



Smoke Signal



Thank You's from Grant Recipients

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On behalf of all of us at the Women's Bean Project, thank you for approving our grant application.

We appreciate your investment in our work with helping low-income women develop the fundamental job readiness and life skills that are so necessary to breaking the cycle of unemployment & poverty. We feel privileged to operate a social enterprise business that delivers on our mission while generating a revenue stream to augment other funding sources; to be a part of the solution to the challenges of moving women from welfare to work; and to serve the most underserved among us.

Thanks again for your ongoing support. We look forward to a continuing partnership.

Bob Macdonald
Services Director
Women's Bean Project



I enjoyed meeting you and the other women of Zonta at your lovely dinner on February 9th. I am so grateful for your

generous donation to Work Options for Women. Your gift directly supports our mission to assist homeless and low-income women to gain the skills and confidence they need to work their way out of the cycle of poverty and into self-sufficiency.

WOW has found a recipe for success in turning around the complicated lives of the women who come to us. We provide women with marketable job skills in the food industry and also help them overcome personal challenges.

Your involvement in our organization has led to profound change in the lives of many women. Over 90% of our graduates have broken the cycle of poverty and are building a strong future for themselves and their families.

Jean Tutolo
Work Options for Women



Thank you so very much for your grant for the 25th Annual Day of Caring Breast Cancer Awareness Conference.

It is always our hope that someday breast cancer will be a thing of the past. But until then, we want to continue to educate, empower and give hope to everyone who is in the fight against this disease. Your generous support helps us build a community

where everyone has all the information they need for the fight against breast cancer. We deeply appreciate your support and your partnership in this good work

Elise Spain
Executive Director
Day of Caring



Excelsior Youth Center extends heartfelt thanks to the Zonta Club of Denver for your continued financial support of our efforts to treat troubled young women as they emancipate to independence. Your grant will provide basic needs for at least 90 adolescent females to increase their access to affordable housing, self-sufficiency, medical care and higher paying jobs with career mobility.

Thanks again, for your concern for the young women in our community.

Joan Gabrielson
Executive Director

President Linda's April Message...

The Spirit of Zonta

As I begin to reflect on the past year I am awed by the distinctive personalities that create the spirit of Zonta and the difference this spirit makes in the world. At the core of each member is a big heart with a strong call to service. From that common bond the road diverges into the beauty of each member's distinct essence.

One area in which members bring distinct gifts to the club is time. Some members join with an abundance of time to give to every project and meeting. Some join with little time for projects but a strong desire to belong to a group that provides so much for other women. And we have members all along that time continuum.

Another area of divergence is talent. While each member is gifted with expertise in several areas each member's talents do not overlap in the same areas. A few examples of areas of expertise are law, bylaws, finance, accounting, data processing, graphic arts, design, public relations, printing, grant writing, event planning, creativity, and protocol. Our club is blessed to have each of these areas covered by just enough members to achieve our goals.

We also have members from many socio economic groups. With this distinction in mind we know we must be sensitive to a member's ability to be involved in each activity. This may limit the ability to donate to each fundraiser or to take any time from work.

There are also the many of reasons women are called to become members of Zonta. A few of those reasons are affiliation with a professional organization, networking with women, opportunity to be of service, travel to District and International meetings, and meeting women from around the world.

We also may have members who have seen their circumstance change since they joined

and they are not as able to contribute as much of their time or talent. We are fortunate they are willing to continue to support us as members and we are able to be of service to them.

The last area of distinction for this discussion (although not the last area of distinction) is the personal preferences of our members. Some love to cook meals every month and some only once in a while. Some love fundraising. Some love hands on service. Some love inviting others to join. Some love to put on events. Some love to do detail oriented tasks. Some thrive on paperwork.

You may be asking what this has to do with the SPIRIT of Zonta. Everything!! Our collage of uniqueness, talent, desire to serve and enthusiasm create a spirit that can change the future of women around the world! Our members have incredible wisdom and ability. Our club has been blessed with the grace to celebrate and embrace each member for who she is and what she brings. Our club also gives back to our members by teaching new skills and encouraging members to try new ways to participate. We are fortunate that while it is rarely possible to please all of the members all of the time we have actually been able to please all of the members some of the time.

Spring, the season of new possibilities is here! The season of new growth!!! Let us spread the seeds of the unconquerable spirit of Zonta. The world will never be the same!!!!

"We all live with the objective of being happy; our lives are all different and yet the same"

Anne Frank

Linda



Board of Directors Meetings:

**Zonta Club of Denver
2005-2006**

**Board of Director's
Meetings**

The board will be meeting at President Linda Rhea's home on the 4th Thursday of each month.

April 27th

May 25th

**Thank
You**

Thank you to the Zonta Club of Denver for the beautiful flowers sent in memory of my mother. We displayed them at my mom's memorial luncheon for everyone to enjoy.

Mandy

April General Meeting

When: Thursday, April 13th

5:30 pm. cocktails

6:00 p.m. dinner

Invocation: Kathy Hyzer

Greeter: Joetta Williams

Where: Four Points Sheraton Hotel
I-25 & Hampden Ave.

Cost: \$ 30.00

Please RSVP to Cathy Conley at 303-691-6926 (home) or 720-249-5889 (work) and leave a message. Remember—you must make your reservation by **Monday, April 10th at noon. If you are on permanent reservation list you must call to cancel by noon Monday.**

Program:

Awon Atuire, Service Learning Coordinator from Regis University, speaking about the Wesley Girls School Library Project at Cape Coast, Ghana sponsored by the students, staff and faculty of Regis University. A library project undertaken for the Wesley Girls K-8 school in Ghana.

Menu:

Vietnamese Herb & Baby Greens Salad
with Lotus Chips
Asian BBQ Flat Iron Steak
Sticky Jasmine Rice
Stir fried Vegetables
Fortune Cookies & Ice Cream

Nominations for Officers & Board for 2006-2007 Fiscal Year Elections will be held at our upcoming April Meeting.

President—Sheila Davis—
elected in 2005

President-Elect—Nikki
Headlee

Vice President—Cathy
Conley

Secretary—Linda Corssmit

Treasurer—Judy Allen

Directors

Julie Bradley—Elected in 2005
for 2-year term 2005-2007

Dottie Jenkins—Elected in
2005 for 2-year term 2005-
2007

Robin Forti—2 –year term
2006-2008

Beth Mundell—2-year term
2006-2008

Nominating Committee:

Joetta Williams

Diane Twining

Linda Rhea

Submitted by the Nominating
Committee 2006: Evie Ash-
more, Cynthia Herndon and
Jacki Sammons.

Thanks to all of them for their
hard work.

*Permanent
Reservation list—
Should your name be
listed here??
If so, call Cathy.*

Carroll Allen

Judy Allen

Evie Ashmore

Mary Benoit

Julie Bradley

Cathy Conley

Linda Corssmit

Sheila Davis

Robin Forti

Nikki Headlee

Cynthia Herndon

Dottie Jenkins

Nancy Koontz

Kate Linscott

Dolores Lowery

Judy McNerny

Beth Mundell

Marjorie Pickett

Linda Rhea

Dorothy Swindt

Diane Twining

Joetta Williams

Service & Status of Women Committee

VOLUNTEERING IN 2006!

Teen Mom Graduation Party

May 6th Brunch

SAVE THIS DATE – email info coming by the end of March....VOLUNTEERS definitely needed, wanted, coveted, for pre-arranging, helping out the day of set up, at the party and clean-up. If you weren't able to make it last year...this was a really important, meaningful event.

25th ANNUAL DAY of CARING

Friday, May 12th and Saturday May 13th

Volunteers are still needed at this wonderful opportunity. Day of Caring is one of our grant recipients and is extremely important for all women in our society. Volunteers are needed to help set up and stuff goodie bags on Friday between 1 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. and then on Saturday to help person Booths, work in the Silent Auction area, etc. Bilingual Volunteers needed also!!!

Volunteers still needed:

Friday May 12– help set up, fill bags,

wrangle balloons, etc.

1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Saturday May 13 – help at booth, work in Silent Auction area, etc (Bilingual volunteers needed)

6:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Garage Sale at Cynthia's

Friday, May 19th and Saturday May 20th

Save up those Garage Sale Items....Cynthia is willing to store them after May 1st. We made a significant amount of moola last year...let's see if we can top it! AND...it was FUN!

Volunteers needed:

Friday, May 19 to help receive, organize and price items

8 a.m. to noon (2-3 volunteers needed)

Noon to 4 p.m. (2-3 volunteers needed)

Saturday, May 20 Set up, sales and clean-up (yes...stay for clean-up!!!)

7 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. (1-2 volunteers needed)

9 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (1-2 volunteers needed)

11 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. (1-2 volunteers needed)

1 a.m. to 3:00 a.m. (2-3 volunteers needed)

3 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. (2-3 volunteers needed)

RONALD McDONALD HOUSE



Volunteers needed for all three dates

April 17th

May 22th

June 19th



BONFILS - Give the generous gift of life!

Please remember that our Zonta Club of Denver is registered with the Bonfils Blood Center as a donor group. We will get recognition in the Bonfils printed list of donors. Please give our registration number 5675 or mention Zonta when asked if we are donating in the name of a group.

Bonfils website (www.bonfils.org) has information about blood drives, donor centers, eligibility, recipient stories and how to make appointments. If you have questions about eligibility, please call 303/363-2202

The members of Zonta Club of Denver are committed to the support and well-being of our community, our club, and ourselves, by improving the status of women and children and upholding the Objects of Zonta International.

ZONTA CLUB OF DENVER MISSION STATEMENT

(Adopted Nov, 13, 1997)

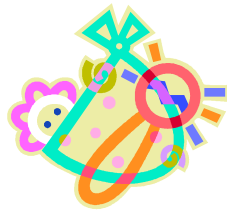


**BABY SHOWER
FOR MYRNA
GIVEN BY THE
ZONTA CLUB OF
DENVER**

APRIL 8 – 1:00 P.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

Evie Ashmore's house
5795 South Danube Circle
Centennial, CO 80015

I am happy to host Myrna's Baby Shower at my house, but would ask Zontians to bring food items to make this a happy occasion and to show support for Myrna.



Please note what is already promised:

Cake: Evie Ashmore

Snack Items: Judy McNerny
Mary Benoit
Mandy Ziegler
Robin Forti

Salads/Fruit: Judy Allen
Nikki Headlee
Jacki Sammons
Sheila Davis
Diane Twining

Paper Products: Margaret Fomer

Decorations: Nancy Koontz

Sweets: Linda Corssmit
Carroll Allen

Drinks/Rolls: Cathy Conley
Nikki Headlee
Linda Rhea
Evie Ashmore

RSVP to Evie Ashmore:
303-617-0947

Area 3 Meeting Coming Soon!

Host: Zonta Club of Douglas County

Date: Saturday, April 22nd

Location: Perry Park Country Club in Larkspur, CO

Leadership Training:

7:30—9:00 am, full breakfast, for anyone who is interested in leadership training by our District Board and Past Governor Mary Benoit

Time: Regular Meeting with continental breakfast 8:30am to 1:00 pm

Cost: Approximately \$35 (actual cost will be on the invitation that will be out in the mail shortly.)

Breakfast:

Coffee and Juice Bar, Fresh Fruit Platter, Danish & Muffin Platter

Lunch:

Rolls & Butter, Spinach Salad with warm bacon vinaigrette & spicy nuts; roasted chicken breast with lemon caper demi glace, sofrito rice & olives cilantro & chorizo sausage, haricot vert bundles, & chocolate lava cake for dessert! YUM. (vegetarian selection not announced as yet.)

Program:

Human Trafficking presented by the Polaris Project with concrete ways for us to volunteer and help with the project. Also a short presentation from a woman who operates a school in Thailand for children rescued from the sex trafficking trade.

Fund Raising Committee



Garage Sale

The garage sale is planned for Saturday, May 20th at Cynthia

Herndon's house. No clothing will be accepted, as it doesn't sell very well. Items can be taken over to Cynthia's home beginning May 1st. If you would like to help setup for the sale on Friday, May 19th, or help with sales on Saturday, there will be signup sheets at the April dinner meeting.

Fall Shopping Spree 2006

A final vote regarding the shopping spree for this year was taken at the March dinner meeting. There were 17 votes for the non-fundraiser, 3 votes for the fall shopping spree, and 1 abstention. Based on that outcome, the fundraising committee will begin planning a non-fundraiser for sometime in September.



April

Birthday

April 3rd

Robin Forti

Zonta Club of Denver General Meeting Minutes March 9, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 6:10pm.

Invocation: Evie Ashmore gave the invocation.

Guests: *Speakers Peggy Wheeler and Josette Sandoval were guests of the club, as were Josette's husband and son, Richard and Jeremiah Sandoval. Beth Mundell brought her mother, Jean Mundell.*

Program: Two women who have benefited from training programs supported by Zonta talked about their experiences. Josette Sandoval, 2001 graduate of Work Options for Women (WOW) noted that her mother was also a graduate of WOW. The program, she said, teaches kitchen orientation, financial matters, life skills, and resumé writing, and also provides an internship in preparation for employment. Josette is now the Assistant Director of Food Service at The Gathering Place. Peggy Wheeler learned work skills, goal setting and outcome evaluation at the Women's Bean Project (WBP). She became a mentor to other participants, and is currently on the WBP staff. Each of the women credits the program with helping to turn around a life that had spun out of control, and expressed gratitude for Zonta's grant support.

Minutes: February minutes were approved as printed in the Smoke Signal.

Treasurer: Judy Allen distributed 3rd quarter financials, which will be filed for audit.

Service/Status of Women: Beth Mundell asked members to report service hours. Her nephew's class, clad in Zonta aprons, provided dinner at Ronald McDonald House on Zonta's night. Nikki Headlee reported that Imagination Library registration is complete, and the first books were sent out in January. Zontians have signed up eight family members/friends, and a portion of that money will help pay for Head Start students. Beth is working with Diane Twining on the Denver Kids Teen Mom graduation party. Last year's alumnae will be invited. A bouquet of yellow roses was delivered to The Gathering Place and another to the Safe House in honor of International Women's Day and Zonta Rose Day, which was March 8th. Included with the flowers was information about Zonta and its mission. Day of Caring is scheduled for May 13th. Volunteers are needed for the 13th and set-up on May 12th.

Membership: The club will meet at the Sheraton Four Points in April, May, June, September, October and November. Julie Bradley will post instructions on "How to Sponsor a Member" on the website. A birthday card was circulated for former member Louise Froelich. Sympathy

cards were passed around for Mandy Ziegler on the death of her mother, and Sue Anne Flaherty on the death of her half sister.

Fundraising: Sheila Davis reported that a total of \$918 has been raised since January. Volunteers are needed for the May 20th garage sale, including set-up on the 19th. Items are needed for the sale. The Fundraising Committee is looking at a raffle in the fall, so that tickets can be sold at District, and the winner announced in combination with an event to be planned. Dottie Jenkins passed around a signature sheet for those who have Zonta aprons. Aprons should be turned in to Dottie or bought for \$10. Fabric for more aprons has been purchased. Sheila distributed ballots for those who had not voted by e-mail on next year's fundraiser. The result was that the club will have a "non-fundraiser", with members asked to write a check. The club will continue to do theater and other events, garage sale, and raffle.

Nominating Committee: Evie Ashmore, Cynthia Herndon, and Diane Twining presented a slate for next year's Officers and Directors. There were no additional nominations from the floor. Proposed Directors are Beth Mundell and Robin Forti, with Dottie Jenkins and Julie Bradley continuing their terms. Officers nominated are: Judy Allen, Treasurer; Linda Corssmit, Secretary; Cathy Conley, Vice President; and Nikki Headlee, President-elect. Running for Nominating Committee are Joetta Williams, Diane Twining, and Linda Rhea. Sheila Davis, as this year's President-elect, will automatically become President. Voting for Officers and Directors will be in April.

New Business: There was discussion about a donation in memory of Sandra Stemmler, who passed away in February. The by-laws stipulate that an education fund contribution be made at the end of the year. Nancy Koontz made a motion that a contribution for Sandra be made at this point in time to the Zonta International Amelia Earhart fund. Lacking 2/3 of the membership, no vote was taken. Money is available in unallocated funds, and a check will be sent. Evie Ashmore and Nikki Headlee announced an April 8th shower for Myrna Rivera, who is expecting a baby and has moved to a new home. A sign-up sheet was circulated for those who can attend and contribute.

Announcements:

- Birthday congratulations were extended to Beth Mundell and Nancy Koontz.
- Condolences on the death of Sandra Stemmler may be sent to her sons Peter Fontius, John Fontius and Michael Roen at 6060 S. Prince Street #6, Littleton, CO 80120.
- Dorothy Swindt shared a letter from Sandra Stemmler.
- A picture of last year's Teen Mom graduation party has been submitted to the ZI service contest.

Invitations have been mailed for the Area 3 meeting, April 22nd at Perry Park. There will be Officer training before the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Corssmit, Secretary

Zonta Club of Denver

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www.zonta-denver.org

Improving the status of women worldwide



Calendar Events upcoming.....save the date!

Apr 1st	Zonta Club of Douglas County Trivia Night	May 11th	Annual Meeting—installation of officers
Apr 8th	Zonta Club of Foothills/Boulder—Annual Women's Authors Luncheon at Folsom Sta-	May 13th	Day of Caring for Breast Cancer Awareness
Apr 13th	Zonta Regular Meeting—elections	May 15th	Ronald McDonald House Dinner
Apr 17th	Ronald McDonald House Dinner	May 25th	Joint Board Meeting
April 22nd	Area 3 Meeting—hosted by Zonta Club of Douglas County—featuring additional info re: trafficking and information on service opportunities @ Perry Park Country Club in Larkspur	May 26th	Smoke Signal Deadline
Apr 27th	Zonta Board Meeting	June 8th	General Membership Meeting
Apr 28th	Smoke Signal Deadline	June 19th	Ronald McDonald House
		June 22nd	Zonta Board Meeting
		June 24th—29th	Zonta International Convention in Melbourne Australia