



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE—

January 2006

"Better do a good deed near at home than go far away to burn incense."

Lately I've been reading about the Dalai Lama's quest for an autonomous Tibet (The Beginner's Guide to Changing the World by Isabel Losada) and we had Lynne Weidel's great presentation about the Zonta International Projects at our November meeting. I get enthusiastic about wanting to make a difference 'in the world.' New Year's resolutions start to take on an exalted aura. This past year the world has experienced an unusual number of tragedies and what am I doing to help relieve some of the misery?

There were many articles in the Wyoming Tribune Eagle this Christmas season about the generous actions of people here in Cheyenne. Locally there is much need as we heard from Connie Sloan Cathcart at our December meeting. I don't have to look to Tibet or Pakistan or even Biloxi/New Orleans to find a worthwhile 'cause' to benefit from my New Year's resolutions. There is no limit to how much we can do individually ~ or collectively through Zonta. The quotation above is from Amelia Earhart, whose contributions we will acknowledge this month at our evening meeting on 1/12/2006. She has definitely helped me to refocus my attentions by that simple sentence.

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ZONTA ZEPHYR

DOING WHAT THEIR GRANDMOTHERS COULDN'T



The 376th Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron, flew an ALL FEMALE KC-135 Stratotanker air refueling mission over Afghanistan on Jan. 31.

Early on Jan. 31, a KC-135 Stratotanker took off from Ganci Air Base, Kyrgyzstan, carrying more than 180,000 pounds of fuel and an all-female crew-both pilots, a navigator and a boom operator. The event marked the first all-female crew to fly an air refueling mission into Afghanistan from Ganci. Capt. Heather, and the boom operator, Senior Airman Lyndi, are assigned to the 99th Air Refueling Squadron at Robins Air Force Base, Ga. They have been deployed since Dec. 9.

(Hugh P. Young, Contracting Officer, KC-10/KDC-10, Tinker AFB, OK)

JANUARY 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 NEW YEAR'S DAY!	2	3	4	5 Board Mtg	6
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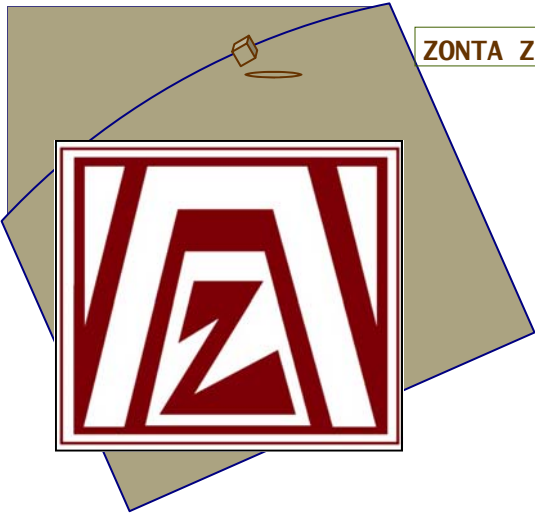
President's Message (Continued)

One of my resolutions is to try to bring at least one new member into Zonta this year. We are going to have a Membership Celebration on February 25 at the Historic Governor's Mansion. I will be inviting 4 women, hoping one of them will come! If each member made a determined effort to bring a guest to that gathering, I know we would have a wonderful time and probably increase our membership. Word of mouth is our best membership recruiting tool so let's all invite women to this event; it will be fun and informative.

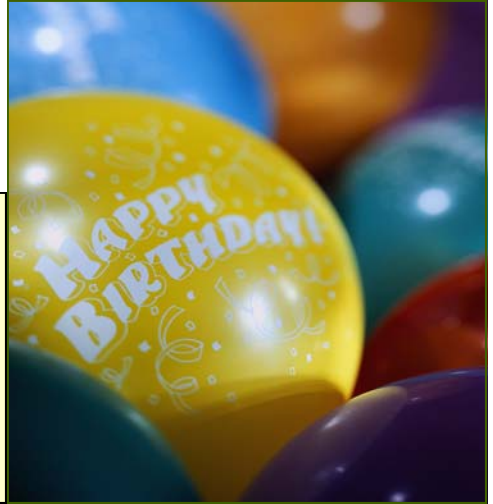
We also need to remember that our Antique Show will be May 5-6, 2006. With the first of the year now upon us, we will have to work with commitment and determination to make this change a success.

By working hard through Zonta, we can achieve both - a good deed near at home and burning the incense far away!

Yours in the Spirit of the New Year,
Jody Gostas



HAPPY, BIRTHDAY MEMBERS!



QUOTABLES FROM THE BOOK

"Wild Words from Wild Women", An Unbridled Collection of Candid Observations Extremely Opinionated Bon Mots.

Compiled by: Autumn Stephens

I have yet to hear a man ask for advice on how to combine marriage and a career.

I can't mate in captivity.

Some of us are becoming the men we wanted to marry.

- Gloria Steinem, the mother of all Ms's.

MARJ WOODS
JANUARY 07

KATHY MULLER OGLE
JANUARY 18

VAL RODEKOHR
JANUARY 20

I have never married because there was no need. I have three pets at home which answer the same purpose as a husband. I have a dog which growls every morning, a parrot which swears all afternoon, and a cat that comes home late at night.

- Marie Corelli





THE ZONTA ROSE

By Any Other Name, It's Still a Zonta Rose to Us

The beauty of a single yellow rose has been a favorite Zonta symbol for nearly 20 years.

The "Zonta Rose" was introduced at the 1984 Sydney Convention, thanks to the dedication and support of District 16 Zontians. In 1983, then Lieutenant Governor of District 16 (New Zealand), Valerie Webster, proposed that a breed of roses be developed as a living symbol of Zonta International. The renowned England-based nursery Harkness Roses worked to cultivate the flower, while Zontian Maureen Ross of Ross Roses in Adelaide, Australia enabled it to be introduced at the Convention.

Today, the lovely yellow bloom can be seen in members' gardens, memorial plantings, schools, hospitals, homes for the elderly, and in the forecourt of Australia's National Parliament in Canberra. Most recently, a Zonta Rose Bed was inaugurated at Bältesspännarparken in Gothenburg, Sweden, as part of the 2002 Zonta International Convention festivities.

But the Zonta Rose is much more than a lovely flower. Since 1999, it has served as the symbol of Zonta Rose Day, which falls on 8 March and coincides with International Women's Day. On this special day, Zontians worldwide are encouraged to publicly distribute yellow roses or items bearing the image of yellow roses, accompanied by information about Zonta International and issues relating to improving the lives of women.

The Zonta Rose itself has bright yellow blooms, produced in large sprays, and neatly spaced to form a bouquet. Each bloom is formed on its own long stem and has a particularly long life, whether on the bush or cut. Its fragrance is light and pleasant, while gardeners will appreciate that it is easy to grow and hardy, reaching an average of 1.2 meters in height.

The Zonta Rose is registered internationally under the name "Hartanna." It also goes by the name "Princess Alice" in Canada and the UK, and "Bright Lites" in the USA.

Zonta Club of Cheyenne General Meeting Minutes
Laramie County Library
December 1, 2005 - 12 noon

Jody Gostas, President, welcomed all the members and guests and the group repeated the Zonta Collect.

Membership: Bev Morrow announced that a Membership Celebration would be held on Saturday, February 25, 2006 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Historic Governor's Mansion. There will be a women's trivia game. Each member was encouraged to bring at least one guest. We need to keep Zonta strong, which will benefit each member and the worldwide network.

Birthday Recognition and Kudos: December birthdays were celebrated by Claire Davis, Linda Bogart and Betty Squires. Melissa Leger was recognized for her award from the Greater Cheyenne Chamber of Commerce as the Greet Them Positively Cheyenne winner. Bev Morrow was a Wyoming delegate at the White House Conference on Aging in Washington, DC.

Wyoming Women's Foundation: First Lady, Nancy Freudenthal, reported that this fund has achieved the amount of one million dollars by December of last year. The foundation has received more grant requests than they were able to fund. Donations can be made in lieu of Christmas gifts.

Program: Connie Sloan Cathcart and Renee Gray from United Way presented the program that included the Vision 20/20 Project; the new brochures, whose printing was donated by the Wyoming Tribune Eagle. United Way tries to meet the basic needs of our community. The group is now working on a new project, Women's Initiative

Announcements:

Lucie Osborn reported that 100% of the construction document for the steel package is completed for the new library. Some destruction of existing buildings has been done on the building site. The Take a Zontian to Lunch project has been postponed until January 2006.

Jody Gostas, Cory Meyer and Lynne Weidel had a letter to the editor published recently that publicized the illegal trafficking of women in the world.

The meeting date for March will be changed to the 8th instead of the 9th. Legislators and spouses will be invited to attend. Betty Siltzer announced that the Amelia Earhart Dinner would be on January 12, 2006 at Poor Richards. Cost of the meal will be \$21.95. The club members approved the cost. Gathering will be at 6 pm and the meal at 7 pm.

Traci Lindsten still needs some member portraits for the directory. Kathy Carlson announced that notices and applications have been sent to schools in Laramie County requesting names for the Young Woman in Public Affairs award. Deadline for applications is February 28, 2006. An announcement has also been sent to the newspaper.

The members exchanged Christmas tree ornaments. The Rainbow raffle was won by Bev Morrow.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Eleanor Hanson, Secretary

Zonta Club of Cheyenne Board Meeting Minutes
The Hitching Post
December 8, 2005 - 12 noon

Present: Jody Gostas, Traci Lindsten, Edith Garrett, Marion Barnes, Betty Squires and Eleanor Hanson
Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report: Traci Lindsten reported that the balance as of 12/1/05 is \$6,751.68. The board discussed Service Funds, i.e., 1/3 for International Funds (\$2228.00); \$2500.00 for LCCC Foundation. This leaves \$2023.64 for local projects, including \$200.00 for Young Woman in Public Affairs.

Old Business:

Letter to Editor, Wyoming Tribune-Eagle: This letter submitted by Jody Gostas was published and the board highly approved.

Laramie Style Show: Six of our members attended this fundraiser on 11/19/05. The Laramie club recommended a former member who now lives in Cheyenne, JoAnn Ziegler. The board recommended that she be offered membership in our club.

Club Runner Pilot Program: Jody reported that she contacted Zonta International regarding this program. They are investigating the web site. We will wait until we obtain approval from ZI.

16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence: Lynne Weidel has indicated that she would be interested in coordinating a program.

New Business:

March 2006 Meeting: Cory Meyer and Lynne Weidel suggested that the scheduled March 9 meeting date be changed to March 8, which are International Women's Day and Zonta Rose Day. Legislators and their spouses will be invited to attend our luncheon meeting. The board approved this change.

Young Woman in Public Affairs: Application forms have been sent to schools and advertisement has been sent to the newspaper.

December 8 Meeting: Nancy Freudenthal will speak on the Wyoming Women's Foundation; Connie Sloan Cathcart will speak on United Way. We will have an ornament exchange.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Traci reported that the directory was almost ready; some pictures are needed; the format will be 5x8.

New Member Recruiting Tea: The Historical Governor's Mansion has been reserved for 2/11 or 2/25/06 at a cost of \$25.00. Invite a friend!

Correspondence: Thank you from Wyoming Trophy & Engraving and advertisement from LCCC.

Other: Jeri Ulrich has volunteered to host a Christmas Gathering at her home on either 12/9, 10 or 11. The question will be raised at the December luncheon meeting. Eleanor will research our past minutes to ascertain the amount of our donation to the Wyoming Historical Governor's Mansion.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Eleanor Hanson, Secretary

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About Zonta International --
Founded in Buffalo, New York, USA, in 1919, Zonta International is a worldwide service organization of executives in business and the professions working together to advance the status of women.

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