

Smoke Signal



Member Survey Results Summary As seen online

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Introduction

The member survey conducted in February 2005 was a first in many respects. It was the first time every Zontian was invited to participate in a member survey. It was also our first member survey conducted primarily online. Automatic tabulation of online responses made it practical to invite such a large group to participate. A total of 2,785 surveys were submitted by the deadline. Of these 2,605 were submitted online and 180 were mailed, faxed or e-mailed. Not all respondents answered all questions, so responses to specific questions do not always total 2,785.

The response rate was 8% of the Zonta membership. This sample is statistically significant. The highest number of responses came from 50-59 year age group (40%) and from Zontians with membership of 5-15 years (41%), but there was also a large number of responses from Zontians with less than 5 years of membership (29%).

The results were helpful in guiding the planning process being carried out jointly by the ZI and ZIF Boards with the assistance of a special strategic planning task force.

The results also had limitations, which are candidly acknowl-

edged. The recognition of these limitations combined with members' comments and feedback will be helpful in planning how to conduct future surveys.

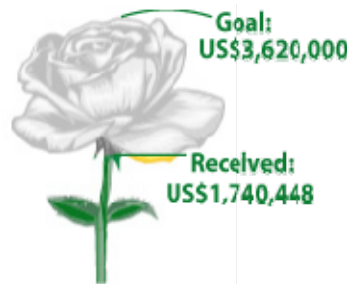
- IN the future, more response time will be provided so districts may informally translate questions to encourage non-English-speakers to participate more fully.
- Those actively using the Internet and Zonta Web site were more likely to submit a survey, and therefore the results may be skewed. (See statistical comment below.)
- Respondents' geographic distribution did not approximate actual Zonta membership (for example, respondents from Australia, New Zealand and the USA/Canada responded in higher numbers than their representation in the general Zonta population,

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Zonta International Web Site Info!

International Service Fund

The Foundation-funded CARE International project Microcredit and Health Education for HIV/AIDS-Affected Women in Niger will reach more than 7,000 women and children in an area of Niger hardest hit by the epidemic. The project establishes savings and loans groups that increase women's financial stability and social status while creating a safe environment to discuss HIV/AIDS.



ZIF as of June 30th

President: Linda Rhea
Editor: Julie Bradley

Area 3 Director: Barb Nelson

Governor Dist 12: Evelyn Haskell

Special points of interest:

- Summary of Member survey from February 2005
- District Conference Information.....registration forms in Call to conference or available at the August meeting.

President Linda's August Message...

I hope all of you are finding ways to stay cool. This has been a record-breaking summer. And despite the heat, our fellow members have stayed very busy. Kathy Hyzer led a group to complete National Philanthropy Day award application. Sheila Davis and the fundraising committee held nothing back in raising almost \$800 with The Full Monty fundraiser at the Arvada Center. The ever-gracious Jacki Sammons and her husband Perry hosted a delightful post theatre garden party after the play. The membership committee led by Cathy Conley and Julie Bradley has great things in store for the upcoming meetings. And that is only part of the list. Thank you to these ladies and all the rest of our members who have been so busy this summer.

Our summer activity continues with the tradition of hosting a meeting at a satellite location has been well received. I am sure the August meeting will be equally as popular. The meeting at Excelsior (see meeting details elsewhere in this issue) will again give us an opportunity to see one of our grant recipients up close and personal. Prospective members may really enjoy this opportunity to see what Zonta truly means. Think about taking action inviting those ladies you think might enjoy membership in Zonta.

Membership in Zonta means staying close to the mission: **ADVANCING THE STATUS OF WOMEN WORLDWIDE.** Many of the International projects we embrace are very glamorous- building schools in Afghanistan, wiping our Neo natal tetanus, aiding the growing number of women with HIV-Aids. Locally we also have inspiring

projects – Teen Moms and Imagination Library to name two. Lately I have been noticing that there is a group of women that receive little attention. Our society does not always appreciate the value women and many women go through life believing they truly are second-class. What a travesty in the most powerful nation in the world.

This belief will not change overnight. It will change one mind at a time. I am calling on all of us to keep our senses alert to those who harbor this belief and the ladies who do not believe they can change it. When is the presence of those who harbor the belief give examples of dynamic women and help change their view of the world. Pick 2 or 3 of your favorite examples of dynamic women. When in the presence of women with low self-image give them reason to hope. Lead them to motivational websites or seminars. If we are diligent in this endeavor and encourage other women to do the same we truly can change the world.

Snowflakes are one of nature's most fragile things, but just look at what they can do when they stick together!!!!

Keep the mission in mind.

I hope you enjoy cooler days ahead. See you August 11 at Excelsior!!!!

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.

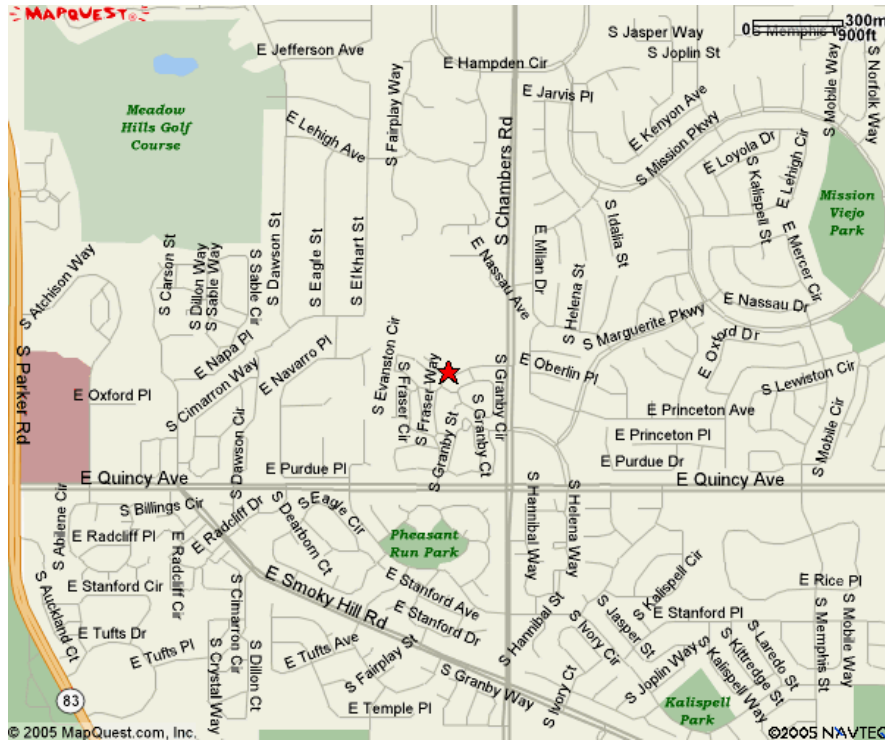
- August 25th
- September 15th
- October 27th
- November 17th
- December
- January 26th
- February 23rd
- March 23rd
- April 27th
- May 25th

August Birthdays

August 10th

Mary Benoit
Jacki Sammons

Excelsior Youth Center location....



August General Meeting

When: Thursday, August 11th

Where: Excelsior Youth Center 15001 E. Oxford Ave, Aurora, 80014

Time: 5:30 p.m. tour; 6:00 p.m. dinner

Cost: \$25.00

Invocation: Beth Mundell

Greeter: Nikki Headlee

Robin Forti

Program: Tour of Excelsior (a grant recipient 2005)

Please RSVP to Julie Bradley at 720-890-0125 hm or 303-866-9273 wk and leave a message.

Remember to call and let us know if you will or not be there. Call by Tuesday evening (this month only).

Since we will be at Excelsior, feel free to bring household items to be given for the girls who are going out on their own. Sheets, blankets, towels, kitchen items—household goodies!

*Permanent
Reservation List*

- Judy Allen
- Evie Ashmore
- Mary Benoit
- Julie Bradley
- Nancy Koontz
- Cathy Conley
- Sheila Davis
- Nikki Headlee
- Cynthia Herndon
- Dottie Jenkins
- Kate Linscott
- Dolores Lowery
- Judy McNerny
- Marjorie Pickett
- Linda Rhea
- Dorothy Swindt
- Carmen Teufel
- Diane Twining
- Joetta Williams

Menu

Buffet Salads

Cobb Salad

Mona Lisa Salad
(spinach veggie)

Chicken Caesar
Salad

Rolls and Butter

Dessert Tray

Iced Tea

Catered by
Star Market

Upcoming Service Opportunities

The Gathering Place Lunch

Need: 1 or more to serve lunch 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

AUGUST DATES: **Need Volunteers**, Call Beth Mundell

Tuesday, Aug. 16th:

Monday, Aug. 22nd:

SEPTEMBER DATES: **Need Volunteers**, Call Beth Mundell

Tuesday, Sept. 6th:

Tuesday, Sept. 20th:

Ronald McDonald House Dinner

Third Monday each month through Dec. 2006 5:30 pm– 7:30 pm

Monday, August 15th: Coordinator: Judy McNerny



Kathy Hyzer, Nikki Headlee, Robin Forti
NEED 1 MORE VOLUNTEER – Call Beth Mundell

Monday, September 19 15th:

Coordinator: NEED COORDINATOR

Donna Hultin, Evie Ashmore
NEED 3 MORE VOLUNTEERS – Call Beth Mundell

Please remember that our Zonta Club of Denver is registered with the Bonfils Blood Center as a donor group. We will get recog-



nition in the Bonfils printed list of donors. Please give our registration number of **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.

SERVICE HOURS TRACKING – Important!

Please do not forget to keep track of, and turn in, your volunteer (service) hours to Beth Mundell. If you need tracking sheets, there will be extras in the service sign up books and/or you can send them to me via email (bdiva53@earthlink.net). Ultimately our club needs to keep track of our volunteer service hours and places, as we need to turn them in to Zonta International in a yearly report. Please contact Beth to see if your volunteer work fits in the “status of women” category. Don’t forget that Committee meetings are counted under “committee work”.

SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Service/Status of Women Committee Meeting was held July 19th (and graciously hosted by Kathy Hyzer – thanks Kathy!). It was determined that the Service/Status of Women Committee will meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month. **The next Committee meeting will be on August 23rd, at 5:30 p.m. Place to be determined.**

GRANTS FOR 2005-2006

The grants process is beginning for the 2005-2006 year. The “invitation to apply letter” and grant application has been revised and will be sent to potential grantees the second week of August. Should any members have specific organization they feel should receive and invitation to apply, please contact Beth Mundell at bdiva53@earthlink.net

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)

Fund Raising Committee ..

Full Monty

This summer's theater event held at the Arvada Center on July 17th was a big success! Sixty-eight tickets were sold, and approximately \$800 was raised for the club. Many thanks to Jacki Sammons for hosting the after-theater party in her beautiful backyard. A delicious assortment of food and drink was enjoyed by Zontians and guests who were able to stop by after the show.

Let's Party 2005

The venue for this year's Let's Party fundraising event has been set. It will be held at the First Plymouth Congregational Church, on the corner of Hampden and Colorado Blvd, on Friday October 7th, from 10am to 7pm, and Saturday, October 8th, from 9am to 4pm.

An invitation letter has been sent to all vendor contacts. Additional vendors are needed, and the committee is asking everyone to find as many vendors as possible so they can be informed about the fundraiser. Vendor information should be sent to Joetta Williams at joetta@att.net. Please include the vendor name, address, phone number, and email address. In addition, an updated contract is now available on our website for their use.

All club members are being asked to "Make or Bake" something that can be sold at the Zonta booth this year. Suggested items are crocheted or knitted pieces such as baby blankets, quilts, etc. or articles with a holiday (Halloween, Thanksgiving, or Christmas) flair. Fancy baked goods would also be appreciated.

Membership Committee

The membership committee met in July for their first meeting of the fiscal year. Listed below are those members who signed up for duties of invocation or greeters. If you are interested please contact Julie Bradley to sign up.

The holiday party this year will be held at the Brown Palace on Dec 8th (our usual meeting night). The committee is working on menu and costs and will let everyone know of the finalized details in next month's Smoke Signal. We are working on program ideas as well as membership recruitment ideas and will unveil some of these ideas at the August meeting.

Our next committee meetings are August and September...

Month	Invocation	Greeter
Aug	Beth Mundell	Nikki Headlee Robin Forti
Sept		Dorothy Swindt
Oct	Nikki Headlee	Nancy Koontz
Nov	Diane Twining	Dolores Lowery
Dec		Mary Benoit
Jan		
Feb	Dolores Lowery	Diane Twining
March	Mary Benoit	Cynthia Herndon
April	Kathy Hyzer	
May	Evie Ashmore	
June		



Survey Results continued....

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and Europe was underrepresented). This might also skew the results.

- Online survey respondents may have been unable to submit the survey if their own Internet service provider “timed-out: before they answered all questions.
- The online survey was limited to those registered with the Web site. This was necessary in order to verify member status. This may have limited access by Zontians who were not registered or who experienced registration difficulty. However, as planned, the survey increased Web site registrations: 1,715 registered during the survey period, including 584 who registered during the response extension period 1-4 March.

Calculations of margin of error and confidence levels rely on sample size and the assumption of homogeneity of the population. An assumption of homogeneity could not be made for the Zonta population given that response rates did not approximate Zonta’s regional membership as a whole and because those Zontians who use technology less might be underrepresented in the sample. (If an assumption of homogeneity were applied, the confidence level would be 95% given the number of responses for this survey. Confidence level refers to the level of certainty that the same results, within the statistical margin of error, would be obtained from a random sample of the same size if the survey were repeated.)

Highlights:

Membership

- In terms of fulfilling members’ interaction expectations well or very well, social activities and friendship were ranked highest (80% of respondents), followed by access to other members for expertise and information sharing (64%).
- 75% of respondents said that Zonta fulfills their expectations well or very well with respect to advancing the status of women.
- 73% said that club projects fulfill their expectations well or very well.
- 71% said that Zonta’s international programs as a whole fulfill their expectations well or very well

Operations

- With respect to Zonta’s leadership fulfilling expectations well or very well, responses were 76% for club leadership, 70% for district and area leadership, and 52% for ZI and ZIF leadership (with 24% indicating they did not have enough information to answer at the ZI/ZIF level).
- In terms of obtaining some or very much information from particular sources, club meetings ranked highest (94%), followed by The Zontian magazine (88%) and the ZI Web site (78%).

Programs

- Regarding the importance of current ZI programs, following are the percentages of those who rated the program very important (i.e., the top rating):

66% ZISVAW

56% International Service Program
(biennial projects)

36% YWPA

31% AE

23% Klausman

15% Z & Golden Z Clubs

(24% were not familiar with this program)

- In the four suggested broad areas of service, Improving Women’s Access to Education and Literacy received the most #1 rankings. Within the category, Preventing Domestic Violence ranked highest.

Thank YOU!

Many thanks to all Zontians who took the time to participate in this important survey!

Note: complete survey results will be available at the August and September meetings.

District 12 Conference in Boulder Sept 29th—Oct 2nd at the Broker Inn

TENTATIVE AGENDA

54th ZONTA DISTRICT 12 CONFERENCE

The Broker Inn, Boulder, Colorado

**Hosted by the Zonta Club of Boulder County
and the Zonta Foothills Club of Boulder County**

September 29 October 2, 2005

Keep Moving Forward With Inspiration

as We Build Zonta's Future on the Foundations of the Past

Thursday, September 29

6:30 p.m. Fellowship Dinner—Carrelli's (Within Walking Distance!)

8:30 p.m. District 12 Board Meeting

Friday, September 30

8:00 a.m. District 12 Board Meeting

11:00 a.m. Registration

12:45 p.m.–1:00 p.m. Credentials CheckIn

1:00 p.m.–1:50 p.m. Presidents/Delegates Meeting

2:00 p.m.–3:30 p.m. Opening of 54th District 12 Conference

3:30 p.m.–5:00 p.m. Breakout Sessions

1) "CEDAW"

2) "Stem Cell Research Education"

3) "Membership Recruitment and Retention"

5:30 p.m.7:

00 p.m. Heavy Hors d'oeuvres

7:00 p.m. Entertainment Opportunities in the Boulder Area

Saturday, October 1

6:00 a.m. Walk/Run along Boulder Creek (Meet in Hotel Lobby!)

7:00 a.m.–8:00 a.m. Breakfast Buffet (For Hotel Guests)

8:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Registration

8:00 a.m.–8:15 a.m. Credentials CheckIn

8:30 a.m.–10:00 a.m. Business Session

10:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m. Coffee Break—Fundraiser for District 12 Scholarship Fund

10:30 a.m. Special Reports

12:00 p.m.–2:00 p.m. Luncheon and Program

2:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m. Business Session

Reports from District 12 Board and Committee Chairs

4:00 p.m. Election Results

Chocolate Therapy

6:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m. Reception

7:00 p.m.–9:30 p.m. Banquet—Zontian of the Year Presentations

[Suggested Attire—Glitter! and Glitz!]

9:30 p.m. Fellowship with the Governor and the District 12 Board

Sunday, October 2

8:00 a.m.–8:45 a.m. Memorial Service

8:45 a.m.–9:00 a.m. Credentials CheckIn

9:00 a.m.–9:30 a.m. Closing Business Session

9:30 a.m.–11:00 a.m. Brunch, Awards, and Call to 55th Annual District 12 Conference

11:00 a.m. Announcements and Adjournment

11:30 a.m. District 12 Board Meeting

Nominating Committee Report

Governor *Beverly J. (Bev) Morrow*, Zonta Club of Cheyenne

Lieutenant Governor *Priscilla Young Romkema*, Zonta Club of Spearfish

Treasurer *Evie Ashmore*, Zonta Club of Denver

Area 1 Director *Jane A. Page*, Zonta Club of PierreFort

Pierre

Vice Area 1 Director *Jennifer Pinnow*, Zonta Club of Billings

Area 2 Director *Francis N. (Francie) Claus*, Zonta Club of Converse County

Vice Area 2 Director *Bridget Masters*, Zonta Club of Fort Collins

Area 3 Director *Kathryn L. (Kay) Meyer*, Zonta Foothills Club of Boulder County

Vice Area 3 Director *Diane Twining*, Zonta Club of Denver

Area 4 Director *Susan Miller*, Zonta Club of Prowers County

Vice Area 4 Director *Christine S. (Kris) Wells*, Zonta Club of the Pikes Peak Area

Nominating Committee: *Evelyn J. Haskell*, Zonta Club of Laramie

(Elect Three) *Barbara Ludwig*, Zonta Club of LakewoodGolden

Sharon Roggy, Zonta Club of the Pikes Peak Area

Debbie Squires, Zonta Club of Boulder County

Nancy Trautman, Zonta Club of the Black Hills

Submitted by,

200406 Nominating Committee

Catherine L. (Kate) Brewster, Chairman, Zonta Club of the Pikes Peak Area

Elizabeth D. Clinton, Zonta Club of Pueblo County

Stephanie Seymanski, Zonta Club of Billings

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

Aug 2nd	Fund Raising Committee at Sheila Davis' house 5:30 pm	Sept 29—Oct 2nd	District 12 Conference (in Boulder at Broker Inn)
August 11th	General Membership Meeting at Excelsior	Oct 7th	Let's Party 10 am—7pm at First Plymouth Congregational Church Colorado Blvd & Hampden Blvd
August 15th	Ronald McDonald House Dinner	Oct 8th	Let's Party 9 am—4 pm at First Plymouth Congregational Church Colorado Blvd & Hampden Blvd
August 16th	The Gathering Place Lunch	Oct 13th	General Membership Meeting
August 18th	Membership Committee at Cathy Conley's house 5:30 pm	Oct 17th	Ronald McDonald House Dinner
August 22nd	The Gathering Place Lunch	Oct 27th	Board Meeting at Linda Rhea's house 5:30 PM
August 23rd	Service Committee Meeting 5:30 pm place TBD	Nov 1st	Fund Raising Committee at Sheila Davis's house 5:30 pm
August 25th	Board Meeting; Linda Rhea's house 5:30 pm	Nov 3rd	General Membership Meeting
Sept 1st	Membership Committee at Cathy Conley's house 5:30 pm	Nov 10th	Samaritan Award dinner honoring Margaret Fomer
Sept 6th	Fundraising Committee at Sheila Davis' house 5:30 pm	Nov 17th	Board Meeting at Linda Rhea's house 5:30 pm
Sept 6th	The Gathering Place Lunch	Nov 21st	Ronald McDonald House Dinner
Sept 8th	General Membership Meeting	Dec 3rd	Ring Bells at Park Meadows Mall
Sept 15th	Board Meeting; Linda Rhea's house 5:30 pm	Dec 6th	Fundraising Committee at Sheila Davis's house 5:30 pm
Sept 19th	Ronald McDonald House Dinner	Dec 8th	Holiday Party at the Brown Palace Hotel 6 pm
Sept 20th	The Gathering Place Lunch	Dec 19th	Ronald McDonald House Dinner