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WOMEN WORLD LEADERS



German Chancellor Angela Merkel
and U.K. Prime Minister Theresa May



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Pew Research Center Looks Into Why Only 10 percent of World Leaders are Women ([Full report](#))

Whether you like or dislike Hillary and her politics, the fact is that she is the first woman to be nominated as the presidential candidate of a major U.S. political party. History has been made, and another glass ceiling shattered.

The list of countries that have had a woman leader is growing, but is still relatively small. Of 193 nations, there are currently 18 female world leaders (figurehead monarchs are not included). That's about one-in-ten of leaders of UN member states. Nine (half) are the first

women to hold their country's highest office. The number has doubled since 2005. Of 142 nations in a recent study, 63 have had a female head of state since 1964, but in most cases, she was in power or less than 4 of the 50 years. In 11 countries, she led for less than a year.

India, Ireland and Bangladesh have had women leaders for 21 of the past 50 years. Iceland, Finland and Norway are next with 20, 12 and 11 respectively. In Ecuador, and Madagascar, women served for just two days before they were forced out and replaced by men.

A Pew Research Center report found that "Americans believe there aren't more women in top elective office in the U.S. is that they are held to higher standards than men."

Yep, we still have to do all the same things, only backward and in high heels, and we can't act too female, or we'll be called "hysterical," or act too much like men and be labeled "pushy," or "witchy," (pardon my euphemism).

~ Wendy

AUGUST MEETING

Meeting Details

Date:	Thursday, August 11
Time:	5:30 p.m.
Location:	Spero Winery, 3316 W. 64th Ave., Denver
Advocacy Moment:	Nikki Headlee
Price:	\$26.00
Program:	Paula Mitchell, author of Exploring Colorado Wineries



Paula Mitchell

Spero Winery (address above) is between Federal Boulevard and Julian Street. Our speaker, Paula Mitchell, is the author of *Exploring Colorado Wineries*. She has traveled all around Colorado, conducted "wine exploring" presentations, attended numerous wine festivals and earned her Level 2 Sommelier certification...and along the way enjoyed some delicious Colorado wines! She will tell us about Colorado's six distinct wine regions and the wines from each region, and will have copies of her book available for purchase. The cost per member for appetizers, wine tasting of up to 22 different wines, antipasto, a main course and wine with dinner, dessert, and coffee or iced tea will be \$26.00. Please remember to bring your checkbook or \$26.00 in cash, which will be collected when you arrive. **PLEASE RSVP BY WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3** - we need to give Spero a headcount a week ahead of time. We look forward to a great turnout for this fun late summer event!

Item of the Month:
Cash Donation for Making Choices
This money will be used to purchase backpacks.
Please bring to the August Zonta Meeting

COMMITTEE REPORTS



ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

At the August meeting the Advocacy Committee will again be offering members the opportunity to sign up to present an Advocacy Moment or to write an article for the Smoke Signal. Please think about topics that you might like to learn more about and then share with the club, and feel free to sign up for both an Advocacy Moment and an article!

~ Mary



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

We had a great turnout for the happy hour at La Coeur Art Bar & Bistro on July 14, 2016. We planned this happy hour to be on France's national holiday Bastille Day, in part because this year's Zonta International Conference venue was in Nice, France, which several of our club members attended. We received updates and fun stories from several club members who attended the conference, and enjoyed one another's company, as well as some delicious French inspired appetizers and wine! Very sadly, this year's Bastille Day will be remembered worldwide for the attack that killed dozens of people who were enjoying the seaside fireworks - our hearts go out to those who lost loved ones in this attack.

The Membership Committee did not meet in July due to various conflicts, but will meet on Thursday, August 18 at 5:30 p.m. at Citron Bistro, 3535 S. Yosemite (southwest corner of Yosemite and Hampden).

~ Liz



SERVICE COMMITTEE

There is not much to report for the month of July.

A delicious salad bar with berries and shortcake for dessert was served at The Delores Project on July 17. Helen, Julie, Nancy, CJ, Kathy H, Marian, and Judy A provided all the food. It was appreciated by all.

The next service meeting will be on Monday, August 1, at 6:00 p.m. at Perkins.

Item of the Month: We will be collecting cash donations to purchase backpacks for Making Choices at the August meeting.

Also, there will another Hands of the Carpenter car clinic in September. If you purchased toy cars for the Hands car giveaway last spring and still have them, bring them to the August meeting.

~Nancy



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Bonjour, Denver Zontians!

I hope everyone has been having a fabulous summer. I was delighted to meet with so many of you at our informal Zonta Happy Hour last month. It was a lovely treat! And, I'm excited to catch up with many of you this month at Spero Winery and hear how your summers have been going.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to our wonderful club for sending me and Judy Allen to International Convention in Nice, France at the beginning of July. This was my first time at International and it was a wonderful and informative experience. I have returned to you feeling more connected to our international Zonta community and our District. My hope is to share some of this connection with many of our members who have not yet experienced the opportunity to connect at the district or international level. With that in mind, please mark your calendars for this year's Governors Seminar September 23-24 in Deadwood, SD.

At International, as your delegate, I also had the opportunity to vote on bylaw changes and the incoming international officers. While on the surface, sitting through 8 hours of bylaws may not sound exciting, it was! In fact, it was my favorite part of the entire event. It was a very cool opportunity to learn how we run as an international body formed of many clubs, and the different wishes of different regions. I will send you a link to the changes that were approved when they are posted on the ZI website.

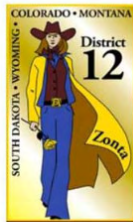
Other exciting news from International—our own International Representative Sharon Langenbeck has been elected International Vice President and District 12's Bridget Masters was re-elected as International Secretary/Treasurer. Lots to be proud of and lots to be excited about! To access all post convention material, please login at <http://membership.zonta.org/Login?returnurl=%2fEvents%2fConvention-2016>

Proposed changes to our club bylaws and standing rules have been separately emailed to you. I encourage all of you to read through them and please come speak with me if you have any questions about them. We will vote on the changes at our August meeting.

See you at Spero!

~ Katie

UPCOMING EVENTS



2016 Governor's Seminar
Zonta District 12
September 23-24, 2016
Deadwood, SD

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