



Smoke Signal



Membership Committee

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Retention is part of membership's responsibility. Unfortunately, all the work in the world on our part would not have allowed us to retain Bobbie Razee. It is with deep regret that we acknowledge her death on February 28. She was a powerhouse in Zonta, both at the club level and at the district level as Governor of our district and also as the Chairperson for the Zonta International Convention that was held in Denver, in the 70s.

On the other hand, we are so very pleased to once again be able to report that your board has approved two new members. They are Essie Garrett and Susan Leibsly. Both were guests last month, although it wasn't there first encounter with our club. While they will not officially be brought in as new members until June 1, the beginning of our fiscal year, we welcome them with open arms.

Last, but not least, please mark Saturday, June 2, on your calendars. That is the all-member retreat at Nikki Headlee's house, from 9 am to 11 am. This will replace the "normal" June meeting.

From the Treasurer....

- Please make sure all outstanding bills are turned in by May 1st to Judy Allen for reimbursement.
- Annual Membership Statements will be available the April meeting and are due by May 15th

North American Inter-District Seminar

District 6 & District 15 Present

A Time to Grow—In Leadership and Membership

June 22-24, 2007 ~ Ann Arbor, Michigan

What is it?

The North American Seminar is a weekend of engaging and interactive workshops designed to empower you as a Zontian. New members, seasoned Zontians, and those somewhere in between, will leave the weekend having identified opportunities for growth - as leaders and as Zontians.

Angela Morgan, co-author of *Leading from the Front*, will keynote the seminar. Angie believes that all women have something to offer as leaders and is quick to cite her experiences in the U.S. Marine Corps as key to her successes outside of the military. Visit www.leadingfromthefront.com for more information on this dynamic woman.

How is this seminar different than Zonta International's Convention or my local District's Conference?

This seminar draws Zontians from around the globe; however, this gathering is focused on workshops, not business sessions. Unlike official meetings, such as conferences and conventions, there is no business to conduct. This seminar focuses on educating and interacting with one another in our service with Zonta.

Who should attend?

All Zontians worldwide are invited. Those from North America are especially encouraged to attend, as most of the workshops will focus on the demographics, trends and cultures of that region. Anyone

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Special Points of Interest this month:

General election slate of officers—page 3

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President Sheila's April Message...

As I look out the window of my home-office today, I see spring! The grass is turning green, and the flowers are starting to pop up - along with the weeds. My apple tree has lots of buds on it, and my large clay pots sitting right beside it are waiting to be planted. I usually plant flowers in them during the summer. This year, I'm going to plant vegetables in them - container gardening, I guess it's called. I really wanted to have a vegetable garden in the large boxed area in the corner of the back yard, but the last few years I didn't plant anything in it, so I ended up putting weed killer on it last summer. Now I would have to replace the dirt with 'untainted soil'. The thought of replacing all that dirt makes me tired just thinking about it, and I think the pots filled with various veggie plants sitting in that area will look good, and be a lot less work. This plan of attack reminds me of what the fundraising committee has done this year. Lots of little fundraisers that will add up to more money raised this year than last year, without the work of one big fundraiser that made everyone tired (at least the fundraising committee) just thinking about it. Some of the small fundraisers that included Macy's tickets, the raffle, the opera, and fundraising tables at the district conference and the Amelia Earhart dinner, did better than others. The final dollar figure is not in yet for the yellow rose ball, but so far it's doing quite well. Two more events are being planned for this spring and summer including a Rockies baseball game, and the musical *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers* at the Country Dinner Playhouse. I know how hard it is being on the fundraising committee - I was on it last year. I want to commend this year's group of women for their perseverance in completing many small projects and weathering some up and down giving patterns by the club. They will ultimately make this a more successful year for fundraising than last year!

I was also looking at my rose bushes the other day. They had a hard winter, and some of them made it through the snow and cold better than others. The new one I planted last year looks very good, but one of the older ones did not make it. Many of us lost pets recently too, especially if they were older and in poor health. The hard winter seemed to take its toll on them too. Our club also lost our longest member, Bobbie Raze, on February 28th. She had been a member for 60 years! I can't tell you how glad I am we had an anniversary celebration for her at our holiday party last December. I know it meant so much to her, and to us also. I wish I had known her better, as she must have been quite a woman, owning her own construction business back in the 1930's. There's a nice write-up about her life that we read at her party here in the Smoke Signal. She will be missed. (page 5)

Back to fundraising. If you're interested in being on that committee in the upcoming year, or whatever committee you're interested in, be sure to fill out the committee preference form in this month's Smoke Signal and send it to Nikki. Don't hesitate to contact her or me if you have any questions on the committees.

Spring is a great time for Zonta. The weather is nice and the days are long, but will we get one more BIG snowstorm??

Yours in Zonta,

Sheila



Save the Date

April 14th—at Nikki Headlee's House, a baby shower for member Robin Forti.
Time: 12:00—2:30,

June 2nd—at Nikki Headlee's House an all member Retreat 9-11:30. Following the retreat will be a Board member

Board of Directors Meetings:

**Zonta Club of Denver
2006-2007
Board of Director's
Meetings at Sheila
Davis's House 5:30 pm**
April 26th
May 24th
(Joint Old & New)

April Dinner Meeting

When: Thursday, April 12, 2007
5:30 pm. Cocktails
6:00 p.m. dinner

Inspirational Moment: **Beth Mundell**

Greeters: **Judy McNerny**
Kathy Hyzer

Where: Four Points Sheraton
I-25 & Hampden

Cost: \$ 30.00

Please RSVP to: Cathy Conley at 303-691-6926 (hm) or 303-444-4491 ext 113 (wk) and leave a message. (or email at cathryn.conley@ge.com. Remember—you must make your reservation by **Monday, April 9th at noon. (Husbands and significant others as well as guests welcome)**

Program:

Election of New Officers

D-Day and Beyond by John Pellegren,
husband of member Barb Pellegren

Menu:

Four Points Salad with Mixed Baby Field Greens, Garden Vegetables & Chef's Choice of Dressing

BBQ Meatloaf with Chef's Choice of Starch

Kennel Corn & Crispy Cowboy Onions

Baby Chocolate Bundt Cake with Seasonal Berries

Rolls & Butter

Coffee and Tea

Nominations for Officers & Board for 2007-2008 Fiscal Year are submitted by the nominating committee. Elections will be held at our April Meeting.

President—Nikki Headlee—elected in 2006

President-Elect— Judy McNerny

Vice President— Linda Corssmit

Secretary— Carroll Allen

Treasurer— Mandy Ziegler

Directors

Joetta Williams— 2-year term 2007-2009

Wendy Morsakie— 2-year term 2007-2009

Robin Forti—Elected in 2006 for 2 – year term 2006-2008

Donna Hultin—Appointed in 2007 to fill the 2-year term 2006-2008

Submitted by the Nominating Committee 2007: Diane Twining, Linda Rhea, and Joetta Williams Thanks to all of them for their hard work.



Happy Birthday to our April birthday girl

Robin Forti—Apr 3rd

(belated wishes to new member Essie Garrett who celebrated her birthday on March 2nd!)

Permanent

Reservation list— Should your name be listed here??

If so, call Cathy

Carroll Allen

Judy Allen

Evie Ashmore

Mary Benoit

Cathy Conley

Linda Corssmit

Sheila Davis

Pam Dumonceau

Robin Forti

Nikki Headlee

Deb Heckart

Cynthia Herndon

Dottie Jenkins

Kate Linscott

Nancy Long

Judy McNerny

Beth Mundell

Marjorie Pickett

Linda Rhea

Robin Smith

Dorothy Swindt

Diane Twining

Joetta Williams

Zonta Club of Douglas County



4th Annual TRIVIA BOWL

Presenting sponsor



April 21st, 2007 6:00 - 10:00 PM

Kirk Hall @ Douglas County Fairgrounds

Team Tables up to 6 players - \$180 per table

CASH PRIZES! - Silent & Live Auction - Dinner provided by Angle's Restaurant - Beverages

An exciting and fun event to benefit the Douglas County Victim's Advocates: Douglas/Elbert Task Force: the Women's Crisis and Family Outreach Center and provides local scholarships



For reservations or information contact
Nani Lindig 720-939-1011 (cell) or
Lindign720@aol.com

Mail to: Zonta Trivia, P. O. Box 928,
Castle Rock, CO 80104

There will be a limited number of seats and dinners available for observers at \$30 each. Reservations and payment should be made in advance.

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interested in advancing the future of Zonta will find the weekend invaluable. The seminar is intended to empower us all in membership growth and leadership development!

Where will it be?

The North American Seminar will be held at the Marriot Hotel in conjunction with the Eagle Crest Conference and Resort Center located in Ypsilanti, Michigan. The facility is beautiful, and conveniently located 15 miles from Detroit Metropolitan Airport and minutes from the University of Michigan, among other area attractions.

What is the cost?

The registration cost is \$150 US and includes all meals and breaks on Saturday and Sunday, as well as a mixer to be held on Friday evening. Early Bird registration received by May 1 will be \$135 US. Rooms are \$92 US plus tax per night single or double. Call 734.487.2000 or 1.800.228.9290 for reservations. Mention "Zonta" when reserving rooms. Visit <http://marriott.com/DTWYS> for on-line reservations. Hotel deadline: May 31, 2007.

What is the schedule?

Registration will be held Friday, June 22, from 3:00 to 7:00pm, followed by the first activity at 7:00pm. Registration also will be held Saturday, June 25, from 7:00 to 8:00am. The seminar will begin at 8 a.m. on Saturday, June 23 and will conclude shortly after noon on Sunday, June 24. Please pack for some outdoor activity to enjoy the beautiful scenery during some of the fellowship events.

What will be discussed?

Membership and leadership development are key and will be themes throughout the weekend. The seminar workshops will allow you to address the issues we face in our clubs and districts. Attendees will have an opportunity to identify their goals of leadership in Zonta, and ask questions of those currently involved on the District and International levels.

Registration Deadline & Policy: The final registration deadline is June 8, 2007. Cancellations must be received in writing via US Mail, fax or email. When sending by fax or email, please print a confirmation.

Cancellations on or before May 22 will be refunded at 100 percent of the registration fee. Cancellations before June 15 will be refunded at 50 percent of the registration fee. No money will be refunded after June 15. Registration is transferable.

Join us for this make-a-difference weekend. Co-Chairs
Sally Bean, Governor, Zonta International District 6
Carole Calvert-Baxter, Governor, Zonta International District 15

Service & Status of Women Committee

- WOW is hosting their annual fundraiser. It is Monday, May 14, 2007. There are many ways to volunteer, and hopefully at least one will work with your schedule. They will need people to help set up all day prior to the event, run the silent auction during the event, act as greeters, etc. Contact Robin if you are interested.
- There will be no teen mom event in April. The teen mom grad party is May 20th.
- We are doing May Day bags for The Delores Project so we are asking the ladies to bring in small items such as any mini toiletry to the April meeting.

Fund-Raising Committee

The fundraising opera day was a great success. Everyone enjoyed the afternoon. The next event will be a Rockies baseball game in May, so stay alert for more information. This summer we will be offering tickets for Seven Brides for Seven Brothers at the Country Dinner Playhouse.

The Non-fundraiser Fundraiser is going well. We ask that all donations be turned in by the middle of May if not before. Thanks for all the support. It is much appreciated.

We will be offering the Zonta aprons again this year for any of you who would like to purchase them. They are still \$10.00. We will have 2 sample sizes for you to look at and order at the next couple of meetings.

We want to thank all of you for your support this year. You are a great group and all of your support is very much appreciated.



VIRGINIA LUCILLE FRANCIS DOUGHERTY "BOBBIE" RAZEE

Bobbie was born and raised in Denver and began her career at a very tender age. She was still in school when her uncle formed a construction firm and asked her to work part-time until she graduated. She was bitten by the construction bug! Over the years, Bobbie learned the business. Says Bobbie, of becoming the only female construction boss in the country, "It's simple. You start with an uncle in the construction business and thirty years later you're president of the whole shebang." She became president and owner when the co-founder, Harold Davis, retired. By that time, Mr. Davis told the Denver Post, "She knew more about the business than the original partners".

Her husband, Rush Razee, ran a separate construction business as a builder of custom homes. She initially planned to leave her job in the construction industry in 1938, when she and Rush were married. Job opportunities were scarce during World War II, and by the time the war was over she was firmly entrenched although not yet the owner. Her company specialized in commercial construction but they did build one special home – that was Bobbie and Rush's innovative and contemporary home on Shangri La, which to this day is a Denver landmark.

Not only was Bobbie firmly entrenched at Newstrom Davis when the war ended, but she was invited to attend several meetings of the Zonta Club of Denver in 1946. She was proposed for membership in March of 1947, under the classification of construction manager, and inducted into our club in June of 1947. That was a lucky day for Zonta. During her years of membership, Bobbie served on and chaired numerous committees and held most of the club offices, including that of President in 1954-55. Bobbie held several offices at the District level before becoming Governor in 1970, for a two-year term. She was named District 12 Zontian of the year in 1970 and was the recipient of our club's Edna Jean Hershey Award in 1981. And, when Denver was fortunate enough to have hosted the Zonta International Convention, Bobbie co-chaired that massive undertaking. Bobbie holds the record in our club and in the district as serving actively for the longest period of time. Until a few years ago, Bobbie rarely missed a District Conference or an International Convention. In 1957 she knitted sweaters for Zontians for Achievement.

Along with her Zontian responsibilities and offices, she was the first woman to be elected to the Executive Board of the Colorado Chapter of Associated General Contractors of America. In 1967 the Rocky Mountain News ran an article entitled "The Boss is a Lady" and included a picture of her in her hard hat. Bobbie will be missed by all who knew and worked with her throughout her long membership as a Zontian.

Welcome New Members!

To be inducted at our May Meeting

Essie Garrett

Teacher

Emily Griffith Opportunity School

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Birthday: March 2nd

Sponsor: Sheila Davis

Susan Leibsly

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Email: Leibsly@hotmail.com

Birthday: May 17th

Spouse: Gary Thornam

Sponsor: Nikki Headlee

Thank you to the club for honoring me with a Zonta Rose on Rose Day—it was a great surprise and I loved it! What a great way to start off my new job. Julie Bradley

THANK YOU!

Thanks to all my Zonta friends for the cards, phone calls and words of encouragement I received during my recent surgery. You are all so thoughtful and kind--I really treasure your friendship and love ~~ Dorothy Swindt



Committee Preference Form



The names of committee Chairmen and committee members must be submitted to the new Board for approval at the May Board Meeting. It would be appreciated if you would give some indication of your committee preference on this form and return it to Nikki Headlee at the April Business Meeting.

The chairman of each committee is responsible to the President for all aspects of her committee's work. Each committee has responsibilities outlined in the by-laws. Each committee will also decide how these responsibilities will be managed (committee of the whole, sub committees, etc.)

If you have been a member of the same committee for two or more years you are urged to consider serving on a different committee. Varied committee experience should mean a richer more satisfying realization of the potentials of our organization and also a challenge to your own potentials.

Please check 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice

1. _____ **Membership and Membership Services.**

Responsible for Program, Arrangements, Directory, Recruitment, Retention
(approx. 35% of the membership.)

2. _____ **Service/ Status of Women**

Responsible for Literacy, Grant & Service funding and Project recommendations.
Responsible for Young Woman in Public Affairs Award, Community and International relations,
United Nations and inter-city relations (approx. 30% of the membership.)

3. _____ **Fund Raising**

Responsible for executing fund raising plans
(approx. 25% of the membership.)

4. _____ **Communications**

Public Relations Chair, Historian, responsible for press releases, archives and files,
scrapbooks (10% of membership.)
Smoke Signal Editor/Web Site—currently one person outside of committee

Remember: All members of the Board membership will be chairs of the committees and you will only be on one committee....

In checking any of the above, if you have a particular area within a given committee you would like to work, please indicate it. The President will consider your wishes in making committee assignments; however, it may be necessary to assign members to a committee not indicated by said member in an effort to attain proper representation on all committees.

Comments:

Please Print Name:

Zonta Club of Denver General Meeting Minutes March 8, 2007

President Sheila Davis called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

Guests: Marcie Kaufman and Kiffie Hester attended as guests of Nikki Headlee, Joan Richardson and speaker Gina Trammel were guests of Kathy Hyzer, Mary Benoit hosted Terrie Andrews, and Sheila Davis hosted Essie Garrett.

Inspirational Moment: Cynthia Herndon read a passage from Reflections by Sandra Stemmler.

Status of Women Moment: *Nancy Long spoke about women's earnings, wealth, and charitable giving.*

Member Moment: *Liz Cameron profiled Amanda Megill. Amanda is originally from Chicago, and works at Oppenheimer Funds. She has a seven year-old son and is president of his school's PTA.*

Program: Gina Trammel, a single mother of 2 daughters and former financial manager at Women's Bean Project, entertained the club with her stand-up comedy routine.

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

Treasurer: Sheila Davis reported for Judy Allen that the club has \$8,110.03 in operating and \$7,797.90 in the club service account.

Membership: Nikki Headlee reported that Bobbie Razez, who had been a member since 1947, has passed away. A memorial service is scheduled for March 31st, at Park Place. With the loss of Bobbie, membership now stands at 39. Dorothy Swindt had gall bladder surgery March 7th. There will be a shower for Robin Forti April 7th at Nikki's. Robin expects a baby girl in May. Cathy Conley asked members to save the date for a members' retreat on June 2nd at Nikki's, which will be followed by a Board retreat. Cathy will take calls about any problems with general meeting dinner menus.

Service/Status of Women: Today is Zonta Rose/International Women's Day. Volunteers prepared and delivered yellow roses to 18 women. The first address audit for the Imagination Library has been completed; another is planned for May. Closed to 200 Head Start children are receiving books, and there are a number of family/friends subscriptions. The DKI Teen Mom graduation party is scheduled for May 20th. Mary Benoit and the New Z Committee will be sending out more information. There will be no Teen Mom event on April 21st.

Fundraising: Dottie Jenkins reported that the Yellow Rose Ball, the club's non-event fundraiser, is going well. A production of Seven Brides for Seven Brothers at the Country Dinner Playhouse is scheduled for July. Dottie expressed appreciation for those who participate in club fundraisers.

New Business: Diane Twining thanked Joetta Williams and Linda Rhea for working with her on the Nominating Committee. The committee's nominations for next year's officers and directors are as follows: President Nikki Headlee, President-elect Judy McNerny, Vice President Linda Corssmit, Treasurer Mandy Ziegler, Secretary Carroll Allen, Directors Joetta Williams and Wendy Henry-Moraskie. Robin Forti and Donna Hultin will continue on as second year Directors. The proposed new nominating committee members are Liz Cameron, Sheila Davis, and Kathy Hyzer. There were no additional nominations from the floor. Cathy Conley made a motion that nominations be closed; the motion was seconded and passed. Sheila recognized Beth Mundell, Robin Forti, and Mary Benoit for their work in assembling and delivering roses for Zonta Rose Day.

Upcoming Events:

- Area 3 Meeting, hosted by ZCD, March 31st at Excelsior
- Trivia Bowl, hosted by Douglas County, April 21st at the Douglas County Fairgrounds
- Author's Luncheon, hosted by Foothills Club, April 28th at the CU stadium
- Woman-to-Woman Tea, hosted by the Boulder County Club, May 5th in Boulder.

Door Prize: Kiffie Hester won the door prize.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Corssmit, Secretary

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

April 12th	General Membership Meeting at Four Points Sheraton Hotel—election of new officers. Bring small toilette articles for	May 10th	General Membership Meeting at Four Points Sheraton Hotel installation of new officers.
April 14th	Baby shower for Robin Forti at Nikki's house from 12:00—2:30.	May	Colorado Rockies Fundraiser Game in May—date TBA
April 26th	Board Meeting at Sheila Davis's house	May 24th	Joint Board Meeting
April 27th	Smoke Signal Deadline	June 2nd	All Member retreat from 9—11:30 at Nikki's house followed by a board retreat from 11:30—2:30 (in place of June
May ??	May Baskets for the women at Delores Project	June 22nd—24th	North American Interdistrict Seminar in Ann Arbor, Michigan
		July 7th	Seven Brides for Seven Brothers @ the Country Dinner Playhouse—fundraiser

A Time to Grow—In Leadership and Membership North American Inter-District Seminar

June 22-24, 2007

Ann Arbor, Michigan

Name _____

Zonta Club of _____ District _____

Address _____

E-mail _____ Telephone: _(____)_____

Registrations will be confirmed via email or telephone if no email address is given

Workshop Selections Will Be Made Under Separate Mailing

Registration Fee

Early Bird (received by May 1) \$135 US _____

Regular Registration (by June 8) \$150 US _____

_____ Check Enclosed *Payable to: Zonta District 6*

_____ Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

Name on card _____

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Please contact the hotel directly to make your hotel reservations by May 31, 2007

Call 734-487-2000 or 1-800-228-9290 or visit <http://marriott.com/DTWYS>

Mention Zonta to get the negotiated rate in our block

Special dietary accommodations or other needs _____

Please return this registration form with payment to:

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