



Smoke Signal



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Special Points of Interest this month:

- Directory to be published in September—update your information or photo!
- Service Updates!
- Newly elected Zonta International Officers & Directors

Membership Committee

“NET 7 — NET 7”

Your membership committee and your board have approved two new members. We are excited and honored that they have decided to join us. They are Amanda Megill, whom Robin Forti brought to our June meeting. Amanda is a supervisor at Oppenheimer Funds. She's been with them for nine years. On the side, she has been an Elementary School PSP President – for those of us who are a bit older, PSP is the current name for the organization we knew as the PTA. The other new member is someone we've seen at more than one meeting. She's Robin Smith, who together with her daughter-in-law, share a full-time counselor position in the Teen Mom program, which we actively support. Robin has attended meetings as a representative of Denver Kids and also attended the June meeting. She's said it's time for her to become involved in an organization whose mission she fully endorses.

Mark your calendars for a September 21 (that's a Thursday) prospective member reception at the King Mansion. And, put on your thinking caps for an individual or two we could send an invitation to.

As part of our report, the Smoke Signal also includes the new prospecting tool that tells What is Zonta, What is Expected of a Member, and Why Should I Join. Thanks go to Judy McNerny, Cathy Conley, and Evie Ashmore for creating this gem.

And, last but not never least, our Christmas party is going to be held, once again, at the Brown. The reviews last year were glowing, so why try to best something that's already superb.

As you can see, we are gaining on our NET 7 goal, thanks to all of you!”

Save the Date

**COLORADO WOMEN
AUTHORS LUNCHEON
SATURDAY, September 9, 2006
AT PI NEHURST COUNTRY CLUB
LAKEWOOD, COLORADO
SPONSORED BY
ZONTA CLUB OF JEFFERSON CO
FEATURING
COLORADO WOMEN AUTHORS
TICKETS: \$45.00 PER PERSON
CORPORATE/PATRON SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE**

Proceeds benefit Zonta's Projects to Advance the Status of Women

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President Sheila's August Message...

As I look out the window of my home-office today, I see seven roses in bloom in my garden. (Three of them are on my new rose bush – It survived my trip to Australia.) Does the number seven mean anything to you? That's the number of new members the membership committee is determined to get this year. They already have two women who have submitted their applications to join our club. Other new member activities are planned for this fall. Many of you have guests coming to future dinner meetings in hopes of recruiting them. I'm very pleased to see that the entire club is getting behind the membership effort.

The Service and Fundraising committees are also off and running with excellent goals set for this year. Service is looking at new and improved service opportunities, and Fundraising has a fun and profitable event planned for October. The Audit committee met in July, and a follow up meeting is scheduled for the beginning of August. The Trustees also met in June, and a schedule of meetings for the upcoming year has been set.

I can't wait to tell everyone about the Zonta International Convention and Australia. The trip was exciting, fun, fabulous, and instructive. Those of us who traveled down under will be talking about our experiences at the August and September dinner meetings. I'll also write a summary of the convention for the September Smoke Signal. In the meantime, check out the Zonta International website for convention highlights. In addition, Area 3 is planning a Melbourne readout and barbecue at Kay Meyer's house (our Area 3 Director), on

Saturday, August 19th, at 4pm. All are invited to come and hear about the convention and socialize with other Area 3 members.

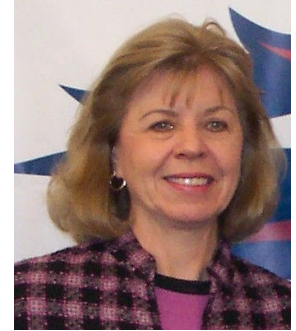
Back to my garden - One of my new dogwood bushes is not doing so well. I have started nurturing it along, talking to it, telling it I care about it, giving it some TLC. I may have to bring in more expertise and help (Tagawa Gardens) if it doesn't get better soon. Don't forget to nurture our newest members, (and all our members!) especially if they seem to be drifting away, look wilted or depressed. Don't hesitate to call in reinforcements (other members) to help bring them back to life and into the fold.

Here's looking forward to a great August!

Sheila

Directories will be available at the September meeting. You have until August 20th to send a new photo (mail or electronically) or to update your information before the directories will go to print. Thanks!

Contact Julie at 720-890-0125 (evenings) or julieqbradley@comcast.net



Board of Directors Meetings:

**Zonta Club of Denver
2006-2007
Board of Director's
Meetings at Sheila
Davis's House 5:30 pm**

August 24th
September 27th
October 26th
November 16th
December 28th
January 25th
February 22nd
March 22nd
April 26th
May 24th
(Joint Old & New)

August Birthdays

August 10th

- **Mary Benoit**
- **Jacki Sammons**

August General Meeting

When: Thursday, August 10th 5:30 pm. Cocktails
6:00 p.m. dinner

Invocation: Julie Bradley

Greeter: Liz Cameron

Where: Liz Cameron's house: 6235 Montview Blvd, 80207

Cost: \$ 10.00

Please RSVP to: Julie Bradley at 720-890-0125 (home) or 303-866-9273 (work) and leave a message. Remember—you must make your reservation by **Monday, August 7th at noon**. **Please call whether or not you are on the permanent list as you need to specify potluck item!**

Program: Member experiences in Australia

Menu: Member Potluck:

Please call Julie to let her know whether you are bringing: Main dish-type Salad, Breads or Dessert

Wine, iced tea and beverages provided (thus the cost of the meeting)



*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

Kate Linscott

Nancy Long

Judy McNerny

Beth Mundell

Marjorie Pickett

Linda Rhea

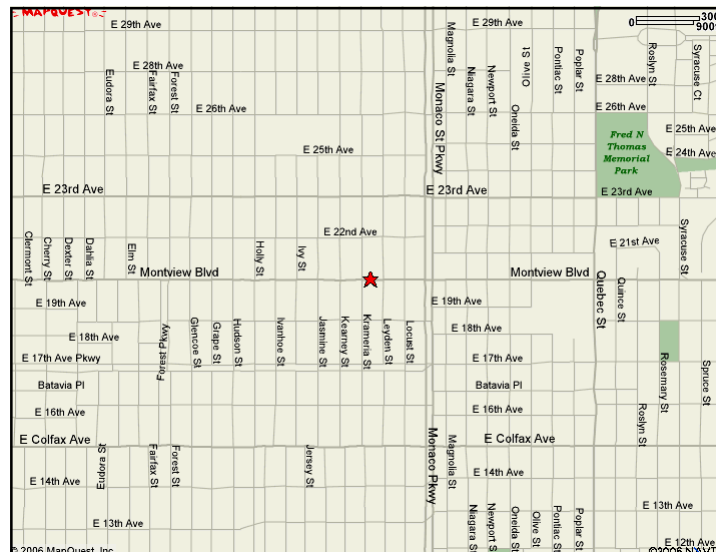
Dorothy Swindt

Diane Twining

Joetta Williams

Directions to Liz's house:

From Downtown: Go east on Colfax, 17th 23rd or through 5-points continuing on 26th. Continue to Colorado. If on 15th, 17th turn north on Colorado to Montview (across from the Museum). If on 26th or 23rd turn south to Montview. Take Montview east to Leyden (1.2 miles)



From the South: Take I-25 north to Yale. Go east to Monaco. Head north on Monaco to Montview (approx 4 blks north of Colfax). Turn left (W) on Montview for 2 blks.

From the North: Take I-70 to Exit for Colorado Blvd. South on Colorado to Montview (across from Museum) and take Montview 1.2 miles east to Leyden

General: Liz is on the NW corner of Leyden & Montview. You can park on Leyden or Montview. If you get lost: 303-341-1103

Service & Status of Women Committee Fund Raising Committee

A NEW DIRECTION HONORING THE PATH THAT WAS

The new Service and Status of Women Committee has met and set monthly committee meetings for the 1st Wednesday of each month. The first meetings were dedicated to discussing how the upcoming year should be designed to best meet the Zonta Club of Denver’s mission, to fit the current number of members, and how we can provide more solid support to the Status of Women component of this committee over the previous year. There were extensive and difficult discussions about what projects needed to be included or left behind. The committee felt strongly that more attention needs to be paid to projects more closely in line with our mission and more service potential given directly to those agencies we choose to fund with service dollars. More information will be provided at the August meeting, but for example, the committee decided that we wish to find projects that will provide the opportunity for the club members to meet, and be known by, the Teen Moms by the time we throw them a graduation party in the spring months. There will be a few “tweaks” to other projects we have ongoing, but we are confident the changes will only help.

Please come to the meeting in August to hear more about the plans and directions. We know there will be questions, perhaps concerns, and we welcome your thoughts.

SERVICE HOURS

Co-Chair Robin Forti has designed a new method for tracking our service hours. With the hours turned in from last year, we only recorded approximately 480 hours for the entire year. With Robin’s new method, we recorded approximately 338 for May and June alone. Consequently, the SSW has set a goal of recording at least 2,000 hours for our next annual report in April 2007...and frankly, the SSW Committee members believe we can do it!!!!

IMAGINATION LIBRARY

Number of enrolled children to date

Headstart	274
Teen Moms	10
Fund Raising	14
Total	298

The IL committee has developed a Gift Card to be purchased for a new child that you want to enroll in the program. A sample will be available at the August meeting. The cost of enrolling one child has changed to \$50.00 annually.

CURRENT SERVICE

OPPORTUNITIES

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.



- We have been accepted by Macy’s to take part in the October fundraiser at the Northfield Shopping Center at old Stapleton. Hopefully, we will have the tickers to begin handing them out at our August meeting. We are asking each member to sell 10 tickets if possible and more if you can. We will be limited to 400 tickets total. More will be explained at the meeting.
- The committee is beginning to do some investigating into the theater event schedule of the various facilities in our town. Our findings will be discussed and presented when a decision is reached.
- We will be doing a raffle this year with the winning ticket drawn at our Christmas party.
- Dates for the unfundraiser fundraiser will be presented at a later date.
- We are looking forward to a great year and a successful one for our committee. We would like to thank you in advance for your support and generosity.
- Without you, we would not be able to do the job our club was created for as well as help us meet our goal of raising \$5,900 this year. More at the meeting.

Zonta and the UN

I am sure many of you have asked “what is the connection between Zonta and the UN and why is it such a big deal” Now you seasoned Zontians already know the answers but I am sure there are some of you newer members that would like to know and a few of us need a refresher.

Since the formation of the United Nations in 1946, Zonta has sent observers to UN sessions and actively promoted United Nations principles and activities. In 1963 Zonta International was granted Consultative Status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). ECOSOC is one of six principal bodies carrying out UN work. ECOSOC is responsible for two-thirds of UN programs. ECOSOC makes recommendations on how to improve education and health conditions. ECOSOC promotes respect for and observance of the human rights and freedoms of people everywhere. The Commission on the Status of Women is one of nine functional committees of ECOSOC. This is the leading policy making body concerned with women’s rights.

Zonta’s consultative status was upgraded to Category II Consultative Status in 1969 then in 1985 to Category I Consultative Status; the highest recognition for United Nations related activities. Today appointed Zonta representatives in New York, Paris, Geneva, and Vienna keep members informed with updated and pertinent information.

As an international non-governmental organization (NGO), Zonta brings women’s concerns to the UN, suggests solutions, draws public attention to issues and encourages its members to participate at the local level.

I hope that you have a clearer view of why the UN connection is so important in Zonta. As all of you know the web is a wonderful thing. A visit to the UN website could turn into an adventure that could take hours. Visit the website! Have fun!



AUSTRALIAN BARBEQUE!

4 PM, Saturday, August 19, 2006
Music! Outdoor activities!
Drinks & Munchies!

6:30 PM--Melbourne ZI Convention. Info
7 PM-- BBQ & Potluck Deluxe

A wonderful opportunity
for Area 3 Zontians to bring friends/family for a great time.

DIRECTIONS TO

↻ **3415 No. 95th STREET** ↻

{in unincorporated Boulder County,
at the intersection of 95th & Isabelle}

Coming east out of Boulder on Arapahoe Road— Drive east on Arapahoe approximately (approx. 7 miles) Turn north on 95th Street & go to Isabelle Road intersection. (1.5 miles)

Coming northwest out of Denver/Castle Rock— Drive north on I-25. Exit to Boulder, driving northwest on Highway 36 (approx. 12.5 miles) Take the Broomfield Exit & drive north on Highway 287 (approx. 9 miles) Drive west on Isabelle Road (approx. 1.5 miles) Stop at 95th Street (a T intersection), then jog to your right & into our driveway.

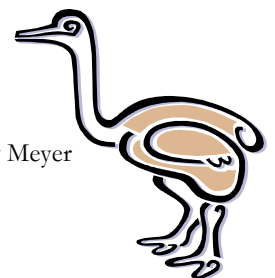
Coming north out of Flatirons Shopping Center/Louisville— From the Flatirons exit, drive north on 96th Street, taking a left turn (exit) as it turns east, becoming Northwest Parkway (aka E-470). The same road is named 96th on the south side of Louisville & 95th on the north side. Go figure... (approx. 5.5 miles) Continue driving north on 95th Street (aka Highway 42) through the intersection with Arapahoe Road, proceeding to the T- intersection with Isabelle Road. (1.5 miles)

Our home is a 1917 brick schoolhouse (painted taupe) that is close to the west side of 95th Street. (Look for the large cottonwoods & the llamas.)

The Pleasant View Grange is right across 95th Street to the east of our house. There is ample parking space at our house & across the street at the Grange.

Our home phone number is 303-665-5273.

We hope you can join us! --Dan Gould & Kay Meyer



2006-2008 Biennial Proposed Goals

These biennial Goals are aligned to Zonta's strategic goals. They are intended to provide the framework within which districts and clubs shall develop their own biennial goals, taking into account the need for alignment and focus within the context of Zonta's mission while responding to local needs.

SERVICE

- Provide mission focused service, locally and globally, in order to improve women's legal rights, health, education, and economic status, and to prevent violence against women
- Combine service with advocacy to enhance the effects of our work.

ADVOCACY

- Be effective advocates and opinion leaders on women's issues.
- Produce position papers defining where we stand on at least two priority issues.
- Cooperate and collaborate with like-minded organizations to achieve our mission.

CREDIBILITY, IDENTITY AND VISIBILITY

- Improve our credibility through evidence-based reporting on the outcomes of our service and advocacy programs.
- Strengthen our identity and increase our visibility through effective marketing and brand management, and on-going external communications and public relations efforts.
- Commemorate Zonta Rose Day/International Women's Day (8 March) through local activities that provide visibility for Zonta and its mission.

MEMBERSHIP

- Grow our membership by 1,000 members net of resignation through effective recruitment, retention, revitalization and new club formation strategies.
- Enhance the value we deliver to our members through participation, communication, continuing education, networking and bottom-up initiatives.

FINANCIAL

- Expand the levels of financial support to the Zonta International Foundation through increased personal and club contributions and planned gift giving and donor development.

- ◇ Every Zonta club to contribute annually to the Zonta International Foundation one-third (33%) of all service funds collected.
- ◇ Every Zontian to make an individual annual gift to the Foundation.
- ◇ Formulate strategies and action plans for successful donor development.
- Study ways of diversifying the Zonta International income stream to support and sustain operation.
- Ensure appropriate fiduciary practices are in place and financial resources are spent prudently.

GOVERNANCE

- Align and integrate strategies.
- Develop a performance-based culture that evaluates and celebrates achievements.
- Use information and technology for informed decision making and increased efficiency of operations.
- Develop tools and allocate resources to support strategy.
- Build a pool of empowered, knowledgeable and inspirational leaders through leadership development and continuing education.
- Continue process improvement through a regular review of systems, structures, programs and policies.

PROPOSED FOUNDATION FUND RAISING GOALS

Total (<i>excluding the Endowment Fund*</i>)	US \$3,805,000
Rose Fund	US \$800,000
Amelia Earhart Fellowship Fund	US \$650,000
Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship Fund	US \$125,000
Young Women In Public Affairs Fund	US \$150,000
International Service Fund	US \$1,500,000
ZISVAW Fund	US \$550,000
WHPPPI Fund	US \$ 30,000

*In addition to the operational fundraising goals for the 2006-2008 Biennium in celebration of Zonta International Foundation proposes a US \$30 million Endowment Fund by 2019. During the 2006-2008 Biennium, the Foundation Board and Development Committee will focus on how to achieve this goal.

2006-2008 INTERNATIONAL SERVICE PROGRAM PROJECTS

NEW PROJECTS:

CARE INTERNATIONAL: Education and leadership for Girls and Young Women in Bolivia Project Focus: Women's Education, Health and Economic Self-Sufficiency

2006-2008 Funding: US\$ 250,000



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For various cultural and economic reasons, girls in Bolivia are more likely than boys to be denied schooling. Given a choice between educating their sons or their daughters, many rural parents keep their daughters at home to care for siblings, or they send them into urban areas to seek employment. CARE'S Education and Leadership for Girls and Young Women project will provide working girls and young women (ages 13-25) in Pansankir and Llojet, districts around the periphery of La Paz, Bolivia, opportunities to learn at night, in order to improve their status, well-being, and the opportunities available to them. The project will reach 1,300 young working women and 150 teachers who teach girls in night school. Most of the participating girls do not speak Spanish in their homes (their native tongue is Aymara or Quechana); many have already experienced sexual abuse or discrimination by the age of 14; and few know the rights available to them under Bolivian and international laws,

The project's primary goal is to strengthen the learning process for working girls and young women, in order to provide them with literary and numeracy skills and thus improve their chances of finding better jobs. Second, the project includes a special focus on women's health education, since the formal school curriculum does not adequately address this sensitive topic. Finally, through vocational training, the project will help young women develop marketable technical skills that will give them opportunities to increase their income-earning potential.

Primary project activities will include: improving and developing curricula for night school classes attended by working girls; training and coaching sessions for teachers; training sessions in basic rights and women's health for girls; vocational training for girls; implementation of fairs and other activities to promote girls as leaders.

CARE International is one of the world's largest private international relief and development organizations and a trusted name in 70 developing countries around the world.



UNITED NATIONS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION (UNIDO): Support for Revival of Rural Community-based Self-Help Initiatives in Sri Lanka Project Focus: Women's Economic Self-Sufficiency

2006-2008 Funding: US \$250,000

The tsunami disaster that occurred on 26 December 2004, affected the coastal belts in the Southern, Northern and Eastern provinces of Sri Lanka. In addition to the loss of some 40,000 lives and destruction of buildings and infrastructure, the disaster affected hundreds of micro and small businesses in rural areas, most of which are conducted by small producer groups particularly engaged in agriculture and agro-food processing. Traditionally very active in subsistence agriculture and rural, community-based productive activities, women suffered the loss of income sources as well as an increased burden for sustaining the family.

Some 12 months later, it has become even more important to revive and re-establish the livelihood of the people, especially women, affected by the tsunami in order for the local economy to recover from the natural disaster, as well as for the communities to start longer

term development of the Regions.

The goal of this project is to improve the livelihood of the communities affected by the tsunami in the North and East regions, specifically in the districts of Jaffna, Trincomalee and Batticaloa, through improved agriculture-based productive skills and enhanced access to markets of women and women's groups.

The project will specifically focus on women and women's groups to facilitate their skill development and to improve their access to various support services, thereby increasing the quality and quantity of their products as well as accessibility to local and regional markets. The project will work closely with the private sector, particularly small business enterprises, as well as various local support schemes and self-help initiatives.

The United Nations Industrial Development Organization was established in 1966 and designs and implements programs to enhance the productivity of industry in developing and transition economies.

2006-2008 INTERNATIONAL SERVICE PROGRAM PROJECTS

CONTINUING PROJECTS:



CARE INTERNATIONAL: Mata Masu Duara “Women on the Move,” Phase II

Project Focus: Women’s Economic Self-Sufficiency and Health Education

2006-2008 Funding: US \$300,000

The goal of Phase II is to reduce the risk of HIV/AIDS and its physical, social and economic consequences for at least 5,100 women and their dependent children in the Bouza district of the Tahoua Department (state) in Southern Niger by 2008, through three primary strategies:

- Empower AIDS-affected women and their children, economically and socially;
- Build the capacity of local organizations to ensure the project’s sustainability; and
- Work with community leaders to “break the wall of silence” about HIV/AIDS and reduce the stigmatization of women living with or affected by HIV/AIDS.

In the second phase of the Mata Masu Dubara Project, CARE will replicate Phase I activities—notably Mata Masu Dubara group formation and HIV/AIDS education—with a new group of vulnerable women and their children in the Bouza Valley, and build the capability of Phase I (3,600 women) and Phase II (1,500 women) groups to take on new challenges facing them because of AIDS, Phase II of the project also includes new techniques for improving the well-being of participating women, including: *Mutuelles* or group insurance to help the women purchase HIV-related services and care; building networks of Mata Masu Dubara groups; and care and mentoring Of HIV/AIDS orphans (74% of whom are female), as care of orphaned children overwhelmingly falls to women in Niger.



AFGHAN INSTITUTE OF LEARNING (AIL): Developing Community-based Efforts to Educate Afghan Women and Girls

Project Focus: Women’s Education and Health

2006-2008 Funding: US \$100,000

After decades with no opportunities to learn, rural and poor urban Afghan females have begun learning literacy and income generation skills at AIL’s Women’s Learning Centers (WLCs). Having observed the success AIL’s WLCs, communities have begun developing their own educational Community Based Organizations (CBO’s) for women and girls. In this project, AIL will support educational classes through WLCs and CBOs for approximately 650 women and girls each year in poor urban and rural settings in Kabul and Herat provinces. At least two CBOs will receive training and small amounts of financial support from AIL to develop their programs, improve their program quality, and sustain their grassroots efforts. AIL will provide training

to at least 100 women each year and health education to 24,000 women and children each year through its clinics.

AIL is an organization run by Afghan women that plays a major part in reconstructing education and health systems capable of reaching the women and children of Afghanistan—whether in refugee camps or in their home in Afghanistan.



International Election Results



Melbourne, Australia
24-29 June 2006

The following were elected by majority vote:

President-elect	Beryl Sten	Zonta Club of Växjö, Sweden
Vice President	Dianne Curtis	Zonta Club of Santa Clarita, CA, USA
Treasurer/Secretary	Gloria Stootman Wristen	Zonta Club of Auburn, NY, USA

The following were elected by plurality vote:

International Director 2006-2008	Bonny Schumacher	Zonta Club of Newport Harbor Area, CA, USA
International Director 2006-2008	Kika Ziti	Zonta Club of Athens, Greece
International Director 2006-2008	Alicia Sirtori Torres	Zonta Club of Montevideo, Uruguay
International Director 2006-2008	Karin Nordmeyer	Zonta Club of Freiburg-Schauinsland, Germany
International Director 2007-2009	Dilruba Ahmed	Zonta Club of Chittagong, Bangladesh
International Director 2007-2009	Kerry Dixon-Fox	Zonta Club of Central Iowa, USA
International Director 2007-2009	Ragna Karlsdóttir	Zonta Club of Embla, Iceland
International Nominating Committee—North, Central & South America	Judith Johnston	Zonta Club of Fairfax County, VA, USA
International Nominating Committee—Europe	Marie-Helene Mallet	Zonta Club of Nimes-Romaines, France
International Nominating Committee—Africa	Yinka Koso-Thomas	Zonta Club of Freetown, Sierra Leone
International Nominating Committee—Australia & New Zealand	Patricia Logan	Zonta Club of Orange Area, New South Wales, Australia
International Nominating Committee—Asia	Kikuko Hara	Zonta Club of Yokohama, Japan
International Nominating Committee—At large	Naomi Arnold	Zonta Club Gawler & Barossa, South Australia, Australia
International Nominating Committee—At large	Gabriele Springer	Zonta Club of Essen, Germany
International Nominating Committee—At large	Mary Ellen Bittner	Zonta Club of Washington, D.C., USA
International Nominating Committee—At large	Chin-Fong Yeh	Zonta Club of Taichung, Taiwan

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www.zonta-denver.org*

Improving the status of women worldwide



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

August 2nd	Service/Status of Women Committee Meets	October 26th	Board Meeting
August 10th	General Membership meeting/Picnic At Liz Cameron's home	November 9th	General Membership Meeting
August 21st	Ronald McDonald House	November 16th	Board Meeting
August 24th	Board Meeting	December 7th	Holiday Party @ The Brown Palace
September 6th	Service/Status of Women Committee Meets	December 28th	Board Meeting
September 9th	Zonta Club of Jefferson Co. Author's Luncheon	January 11th	General Membership Meeting
September 14th	General Meeting @ Four Points Sheraton (Hampden & I-25)	January 25th	Board Meeting
September 21st	Prospective Member Reception @ Kenneth Kendall King Penthouse	February 8th	General Membership Meeting
September 28th	Board Meeting @ Sheila Davis's house	February 22nd	Board Meeting
October 12th	General Meeting @ Four Points Sheraton (Hampden & I-25)	March 8th	General Membership Meeting
Oct	Macy's Shopping Event!	March 22nd	Board Meeting
		March 31st	Area 3 Meeting—Denver hosting
		April 12th	General Membership Meeting
		April 26th	Board Meeting
		May 10th	General Membership Meeting
		May 24th	Joint Board Meeting