

MONTHLY MEETING

Wednesday, September 23, NOON, Masonic Temple

RSVP to Del Paulson at mpdp@pie.midco.net.

President Laurie Gustafson
Vice President Jane Page
Secretary Vonni Kallemeyn
Treasurer Alison Jares
Directors Carrie Jacobson, 2008-10
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 Denise Luckhurst, 2009-11

Zonta International is a global service organization of executives and professionals working together to advance the status of women worldwide through service and advocacy.

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.

The Zonta Club of Pierre-Fort Pierre is a service organization dedicated to advancing the economic status of women and to improving the health and welfare of women.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The evening business/social meeting that we had for our August monthly meeting at the Hitching Horse Inn was a very fun time, with the majority of our members in attendance. It was very interesting hearing the overviews of the Zonta International projects from Tracy Manning-Egge, Area 1 Director. Tracy also got our club members all pumped up to attend the upcoming District 12 District Conference that will be held in Denver, Colorado, on October 30 to November 1, 2009. REMINDER—Please consider attending the District 12 Zonta Conference! This is an excellent opportunity to learn more about Zonta International, and it is a great networking opportunity to learn what other clubs are doing for their service and fundraising projects!

We will be electing a Delegate and an Alternate (to attend the District 12 Conference) at our September 23 monthly meeting, so please let me know if you are interested in being a nominee for either of these positions. As a reminder, our Club will pay for registration, hotel, and gas expenses for the Delegate and for the Alternate. Registration will be paid for ALL members attending, provided travel funds are available. The travel and lodging expenses are strongly encouraged to be shared by the Delegate, the Alternate and all members attending to ensure low costs to the Club and to our members. For more details about the District 12 Conference, please visit the website at: <http://zontadistrict12.org/>.

The Zonta Club of Pierre-Fort Pierre will be preparing and serving a meal for the Community Banquet to approximately 300 low-income individuals on September 24, 2009. The 'sloppy joe' meat ingredients will be delivered to our members on approximately September 18 so they can prepare and deliver it (thawed) by 3:30 pm to the Southeast United Methodist Church (Community Center) on September 24. Also be prepared to sign up to assist with the Zonta Fall Craft Show that will be held on November 14 and 15 at the

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AGENDA for September 23, 2009

Call to Order
Welcome Members and Guests
Sharing of *The Collect*
Approval of August Meeting Minutes
Accept and File August Financial Reports for Audit
Old/New Business:

- Election of Director (to replace Jo Riley)
- Election of District 12 Conference Delegate and Alternate
- Update of Available Travel Funds
- Confirm Others Planning to Attend District 12 Conference in Denver
- Discuss District 12 Conference Voting Items

Committee Reports:
PROGRAM—Alison Jares, Member Profile
Announcements

- Nov 2009 Board Meeting changed to Nov 4
- Nov 2009 Monthly Meeting changed to Nov 18

50/50 Raffle
Adjournment

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES August 26, 2009

The Zonta Club of Pierre-Fort Pierre held its monthly meeting at 7 pm on August 26, 2009, at the Hitching Horse Bed and Breakfast. The call to order was made by President Laurie Gustafson; Alison Jares read the Collect.

Old/New Business

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the July meeting minutes as printed in the newsletter was made by Laurie Gronlund, seconded by Carrie Jacobson. All members present approved the motion.

Noon Lunch During Zonta Meetings: Laurie Gustafson discussed an issue brought up by Uncle Matt who caters the luncheon meal for our Zonta Club. Uncle Matt stated he would like to receive a minimum of \$80.00 per luncheon to make it worth his time and to still pay the Masonic Temple organization some money for using the facility. If less than 11 members pay for eating lunch the Club would need to make up the difference. Several individuals expressed their opinions in favor of Uncle Matt's service. A motion to guarantee Uncle Matt \$80.00 each month the Zonta Club meets at the Masonic Temple for noon meetings and lunch was made by Carrie Jacobson; seconded by Audrey Nelson. All members present were in favor. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Fall Craft Show: Kari Stulken reported that all booths are full, and we have a waiting list in place.

Program

Tracy Manning-Egge, Area 1 Director, spoke to the

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Oct 9—Del Paulson
Nov 5—Nelly Nord
Nov 21—Jane Page



membership about the international projects that Zonta is funding along with a discussion of some incredible facts:

- 70 percent of the 1.3 billion poor are women.
- 60 million women are "missing" because of gender-based violence.
- Every year an estimated 4 million women and girls are bought and sold worldwide.
- Two-thirds of illiterate adults are women and two-thirds of children not in school are girls.
- Today, 7,000 women and girls will contract HIV.

In 2008-2010 the International Service Fund is providing support to three projects. Our contribution to the International Service Fund will help prevent the transmission of mother-to-child HIV in Rwanda, make dangerous cities safer for women and girls in Guatemala and El Salvador, and improve the lives of women in Liberia by reducing obstetric fistula. Ms. Egge discussed each of these projects in some detail. For more information on each of these projects visit the website—www.zonta.org—to search for Zonta International Projects.

Other Business

Zonta District 12 Conference will be held in Denver this year, near Cherry Creek Mall. We are all encouraged to attend if possible. It is a great opportunity to learn more about Zonta and to get to know a bunch of wonderful women.

Remember to sign up for serving the Banquet.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm. The rest of the evening was left to enjoy each others company.

Respectfully submitted,
Vonni Kallemeyn, Recording Secretary



November 8, 2009 marks the 90th anniversary of Zonta International!

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Ramkota RiverCentre. Remember, that the serving of the Community Banquet and the Fall Craft Show are our Club's biggest service and fundraising projects. Participation of all of our members is needed in order to continue with these successful efforts!

In November, we are switching our meeting dates from the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month to the 1st and 3rd to avoid conflicts with the Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving holidays. The Board of Director's Meeting will be held on November 4 and the monthly meeting will be held on November 18.

Our club is an awesome group of women pulling our time and energy together to accomplish the goals to improve the lives of local women, as well as providing financial assistance toward the incredible International Zonta projects!

Have you visited our Zonta Club of Pierre-Fort Pierre's updated website lately? Goto <http://zontadistrict12.org/pierre.html>.

Also, please take 30 seconds to report your prior month's service or fundraising hours when you send your monthly meeting RSVP reply to Del. This will assist with the annual reporting efforts.

Hope to see all of you at the September 23 monthly meeting!

—Laurie Gustafson

Service Corner

Remember, our Zonta Club is serving the Community Banquet on Thursday, September 24. If you need an update as to what you are signed up to do or what time you need to be there, please e-mail Carroll by September 21 as she will be out of town on the 24th.

Sherri Miller and Del Paulson will be "coordinating" the set-up, serving, and clean-up. Anita Zastrow will "coordinate" your donations of **(1) 'gently-used' children's books, (2) 'gently-used' stuffed toys, (3) 'partially-used' personal hygiene products, (4) 'used' toner cartridges, and (5) 'used' fall/winter jackets and coats.** Please bring them anytime after 3 p.m. on Thursday or whenever you arrive for your work shift. Contact Anita for pick-up if you are not working the Banquet so that we have a nice collection of items there for PR photos. [The donation of PLASTIC BAGS for transporting take-out meals at the Banquet is also most appreciated!]

OCTOBER is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

National Domestic Violence Awareness Month is observed every October across the country. National, state, and community organizations for violence prevention and victim services, businesses, health care providers, and others mark the month with educational programs, recognition and memorial ceremonies, community outreach, and other efforts.



Any violence taking place within a family or intimate relationship is domestic violence. It includes abuse of spouses, girlfriends and boyfriends, children, and elderly people. Domestic violence cuts across all socioeconomic, ethnic, racial, religious, and age groups.

Studies show that children who witness violence at home experience behavioral problems and increased aggression, have less developed social and conflict resolution skills, and may suffer long-term developmental effects. These youth are also at risk of engaging in future violence and of being abused themselves. Researchers have found that people who batter their partners are also more likely to abuse their children.

[This is an obvious reason to support our own Missouri Shores Domestic Violence Center (MSDVC)!]

Breast Cancer Awareness Month (BCAM) (also referred to locally as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month (NBCAM))

is an annual international health campaign organized by major breast cancer charities (American Cancer Society and the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, etc.) every October to increase awareness of the disease and to raise funds for research into its cause, prevention and cure. The campaign also offers information and support to those affected by breast cancer.



As well as providing a platform for breast cancer charities to raise awareness of their work and of the disease, BCAM is also a prime opportunity to remind women to be breast aware for earlier detection.

Join the local efforts on October 2-3!

Zonta International United Nations
Committee Bulletin
The United Nations
INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE
September 21

**“Peace is the United Nations’
highest calling.”**

The Zonta International Board has adopted the UN International Day of Peace as an annual opportunity for Zonta members worldwide to actively engage in supporting global non-violence and the building of a culture of peace.

Around the world women and girls in war are subjected to rape, sexual exploitation, mutilation, torture and displacement. Nations must end impunity for crimes against women to build a lasting peace. Moreover, women must be included, as they are often not, in post-conflict peace-building processes to promote democratic development, participatory governance and long-term stability.

This year, UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon will ring the Peace Bell at United Nations Headquarters in the company of the UN Peace Messengers. He has called for a twenty-four hour cessation of hostilities worldwide and for a minute of silence to be observed around the world at noon local time.

Zonta members are encouraged to plan annually a Peace Day observance and activity in their club or community that promotes the critical role of women in peace-building.

<http://www.un.org/events/peaceday/2008/background.shtml>

U.N. VOTES TO CREATE NEW WOMEN’S AGENCY

Three years after the 2006 original plan emerged from then-Secretary-General Kofi Anan, the United Nations General Assembly voted Monday to create a new and more powerful women’s agency. The resolution will merge four existing offices, the **U.N. Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM)**, the Office of the Special Adviser on Gender Issues, the U.N. Division for the Advancement of Women, and the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW), into a single body devoted to women’s equality and rights. Supporters heralded this as a major breakthrough, as the new agency will have a larger budget and more clout than the existing offices. The resolution also gives the U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon a year to draw up a proposal that would specify the mission, organizational arrangements, funding, and executive board of the new women’s agency. Accordingly, the new agency has the potential to make monumental strides for women and girls around the world, but its success will depend heavily on whether the Secretary-General’s proposal receives the needed support from the many member states.

—from AAUW Washington Update 9/18/2009

ZONTA INTERNATIONAL AND THE UNITED NATIONS

Zonta International service has been closely linked with the United Nations since Zonta expressed support for the fledgling UN in 1946. As an international non-governmental organization (NGO), Zonta brings women’s concerns to the UN, suggests solutions, draws public attention to issues and encourages its members to participate at the local level.

Zonta maintains representatives of its United Nations Committee at UN sites in Geneva, New York, Paris, and Vienna. Committee members attend UN conferences as well as UN agency, committee, and commission sessions.

Accredited NGOs, like Zonta, participate in these sessions by providing written statements and oral presentations on issues being considered. NGOs also may organize panels relating to the general debate.

—from www.zonta.org

[This is why in our Zonta world we celebrate United Nations Day on October 24. *Tommie Atanasoff* of the Foothills Club of Boulder County is our District 12 United Nations(UN)/International Relations Chair.]

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER
Sep 15-Oct 15

Literacy Month (United Nations Literacy Decade-2003-2012)
Hispanic Heritage Month

In September 1968, Congress authorized President Lyndon B. Johnson to proclaim National Hispanic Heritage Week. The observance was expanded in 1988 to a month-long celebration (Sep 15–Oct 15). America celebrates the culture and traditions of U.S. residents who trace their roots to Spain, Mexico and the Spanish speaking nations of Central America, South America and the Caribbean. September 15 was chosen as the starting point for the celebration because it is the anniversary of independence of five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16 and 18, respectively.

September

- 21 **United Nations International Day of Peace** [See page 4.]
- 23 **Monthly Meeting**, Masonic Temple, NOON
- 24 **Serving of The Community Banquet** [See Service Corner on page 3 for requests!]
- 24 **Project Connect**, Community Bible Church, 3-8 p.m.

OCTOBER

Domestic Violence Awareness Month AND Breast Cancer Awareness Month

2-3 Paint the Mall Pink, Paint the Course Pink, and Light the Capitol Pink

October

- 5 World Habitat Day
- 12 Columbus Day
- 14 **Monthly Board Meeting**
- 24 United Nations Day
- 28 **Monthly Meeting**, Masonic Temple, NOON

Oct 30-Nov 1

District 12 Conference, Denver

November

- 4 **Monthly Board Meeting** [Note change to first Wednesday!]
- 8 *90th Anniversary* of Zonta International
- 14-15 Fall Craft Show, Ramkota RiverCentre
- 18 **Monthly Meeting**, Masonic Temple, NOON [Note change to third Wednesday!]

***“Though we take things as we find them,
we can always leave them better.”***

**Place your AD,
glad or sad, for a \$1 fee!
Pay the Treasurer; e-mail the Editor!**

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Financial Report(s), as of August 31, 2009, are being e-mailed in a separate file.

—Nelly M. Nord, Treasurer

SAVE DAKOTAMART RECEIPTS!!!!

Please remember to continue to save your DakotaMart receipts for the **We Care** program at Lynn's Dakotamart. For each **\$10,000** in register receipts that our Zonta Club collects, we receive a check for **\$100** simply by bringing them to DakotaMart. It is EASY! Simply bring your receipts to the monthly meetings and give them to **Anita Zastrow**.

REMEMBER to go to www.zonta.org and register! One of the factors in our success as an international organization is communication. By registering, you contribute to that success! Let's have 100% registration for our Club by the end of the year.



Zonta Club of Pierre-Fort Pierre
Member of Zonta International

Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide