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"Radiance and Beauty"

**ZONTA
ADVANCING THE
STATUS OF WOMEN
WORLDWIDE**

Cheyenne Zonta Newsletter

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Zonta Zephyr

April 2008 Newsletter



See the most recent copy of the Zontian Magazine for update on the Mata Masu Dubara (Women on the Move) project in Niger, Tahoua Region.

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.

<http://www.zonta.org/>

Message from President Lynne Weidel

Where Does the Time Go?

Have you ever noticed how time seems to escalate? Just yesterday it was Christmas – now Easter has come and gone. How can this be? When I was a teenager I remember my parents saying how quickly time passed, and I thought they were crazy. Time didn't go by quickly. Each day was a lifetime.



This escalation is a function of age, of course. Maybe it's because much of what we experience now we have experienced before. So, in many ways, nothing is really new. All the Christmases, the birthdays, the vacations, and the turkey dinners seem to blend together. Even the highlights of life float in a bit of a haze as we age.

However, age is not the only explanation. I hear young people these days also remarking how quickly time flies. It could be because our world today is so full of noise. The TV, the 24 hour radio talk shows, the cell phones, the I-Pods, the computer games – Noise. Even the youngest of us is bombarded with it constantly. Every toy my granddaughter owns sings or counts or beeps or giggles. Noise. Although I doubt there is research to back up this theory, the sensation that time passes so quickly is because this busy, noisy world of ours is a constant and omnipresent reality in our everyday lives. So much so that it mutes the distinctiveness of individual days. The days, the weeks, the months and eventually the years blend together with a certain sameness.

So, what does this have to do with Zonta? Over these last few months we have had a number of members leave the Club. There is a theme that runs throughout their individual decisions to do so. They are too busy to give Zonta the time it deserves.

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Dues Past Due!

Statements have been issued as we collect dues for the Zonta year 2008-2009. We are collecting \$133.00 to renew for those who are “actively engaged” in the workforce and \$120.00 for those members who are retired.

New members will pay \$148.00 to join.

Dues were to be submitted by 4/1/08.

Bring your dues payment to the next meeting April 10th or mail to:

**Edith Garrett
PMB 231
1740H Dell Range
Cheyenne WY 82009**

Although I regret loosing these good folks, I applaud the seriousness with which they take their responsibilities as Zontians.

We all must make choices about how we spend our time – the time that passes so quickly. And, our priorities change over time. Better we acknowledge the shifts than participate in name only. When we join Zonta, we take a pledge to give of our time, talent, and treasure to enhance the status of women worldwide. This is not a small commitment, nor one to be taken lightly. When I write my yearly dues check I think, “Can I contribute this year – not just my money but my time?”

So far, the answer is yes. But, there may come a day when it won't be – because priorities change over time. If that day comes, I hope I will have the courage to say not this year because I cannot give my best effort. So, *Here, Here* for our Zontians who sign on for another year. And, *Here, Here* for those who are committed enough to say my priorities are elsewhere this year. Both serve the Zonta mission well!

~ Lynne Weidel



*Don't forget the
Area Meeting in
Ft Collins on April 18th
(Pamper Yourself) and
April 19th at the
Chocolate Cafe*



Minutes Board Meeting 03/06/2008

Zonta Board Meeting-----March 6, 2008-----Noon – 1 PM

The meeting was called to order by President Lynne Weidel. Edith Garrett, Betty Squires, Judy Berkley, Peggy Krepelka, and Sandy Hudson were present.

Edith indicated the current Treasurer's Report was printed in the Zephyr. She is going to mail the dues bills to those who did not get them at the last regular meeting.

Betty Siltzer submitted her resignation from the Board for personal reasons. It was voted and approved that Kathy Cathcart will replace Betty on the Board for the next fourteen months.

Motion was made, seconded and approved to accepted new members Melissa Holmes, and Catherine Blades as new members.

Lynne announced that there will be new Zonta brochures for the Ladies Night Out. Also, Jody plans to have a new directory, with pictures, done by April.

Lynne gave a report on the Spring Fund Raiser for CLIMB Wyoming for Cory. Everything is going fine, but Cory does need volunteers for the evening.

Discussed the March general meeting's tentative agenda. Sandy will talk about the Antique Show. Peggy will talk about the International Convention. Cory will give a tentative wrap up of the Ladies Night Out event. Lynne will talk about the Area 2 Meeting in Fort Collins on April 18 & 19th.

Betty Squire made a request for next year's budget of \$25.00 for the camera use.

Edith reported on the Raising Readers' Fund Raiser that will be on April 26th at the YMCA starting at 8:00am. Raiser Readers is putting this on. They need volunteers. The Board approved their using our coffee pots and tables, if needed. Edith will be in contact with them about this. Edith will also, talk about this at the regular meeting in March.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Sandy Hudson, Secretary



*Climb Wyoming Founder
Rene Fleming Dinneen and
Ladies' Night Out Chairman Cory Meyer*



*LNO Speaker
Patty Gardner*

Minutes General Meeting 03/13/2008

Zonta General Meeting-----Hitching Post-----March 13, 2008

The general meeting was called to order by President Lynne Weidel.

Lynne read the objectives of Zonta International and the mission statement of the Cheyenne Club, relating how we are attempting to fulfill them.

Guests were introduced. Michelle introduced Brenda Crawford from Department of Corrections and Leslie introduced her guest, Ann Lucas, Business Development Manager for Meridian Trust.

The new members were introduced and welcomed. They are Melissa Holmes and Catherine Blades.

March birthdays were recognized. They are Nancy Coyle, Deb Sanchez, and Kathy Cathcart.

Minutes from the February 2008 general meeting were approved as corrected in the Zephyr. Jody mentioned the guest's name was misspelled. It should have been Shannon.

Lynne announced Kudos to Cory Meyer for her amazing work on the Ladies Night Out event; to everyone who sold tickets and those that went to the Ladies Night Out; Mary Walker for her selection as Executive Director of the Wyoming Board of Pharmacy; Betty Siltzer for her long service on our Board of Directors; and Kathy Cathcart for replacing Betty on the Board. Lucie Osborn wished to give Kudos to our library for being one of the top ten library destinations in the country according to USA Today. Also, we have accomplished the one millionth turn of the Book Factory in the Children's Area of the library in six months. It was expected to take five years.

Cory spoke about the Second Ladies' Night Out. It looks like we should exceed \$6,000.00 this year. She hopes to have the final numbers by April.

Sandy spoke about the Antique show and the Budget. More co-chairmen are needed for the Antique show. There will be a Rib Feast again this year. The Dates for the Antique Show are Saturday, September 6, 2008 from 11:00 to 7:00, and Sunday, September 7, 2008 from 11:00 to 4:00. Everyone needs to put this on their calendar, as many volunteers will be needed. Sandy also listed the request for budget funds she has received so far. The members have until Saturday, March 15th to submit any more requests. The budget should be presented at the April meeting.

Peggy Krepelka talked about the International Convention. It looks like Bev Morrow is the only one who will be attending, so she will take our proxies. We have about \$2,800.00 from raffles to help her with the trip, but she has already spent over \$7,500.00 which does not include hotel accommodations. The hat was passed and \$189.00 was collected to help. Nancy Coyle won the flowers that were offered with the pass the hat raffle.

Lynne spoke about the Area 2 Meeting in Fort Collins on April 18th and 19th. A copy of the registration form is on the back of today's agenda. There are already three or four people planning on attending, so car pooling is possible on Saturday, April 19th. She also wanted to remind everyone that dues need to be paid now.

Edith spoke about Raising Readers. There is a fund raising breakfast on April 26th at the YMCA if anyone is interested. We will volunteer the use of our coffee pots and tables if needed. A request will possibly be made at a later time for volunteers.

Jody spoke about the new recreation center that will be on the next six penny ballot for the county. She would like everyone to give it some serious consideration.

Lucie Osborn won the raffle and donated the money back to the convention fund..

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Hudson, Secretary

Committee Chairwomen

Finance: Sandy Hudson
632-0820 (h)

PR/Communications:
Peggy Krepelka
638-0800 (w)

Organization/Membership/
Classification:
Jody Gostas
778-0686 (h)

NewZeas
Chelsey McManus
635-7459 (h)

Status of Women/Service:
Cory Meyer
631-9909 (c)
433-0320 (h)

United Nations:
Deb McCann
632-0217 (h)



*A little madness in the Spring
Is wholesome even for the King,
But God be with the Clown,
Who ponders this tremendous
scene—
This whole experiment of green,
As if it were his own!
Emily Dickinson*

Nominations for 2008 Officers

The following slate of nominees has been submitted to the Board of Directors of the Zonta Club of Cheyenne for Zonta Year 2008-2009:

President	Cory Meyer
President-Elect	Leslie Swidecki
Secretary	Nancy Coyle
Treasurer	Sandra Hudson
Director	Susan Mydland
Director	Peggy Krepelka
Director	Kathy Cathcart
Director	Deb McCann

As a point of clarification, Sue Mydland and Peggy Krepelka are being nominated for new 2 year terms as Directors; Kathy Cathcart is completing the second year of the 2 year term of former Board member Betty Siltzer; Deb McCann is completing the second year of the 2 year term for which she was elected last year. The terms of Kathy Cathcart and Deb McCann are not subject to the election.

Nominating Committee 2008-2009:

Jo Ann Ziegler
Ann Norwood
Edith Garrett

Respectfully Submitted,
Leslie Swidecki
Jo Ann Ziegler
Jeanne Bellamy

Congratulations to the Zonta Clubs in Colorado. The Colorado Legislature passed a resolution on March 10 in support of the Convention to Eliminate All Forms of Violence Against Women (CEDAW)!! They adopted the resolution passed at the Zonta District Conference in Spearfish last autumn. It is being forwarded to the US President and Congress asking that they follow the Colorado example and approve the treaty. Colorado was the 16th state to pass such a resolution.

So what are we doing in Wyoming? Kay Meyer of the Foothills Club of Boulder County, who was instrumental in getting the Colorado resolution passed, is eager to come to Wyoming and share her inside tips. Let's take advantage of her expertise.

Zonta Club of Cheyenne**First Interstate Bank****Feb 2008 Treasurer's Report****Statement****Date: 02/29/2008** **Balance** **Comments****Bank Balance** **\$19,758.51****Checks Cleared in February**

12/31/2007	3864	\$1000.00	Raising Readers	Service Project
02/20/2008	3872	\$16.40	US Postmaster	Postage Stamps
02/20/2008	Debit Card	\$286.75	Hitching Post	February Meals
	SUBTOTAL			<u>\$1303.15</u>

OS Checks

12/31/2007	3865	\$1,000.00	WY Latina Youth Conf	Service Project
12/31/2007	3866	\$400.00	LCCC Foundation	Service Project-Endowment

Total O/S Checks **-\$1,400.00****Deposits made and cleared in February**

02/29/2008	\$242.00	February Meals
02/29/2008	\$79.00	February Raffle

\$321.00**\$18,358.51**

Respectfully submitted Mar 24, 2008
Edith Garrett, Treasurer

The January Meals DEPOSIT was \$580.00 not \$590.00 as listed on the January Treasurer Report--EG



Great Attendance at Second Annual Ladies' Night Out

Remember the Peace Corps Water Project?

2/22/08

Dear Zonta International:

Thank you so much for all of your generous donations. The books have made a wonderful addition to our library and the children are loving them. Thank you for supporting their education and for promoting reading even across an ocean.

Also, thank you for your donations to provide clean water to the people of Nyakahandagazi village. I can't describe the feelings I experienced when I first saw the water flowing from the tap. I wish everyone that donated could have experienced it with me. I will be emailing my mother pictures which she will share with you.

Thank you for all of your generosity and support. I will never be able to fully express my gratitude on behalf of myself or on all the lives you have touched here in Uganda.

Sincerely,

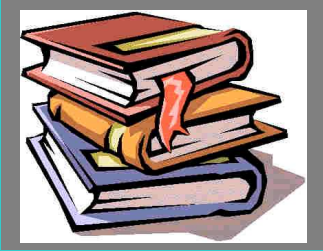
Angela Zivkovich

And Here are the Pictures:



drainage ditches contaminated by parasites and other waterborne infections. Women and children carry large jugs of water up to two miles just to maintain survival allotments. The first time I see a young girl about ten or eleven years old with a sixty-pound jug of water on her head I want to scream child abuse. I can barely pick up the containers. These girls, with the help of a friend, heave the jugs onto their heads and with their arms bent backward at the elbow, balance the jug, and slowly walk home.”

Quotation from When Elephants Fly by Carol Batrus



Two great books for this month ...What is the What by Dave Eggers is a “novelized autobiography” which tells the bittersweet tale of Achak, one of the Lost Boys of Sudan who is relocated to the US. For such a long book, it is a quick read, “vital to the understanding of the politics and emotional consequences of oppression.”

When Elephants Fly, One Woman’s Journey from Wall Street to Zululand by Carol Batrus is a personal memoir by someone close to home – she lives in Boulder CO now. Chapter 1 describes her initiation into life in the African bush and really opens your eyes to what we take for granted. The book continues to describe one woman’s efforts to create change without destroying the cultural environment.

Both books fit in with the Peace Corps Water Project, seeming to be very timely.

Do you have news you’d like to share with other Zontians? Do you have suggestions to improve the Zephyr? Contact Jody Gostas at 778-0686 or booknut@bresnan.net

Calendar of Events

April 3rd Noon Thursday

Zonta Board Meeting
3rd Floor Meeting Room
Laramie Co Library

April 7th 5:45 pm Monday

NewZees Meeting
Barnes & Noble

April 10th Noon Thursday

Zonta General Meeting
Hitching Post Inn

April 18th –19th Friday & Saturday

Area 2 Meeting
The Chocolate Cafe
102 W Olive St, Ft Collins

April 22nd

Earth Day 2008

April 25th Evening Friday

Equality Initiatives Film Gala
Ramkota Hotel, Casper

Happy Birthday, Zontians



*Betty Siltzer 4/1
Jeri Uhrich 4/10
Toma Niset 4/18*



Congratulations to the Zontians who have changed professional positions in the last two months:
Mary Walker is Executive Director, WY State Board of Pharmacy
Lynne Weidel is Director, Cheyenne Health & Wellness Center
Cory Meyer is Executive Assistant, WY Dept of Health, Div on Aging
Michelle Ammerman is Deputy Director, WY Dept of Health, Division on Aging
Leslie Swidecki, Compliance Officer, Meridian Trust FCU