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Smoke Signal - April 2018

2017-2018

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Please send your newsletter submissions to Judy McNerny, Marian Lee, and Wendy Moraskie.

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HOPE HOUSE 5K AND FUN RUN NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Hope House is recruiting volunteers (and participants!) for its 5k event on Saturday, May 5th. Details can be found [here](#). To volunteer, contact Caitlin McCormick at Caitlin.McCormick@hopehouseofcolorado.org or (303) 429-1012 x 231.



How will you serve in the coming year?

Committee assignments for 2018-19 will be made in the coming month. If you'd like to express a preference for serving on a particular committee, please complete the Committee Preference Form found [here](#), and return to Marian Lee by April 10th. Assignment to preferred committees cannot be guaranteed, and we appreciate your flexibility in serving where you are most needed.

Dues are Due Soon!

To meet ZI's deadline, we need to receive your 2018-19 dues payment (\$195 for members 30 and older and \$125.50 for those under 30) by **April 20**. If you can't bring your dues to the April 12 meeting, please mail a check to Nikki Headlee at 35296 E. 10th Dr., Watkins, CO 80137-7197.

April Meeting

Date: Thursday, April 12th
Time: 5:00 p.m.
Place: Fresh Fish Company

Please RSVP to Liz Savage at esavage2017@gmail.com by noon on **Monday, April 9th**. Our speaker will be Motria Ramos, Grant Development Officer of Hope House.

ITEMS OF THE MONTH:

Disposable diapers, particularly in sizes 4 and 5, and King Soopers gift cards

Minutes of March Meeting

[Click here](#) to review the minutes of the March 8, 2018 club meeting.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our Day of Film is in the bag, over and history. We had fun, didn't we!! We had a record number of sponsors and of attendees, so this event will go down in history! I am sure you enjoyed the talk with director Sophia and the yummy food and drink. Networking and visiting with friends is always a plus. Congratulations to Mary Lou and her team (and all of you who helped, bought tickets, set up or cleaned up at the end of the day) for a fabulous event!!

Our meeting this month is an important one, as we will elect our officers for next year. Be sure to

participate and join us for a great meeting and camaraderie with friends at the Fresh Fish Company.

A special "welcome back" to Gwen! We are sad that she decided to leave the Peace Corps, but their loss is our gain. Gwen, we hope to see you at the April meeting!

The Membership Committee is hard at work recruiting new members to be installed in May or June. Please think of other potential members that you may work with, see in your neighborhood, bump into at Yoga or wherever you go. They frequent the same places you do, so they may be of like minds and want to join our club of forward-thinking women activists!

See you at the April meeting. Thank you all for EVERYTHING you do.

~Julie Bradley

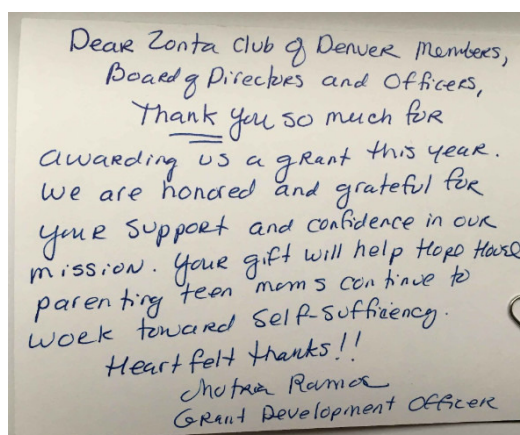
CSW 2018 REPORT

by Mary Benoit

I was lucky enough to fly to New York for the 62nd session of the United Nation's Commission on the Status of Women ("CSW"), which began on March 12 this year. What a journey and education it was! Click [here](#) to read the full report.

Nominations for Zontian of the Year

Start thinking about whom you might nominate for this year's Zontian of the Year award. This honor is given annually to a special Zontian whose activities have benefited the Club and brought recognition to the Club in the community, District, and Zonta International. Nominations are due by June 1st.



Committee Reports

MEMBERSHIP



Happy Spring! As most of you know, at last month's meeting we had a lively discussion, followed by a secret ballot vote, on the venue for monthly club meetings going forward. The finalists were Bent Noodle, Rendezvous, and Fresh Fish Company. Washington Park Grille would have been a finalist, but we learned that they changed their policy to require a \$750 minimum spend for its private room. Accordingly, Fresh Fish replaced WPG in the discussion and vote, which came out Fresh Fish 23 votes, Rendezvous 4 votes, and Bent Noodle 4 votes. So Fresh Fish remains our meeting spot.

The management is delighted to keep us, and is working to improve the quality of our experience. For example, they are making more room between tables, which makes it easier to get around. They also offer some great perks:

- Happy Hour goes until 10 p.m. on Thursdays, and we can order food from the Happy Hour menu - not just the dinner menu. Most of the Happy Hour items are about \$5.00.
- The restaurant has prepared a separate non-seafood/fish menu for those who don't like fish or seafood. A copy of this menu will be on each table going forward.
- FFC has a rewards card you can use to get a free meal after a certain number of meals are ordered, and on your birthday, you receive a discount on your meal equal to your age! Ask for one at the April meeting.

Thank you all for participating in the discussion about the venue. And a huge **THANK YOU** to the Membership Committee members for researching and evaluating many possible venues on behalf of the club!

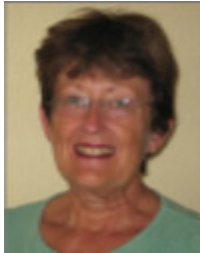
We're sending prospective new member packets to nine women who have expressed strong interest in our club. All have been invited to the April club meeting, so please introduce yourself and welcome them! Hopefully this bodes well for another nice growth spurt in our membership for the coming year.

We are beginning to plan some social outings for the spring and summer, and will discuss them at the April meeting. Ideas include another outing to the Colorado Symphony to hear our own Wendy Henry-Moraskie and her husband, Richard, perform in the Symphony Chorus in May; a Rockies game; and dinner and visit to Angel Concept Fine Gifts in Littleton, a non-profit that trains disadvantaged women in retail sales skills. If you have other ideas,

please let the Membership Committee know!

Our next committee meeting will be Wednesday, April 18 at 4:30 p.m. at Yanni's at the Landmark.

~ Liz Savage



FUNDRAISING

The Fundraising Committee worked very hard to give our club an enjoyable, successful Day of Film, and we hope that everyone enjoyed the day with "Little Stones" and its director, Sophia Kruz. We will be asking soon for your thoughts on how we can improve our film event next year.

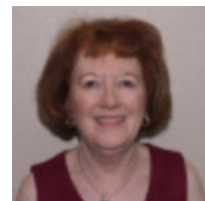
Judy Allen has found another market for all of the jewelry we have collected over the years - mostly from our garage sales. Good luck with that in Broomfield, Judy!

We hope you are gathering your garage sale items for our second fundraising event this Spring. If you haven't already, please mark your calendars for our Garage Sale at Cynthia Herndon's home on **Saturday, May 19, 2018**. Any items you donate must be price-marked when you bring them. All items not sold on May 19 will be donated to the Salvation Army. We will be sorting/organizing the items on Friday, May 18 at Cynthia's home, so please plan ahead to help out either one or two of those days. We will pass around a sign-up sheet at the April meeting.

~Mary Lou Edwards

SERVICE

As our Zonta year comes to a close, it seems impossible that we have new grantees. If anyone has ideas, questions or suggestions for these organizations, please let me know. We will be asking for hands on projects and anything else we can do to assist them. I know all of them had a presence at the Day of Film. Our liaisons to the organizations are doing a great job of communicating and getting the grantees engaged. A shout-out to our liaisons!



Currently, we are working to plan a picnic for The Haven this summer. So many of us had a great connection with the women we met at The Haven holiday party; we want to maintain that connection.

Thanks to everyone who contributed cosmetic bags and small items last month. The service committee will be assembling the bags in late April, so you may still bring items to the April meeting.

Many thanks to Nancy McWhirter for heading up the Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarship award process. Nancy and her sub-committee - Olette, Debbie, and Dawn - are working diligently on the process. We will be anxious to hear about our winner.

Our next committee meeting will be Thursday, April 19 at 5 pm at my office, 1123 Delaware St.

~Mary Benoit



PUBLIC RELATIONS

Hello Zontians! As I'm writing this, the excitement level is high as we careen through this last week before the 2018 Day of Film. For this event, we all become members of the Fundraising Committee and pitch in with vigor to make sure we have a great DoF and net a record-setting amount that will help to position at-risk women for self-sufficiency.

I'm picturing the Turnhalle filled to capacity with people thrilled at the film, full of a delicious brunch and mimosas, and wondering how they can get more involved in projects that lift up women to help them reach their potential. We'll certainly tell them!

Thank you for making calls, handing out postcards, posting flyers, using regular and social media, posting our DoF on your favorite event calendars, and everything else you did to fill the Turnhalle, raise donations, and share our Zonta message.

Saturday afternoon we'll look back with a sigh of success and relief.

And then we turn our attention to the 2018 Zonta Yard Sale!

~ Wendy Henry-Moraskie



ARCHIVING

Enjoy seeing old pictures like this one, of ZCD's Members in 1938? If so, you should join the Archiving Committee!

If you have an interest in looking at old pictures, newspaper articles, and a variety of other documents from our club's past, please consider joining our committee.

Current members are Sheila Davis, Nikki Headlee, Judy McNerny, Barb Pellegren, and Joetta Williams. We are a great group, and we have fun while doing our archiving work!

We meet at Sheila's house, usually on the 2nd Saturday of every month, from 10am to noon. Plans for the upcoming year are to:

- Finish going through all the boxes of photos and documents to determine what items to scan, keep in long term storage, or toss
- Get all electronic and scanned documents onto external hard drives
- Organize and scan the paper membership records

Please let Marian know if you would like to join our committee. We would love to have you!

~Sheila Davis for the Committee

Annual Election of Officers and Directors

Elections will be held at our April 12, 2018 meeting. Our ballot will be as follows:

President Elect: Mary Lou Edwards 2018-19
Vice-President: Jeanette Scotland 2018-19
Treasurer: Evie Ashmore 2018-19
Secretary: Trish McNerny 2018-19
Directors: CJ Long 2018-20
Veronica Hoegler 2018-20

Continuing Directors for 2018-19:
Carol Mangold 2017-19
Wendy Moraskie 2017-19

Nominating Committee:
Julie Bradley
Kathy Hyzer
Judy McNerny

Submitted by the 2017-18 Nominating Committee, Nancy McWhirter and Nikki Headlee

Club Calendar

Club Meetings

April 12, 2018
5:00 p.m.
Fresh Fish Co.

May 10, 2018
5:00 p.m.
Fresh Fish Co.

Committee Meetings

Membership Committee
Wednesday, April 18
4:30 p.m.
Yanni's at The Landmark

Service Committee
Thursday, April 19
5:00 p.m.
Mathias Lock & Key, 1123 Delaware

Special Events

Annual Garage Sale

May 19, 2018
Cynthia Herndon's home
1360 Glencoe, Denver

Zonta International Convention

June 29-July 3, 2018
Yokohama, Japan

District 12 Governor's Seminar

October 5-6, 2018
Lamar, Colorado

Board Meeting

April 26, 2018

5:00 p.m.

Mathias Lock & Key

1123 Delaware

WOMEN AND THE ENVIRONMENT: OPPORTUNITIES AND IMPACT

presented by

The Women's Collaborative of Colorado and
The University of Denver Graduate School of Social Work

Date: April 17, 2018

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Place: DU Graduate School of Social Work, 2148 S. High St.

Cost: Free

A panel of experts will discuss the unique contributions women bring to solving the environmental challenges our world is facing. The panel, including a journalist, nonprofit leader, oil and gas executive, community health advocate, and an educator, will explore how opportunities have opened up in these important fields and why it is critical to have more women involved in this work.

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29 JUNE – 3 JULY 2018

Registration for the 2018 Zonta International Convention in Yokohama, Japan is still open! Go to the convention [website](#) to register, and for details on the conference schedule, programs, tours, and travel arrangements.



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2018-19 Committee Preference Form

Name: _____

Please list your order of preference for serving on each of the standing committees. More information on each committee can be found in the Club Directory.

| Committee | 1 st | 2 nd | 3 rd | 4 th | 5 th |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Fundraising <i>Help make the Day of Film a smashing success! The committee also organizes an annual Garage Sale and looks for other fundraising opportunities.</i> | | | | | |
| Membership <i>Recruit new members, help to retain and build bonds among current members, plan club meetings, and engage fascinating speakers.</i> | | | | | |
| Advocacy <i>Report on current legislative and political concerns of women, recommend club action, organize monthly advocacy moments, and present inspiring programs.</i> | | | | | |
| Public Relations and Communications <i>Edit and publish the Smoke Signal, prepare and distribute the yearly Club Directory, publicize Club accomplishments and events externally, keep members informed internally.</i> | | | | | |
| Service <i>Research and propose grant awards to worthy local organizations, identify and plan service projects for Club members, and select JMK and YWPAA scholarship recipients.</i> | | | | | |

MINUTES

Zonta Club of Denver General Meeting

March 8, 2018

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM

Advocacy Moment – Kathy Hyzer

Kathy Hyzer honored long-time Zonta member, Dr. Cynthia Herndon. Annually, Cynthia collects aluminum cans to support the work of Father Rick, who opened a hospital in Haiti and has had involvement in supporting the needs of people in Honduras. Kathy challenged the Zonta Club of Denver to keep their cans and provide them to Cynthia to provide more funds to Father Rick's Charity.

Approval of the Minutes

Julie Bradley called for approval of the February meeting minutes. The minutes stood approved as published.

Treasurer Report – Barb Pellegren

Barb Pellegren thanked everyone who has assisted by making deposits.

Nikki Headlee informed everyone that Zonta International has requested dues be submitted early this year. Dues for Zonta District 12 are due from everyone by April 30, 2018 in order for all members to be counted. Nikki Headlee will send out due statements to everyone.

Service Committee – Mary Benoit

Mary Benoit thanked everyone who brought in the items of the month. Mary Benoit encouraged everyone to donate to Zonta International. If 100% of members donate, the Zonta Club of Denver will get recognized at the International Convention. The April Smoke Signal will include information on how to donate to the Zonta International Foundation.

Membership Committee – Liz Savage

Membership conducted a survey for potential new venue to host club meetings. The results from the survey concluded in a three-way tie between Bent Noodle, Rendezvous Restaurant, and the Fresh Fish Company. Liz Savage opened the floor to discussion on the merits of all the restaurants. Following discussion, an anonymous ballot went out during the meeting. Fresh Fish Company was the winner of the ballot votes.

Fundraising Committee – Mary Lou Edwards

Thank you to all Zonta Club of Denver contributions and participation. The club has raised more funds than originally planned. Doors open at 9:00 AM. A Zonta Club Denver sign-up genie will come out and all members are encouraged to volunteer and provide support.

Public Relations Committee – Wendy Henry Moraskie

Wendy Henry-Moraskie reminded everyone to highlight the importance of participation in the Zonta Day of Film to benefit the groups that Zonta provides grants to. Wendy had recently highlighted how Zonta makes a difference in the lives of the women who participate in programs that are supported by our grants. Also, when out and visiting our sponsors – be sure to thank them for sponsoring Zonta Day of Film. One new sponsor that you might frequent is Argonaut Liquors.

Please encourage your guests to be at the Zonta Day of Film at 9:00 AM. Cynthia Herndon will send out letters for the tax-deductible portion of the ticket purchase. One drink and one meal for line.

Old Business

Electing Delegates and Alternates for the Zonta International Convention

Marian Lee and Julie Bradley will be delegates at the convention and called for alternates to be nominated to participate. Mary Lou Edwards nominated Nikki Headlee and Mary Benoit. Wendy Henry Moraskie seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Nikki Headlee and Nancy McWhirter went over the slate of Zonta Officers nominated for the upcoming year. Nominations were taken from the floor.

- President Elect – Mary Lou Edwards
 - Nominations were called for from the floor. No nominations came from the floor and nominations were closed
- Vice President - Jeanette Scotland
 - Nominations were called for from the floor. No nominations came from the floor and nominations were closed
- Secretary – Trisha McNerny
 - Nominations were called for from the floor. No nominations came from the floor and nominations were closed
- Treasurer – Evie Ashmore
 - Nominations were called for from the floor. No nominations came from the floor and nominations were closed
- Carol Mangold and Wendy Henry Moraskie have two year Director terms and will be continuing in their roles
- Director Nominations include
 - CJ Long – Director
 - Nominations were called for from the floor. No nominations came from the floor and nominations were closed
 - Veronica Hoegler – Director
 - Nominations were called for from the floor. No nominations came from the floor and nominations were closed
- Nominating Committee includes
 - Julie Bradley
 - Judy McNerny
 - Kathy Hyzer

Program: Global Health Foundation

Founded in 2012, Global Health Foundation supports innovative solutions to prevent maternal and newborn deaths, injuries and complications resulting from pregnancy and childbirth in Tanzania. In Tanzania, Global Health Foundation works with solar power to provide reliable lighting for mothers and the midwives who support them to give birth to babies.

In Colorado, Global Health Foundation is a founding partner of the Colorado Collaborative on Family Planning and Reproductive Health, which has developed a statewide strategy to expand access to affordable birth control methods and family planning services. The Zonta funds will be used to support Global Health Foundation efforts in North High School.

Recognitions

Katie Wienecke was recognized for her birthday on March 27, 2018.

Bev Meyer won the drawing and \$68.00 was donated to the Zonta Club of Denver.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM

Respectively submitted by Penny S. Burke, Secretary