

# Brite Lites

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## Zontian of the Year Announced

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Each year it is the honor and responsibility of the previous year Zontian on the Year to select the next woman who best deserves this distinction. Zontian of the Year is the woman who best embodies the ideals of Zonta within her activities with Zonta Club of Laramie. This year the task fell to Deedee Boysen. Deedee began her search by inviting the entire club to offer nominations. Deedee stated that many nominating testimonies arrived in her email and at first she wondered if this would be a difficult task to narrow down to the best of the best. However, as she began to read the various testimonials, she stated that her decision about who would become the next Zontian of the Year became to be a very clear one.

At the April meeting, Deedee began to describe the Zontian of the Year. It was very quickly evident who Deedee was describing. As soon as she mentioned that the new Zonta of the Year had served in capacities of being chair of Suited for Success and assistant treasurer, followed by treasurer, everyone in the room had smiles knowing that the soon to be announced award winner would be

### ***Tasha Bauman.***

In writing this article, Deedee was asked for a reflection about Tasha. "I have known Tasha since she joined the club and have watched her growth as a leader and a contributor. I couldn't possibly be more impressed or grateful. She is a strong leader, leading by her own example, and is a member who can always be counted on to follow through and provide exactly what is needed. She is professional to the core. I believe Tasha has "Zonta heart" and serves as an inspiration to all Zontians. Truly, she embodies the spirit of Zonta and its mission to advance the status of women globally and locally."



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**Zonta Club of Laramie's  
First Annual 5K**

**September 17, 2011**

Stay tuned for more details!

## Zontian of the Year Cont.

Tasha's history with Zonta began in December 2007 when Jeffe Kennedy brought her to a Zonta OMC event in which the various Zonta activities were demonstrated. Tasha said that when she saw that Zonta of Laramie is active in Suited for Success, Rose Day, and Birthing Kits she was sold on the organization. When pressed for what is Tasha's favorite activity within Zonta, Tasha stated, "I really like all of it".

Tasha joined Zonta in early 2008 and has been involved in many of the activities. She has chaired Suited for Success, has been on the PR and OMC committees, has done Highway Cleanup, been involved on the Style Show committee, Rose Day committee and has served as assistant treasurer and treasurer.

After spending her childhood in Lyman, Tasha moved to Laramie in 2004 to attend University of Wyoming. She had a double major of criminal justice and chemistry. Her internship for chemistry was at the Wyoming Game and Fish Department. On her graduation day from UW, she received an offer for a job in that program. Her current official job title is Senior Laboratory Scientist Forensic Analyst.

Tasha is married to Greg. They are still newlyweds about to celebrate their 2 year anniversary on June 20. They have two tiny fur-babies, Nibbler and Dash (dachunds).

Although Tasha is very active in Zonta, she also serves in another major organization as well. She is currently the international Communications Chair for the Society of Wildlife and Forensic Science.

Congratulations Tasha on being selected as the 2009-2010 Zontian of the Year.

**Submitted By: Maryalice Gulino**

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## Highway Clean Up



On June 11, 2011 the Zonta Club of Laramie participated in the sprucing up our own little stretch of highway. Thank you to the following Zontians and friends of Zontians for your help!

Jane Thomas & Keeley Smith  
 Deb and Jack Fleming  
 Barb Robinson  
 Kim Frazier  
 Beth Robertson  
 Jen Mayer

# Member Spotlight

The Soroptomist Ruby Award is awarded to a select few for helping women. It acknowledges women who are working to improve the lives of women and girls through their personal or professional activities. This award speaks the meaning of Zonta and one of Laramie's own Zontain's has received this prestigious award. The Honorees of this award are women who have worked in extraordinary ways to benefit women and girls. Our very own Nancy English has been awarded the Soroptomist Ruby Award for her hard work with the birthing kit project (Nominated by Carmen Roth).

The Ruby Award is a \$200 donation to Nancy, so she can donate to whatever charity she wishes. Nancy chose to donate to the Make-A-Wish foundation. This choice of charity shows values and ideals synonymous to those of the bright young women of Chi Omega, of which Nancy is the Personnel Advisor. Make-A-Wish is Chi Omega's National philanthropy.

Nancy has been with Zonta since November of 1996. During her time with Zonta she has been the District 12 Secretary, the Club President, the Vice President, she has been on the board, and she has participated in many of the service committees, including the birthing kit committee for which she earned the honor of the Ruby Award. Evelyn and Nancy started the birthing kit project approximately five years ago when Evelyn brought the project idea back from a meeting in Sydney. Nancy's involvement with the birthing kit project included organizing the materials in bins, writing out instructions, gathering materials, storing the materials, moving the materials from place to place for assembly needs, and many other tasks that make the committee's continued operations possible. Everyone please take a moment to congratulate Nancy for all her hard work and recognize her for receiving the Soroptomist Ruby Award.



**Submitted By: Tasha Bauman**

## Meetings

Mark Your Calendars! Meetings will be at the **Hilton Garden Inn** and are as follows:

September 29, 2011  
 October 27, 2011  
 November 17, 2011  
 December - Location, Date, and Time TBD  
 January 26, 2012  
 February 23, 2012  
 March 22, 2012  
 April 26, 2012  
 May 24, 2012

The Zonta Club of Laramie has the ambitious goal of gaining **20** members this year. We ask that you encourage your friends, co-workers, and neighbors who may be great Zontians to come to a meeting. Stay tuned for a membership mixer! Invite a guest to a meeting. We can do this, but we need everyone to help us with this endeavor!

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### Officers and Board of Directors

Angela Ver Ploeg - President  
Kathy Galster - President Elect  
Tasha Bauman - Vice President  
Martha Reish - Treasurer  
Maryalice Gulino - Secretary  
Wendy King - Assistant Treasurer  
Kim Frazier - Past President

### Directors

Evelyn Haskell  
Beth Robertson  
Maria Bennett  
Deb Fleming  
Dee Dee Hawk

### Nominating Committee

Becky Kosach  
Jen Mayer

### Parliamentarian

Charlotte Davis



Installation of Officers and Directors at the May 2011 meeting.

Angela Ver Ploeg - Kathy Galster - Tasha Bauman - Martha Reistch - Wendy King - Beth Robertson - Evelyn Haskell  
Not Shown: Maryalice Gulino, Kim Frazier,

Interested in being involved? Volunteer for a committee, sign up to be a greeter or hostess. We look forward to your participation in making this year great!



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