



**ZONTA**  
CLUB OF  
DENVER  
MEMBER OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL  
EMPOWERING WOMEN  
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

## Smoke Signal - April 2019

### **2018-2019 Zonta Club of Denver**

#### **Officers**

Marian Lee, President  
Mary Lou Edwards, President-elect  
Jeanette Scotland, Vice President  
Gwen Fornia, Secretary  
Evie Ashmore, Treasurer

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Veronica Hoegler  
CJ Long  
Carol Mangold  
Wendy Moraskie

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Evie Ashmore  
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#### **Foundation Trustees**

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Imagine fully embracing your  
"more than enoughness".

- Imagine that you have already met your quota for kind and selfless offerings.
- Imagine that you already met your quota for overextending yourself at work or in the home.
- Imagine that you have received so much extra credit for being a giving and loving person, that you have golden tickets to spend on a prize and if you don't spend them, they will have all been for nothing.

And here's the catch—you have to spend them on YOU.

~ Global Sisterhood

See below about the  
District 12 Centennial  
Anniversary  
Service Project:  
The Book Drive!!

## April Meeting

Date: Thursday, April 11th  
Event: Club meeting  
Time: 5:00 p.m.  
Place: Fresh Fish Company  
7800 E Hampden  
Program: Daniel Steele,  
Office of the District Attorney,  
18th Judicial District

Dan will be speaking about Human Trafficking  
RSVP to Veronica Hoegler at 303-424- 2811  
(call or text) or vehoegler@ comcast.net.

### IMPORTANT SYMPHONY TICKETS NEWS

Carmina Burana is almost sold out!!!

If you wish to purchase tickets **contact Wendy Henry-Moraskie right away**  
and then bring your check to the meeting on April 11th to Cynthia Herndon for \$35!!

### March Minutes

## Message from our President



We had a small but mighty group in attendance at the March meeting. Several of our members were in New York attending the UN Commission on the Status of Women, and others were digging out from the previous day's snowstorm. Nevertheless, we accomplished important business as we nominated next year's officers and directors. We have a wonderful group coming in, who will be voted on at our April 11 meeting. Please thank them for being willing to serve.

A core purpose of Zonta is to provide service to others, but we sometimes forget that our club could not serve anyone – or even continue to exist – without members who are willing to step up and

serve in leadership roles. It can be time-consuming, inconvenient, even frustrating at times. At the same time, it is rewarding, a great learning opportunity, and essential to our club's survival.

Thanks to everyone who has served our club through leadership over the years. I especially want to thank those who served with me this past year: Evie Ashmore, Gwen Forna, Mary Lou Edwards, Jeanette Scotland, Veronica Hoegler, CJ Long, Dawn Bali, and Wendy Moraskie. Thanks also to Carol Mangold, who continued to contribute even after moving to Wisconsin, and to Trish McNerny, who served as our Secretary until she went to Sweden.

I regret that I'll be unable to attend the April club meeting, but I look forward to paying more extensive tribute to these outstanding women in May.

~ Marian Lee



# ZONTA'S DAY OF FILM

## BE RELENTLESS





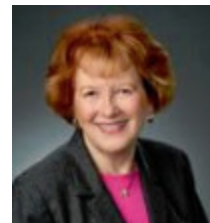
## Centennial Anniversary District 12 Service Book Drive



Denver Club Zontians,

As you know, the Centennial Anniversary of Zonta is this year, 100 and going strong. Zonta International President, Susanne has asked all clubs to have a service project to honor the Centennial Anniversary. Last fall at the Governor's Seminar, it was decided that each club in District 12 would have a book drive.

Each club would collect new books for underserved schools or libraries with the focus on improving the education and lives of young women and girls. A great book list was developed. The District PR Committee has made



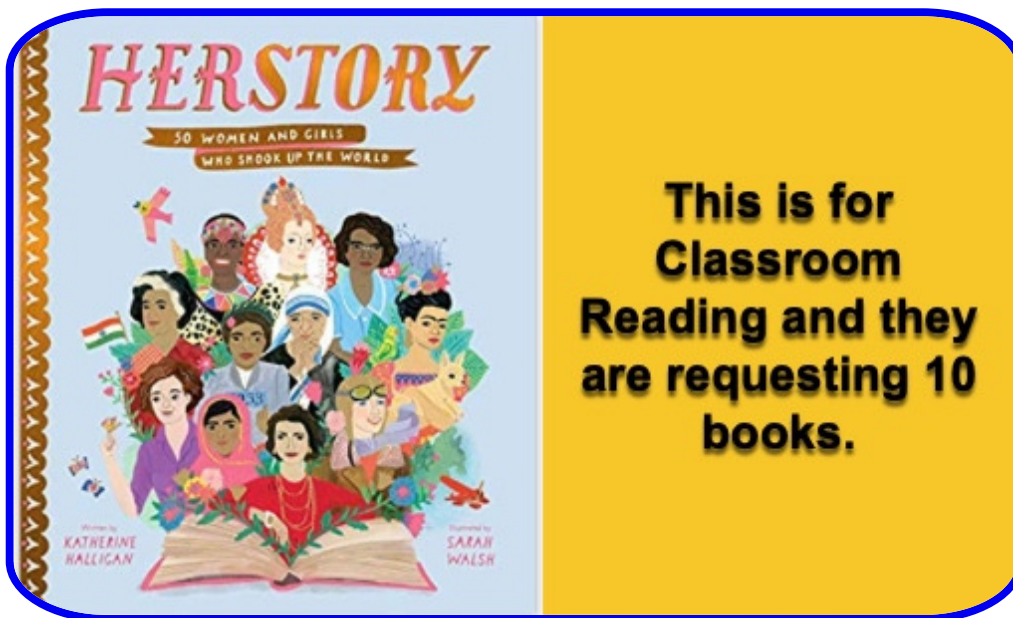
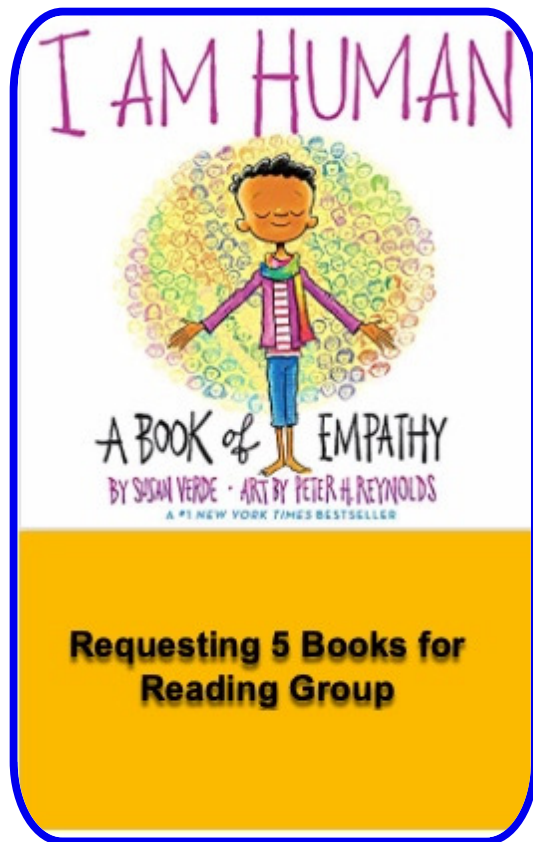
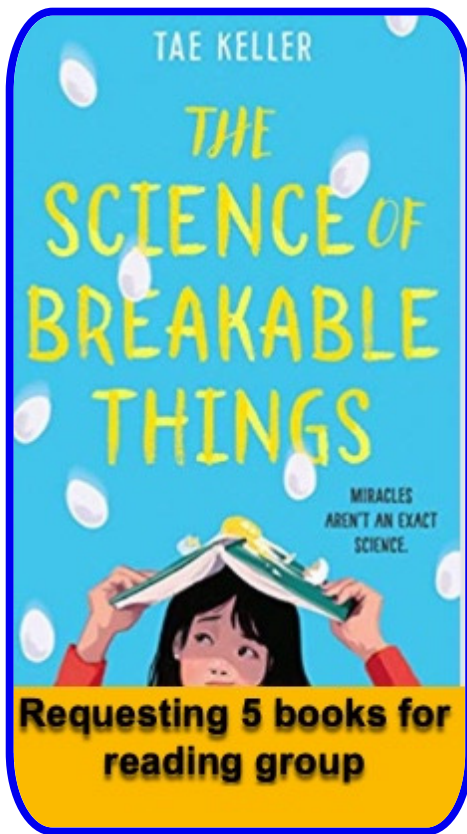
customized bookplates to put in the books.

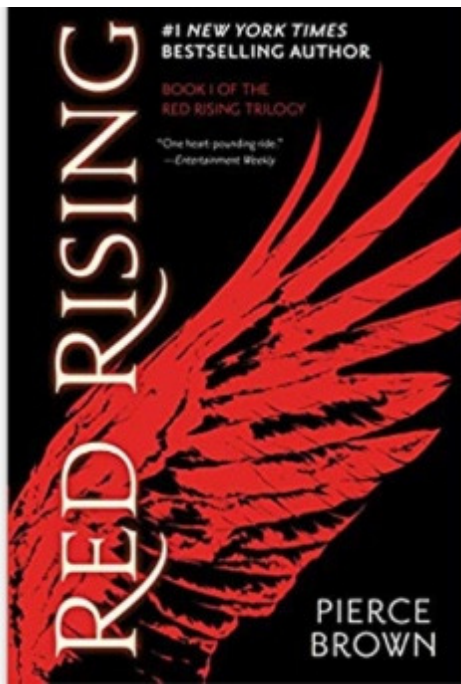
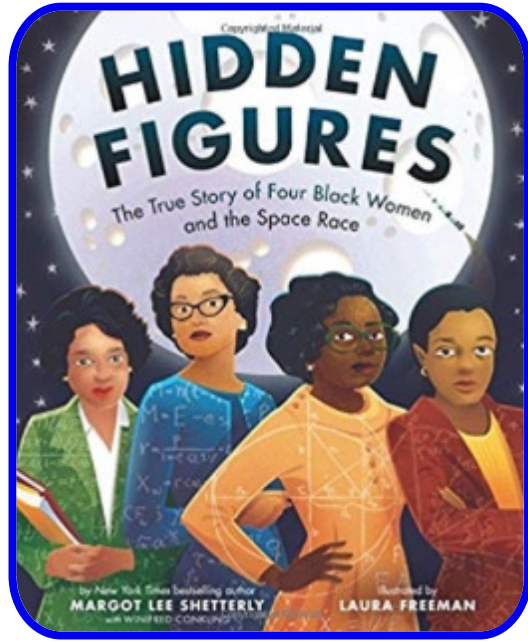
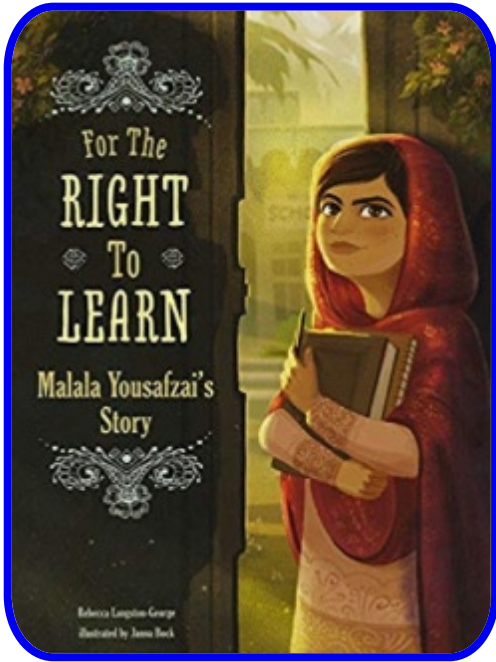
Your service committee has chosen Denver Children's Home. Gwen Fornia made this fabulous suggestion. Since I know some folks there, I volunteered to co- ordinate the project. Denver Children's Home is a residential treatment facility for children that have been removed from the homes and families. They also have day students that attend school there because they have had very difficult lives. There are 46 students, ranging in age from 12 to 17. The majority are boys. Boys and girls alike will be out in the world soon making their way. Even though there are boys in the program, the service committee agrees that teaching and encouraging these boys and young men to be good responsible citizens will go a long way in making life better for the women and girls in their lives. Denver Children's Home has provided us with a fantastic book list. Some books are requested in multiples because they will be used for class study. Julie Bradley will be sending out the list separately on Sign Up Genius. Please sign up. If you are too busy you may contribute money. Please send me a check and I will take care of it for you. I know I can count on each and every one of you to be generous.

When I toured the facility I was told that the library has not had any updated material in about 10 years.

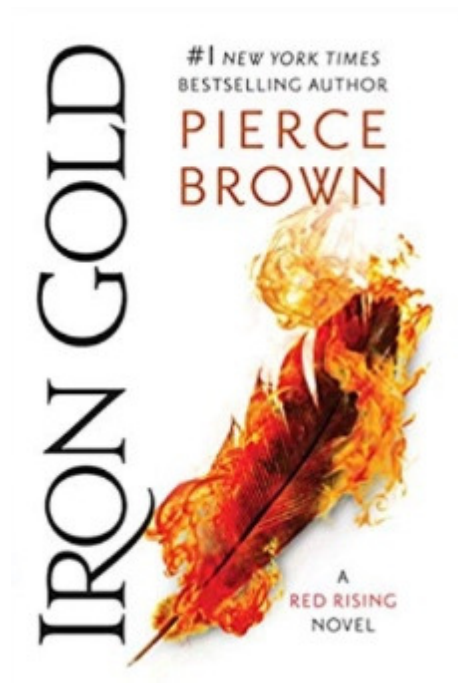
For questions or comments contact Mary Benoit,  
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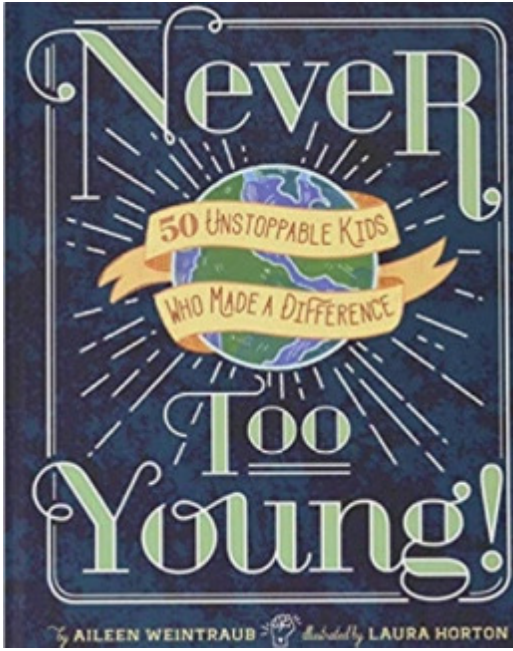
Below are the books requested. If you click on the image it will take you to the Amazon site to purchase these books if you want right now. Please respond to the Sign-up Genius that was sent out last week. We will also send it out again by the end of the week as a reminder.



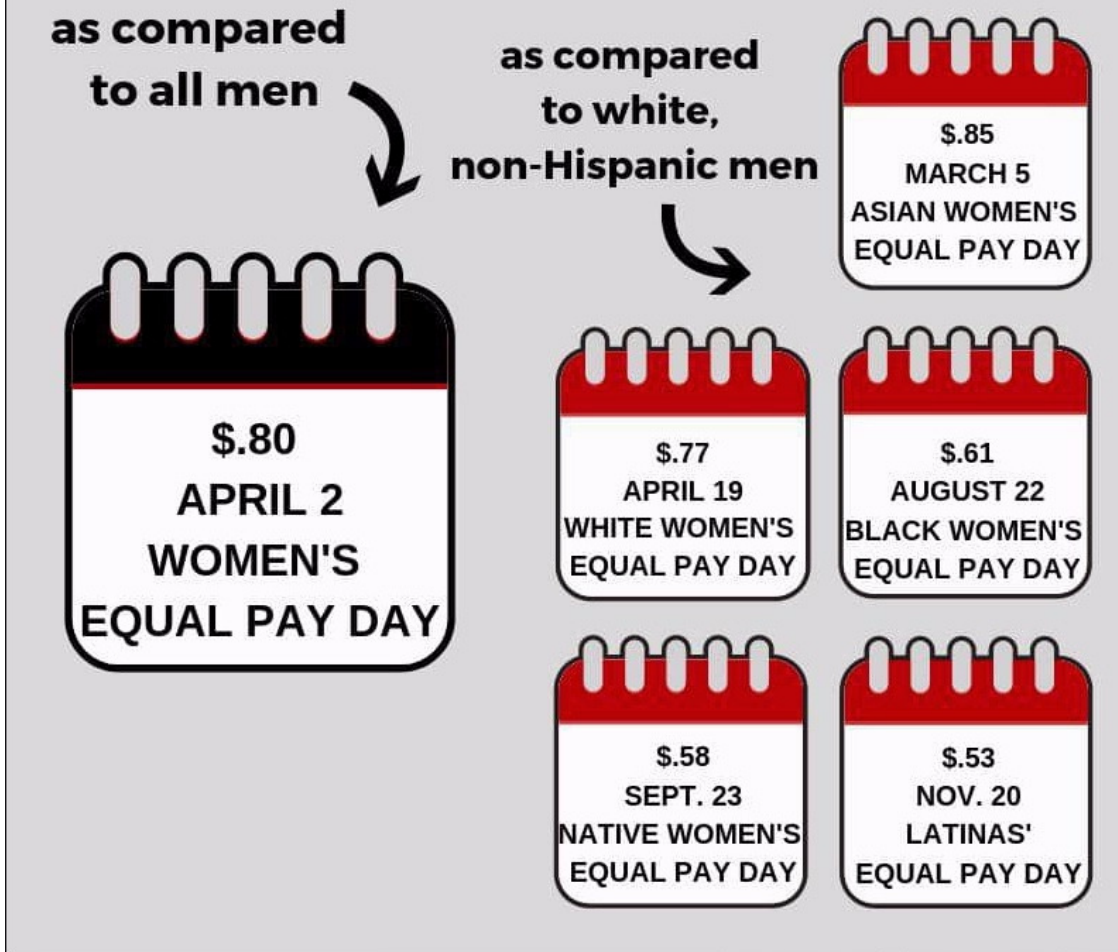








# 2019 Equal Pay Days



April 2nd is Equal Pay Day. This date symbolizes the average amount of time into 2019 all women must work to earn what men earned in all of 2018. According to data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, a woman working full-time earns 82 cents to every dollar made by a white man.

The gender wage gap does not affect all women equally. There are various Equal Pay dates throughout the year based on various factors such as race, parental status, and ability. For example, Asian-American women work until early March to earn what white men earned the previous year, while Latina women must work all the way until November to earn the same amount.

Here are five things you can do to fight for equal pay for women of all races, ages, parental status, and abilities.

1. Contact your member of Congress to urge them to pass equal pay legislation that pays attention to intersectional differences.

2. Attend, host, or facilitate a salary negotiation workshop in your community. These two-hour workshops give women skills and confidence to successfully negotiate their salary and benefits.

3. Post to social media! This fictitious coupon entitles women bearing it a 23% discount on all goods and services. And this image depicts the top equal pay dates by race.

4. Wear red today to symbolize that women are “in the red.” Over women’s lifetimes, pay inequality will cost women anywhere from \$400,000 – \$1,000,000 in lifetime income—which has ripple effects throughout the economy. Paying women fairly and equally will benefit the overall economy.

5. Host an Equal Pay Day Bake Sale. At any time throughout the year, host a bake sale where women pay 80% of what men pay for the same items to represent the inequity of equal pay for equal work.

The time is now to lend your voice to this important movement. The World Economic Forum predicts that the pay equity gap is actually widening between men and women and that at current rates, it will take 217 years for women’s pay to catch up to men’s pay. Times up for pay inequality! [#TimesUpPayUp](#)

WRITTEN BY: The Representation Project.

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## A Word from the Treasurer



The ZCD made a donation to ZI Foundation totaling 1/3 of our service dollars in the amount of \$18,056 in February. ZI acknowledged our donation and advised to date, our club has made a lifetime contribution of \$453,806.54. You can see the great contributions we have made through the years to ZI Foundation in order to carryout programs to help improve the status of women in the world!

Reminder – All of your have received a dues statement, please bring your check to our April meeting or mail to me no later than May 1. My address is 5705 S Danube Circle, Centennial, CO 80015.

~ Evie Ashmore

## Committee Reports

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### MEMBERSHIP

Dan Steele, Arapahoe County DA, will address us about human trafficking at our next Zonta meeting. This topic may be viewed as a continuation of our discussion of the topic at “Be Relentless” for our Day of Film. We hope to see you and your guests on April 11, 5 pm for social hour, at the Fresh Fish Co. RSVP to Veronica Hoegler at 303-424-2811 (call or text) or [vehoegler@comcast.net](mailto:vehoegler@comcast.net).



We are planning some special outings this summer: a visit to the Angel Shop in Littleton and a restaurant in June, and a wine and painting event in July. We will meet at the FFC in August and postpone our visit to the Convention Center wall displaying historically significant Colorado women and a happy hour to September as a social event.

We are continuing to explore the possibility of forming a Z Club for Denver area high school students. We would like to nurture the next generation of young women to serve other women through Zonta. The board will continue to discuss our options and whether to go forward with this venture. Please inform me if you would like to be involved in a supportive or leadership role with a Z Club.

~ Veronica Hoegler

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### FUND RAISING

WHAT AN EXTRAORDINARY DAY OF FILM WE HAD ON SATURDAY!!! We had many positive comments from guests and members regarding the film, Be Relentless, and especially the Skype video call interview with Norma Bastidas herself after the viewing. iEmpathize has made strides in preventing human sexual violence and trafficking through their showing of this film and a curriculum for middle schoolers. Our film showing was

complemented with good food and beverages and with lovely colorful tables. We all have a great deal to be proud of, particularly since so many members contribute valuable time and talent to produce this remarkable event.

SYMPHONY TICKETS - On April 11 please give Cynthia Herndon \$35 for each ticket you want to purchase for Carmina Burana on May 24. Our own Wendy Henry-Moraskie sings with the Symphony Chorus. You will get your tickets in May.

Next up: The Garage Sale on SATURDAY MAY 18 at 1360 GLENCOE ST. Denver 80220

If you haven't been setting aside items to donate to the sale now is the time to start collecting all items, new and used that can be brought to our annual Garage Sale. LARGE items such as furniture raise more money. Still housewares, plants, toys, pet furniture and books make good sales also. Please however, NO CLOTHING. Large items can be brought very early the day of the sale since space is limited for storing them. You can sign up in May to work before and/or after the day of the sale. It's a great way to have fun with fellow Zontains.

Next Committee meeting is Thursday, April 18 at 5:30 at the home of Jeanette Scotland, 3350 S. Clermont St. Denver 80222. Bring a food item to share.

~ Jeanette Scotland

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## **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

***2019 Day of Film Hits it Out of the Park! Next Up, Zonta Fun in the Sun.***



Greetings Zonta Sisters! We just had another fabulous Day of Film and it's because we ALL pitched in together to become temporary members of the Fundraising committee.

It was so great to see everyone there; ZCD members, Front Range Zontians, FOZ (friends of Zonta) and the people who have, unbeknownst to them, newly become FOZ!

It's a wonderful event that brings like-minded people together in a room to see the kinds of achievements that we wish for every one of the women we help via our grantees.

And as we ride that wave of success, let's sail into Yard Sale season! It's another opportunity to share the good news of Zonta, as well as raise funds for grants.

We can be looking ahead, seeing our household possessions with an eye to what no longer fits our lifestyle or decor. Let's root out those things in good condition that we no longer have a need for--er...even if we just moved it to to another house--it goes to the Yard Sale! We can be telling friends the same thing, because they probably have a similar category of stuff in their basement or garage.

A friend had been gathering a pile of stuff for me annually, and she hasn't had time this year. So she said she'd make a donation instead-- hurray!

Let's explore all the options to spread the word about Zonta and raise funds for our grants!

~ Wendy Moraskie



## **ADVOCACY**

The Advocacy Committee met on March 23rd at the Ross-University Hills Library. We discussed the Centennial Grant, the Centennial Anniversary Project( we hope to light the City County Building in Denver in Orange as well as a proclamation and march in the Veteran's Day Parade) and many more.

Please click [here](#) to see the whole report and how we are planning a banner year.

We are always looking for Advocacy Articles and Moments in our meetings. Please sign up here to participate! [Advocacy Articles](#) for the Smoke Signal and [Advocacy Moments](#) in the meeting.

~ Dawn Bali

## SERVICE

The Zonta 100 Grant has been completed and is being sent to ZI. The Haven wants me to thank the club for this opportunity. They are very grateful to be selected. It was a very involved application to complete but they did a great job.



Since we had such a small meeting last month, we have decided to request diapers and wipes once again for Asian Pacific. Thanks to those who already donated and to any who add to this donation this month!

~ CJ Long

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## ELECTIONS AT THE APRIL MEETING

The Nominating Committee presented the following slate of candidates for officer and director positions to serve during the 2019-2020 club year and, in the case of two directors, for the next two club years to the March meeting of the club and elections will take place at our April meeting to be voted on and approved by the membership.

President	Mary Lou Edwards moves automatically from President-Elect
President Elect	Gwen Fornia
Vice President	Jeanette Scotland
Treasurer	Dottie Jenkins
Secretary	Sara Ball
Director (2018-2020)	CJ Long completes her term
Director (2018-2020)	Veronica Hoegler completes her term
Director (2019-2021)	Dawn Bali
Director (2019-2021)	Kathy Hyzer
Nominating	Marian Lee
	Nancy McWhirter
	Joetta Williams

~Julie Bradley



# Club Calendar

## Club Meetings

April 11, 2019  
5 pm Fresh Fish Company  
Program: Dan Steele  
Arapahoe District Attorney's office  
Human Trafficking  
Election of Officers

May 9, 2019  
5 pm  
Fresh Fish Company  
Installation of Officers

## Committee Meetings

Fundraising Committee  
April 18 at 5:30 pm  
Jeanette Scotland's house  
3350 S Clermont St

Service Committee  
April 3rd at 5:30  
Citron Bistro  
Hampden and Yosemite

Membership Committee  
April 17th  
Paxti's

Advocacy Committee  
May 4th at 3:00 in Small Meeting Room  
Ross-University Hill Library Branch  
4310 E Amherst Ave,

## Special Events

Equal Pay Day  
April 2, 2019

ZCD Annual Garage Sale! May 19th at  
Cynthia Herndon's home on Glencoe

North American  
Inter-District Meeting  
June 7-9, 2019  
Dallas, Texas

District 12 Conference  
September 21-22, 2019  
Billings, Montana



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# Zonta Club of Denver

## General Meeting MINUTES

February 14, 2019

### **CALL TO ORDER**

President Marian called the meeting to order at 5:45

### **ADVOCACY MOMENT**

Dawn Bali reviewed new bills coming up that we might support: Paid family leave; Full time Kindergarten; Human sexuality education; and renter's rights legislation are among them. Also, HB 1170 addresses resident's health and safety act. [leg.colorado.gov](http://leg.colorado.gov) is online source for bills and current legis. Lobby day will be Feb 27<sup>th</sup> 8-11:30 Women's Foundation meeting on Mar 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Fundraising: Jeannette spoke about our Day of Film. Help selves to flyers on the table. Symphony in March tickets for \$35- Make checks out to Wendy but send to Cynthia. Next show is March 1<sup>st</sup>

Garage sale is May 18<sup>th</sup> – please bring items prior – large items/furniture on Friday evening.

Pouches still available

Membership: Qtrly gatherings – fun outings in the summer. Guests are welcome to join our group.

### **GRANT AWARDS -**

CJ lead presentation to introduce the Grant Recipients:

1<sup>st</sup> grant: Women Veterans Project to update their bridge homes. Theresa commented that our donations in November were greatly appreciated – the simple things have made a big difference

2<sup>nd</sup> grant - Asian Pacific Center. Pam introduced Director Lee: Self empowerment group for Domestic Violence. Have provided assistance for 39 years. The program Zonta is supporting is a 14 week DV group for immigrant / refugee women. "Safety is a Human Right"

3<sup>rd</sup> grant - Hope House. Mary introduced Lisa Stephens, executive director. Hope house houses 6 families, but supporting 240 teen moms to be self sufficient. Heavy focus on education. Early learning program for kids. Most have generational patterns that they are helping to break. 38 moms are now going to college through this program. 18% graduation rate from college – vs 2% nationally for this demographic. Gave example of woman who profited from the GED program

4<sup>th</sup> grant – Making Choices. Olette presented Amanda, executive director shared program – Flagship program pairing professionals as mentors and incarcerated women. MENTORS help women in a society that may not accept ex inmates back into society. Breaking the cycle of their own children from being incarcerated.

5<sup>th</sup> grant – Gwen introduced Karmen Carter, Executive Director of Blue Bench. Zonta grant will support the Safe Bars program. Karmen described their history of care for and prevention of sexual assault and that the safe bar programs will hopefully be 80% prevention. Karmen noted that Zonta was the first organization to sponsor this program

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Jeannette spoke about a possible fundraiser event – A Myers Briggs workshop. Could include friends outside of Zonta. Marian will host the event on a Saturday in April for \$20. Proceeds go to the club.

PR – Wendy suggested inviting friends to our events. We have flyers and cards to take to associates

Evie – Dues are coming up and We will receive email reminders.

**Zonta Rock** – Penny gave it to Dawn Bali for her hard work on advocacy.

**ADJOURNMENT at 7:10**

Respectfully Submitted by Gwen Fornia, Secretary