



## e-NEWSLETTER

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Dear Zontians,

This issue is the last e-Newsletter of my biennium as Zonta International President. I would like to thank you all for the honor and privilege of serving as your president.



Over the last two years, improving communication with Zonta clubs and members around the world was a top priority for me. This newsletter was just one of the tools we used, and I hope you have found the information provided each month to be both useful and encouraging as you worked to improve the lives of women in your local communities and around the world. Thank you to those members who nominated members to be profiled and provided feedback along the way. I hope you continue to use the resources we developed this biennium to share Zonta's mission, recruit new members and, most importantly, advance the status of women and girls worldwide.

Please be sure to pay special attention to the convention information in this issue, including the materials for voting members. For those of you who will not be able to join us in Torino, please watch the Zonta International website and social media pages for updates throughout the convention. If you are attending the convention, I look forward to seeing you soon!

As always, thank you for your commitment to Zonta International and the Zonta International Foundation and our mission to advance the status of women worldwide.

Warm regards,

Dianne K. Curtis  
Zonta International President  
Zonta International Foundation President

### See You in Torino

Convention is less than a month away! As you make your final preparations for your trip to Torino, we want to share a few announcements with you.

#### Michelle Bachelet Keynote Speech

Due to an unforeseen change in Ms. Bachelet's schedule, she will now speak during the Closing Banquet on Thursday, 12 July. Tickets for the Closing Banquet are still available and can be purchased via the [registration website](#) or on site in Torino.

Open Forum

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### Membership Goal

2010-2012 Goal: 33,000



30,511 Members  
(as of 30 April 2012)

[2012 Calendar](#)

Can't join us in Torino for the Open Forum - Tweet your questions to @ZontaIntl and get live responses during the Open Forum on Saturday, 7 July (3:30 to 5:00 p.m. CEST).

#### Complimentary Bus Service

For those Zontians whose travel to or from the Zonta International Convention is affected by the Torino Airport closure, the [schedule for the complimentary bus service](#) to and from nearby airports is now available.

#### Voting Materials

Operating hours of the convention center require us to exit each day by 5:30 p.m. Due to these time constraints, we ask that you come prepared and review the items which will be voted on ahead of time. Please note that these materials will only be available for voting members on-site. If you are an alternate or guest, please [download](#), print these materials and bring them with you.

#### Convention Newsletter

Please note that the convention newsletter will be electronic and will not be printed for distribution during convention. It will also be made available on the Zonta International website.

#### Online Registration

Online registration will close on Saturday, 30 June.

#### Last-Minute Questions?

Please contact [convention@zonta.org](mailto:convention@zonta.org).

See you in Torino!

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### Proposed ZISVAW Project for 2012-2014

We have received a number of questions relating to the proposed ZISVAW project for 2012-2014 - Mass Communication with a Purpose: Global Partnership on Edutainment for Social Change project. Answers to these questions have been prepared and can be found [here](#).

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### We Need Your Opinion!

At Convention we want to take the opportunity to learn about your experience with recruiting and retaining members and to get new ideas for membership development. First timers are most welcome.

You will have the chance to meet Zontians from many parts of the world and to share your thoughts with them.

Discussion groups will be arranged for about 45 minutes sometime between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. Sunday the 8th of July.

Interested in participating? Please fill out the invitation form in your welcome folder and leave it in the registration booth by Saturday, 7 July 5:30 p.m.

There is a maximum number of seats in the groups, so first come, first served.

Membership Engagement Task Force

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### Charity Navigator

7-12 July - Zonta International Convention, Torino, Italy

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As of 1 May 2012, Zonta International Foundation was removed from Charity Navigator's website, the independent organization that evaluates and rates the effectiveness and efficiency of non-profit organizations, based on the organizations' financial health, accountability and transparency. This action was taken by Charity Navigator because they only evaluate 501(c)(3) organizations that actively fundraise, and ZIF does not report any fundraising expenses.

Typically, when an organization's fundraising costs are being absorbed by a related entity (ZIF's costs are absorbed by ZI), Charity Navigator would evaluate the organization on a consolidated basis, meaning they would combine ZI and ZIF's financial data and evaluate them as one entity. However, because ZIF's expenses are absorbed by ZI, a 501(c)(4) organization, which Charity Navigator does not evaluate, they determined that they would remove ZIF from the website and no longer evaluate the Foundation.

President Curtis appointed a special task force to look into this issue to determine what action, if any, should be taken. The results of the task force's findings will be reported at a later date.

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## Joanne Van Sant 1924-2012

Memories of a Truly Great Woman

*By Sue Ann Cunliffe, District 2 Governor*

My mentor, friend, and sister Zontian Joanne Van Sant died May 21, 2012.

I first met Dean Van in the Spring of 1972. I was touring the campus of Otterbein University - my first choice for college because of its exceptional theatre department. She was in full dance regalia down to her Capezio jazz shoes, working with a half dozen nervous Broadway wannabes who were auditioning to get into the theatre program.

"Less hands, Sue Ann," she remarked. "I want to see more fluid motion. Think Martha Graham."

Later, during the interview process, she asked me why Otterbein? I told her because it had the best acting program. She said something I never forgot: Don't come to Otterbein for the acting program. Come to Otterbein to learn about the world.

I got accepted into the program, and my journey with Dean Van, along with hundreds of other students, began. We did learn about the world.

Dean Van developed a global internship program that sent students from London to Beijing, Alaska to the Appalachian Trail. She prodded us to ask questions, seek answers and be an active participant of life. The world should be a continuous classroom. [Read more...](#)

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## Member Services

- International dues were due 1 June
- The option to pay your club's dues online is now available - passwords were sent to all general club email addresses.
- [Club Officer Contact Information Forms](#) were due 1 May. Please submit that information as soon as possible to keep our records current.
- Get recognized in the 2010-2012 Biennium by submitting a [Membership Incentive Form](#) no later than 15 June. If you have

increased membership by recruiting two or more members, we want to recognize you.

Please make the [Zonta International website](#) your home page to stay informed of the latest news and membership tools available to you as members of Zonta.

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## 'THANK YOU' from the Centennial Anniversary Committee

This committee is a new committee in Zonta, introduced following the Convention in San Antonio. It is not a permanent or standing committee, as it will cease to function after our centennial celebrations have been held and our centennial history published.



It is an ambitious project to invite every CLUB throughout the Zonta world to review its archival material and arrange safe storage. It is an added challenge to ask each club to write a brief history from inception to today, but there are proven benefits. Club histories are an excellent source of good PR 'stories', and the past achievements of your club may attract new members.

It could be a more complex project for each DISTRICT to assess its archival material and arrange for secure storage, particularly where growth has resulted in division into new districts covering several different countries. Writing a district history offers its own challenges, as source material may be documented in different languages.

With these challenges in mind, the committee, to serve you in 2012-2014, will be preparing further guidelines which will appear under TOOLS on the website in August.

In the meantime, we offer sincere thanks to all those members who have embraced the goals of this new committee. We acknowledge with gratitude the outgoing and incoming governors and presidents who have appointed archivists and historians to give the program its momentum. We also wish to acknowledge those members who have accepted the appointments.

Together, we have already made solid progress on this shared journey.  
THANK YOU!

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## Women in the News

Zonta International celebrates the achievements and accomplishments, big and small, of women around the world every day. Here are a few items featured in the news recently.

- [Nobel laureates highlight violence against women in Mexico, Central America](#)
- [Algeria elects women legislators in record numbers](#)
- [In pictures: Ghana's flying women](#)

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## New on the Zonta International Website

See what's new on the Zonta International website:

- [Amelia Earhart Fellows 2012 bios](#)

If you have problems or questions related to the Zonta International website, please contact [webmaster@zonta.org](mailto:webmaster@zonta.org).

Do you have a club success story that you'd like to share with the Zonta International community? [Submit your club success stories on the website](#). Please note, you must log in to share your story.

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## Member Profile

Member Profile - Past International President Amey Grubbs Adams

Zonta Club of Fort Collins

*By Marcie Woolworth, Zonta Club of Fort Collins*

Amey Grubbs Adams began life in New England and was educated in Massachusetts. Amey came out to Colorado to teach dance at the Perry Mansfield School for Girls in Steamboat Springs, CO and was fascinated by the riding stables at the Whitman School for Boys. While in Steamboat Springs, Amey met her soon to be husband, Mark Grubbs, who was also from the east coast. They both went back east where they married, but Mark always had the desire to move back out west. They did and purchased 500 acres in the Stove Prairie area of Larimer County, CO, where they opened the Sky Corral Ranch. They soon had a successful dude ranch where Mark ran the barn and Amey solicited business by corresponding with people she knew back east and by attending various conventions. Their children were a great help all around the ranch.



Although this was a wonderful time in Amey's life, she was lonely for other female companionship. The Ranch became too removed for Amey, and they wanted their oldest son to be able to go to high school without being bussed from the ranch; therefore, they bought a farm in Bellvue, near the Ranch. Amey and Mark then became Executives of the Dude Ranchers Association where Amey soon befriended a woman by the name of Maureen Amgert who owned The Westerner, a long-time clothing store in Fort Collins. Maureen introduced Amey to Zonta in 1968, and the rest is history. [Read more...](#)

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