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# International Day of Peace

September 21st



The International Day of Peace, established by a United Nations resolution in 1981 to coincide with the opening of the General Assembly, was first observed on the third Tuesday of September 1982. In establishing the International Day of Peace, the United Nations General Assembly resolution said that eh International Day of Peace was intended

"..to devote a specific time to concentrate the efforts of the United National and its Member States, as well as of the whole of mankind, to promoting the ideals of peace and to giving positive evidence of their commitment to peace in all viable ways...(The International Day of Peace) should be devoted to commemorating and strengthening the ideals of peace both within and among all nations and peoples."

"...will serve as a reminder to all peoples that our Organization, with all its limitations, is a living instrument in the service of peace and should serve all of us here within the Organization as a constantly pealing bell reminding us that our permanent commitment, above all interests or differences of any kind, is to peace. May this Peace Day indeed be a day of peace." (1)

An amended Resolution adopted in the 2001 permanently fixed the date of the International Day of Peace to September 21st, beginning in 2002, the 20th anniversary.

"The Assembly, reaffirming the contribution that the observance and celebration of the International Day of Peace make in strengthening the ideals of peace and alleviating tensions and causes of conflict, (decided that) beginning with the fifty-seventh session, the Day should be observed on September 21st each year, with this date to be brought to the attention of all people for the celebration and observance of peace." (2)

- (1) United Nations General Assembly Resolution UN/A?RES/36/67
- (2) Amending UN resolution UN/A/RES/55/282

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# President Judy's Aug Message...



Well, my 2008 world travels are behind me but I am finding that the trip, including the Convention, is growing in meaning as I reflect on and talk about it.

Did you ever have one of those aquariums that came with small colored things (sponges?) that, when you added water, grew and blossomed into ... well, I don't remember what they grew into. Maybe flowers or animal figures but, in any case, objects bigger

and marvelous and very different from what you imagined before filling the container with water.

Take two solid weeks of one new experience after another, add time to think about those experiences and a few good listeners and, I am finding, you have memories that seem to become richer and deeper as time passes.

But I guess it's time to get settle into the routine.

Back to my president's message theme for the year—"What it Means to be Wise," idea number two:

**Be open to new experiences.** Broaden your exposure to people of all ages, political orientations, occupations, social classes, and cultures. Listen and gain knowledge from their vast and various experiences.

Am I wrong, or is there a connection there? Luckily, you don't have to go to Rotterdam to have new experiences. A few years ago, my husband and I started trying to do something "different" each weekend. No matter how simple the "different" thing was, we found that it helped to enrich the rest of our week. It seemed to awaken our taste for life, as spices tempt your palate.

Is it too obvious to point out that belonging to Zonta gives us exposure to people of different (if not all) ages, political orientations, and cultures? This is true just in one club, but even more so if we take advantage of area, district and (especially) international meetings, committees and so forth.

You should all have received the Call to District Conference by now. If you haven't been to one before, "be open to a new experience." If you are a veteran, this Conference will be different from all the others. A District Conference in Colorado Springs, admittedly, isn't quite as exciting as an International Convention in another country, but the program and guest speaker sound really interesting. The Conference will give those who attend the chance to "listen and gain knowledge" from other Zontians and the speaker. Learning more about human trafficking (mostly in women) will help us to spread the word about how common this terrible practice is, to advocate so this hidden crime is exposed and eventually eliminated.

Did I mention the Conference will be fun, too? I hope many of you will take advantage of the opportunity and register today!

Judy McNerny

# Zonta International New Leadership Congratulations to newly Elected Officials



#### President Beryl Sten

Name	Office	Zonta Club
Beryl Sten	President	Vaxjo, Sweden
Dianne K. Curtis	President—Elect	Santa Clarita Valley, CA, USA
Lynn J. McKenzie	Vice President	Wellington, New Zealand
Gloria Stootman Wristen	Treasurer/Secretary	Auburn, NY, USA
Dilruba Ahmed	Director 2007-2009	Chittagong, Bangla- desh
Kerry Dixon-Fox	Director 2007-2009	Mankato Area, MN, USA
RagnaKarlsottir	Director 2007-2009	Embla, Iceland
Ingeborg Geyer	Director 2008-2010	Vienna, Austria
Lynn R. Goodhue	Director 2008-2010	Northampton Area, MA, USA
Heddy Tangen Steffensen	Director 2008-2010	Stavnger, Norway
Maria Victoria P. Vergel de Dios	Director 2008-2010	Mandaluyong-San Juan, Phillipines
Sonja Honig Schough	Director 2009-2012	Kungsbacka, Sweden
Beryl McMillan	Director 2009-2012	Melbourne CBD Inc, Victoria, Australia
Kirsi Nickels	Director 2009-2012	Hyvinkaa Area, Finland

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The great outdoors is calling and it's time to spend an evening in the garden.

Our meeting will be held in Liz Cameron's lovely garden, dining on a cornucopia of potluck delights.

When: Thursday, August 14, 2008 Inspirational Moment: Sheila Davis

5:15 p.m. Cocktails Greeters: Members of the Membership Committee

6:00 p.m. dinner

Where: Liz Cameron's Garden. 6235 E Montview Blvd;

Cost: \$ 10.00 (to cover the cost of beverages)

Please RSVP to: Cathy Conley at 303-691-6926 (hm) or 720-622-0181 (wk) and leave a message.

(or email at cathryn.conley@ge.com. Remember, you must RSVP by noon, Monday, Aug 11th

Program: Relax and visit with our Zonta sisters.

Menu: Each member please bring either an appetizer, main dish, salad, bread or dessert (you decide) to share. Club will provide wine and other beverages.

#### 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

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#### HIGH TEA

# By Deb Heckart For each general dinner

The Zonta Club of Denver
Fundraising Committee will host
a High Tea at one of Denver's

crown jewels and a nationally recognized treasure – the 115 year old Brown Palace Hotel where they have a long standing tradition of hosting afternoon tea.

On September 6, 2008, you will be treated like royalty during the leisurely afternoon tea where we will sip premium blended tea while enjoying scones, garden sandwiches and tea pastries. This is no ordinary tea because we will be treated to Devonshire Crème, imported from England, and all food will have been prepared fresh by the hotel's culinary staff.

We encourage all Zontian members to attend with a friend, neighbor or relative while we share a "step back in time" with a presentation by the Brown Palace historian. She will share the facts: like who funded and built the hotel, what the land was initially used for, Presidents and famous people who have stayed there and have rooms named after them, as well as, discuss interesting facts and events that provided character defining moments of this grand palace.

Our fundraising team is sponsoring this as a fun, yet hassle-free, social event that will not require a lot planning or work to host. In future years we may host it in a different location.

This event will be \$65 and include the gratuity. We will have door prizes and will provide gift bags to all attendees.



#### Reservations

meeting, please remember to call if you aren't on the permanent reservation list. Our new contract guarantees us only one additional meal over the number we confirm on Monday afternoon, so if you don't make your reservation on time,. You may have to snack from other member' plates! And, as always, we are charged for the number we guarantee, so we have to bill anyone who makes a reservation (or forgets to cancel a permanent reservation) but doesn't come to the meet-



# Permanent Reservation List Update!

- · Members who are on the permanent reservation list do not have to call to make a reservation for dinner meetings (but you must call to cancel or be billed for dinner anyway)
- · If you plan on coming to every meeting—why not add your name if it is not on the list?
- · If you are on the permanent list but tend to forget to call and cancel—why not take your name off the list?
- · Be sure to call Joetta Williams or Cathy Conley, Membership Co-Chairs, with your request to be added or deleted!

### Permanent Reservations

Should your name be listed here?

Carroll Allen

Evie Ashmore

Mary Benoit

Cathy Conley

Linda Corssmit

Shelia Davis

Pam Dumonceau

Nikki Headlee

Deb Heckart

Cynthia Herndon

Dottie Jenkins

Jennifer Koeller

Kate Linscott

Judy McNerny

Krystie Rose Millich

Wendy Moraskie

Beth Mundell

Linda Rhea

Robin Smith

Dorothy Swindt

Diane Twining

Joetta Williams

Lisa Wright

Remember to call if you can't come, otherwise you will be billed for the dinner.

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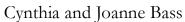
# Zonta International Convention Pics... fun had by all



Our President Judy with Rosella celebrating the passage of the bylaws



Ken and Judy







Mary B on the right, back of Joanne Bass, and Nikki's husband Dave



Cynthia looking over at Ken's food possibly asking if he had something worthwhile



African Delegation taken 6/28

Birthday wishes go out to Our August Birthdays

Mary Be<mark>noit

Jackie Sammons</mark>

Both Ladies are celebrating their birthdays on August 10th! Page 6 Smoke Signal Volume 15, Issue 3

## CALL TO CONFERENCE

# Crowne Plaza Hotel – Colorado Springs, CO

# GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE:

Dear District 12 Zontians:



It is with great anticipation that I call you to the 2008 Zonta International District 12 Conference. This is no ordinary meeting. The District Conference represents a defining experience in the lives of Zonta members. I can't tell you the number of times I've heard a member comment upon attending her first District Conference that "Now I get it." What is gotten is a fuller, richer understanding of the mission of Zonta International and the important role that each of us plays in improving the status of women around the globe. In addition to that, these conferences are fun! You'll get to know those who serve in leadership roles for the District as well as many of your Zonta sisters from around the District.

The theme for this year's conference is "Going for the Gold" in recognition of Colorado Springs as an Olympic Training Center site and also 2008 as an Olympic year. The reference goes far beyond athletics, however, with implications as to how we all strive to do our best for ourselves and others. The theme will be carried out in the organization of the program into "Ready," "Set" and "Go" sections to highlight how we get **ready** for service and advocacy through excellence in the infrastructure of our organization, how we become **set** through education and understanding of issues, and how we **go** forward into action that addresses the issues and goals we have set.

A major focus of this year's conference will be the issue of human trafficking—modern-day slavery. The evidence is mounting that no community is immune and Zonta can play a vigorous role in promoting public awareness once we have a better understanding of what it is, where it is, who's effected and what can be done.

Come for the education, but stay for the fun! Those who arrive early (on Thursday, October 2) are invited to a casual wine-tasting and hors d'ouevres reception hosted by the Zonta Club of the Pikes Peak Area and Laura (President of the club) and Dirk Stamp, owners of The Wine Seller. Friday evening will allow all our competitive juices to flow as we engage in Zonta Olympics. There will be a game to match every talent whether physical, mental or creative. You can even wear your favorite workout outfit, so get out those Jane Fonda legwarmers and suit up! You can greet the day on Saturday with "wake-up yoga" and have free time in the afternoon to join some of your new friends in exploring the Pikes Peak area. Saturday night's banquet will offer the opportunity to dress up in your favorite gold, silver or bronze attire and enjoy fine food and fine entertainment provided by the renowned Colorado Springs Children's Chorale.

Let's make this the best-attended District Conference in years! I look forward to renewing friendships with those who regularly-attend and making many new acquaintances with those who will be attending for the first time.

Best Zonta regards,

Priscilla Romkema Governor

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# The Zonta Club of the Pikes Peak Area cordially invites you to join us for the 2008 District 12 Conference in beautiful Colorado Springs!

### Program Highlights

**Thursday Night** *Wine-Tasting Welcome* – Enjoy fine wines and hors d'ouevres at The Margarita at Pine Creek. \$25 per person. RSVP on your registration form. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a casual get-together with other early-arriving guests and local Pikes Peak Area club members.

Friday Night *Joni Sheram presents "Cups"*—an excerpt from her wildly-popular one-woman play about the lives of women—told through the contours and curves of ...bras! (www.cupsaplay.net). **Zonta Olympics** begin following dinner. Be ready to compete for Zonta Gold through a variety of activities requiring not much brain and even less brawn. Wear your favorite work-out attire of the past, present or future.

**Saturday Coffee** *Fundraiser for District 12 Scholarship*—hosted by the Zonta Club of Canon City. Enjoy the pastries and support the District's scholarship fund.

Human Trafficking Presentation *Modern Day Slavery—The Issue, The Challenge.* An overview of trafficking into the United States is provided via film and keynote address by an expert in the field. Break-out sessions will provide practical guidance for understanding the issues and developing plans for action.

**Saturday Lunch** *Jillann Richardson-Rohrscheib* will enlighten and entertain with her vivid accounts of microfinancing efforts in developing countries accompanied by a fashion show of ethnic costumes.

**Saturday Banquet** Zonta Gold Banquet—We're all winners—dress up in gold, silver or bronze to support all women's efforts to achieve their personal best. Zontians of the Year will be announced. Enjoy the heartwarming performance of the Colorado Springs Children's Chorale (www.kidssing.org)

Sunday Brunch Awards, drawings, Go for Zonta Gold slideshow...and more

# Area Highlights

The Pikes Peak Region is home to an impressive array of natural and manmade attractions. Visit www.experiencecoloradosprings.com for all the details.

The Zonta Store will be open throughout the conference except during business sessions. A wide variety of gift items, logo merchandise and raffle prizes will be on display.

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Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide...





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Aug 14	General Meeting, Liz Cameron's House
Aug 28	Board Meeting at Judy McNerny's Home
Sept 6	High Tea at the Brown Palace (Fundraising Event)
Sept 11	General Meeting Sheraton Four Points Hotel
Sept 21	International Day of Peace (UN)
Sept 25	Board Meeting at Judy McNerny's Home
Oct 3—5	District Conference in Colorado Springs
Oct 9	General Meeting Sheraton Four Points Hotel
Oct 23	Board Meeting at Judy McNerny's Home
Nov 8	Zonta International Day
Nov 13	General Meeting Sheraton Four Points Hotel
Nov 20 ??	Board Meeting at Judy McNerny's Home

# Upcoming Calendar Events Save the date!

Nov 25	International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women
Nov 25—Dec 10	16 Days of Activism
Dec 11	Possible Holiday Meeting
Dec 18 ??	Board Meeting at Judy McNerny's Home
Jan 8	General meeting Sheraton Four Points Hotel
Jan ??	Amelia Earhardt Meeting/Dinner
Jan 22	Board Meeting at Judy McNerny's Home
Feb 12	General Meeting Sheraton Four Points Hotel
Mar 8	International Women's Day/ Zonta Rose Day
Mar 12	General Meeting Sheraton Four Points Hotel
Mar/Apr	Area 3 Meeting
Apr 9	General Meeting Sheraton Four Points Hotel
May 14	General Meeting Sheraton Four Points Hotel