

# Smoke Signal



## President Judy's December Message

I hope all of you who attended the November meeting enjoyed Pam Dumonceau's *Attitude of Gratitude* presentation as much as I did! I mentioned at the meeting that when my same-old gratitude list (husband, kids, good health, job, great bosses, etc.) loses its effect through repetition, I have found it useful to do an alphabetical list. (The effort of finding something beginning with each letter seems to take my mind off whatever is poisoning my attitude.) I am writing this just before Thanksgiving, but when holiday stress overtakes you holiday spirit, give this a try! Here is my Zonta Club of Denver gratitude list for today.



- Z** Zontians—the diverse women with whom I have Zonta in common
- O** Opportunities—to serve in a leadership position, for example
- N** Negativity—without this we would be working hard on really bad ideas as well as good ones
- T** Travel—to Lamar, to Spearfish, to Rotterdam!
- A** Action—to help women in Denver and across the world have a better life
- C** Community—Zonta is a local and international community of which I am part
- L** Learning—new stuff all the time; today I am a 2009 District Conference meeting planner!
- U** Understanding—as I get to know you better, I understand you and myself better
- B** Books—I love the ZCD mobile library!
- O** Outlooks—so many different ones because of Zontians' varied backgrounds, education and fields of work
- F** Friends—many of you have become my friends; I hope I am a good friend to you, too
- D** Difference—with other Zontians we can make more of a difference than we could alone
- E** Education—about issues affecting women, how to use Excel, there is no end to it!
- N** Nurturing—during these troubling times, we all need this and provide it to one another
- V** Vision—through Zonta, the vision of a better world for women around the world
- E** Equality—in Zonta, we are all equals who take turns in leadership roles
- R** Roses—especially the yellow Zonta rose!

Thank you for being part of the Zonta Club of Denver. I hope to see you all at our holiday party on December 11. Happy holidays!

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**Important Message from the President of Zonta International....**

25 November 2008

To All Zonta Club Presidents:

This message is to tell you of an unusual action taken by the Zonta International Board of Directors.

The Zonta International Board has acted, in its capacity as Sole Member of the Zonta International Foundation, to remove some of the individual members from the Zonta International Foundation Board. The Foundation’s Bylaws permit this action.

This extraordinary action was taken in light of a serious disagreement between the Zonta International Board and Foundation Executive Committee over the handling of Foundation’s assets, including:

- the purchase of an “office condominium” **before** selling the current headquarters building;
- choosing office condominium space which, in the opinion of the Zonta International Board, **will not suitably house** Zonta International and Foundation operations and our treasured artifacts;
- taking out a **loan** at 6.5% to cover the condominium purchase, and another loan to cover construction, when Zonta International could have made the loan more economically; and
- **pledging restricted assets** of the Foundation.

The Zonta International Board members will serve as the Zonta International Foundation Board members for the time being, until the Foundation’s financial matters are well in hand and prudent steps are taken to preserve capital and reduce interest payments.

The Zonta International Board believes that, if the Foundation Executive Committee had included it in decisions as they were being made, this extraordinary action would not have been necessary. We heard from some members of the Foundation Executive Committee leadership that they did not need Zonta International’s approval for their actions. This path was leading to dissension within the Zonta family and, in the opinion of the Zonta International Board, leading to a diminishment of resources.

We look forward to moving forward with a strong and united family of Zonta organizations to improve the status of women throughout the world. We thank the members of the former Zonta International Foundation Board for their

past contributions and have invited them to continue furthering the cause of women worldwide through their Zonta membership.

Any questions or concerns should be directed by e-mail to me at

[berylzonta@telia.com](mailto:berylzonta@telia.com) or to Acting Executive Director Judy Johnston at [zonta1@comcast.net](mailto:zonta1@comcast.net).

Sincerely,  
*Beryl Sten*  
President

**THE “CRACKED POT” AWARDS**

Thanks to a few more of our imperfect but wonderful members\*

—**Sheila Davis** for agreeing to Chair the 2009 District Conference Committee and for all the work she has done already

—**Pam Dumonceau** for a fun and inspiring presentation on developing an “Attitude of Gratitude” and for sharing from her heart with us

—**Kathy Hyzer** for all her work getting and reviewing grant applications, and for offering us different ways to receive the rewards of giving time and energy to help less fortunate women

*Birthday wishes go out to  
Our December Birthdays*



*Barb Pellegrin—1st  
Evie Ashmore—6th  
Diane Twining—8th  
Nikki Headlee—15th  
Cathy Conley—17th*

**Friday Lunch Bunch celebrate Dorothy & Minnie’s November Birthdays at the Fresh Fish**



## December Holiday Potluck



### ZCD HOLIDAY PARTY 2008

You are cordially invited to attend ZCD's 2008 Holiday Party acknowledging our members' Great actions through the year & to benefit the participants' of The Women's Bean Project.

**Time:** Thursday, December 11, 2008 @ 5:30

**Place:** 7496 W 83<sup>rd</sup> Way, Arvada CO 80003  
(Jacki Sammons' Home)

Dress: Casual

**Expense:** 1-\$25.00 Gift Card from Wal-Mart and a side dish

**RSVP** by Monday, December 8, 2008 to Joetta, 303-753-6650 or 303-882-6910

#### Other information of note:

We are combining our celebration of the seasons with a social & service project. Come enjoy your fellow Zon-tians, spouses & friends & 'bag' our gifts for the women recipients of the Women's Bean Project.

The Club is providing Ham, turkey casserole, wine, beer and soft drinks. You & Your fellow members are providing side dishes of your choice. **Please contact Joetta with your RSVP, food selection and other information.**

Driving Directions: North on Wadsworth from I70 to Pomona Drive (next stoplight north of 80<sup>th</sup> Ave. & the Lake Arbor subdivision.) Turn right on Pomona Drive, drive 1-block and turn left on Webster. Go 3-blocks north to corner of Webster and 83<sup>rd</sup> Way. Parking is across street @ the Recreation Ctr. (303-424-8367)



#### Reservations

For each general dinner 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 meeting.



#### 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!

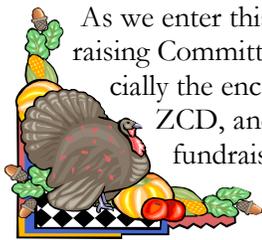
#### Permanent Reservations

Should your name be listed here?

- Carroll Allen
- Evie Ashmore
- Judy Bederman
- Mary Benoit
- Cathy Conley
- Linda Corssmit
- Shelia Davis
- Pam Dumonceau
- Nikki Headlee
- Deb Heckart
- Cynthia Herndon
- Kathy Hyzer
- Dottie Jenkins
- Jennifer Koeller
- Kate Linscott
- Judy McNerny
- Krystie Rose Millich
- Wendy Moraskie
- Beth Mundell
- Linda Rhea
- Dorothy Swindt
- Joetta Williams

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

## Fund Raising Committee



As we enter this holiday of Thanksgiving our Fundraising Committee is so grateful for many things, especially the encouragement and friendship we share in ZCD, and especially for your support of our fundraising efforts.

Our Fundraising Committee will be continuing to determine what types of fundraising events we can schedule that will not involve a lot of selling but would be a fun experience that a majority of our members would participate in and raise the necessary funds to support our Young Woman in Public Affairs Award, or a Jan Klausman Scholarship, and the Denver Kids. If you have any ideas that you would like to share with our committee please email me at [Gdeb701@aol.com](mailto:Gdeb701@aol.com). We are also looking at items that we can sell on our website on an ongoing basis. These items would also be sold at ZCD meetings and other events, such as the Amelia Earhart dinner and District meetings.

If you are looking for holiday or house warming gifts we have a number of wine bottle covers (they also work great to stuff with nuts, candy or Women's Bean Project soups), aprons and art work that we will bring to the Christmas Party.

## Membership Committee

"Hope to see all of you at the Christmas party at Jacki Sammons (see page 3). Even if you have to make a last minute decision, that's all right as we don't have to "guarantee" an amount for a hotel function. The party will be social only with on exception. We will be honored to induct a new member -- or two! And, we don't really consider that business -- that's just plain fun. Please come welcome and cheer them on.

January's meeting will be held at the newly renovated and always wonderful Women's Bean Project. Put this on your calendar!

Last, our committee has worked out a plan to enable Zon-tians, who no longer can or feel comfortable driving at night, to attend our meetings. If you need a ride and we haven't called you, please contact Liz Cameron, who has graciously agreed to coordinate the effort.

## Service Committee

If you would like to contribute time and energy during the holiday season, here are the events we have been asked to help with—



### Women's Bean Project:

- Holiday Fair at their facility on Saturday Dec 6 and Sunday Dec 7 from 9-11:30.
- Junior League Show at the Merchandise Mart (you get into the Show for free): Thursday Dec 4 from 8-11, and Friday afternoon.
- If you would like to help at one of these events, contact Kathy Hyzer at [Kathy.Hyzer@willis.com](mailto:Kathy.Hyzer@willis.com)
- (Also, we will be stuffing gift bags for the women at WBP at our holiday party—more details are elsewhere in this issue.)



### Santa Claus Shop:

There are lots of opportunities during mid-December—to help organize merchandise or to give out dolls for kids who might otherwise receive no holiday gifts; contact Linda Rhea for dates and times when help is needed.



### Salvation Army Bell Ringing

We will be ringing bells at Macy's at Park Meadows Mall on Dec 14th from 10—2 (the south door of Macy's). We have one opening for bell ringing—it will make your Christmas. Please call Kathy Hyzer at if you can help at 303-282-1062

### Service Grants:

The club voted on the service grants at the November meeting. The grants will be going to The Empowerment Program for the Chrysalis Project, a home for women working to leave street prostitution. Our grant will pay for housing for several women. The other grant will go to the Polaris Project, to fund the community needs assessment that has needed to be updated for several years. The result of this assessment will be better coordination of services for women and girls who have been rescued from human trafficking.



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FOR A WORLD WITHOUT SLAVERY

Great Advice—not only for Auto warranties but for many other mailings, emails, etc... Just remember, in these hard times, don't give your personal information out to anyone.



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and the AARP Foundation



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## Just Hang Up! Auto Warranty Scams

Almost everyone has heard it lately. You pick up the phone only to have an automated voice tell you that "Your car warranty is expiring" or you receive a postcard in the mail telling you the same thing. The public is being bombarded with notices via postcard, letter, email, and automated phone calls in an attempt to sell outrageously priced extended auto warranties. This scam is especially dangerous because not only can they collect money for a bogus service, but they can also steal your identity, or both.

### Here are some red flags to look out for when being solicited by these companies:

- They try to pressure you into doing it 'on the spot' or 'that day'.
- They avoid or refuse to give you the actual name of the company.
- They call numerous times throughout all hours of the day and night.

### A Few Other Tricks To Be Aware Of

- These offers are made to seem urgent with the use of terms such as: "priority level: high", "final notice", or "motor vehicle notification". This scare tactic is used to con the consumer into giving up personal information.
- They also often carry the name of reputable car manufacturers in bold letters which leads the recipients to believe that the sender is somehow linked to the dealer that sold them the car.
- It is also common for these solicitations to be presented to people whose car warranty has already expired or never even purchased one in the first place for their older car.

Always remember: Don't let a high-pressure sales pitch talk you into something you don't want or need. **Just Hang Up!**

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Coming Soon!!



Amelia Earhart Dinner

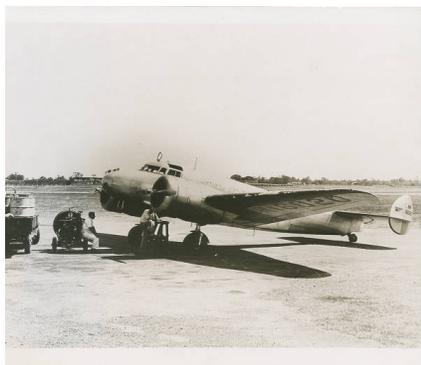
January 25, 2009

5-9 PM

The Perfect Landing

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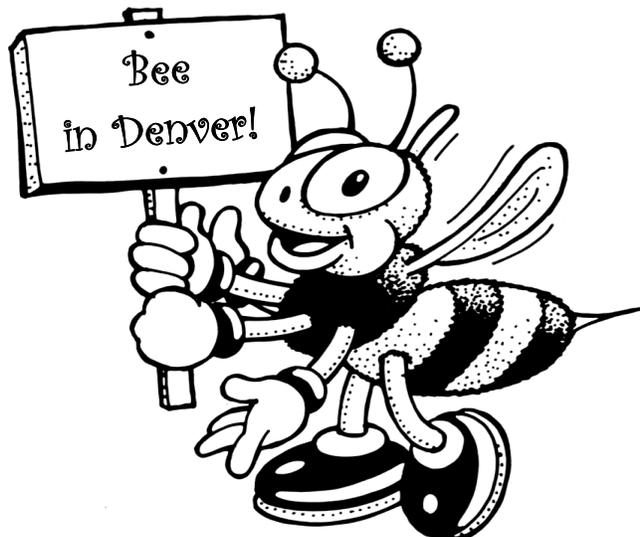
Be sure to reserve this date  
on your calendar.

Registration forms to follow  
soon.

Guests Welcome

# Save the Date!

**Join Us in Denver for  
Next Year's  
District 12 Conference  
October 30-  
November 1, 2009**



The Zonta Club of Denver has been chosen to host the District 12 Conference next October 30<sup>th</sup> through November 1<sup>st</sup>. Planning has already begun, and Judy McNerny and I (co-chairs of the Conference Committee) are looking for a few good women to help us. Two good women, Nikki Headlee and Beth Mundell, have already agreed to be our Treasurer and Z-Bee Leader respectively. We will be soliciting other members to chair the following committees; Registration/Credentials, Program, Hospitality, Hotel Arrangements, Zonta store, Printing/PR, and Protocol.

The somewhat unusual (Halloween) conference dates were set by Zonta International to streamline the travel schedules of the International Directors who attend all of the District Conferences. Maria Victoria P. Vergel de Dios, will be our representative, and will be joining us for the conference. Even though it usually snows or rains or both on Halloween, we will be ready to put on a great conference for everyone in attendance. Don't forget to Bee in Denver!

Sheila

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**Zonta Club of Denver Monthly Dinner Meeting 11/13/08**

**President Judy McNerny** called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm

**Liz Cameron** read 2 poems for the Inspirational Moment followed by the introduction of guests Julie Schmidt, Vincie Logan, Deborah Bruner, Alice Borodkin and Ava Chappel.

**Kathy Hyzer, Service Co-Chair**, passed out a chart showing the distribution of service dollars. She mentioned that the allocations are a bit different this year. She explained that most of our usual recipients aren't eligible for a grant this year so it was decided to give two larger grants this time. Hopefully, this will result in making a bigger impact, too. The Polaris Project whose mission is to combat human trafficking and modern-day slavery will receive \$20,000. And The Empowerment Program – Chrysalis Project – will be awarded \$10,000. The goal of the Chrysalis Project is to improve the lives of women who are and have been involved in street level prostitution who want to “leave the life” by receiving drug treatment, mental health and trauma treatment, training and employment services and comprehensive case management services. The Club will honor our commitment to the Imagination Library for the remainder of the year and then that will be the end of our involvement. Anyone wanting to participate in this project can do so through the Boulder Club. Kathy passed sign-up sheets for the Salvation Army bell-ringing at Macy's, the Santa Claus Shop and Delores Project dinners for December and January.

**Judy** asked for and received approval for the October minutes as published.

As **Barbara Pellegren** is attending to her husband following surgery, there wasn't a financial report.

**Joetta Williams, Membership Co-Chair**, explained Jacki Sammons' home is the location for the annual holiday party on the usual meeting night of December 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30. The beneficiaries of this event will be the 26 women of the Women's Bean Project. The Club will furnish ham and wine. A sheet was passed for members to sign up for sides and desserts. Joetta said the committee is, also, looking at other locations for the monthly meeting.

**Deb Heckart, Fundraising Co-Chair**, reported there wasn't a committee meeting this month so there isn't anything new to report.

Diane Twining talked about one of our favorite Zontians who is our Zontian of the Year – Minnie Lundberg. She has been a member since 1976 and her sponsor was Jean Moretti. We are grateful for her many contributions to the club and her friendship to us all. Congratulations on receiving the well deserved Edna Jean Hershey Award, Minnie.

**Sheila Davis, Co-Chair of the 2009 District Conference**, reported on the progress made toward this event that our club is hosting October 30<sup>th</sup> – November 1<sup>st</sup>. Several committee chairs have been recruited and a location is being sought. Judy McNerny is co-chair of this event. It is expected that all club members will be involved on some level.

Sheila, also, discussed the holiday party in a little more detail. Instead of giving to ourselves by having a big expensive celebration, it was decided to give to others. So we will have a potluck dinner and put together gift bags for women at the Women's Bean Project. There are 26 women and we need to have the same items in all bags. The first item will be a \$ 25 Walmart gift card. A sign-up sheet was passed for this. Anyone wanting to add small items to the bag besides the gift cards needs to purchase 26 of it so everyone gets one. There are a number of stores where inexpensive appropriate items can be purchased, i.e., Tuesday Morning, Walmart, Big Lots, Target and the Dollar Stores. These items will be brought to the holiday party. On 12/22 at 1:00 all members who can will attend a WBP Christmas Party and take the gift bags to the women.

**Pam Dumonceau** presented the program for the evening – You and Your Attitude of Gratitude. She led us thru a number of exercises which was to bring awareness to us and others of what all we have to be grateful for. Thank you, Pam, for a delightful program.

**Cathy Conley**, past recipient of the Zonta Rock Award, passed it on this month to one of her favorite Zontians, Judy McNerny.

And **Judy** presented her Cracked Pots Awards to **Pam Dumonceau** for a great presentation this evening – to **Sheila Davis** for her already outstanding work on the 2009 District Conference – and to **Kathy Hyzer** for leading the way on the Service Committee towards a great distribution of service dollars for this year and for her work in finding hands-on service projects.

**Beth Mundell** presented the Zonta Zinger Award to **Kathy** for knowing the answer to this month's zinger which was in the most recent edition of the Smoke Signal.

**Diane Twining** brought the door prize and it was won by **Beth**.

**Judy announced the Upcoming Events –**

11/15 – Zonta Club of Laramie Style Show

12/5-7 – Women's Bean Project Holiday Fair

12/11 – Dec meeting/holiday party at Jacki Sammons' home

12/14 – ZCD Holiday Bell Ringing

10/30-11/1/09 – District Conference in DENVER

After a closing quote by Judy the meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by Carroll Allen, Secretary*

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Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide...



**Zonta Club of Denver**  
 Member of Zonta International

*Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide*

*Upcoming Calendar Events*  
*Save the date!*

Nov 25—	16 Days of Activism
Dec 5-7	Women's Bean Project Holiday Fair
Dec 11	Holiday Potluck at Jacki Sammons home
Dec	Santa Clause Shop participation
Dec 14	Ring Bells at Macy's at Park Meadows Mall
Dec 18 ??	Board Meeting at Judy McNerny's Home
Jan 8	General meeting Sheraton Four Points Hotel
Jan 22	Board Meeting at Judy McNerny's Home
Jan 25	Amelia Earhardt Meeting at The Perfect Landing Restaurant at Centennial Airport hosted by Douglas County Club
Feb 12	General Meeting Sheraton Four Points Hotel
Feb 26	Board Meeting at Judy McNerny's Home

Mar 8	International Women's Day/ Zonta Rose Day
Mar 12	General Meeting Sheraton Four Points Hotel
Mar 26	Board Meeting at Judy McNerny's Home
Mar/Apr	Area 3 Meeting
Apr 9	General Meeting Sheraton Four Points Hotel
Apr 23	Board Meeting at Judy McNerny's Home
May 14	General Meeting Sheraton Four Points Hotel
May 28 ??	Joint Board Meeting
Oct 30—Nov 1, 2009	District Conference in Denver!
Summer 2010	International Convention in San Antonio