



Smoke Signal



Membership Committee

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It's the holiday season, a time to enjoy and be thankful for all that we have.

The Holiday Party is our main focus at this point. We are delighted to be honoring Bobbie Razee for her 60 years of membership as well as to induct our newest member, Nancy Wong. What a special evening this will be as we gather at the Brown Palace.

Nancy will be our 38th member. We are delighted to have four new members so far this fiscal year. But let us not forget the fact that we have members who have marked or will be marking soon 50 years, 30 years, and 20 years. That longevity speaks loudly and clearly for depth and strength that the Zonta Club of Denver represents.

At this special time of year, let us honor each other for our commitment to Zonta and the ideals that we represent.

President:: Sheila Davis
Kay Meyer

Area 3 Director:
Governor Dist 12: Bev

Amelia Earhart Dinner

When: Sun, Jan 28th 5 pm—9 pm

Silent auction starts @ 5 pm

Dinner 6:15 pm

Where: Jefferson Co. Airport:

11705 Airport Way,
Broomfield

(2nd floor Denver Air Center)

Cost: \$50.00

Speaker: Dr. Kevin Fitzgerald,
comedian

Special Guests:

Amelia Earhart & Education
Liaison, from CU Aerospace
Program



Come,
It's FUN!

Amelia Earhart
Zonta Clubs of
Boston, Massachusetts
New York, New York USA

Special Points of Interest this month:

- Holiday Party
- Amelia Earhart Dinner

President Sheila's December Message...

As I look out the window of my home-office today, I see a couple of squirrels sitting on the big wooden swing set Steve and I put up for our grandson in the back yard. It has a slide, a tree house, swings, and a couple of ladders. The squirrels love to climb all over it, and they sit on the top rail and wait for a chance to go over to the patio and snatch a piece of dog food from the dog food bowls. There are actually five squirrels who scamper around the yard during the day. There's one more knowledgeable squirrel, who is wiser in the ways of the yard than the others. She (?) teaches the newer ones when to go get the dog food. They are very energetic and enthusiastic since getting dog food is new to them and so fun too. However, sometimes the newer squirrels are afraid and intimidated by the dogs even though the dogs just lie there like bumps on a log and watch the squirrels carry the food off one piece at a time.

Watching the squirrels reminds me of the New Zee committee recently formed by the club. Mary Benoit is the chair, and Carroll Allen, Nancy Long, Amanda Megill, Robin Smith, and Nancy Wong are current members. Mary will be meeting with them on a monthly basis for about a year until they get their feet on the ground. She'll be teaching them the ways of Zonta, and they will also be working on the Teen Mom project, planning various events throughout the year. Did I mention the more knowledgeable squirrel has red fur? Just kidding! One thing that worries me though is sometimes I see our newer club members standing or sitting alone during the cocktail hour before the dinner meetings. I remember being intimidated and somewhat anxious

about talking to other women in the club at the dinner meetings even though they were friendly.



They were all busy talking with their friends or just standing there not paying much attention to me. We all need to make a special effort to include the newer members in our socializing any time we get together!

On to some Zonta International news. There was a press release issued by Olivia Ferry in response to the UN Secretary-General's study on ending violence against women. I sent it to club members via email recently. I'm very pleased to see that work in regards to our new advocacy goal is actually happening. Also, the international committee chairs post their committee reports regularly on the website, so be sure to check it out. If you don't have access to the internet, please let me know if you are interested in seeing these reports, and I will be happy to print them for you.

We are so blessed by all that we have, and I know we will share our good fortune with others through our service projects this month. Have a great holiday season!

Yours in Zonta,

Sheila

Board of Directors Meetings:

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

December 28th

January 25th

February 22nd

March 22nd

April 26th

May 24th

(Joint Old & New)



**Happy Birthday
to our December
birthday girls!**

1st—Barb Pellegren

6th—Evie Ashmore

8th—Diane Twining

15th—Nikki Headlee

17th—Cathy Conley

December Holiday Party

When: Thursday, December 7th

6:00 pm. Cocktails

7:00 p.m. dinner

Invocation: Evie Ashmore

Greeters: Judy Allen

Carroll Allen

Where: Brown Palace

Cost: \$ 70.00

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, December 4th at noon. Checks are due before the party.

Program:

- New Member induction for Nancy Wong
- Honoring Bobbie Razez—60 years in Zonta

Menu:

Bouquetiere of Baby Lettuce
Cabernet Poached Pear, Toasted Pecans
Maytag Blue Cheese & Citrus Vinaigrette

Choice of:

- **Angus Prime Rib of Beef, Natural Jus**
- **Seared Jumbo Shrimp, Nantua Sauce**
 - **Butternut Squash Ravioli,**
- **Wilted Spinach, Oven Dried Tomatoes,**
- **Pine Nuts, Sage Cream**

Chef's choice of Potato
Fresh Seasonal Vegetables
Champagne Sabayon Roll, Fresh Berries & Passion Fruit Coulis



*Want to have fun? Bring a White Elephant, small inexpensive item, wrapped for exchange at the holiday party.....remember—**INEXPENSIVE.** There will be extras if you forget!*



What do you know about the United Nations? **Answers**

Try to answer these simple questions....

1. The United Nations was established on June 26, 1945 in San Francisco (with the signing of its Charter.
2. The anniversary of the entry into force of the United Nations Charter is on October 24, 1945 with 51 founding members, and currently there are 192 members.
3. The UN Security Council is composed of five permanent members—China, France, Russian Federation, the United Kingdom & the US and ten non-permanent members. Name at least five (5) of the members. Argentina, Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Ghana, Greece, Japan, Peru, Qatar, Slovakia, & United Republic of Tanzania.
4. As of 11 Aug 2006, 184 countries—over ninety percent of the members of the United Nations—are party to the Convention (CEDAW).
5. Who was the woman elected chairman of the UN's Human Rights Commission in 1946 and helped draft the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights? Eleanor Roosevelt



Service & Status of Women Committee Fund Raising!!



There are approximately 190 children enrolled in the program through Head Start. We are expecting more. I will be working with each Head Start center to do address

verifications in January. We have started a subscription campaign. Please keep a subscription in mind during the holiday.

Grants

Grant season has come to an end and it looks like we will be funding the great projects through out the Metro area along with International ones. We also have put money aside for the YWPA and Jane Klausman awards.

Teen Moms

We had our first Teen Mom event and from all the feedback it was a huge success. A big THANK YOU to all that helped. We could not have done it without you.

The New Zee committee will be handling the future events but of course the clubs help will be needed.

Service Projects

Thanks to all you volunteered for the Santa Claus shop and the Salvation Army's bell ringing. There are available dates for the working the Women's Bean Project booths throughout December. Please contact Robin Forti or Kathy Hyzer for more information.



Service Opportunities:

Santa Claus Shop will need volunteers to help sorting items for the distribution on **Tuesday, Dec 5th** from 4:30—7:30 pm; **Tuesday, Dec 12th** from 4:30—7:30pm and **Saturday December 9th** from 9:30am—1:30pm (bring lightweight work gloves and dress in layers)



Help at the Doll booth at the Santa Claus during distributions: Shifts available 9:30 am—1:00 pm & 12:30pm—3:30pm pm **Friday Dec. 15th, Monday Dec 18th, Saturday Dec 16th & Tuesday Dec 19th.**

CONTACT LINDA RHEA DIRECTLY IF YOU WANT TO HELP!



The Salvation Army Bell ringing is continuing this year at Nordstrom's at Park Meadows Mall in Douglas County on **Sat-**

urday, December 2nd We have 2 openings on the 2pm—4 pm slot. Friends, spouses, children & grandchildren can help you ring your bell. We distribute candy and enjoy all the fun of meeting people and spreading joy.

CONTACT JULIE BRADLEY DIRECTLY IF YOU WANT TO VOLUNTEER 720-841-7728.

Zonta Area 3 Advocacy Taskforce

Delegates to the Taskforce are: Kay Meyer, Chair; Ellen Marshall, Foothills; Debbie Hindin-King, Denver II; Debbie Gill, Lakewood/Golden; Rhonda Balich-Lampo, Douglas Cty; Helen Coffey, Boulder; Joann Bass, Jeffco; Mandy Ziegler, Denver.

The committee met on November 1 to discuss the goals for the year. The purpose of the Taskforce is to (a) educate ourselves regarding major issues and proposed legislation in 2006-07 that impact primarily women; (b) learn the process whereby ideas become bills and bills become laws; (c) work together to support a few important legislative measures; (d) make concrete goals and follow through.

The committee discussed the support of a CEDAW resolution before the Colorado legislation and researching other women's groups to help us interested in this issue and taking action with us.

- A Special Theater event will be announced at the December dinner meeting to be held the beginning of the year!
- The Non-event Fund Raiser will be in March. Please watch your mail for more information about this event which was voted on last year.
- **Wishing for a happy holiday season with a possibility of ready cash? Be sure to purchase and sell your raffle tickets that were given out in the last month or so. WHY? Grand prize is \$1,000 and it will be given out at the holiday party on December 7th! What a way to help celebrate! Raffle tickets are available from Judy Allen. Please either bring your money and ticket stubs to the holiday party or get them to Judy ASAP. More raffle tickets are available please call Judy Allen at 303-841-7202.**

Zonta Club of Denver General Meeting Minutes November 9, 2006

President Sheila Davis called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

Guests: Attending as guests were Area 3 Director Kay Meyer and her daughter Alyson Meyer-Gould, Susan Leibsley, Marcy Kaufman, and Nancy Wong. Nancy is to be inducted soon.

Invocation: Julie Bradley read a passage from Reflections by Sandra Stemmler.

Status of Women Moment: *Evie Ashmore spoke about the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW).*

Member Moment: *Dorothy Swindt honored Minnie Lundberg, who is celebrating her 30th anniversary with ZCD. Minnie joined in 1976, and sponsored Dorothy in 1982. She is the treasurer of the Kenneth King Foundation, and is active in her church and the American Legion Auxiliary. Dorothy, Sheila Davis, and Nikki Headlee presented Minnie with a certificate of appreciation and a dozen yellow roses.*

Program: Evie Ashmore and Kay Meyer gave the program on CEDAW, which defines and condemns discrimination against women in many areas, including civil, political, economic, social, and cultural. Evie described CEDAW's importance and remarked that the United States is the only industrialized nation that has not yet ratified it.

Minutes: Cathy Conley made a motion to approve the October minutes as printed in the Smoke Signal. Linda Rhea seconded and the motion carried.

Treasurer: Judy Allen noted that the balance in the operating budget is \$9,086.04, with \$5,920.50 in the service account. Money will be moved into the service account in February 2007 to pay for grants.

Membership: Nikki Headlee and Cathy Conley reported that there are currently 38 members. Julie Bradley and her committee are organizing the holiday party to be held December 7th at the Brown Palace. Invitations will be mailed this weekend. Julie asked members to bring a card for Bobbie Razee, who will be honored at the party for 60 years with ZCD.

Service/Status of Women: Robin Forti circulated sign-up sheets for service opportunities. The new flyer for the Imagination Library has been distributed, and Robin is working on a change of address procedure. Women's Bean Project products can be ordered from Linda Rhea. Thirty percent of sales go to the club. Robin distributed a spreadsheet detailing the Service Committee's grant recommendations. Linda Rhea made a motion to accept the figures under club funds for our service projects this year. Nikki Headlee seconded and the motion passed.

Fundraising: Dottie Jenkins noted that a non-event fundraiser is planned for the year. More than half the Macy's tickets were returned to her. Drawing for the raffle will take place at the Christmas party. Money and unsold tickets should be given to Judy Allen. The committee is planning for 3 theater events, and will put together theme baskets to sell at the Amelia Earhart dinner. The garage sale will be held in late spring at Cynthia Herndon's.

Public Relations: ZCD will host the Area 3 meeting March 31st at Excelsior Youth Center. The committee is working on ways to promote Zonta.

Old Business: Judy Allen presented the budget for '06-'07. She noted that it's substantially the same as last year's, except that all speaker fees will come out of Service, and guest dinners from Membership. Diane Twining made a motion to accept the budget as presented. Evie Ashmore seconded and the motion passed.

New Business: Donna Hultin was voted in as Director and Service/Status of Women co-chair. A copy was distributed of a proposed letter from the club to Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice in support of CEDAW. Judy McNerny made a motion to approve the letter. Cathy Conley seconded, and the motion passed.

Sheila presented several members with yellow rose pins:

- Wendy Henry-Moraski for making charts detailing International Service projects.
- Minnie Lundberg for her 30 years with the club.
 - Amanda Megill for her role in organizing the Teen Moms cooking class. Robin Forti was also recognized for her work on the class.
- Donna Hultin for her new position as Director.

Announcement: Judy Allen, Carroll Allen, and Linda Rhea head up the planning for the Area 3 meeting Saturday, March 31st at Excelsior Youth Center. Members are asked to bring a gently used item for the girls.

Julie Bradley won the door prize.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.

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Improving the status of women worldwide



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

Dec 2nd	Ring Bells at Park Meadows for the Salvation Army	Jan 28th	Amelia Earhart Dinner at Jefferson County Airport
Dec 5th	Santa Claus Shop Set up	Feb 8th	General Membership Meeting
Dec 6th	Service/Status of Women Committee	Feb 22nd	Board Meeting
Dec 7th	Holiday Party @ The Brown Palace—	March 8th	General Membership Meeting
Dec 9th	Santa Claus Shop Set Up	March 22nd	Board Meeting
Dec 15 –16	Santa Claus Distribution	March 31st	Area 3 Meeting—Denver hosting at
Dec 18 –19	Santa Claus Distribution	April 12th	General Membership Meeting
Dec 28th	Board Meeting	April 26th	Board Meeting
Jan 11th	General Membership Meeting	May 10th	General Membership Meeting
Jan 25th	Board Meeting	May 24th	Joint Board Meeting