 *Outreach* in a timely manner.]

Please continue to forward up-to-date information on a regular basis to:

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



April 2	Area 4 Meeting, Colorado Springs, Colorado
April 9	Area 3 Meeting, Boulder, Colorado
April 16	Area 2 Meeting, Douglas, Wyoming
April 22	Earth Day!
April 23	Area 1 Meeting, Sturgis, South Dakota
MAY	Tenth Birthday of the Zonta Club of the Southern Black Hills
May 8	Mother's Day
June 24-26	<i>Inter-District Membership Conference</i> , Denver Marriott at Gateway Park near DIA [District 12 Board Meeting to be held prior to Conference.]

Check out these websites:

www.zonta.org

www.ZISVAW.org

www.zontadistrict12.org

www.un.org

www.womenact.org

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