

# BRITE LITES



Zonta Club of Laramie

Member of Zonta International

*Advancing the status of Women Worldwide*

## Happy New Year, Laramie Zontians!

Brite Lites...

Recognizing the work of Laramie Zontians

Welcome to the winter edition of Brite Lites. Laramie Zontians have been a busy bunch and this winter's newsletter is devoted to the busy activities of the fall past.

Please remember, if you have any ideas for upcoming articles please let anyone on the Public Relations committee know. We would love to hear from you and include contributing articles. For more information please email [laramiezonta@gmail.com](mailto:laramiezonta@gmail.com).

All the best in the coming year!

The PR Committee

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# Service Projects

## Fall in Review

After a wonderful Laramie summer, the Zonta Club of Laramie began the fall with a season of service. September, October, and November were filled with a variety of activities.

At the end of the September, a cutting party was held to prepare the components of the birthing kits to bring to the District 12 convention in Denver. Our spring Highway Clean-up was postponed due to weather and took place on October 14th. A handful of Zontians along with their significant others beautified the area.

Domestic Awareness Month took place in October and Laramie's SAFC Project hosted a candlelight vigil on October 21st. Laramie Zontians were invited to participate in the Court Watch program on October 19th as well as assist in setting up a household for a SAFC client.

Our very own, Evelyn Haskell, along with her class at LCCC, hosted a fundraiser walk for CLIMB Wyoming on October 25th in which Zontians participated.

On November 7th, the 25th Annual Style Show and Auction took place at the Hilton Garden Inn & UW Conference Center. The show sold 235 tickets, which, combined with the raffle, and silent auction, the Club raised over \$8,000 to donate to local services such as SAFC, Interfaith, the Downtown Clinic, Head Start, Laramie Reproductive Health, and CLIMB Wyoming.

Look out for more service projects including Rose Day to take place in March on International Women's Day!

# Events

## District 12 Conference



Approximately 125 Zontians from District 12 (D12) gathered in Denver, CO for the annual conference and to hear the words of ZI Director Maria Victoria Vergel de Dios, of

Mandaluyong in San Juan, Philippines. The D12 Conference took place at the end of October (10/20 - 11/1/2009).

Vergel de Dios inspired her listeners with a message of action that focused on the importance of growing our organization through membership so that we can become stronger in our efforts to address the needs of women around the world. She noted "The more we are, the more we have to stand up for issues affecting women." This theme was continued throughout the informational sessions that were a part of the conference. She also stated that ZI will recognize clubs at our next international meeting that gain two or more members between September 1, 2009 and March 31, 2010.

Her message also addressed other actions Zonta International is taking to stand up for issues affecting women. This included a discussion of ZI projects such as: UNICEF Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission of HIV in Rwanda, UNIFEM Safe Cities for Women Project

## Calendar of Events Winter 2010

### January

28th - General Meeting  
Amelia Earhart Program

### February

18th - General Meeting  
Sandy Knapp - Planetree

### March

12th-13th - Area 2 Conference  
19th - General Meeting  
Jess Bryski - Wyoming Cancer Resource Center

in Guatemala City, Guatemala, and San Salvador, El Salvador, and UNFPA Reduction of Obstetric Fistula in Liberia within the context of Maternal and Newborn Health. She encouraged clubs to donate funds this year to these programs and projects rather than to the ZI endowment.

Clubs that donate more than \$20,000 will be recognized at the Zonta International Conference in San Antonio, TX which will be held on June 25 - 30, 2010. Updates on the convention will be posted on the ZI website: <http://www.zonta.org>.

## District 12 Conference continued...

She also observed that November 7th, 2009 marked the beginning of our organization's 90 year celebration and told her listeners that the "Celebration Logo" could be used until November 7th, 2010. This logo will also be available on the ZI website.

Laramie Zontians Pat Kiofsky, Evelyn Haskell, and Richelle Bell attended the conference and represented our club. The agenda for the conference included an afternoon of assembling birthing kits and a Halloween costume party on Friday; workshops, business meetings, and an elegant banquet on Saturday; and a memorial service and brunch on Sunday.

On the business end, delegates from each of the 21 clubs in D12 voted in favor of a District fee increase in the amount of \$2.00 per biennium which would become effective June 1, 2010. The Laramie club will see an increase of \$1.00 to reflect this change when dues for FY 2011 are posted. The group also voted on amendments to ZI Bylaws and approved the new wording regarding committees and grievances against clubs or the district or the international organization. Other items were also voted upon and will be posted on the District 12 website, which is <http://www.zontadistrict12.org>. When visiting that site, Laramie Club members are invited to click on the Laramie button to view news from our club.



*Silver and Spice and EVERYTHING Nice!*

*Silver and Spice Fall Fashion Show*

As you entered the doors of the Hilton Garden Inn & UW Conference Center, you were greeted by tables adorned with fabulous jewelry, artwork, and collectibles for your bidding pleasure. After grabbing a mimosa you caught up with familiar faces and perused the beautiful items before continuing into the Grand Ballroom. Upon entering the ballroom, you were greeted with the fresh scent of brightly-colored roses cascading from branches into centerpieces adorned with silver marbles. The memories of style shows past framed the runway draped in black velvet accented with a cool, blue up-lighting which set the stage for the great show.

This year's Style Show and Auction on November 7th was a great success. 235 tickets were sold for this annual event and the day was filled with fabulous silent auction, raffle, and door prize items for guests. The theme for this year's style show was "Silver and Spice", marking the 25th year of this beloved tradition. Starting in 1984, the Style Show and Auction was originally called "Holiday Magic". While the name has changed, the aspiration of this event remains the same; pairing Zontians' passion for community service with fashion, food, and friends. This memorable event has been the primary fundraiser in which Zonta is able to support local service projects in Laramie as well as international Zonta projects. This year's event brought in a over \$8,000 which will passed onto local and international projects.

## The Annual Christmas Party

This year's party was held on Thursday, December 17, and took the place of the regular December club meeting. Once again, Trixie Harvey-McGraw graciously hosted the event at her home. When asked about hosting the event, Trixie shared that she has hosted the party at least a half dozen times and "considers it her pleasure to have the Zontians and their guests over to celebrate the Christmas season." Deedee Boysen was the greeter for the party.

The hostess provided wine, beer, soft drinks, and coffee, and the rest of the Zontians brought the appetizers and sweet treats to share. It was once again a wonderful event!

