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**DECEMBER, 2014**

### HANDS OF THE CARPENTER



Hands of The Carpenter (Hands) is a faith-based nonprofit community that serves single mothers and widows in need by addressing the often overlooked issue of transportation. Hands provides automobile repair and maintenance in an effort to relieve the enormous financial burden and related distress that automobile repair puts on this population and their opportunity for economic self-sufficiency.

Hands will receive a grant from the Zonta Club of Denver in February. After hearing about the grant, Hands shared this story about one of the women they have helped:

*In October 2013 Hands of the Carpenter met an amazing single mother named Crystal. We met her when her daughter Kailey was 12 months old, just after her husband was put in prison. Crystal was left with no money, no job, and no vehicle. What Crystal did have was experience not all single mothers have. She had repaired vehicles before, sold automobile parts, done customer service--and liked it!*

*Crystal is in the center of the "target" of who Hands of the Carpenter desires to help through our automobile programs. She is willing to work hard, continue to learn and do whatever it takes to provide for Kailey--and work her way off government support.*

*She completed a successful internship at Hands Automotive (our social-enterprise repair facility) then became a full-time employee. The Hands community provided a vehicle after she rode the bus, taking her daughter to childcare and riding it to work each day, for the four months prior. She is celebrating her first full year with the Hands family and we are happy to announce that she will now share time between Hands Automotive and Hands of the Carpenter.*

*Crystal will meet with Hands clients and do a walk-through inspection to ensure they know specific things about their vehicle, including maintenance and things to keep in mind with their specific vehicle. She will be sharing wisdom and experience in a context that understands first-hand the situation our clients are in. Crystal may very well be the one who provides the repair on that vehicle, coming full circle by giving back and pulling herself off government support--one car and one women served at a time!*

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The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart.

Helen Keller

### Business Cards

Do you have your Zonta business cards yet? If not, contact Julie Bradley to let her know what you want on them. She will mail them to you or bring them to a meeting.

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**WOMEN OF COURAGE**

Judge Iris Yassmin Barrios Aguilar of Guatemala was a 2014 recipient of the State Department's International Woman of Courage award.



As the president of one of two of Guatemala's High Risk Court Tribunals, Yassmin Barrios has made a career of taking on the most difficult and politically-sensitive cases. Such cases have confronted high-profile corruption, organized crime and drug trafficking, and human rights abuses occurring during Guatemala's 36-year internal armed conflict (1960-1996). Most strikingly, in 2013, Barrios served as the presiding judge in the genocide trial of former Guatemalan dictator Efraim Rios Montt. The trial represented the first time a former head of state was tried for genocide in his home country by the national judiciary. By initiating the judicial process against the former dictator, Barrios gave a voice to thousands of Ixil-Mayan victims, provided an important legal precedent for genocide cases worldwide, and demonstrated the importance of an independent judiciary.

However, on May 20th, 2013, the Constitutional Court of Guatemala overturned Montt's conviction, and in April 2014, Judge Barrios's judicial authority was suspended for a year due to a complaint against her by a lawyer who was involved in the trial, a move that appears politically motivated and that may undermine Guatemala's independent judiciary.

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**WOMEN LEADING CHANGE**

World Denver is planning their 2015 International Women's Day event on March 6, 2015 and are soliciting nominations for their **Women Leading Change** Award. The criteria for the award are great women who are:

*Aligned with WorldDenver mission: To strengthen and expand the community of engaged global citizens and organizations in Colorado*

*Her work has a positive impact on women around the world*

*A pioneer in her field or a role model*

*Colorado-based*

Nominations are due December 7<sup>th</sup>, and World Denver has requested help in getting out the word and getting some great nominations!

The link for the nomination form is <http://www.worlddenver.org/Resources/Documents/Nomination%20Letter%20and%20Form.docx>.

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**DECEMBER HOLIDAY PARTY**

**Details**

Date: Thursday, December 11  
Time: 5:00 pm  
Location: The Haven, 3630 West Princeton Circle  
Cost: None - food provided by members

Reservations to Marian Lee - email: [mlee@bhfs.com](mailto:mlee@bhfs.com), or work phone, 303-223-1256 by 10am Monday, December 8th.

Permanent Reservations:

The following members have permanent reservations:

- |                |                  |                 |
|----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Judy Allen     | Sheila Davis     | Kate Linscott   |
| Evie Ashmore   | Mary Lou Edwards | Judy McNerny    |
| Mary Benoit    | Nikki Headlee    | Nancy McWhirter |
| Alice Borodkin | Cynthia Herndon  | Wendy Moraskie  |
| Julie Bradley  | Kathy Hyzer      | Dorothy Swindt  |

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THANK YOU ALL FOR THE CARD AND THE WARM REMEMBRANCES OF MY MOM. SHE WILL BE MISSED. PLEASE SHARE WITH ALL AS I KNOW I HAVE SOME CARDS FROM THE SERVICE BUT NO RETURN ADDRESS. IT MEANT SO MUCH THAT YOU ALL CAME TO THE SERVICE.  
HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL,  
TRON: JACKIE SAMMONS

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Service Committee**

The Service committee has been very busy the last few months reading grant applications, making site visits and reporting back to the committee. The 2015 grant recipients were presented to the club and the new organizations were voted on by the membership at the November Zonta meeting. We will continue our partnerships with Open Door Ministries and Friends of the Haven. The new recipients are Second Chances and Friends of the Carpenter. We also will give a grant to one of our former grantees, The Delores Project. In addition, the club voted to support Zonta Wings, a fund that will be headed by Alexis, and will help local victims of trafficking.



**December 11th holiday party**

Join us for a fun filled holiday party at The Haven. The Haven is a 24-hour residential therapeutic treatment center for women with substance abuse issues. This is our second year for a holiday party there and we will have a potluck dinner, sing holiday carols, decorate the Christmas tree, and enjoy visiting with the clients there at the center.

The Haven is at 3630 West Princeton Circle in Denver

This will take the place of our regular meeting for December. The dinner will be at 6:00, but we are asking everyone to **come at 5:00 to help set up**. We are going to serve turkey and ham with lots of sides and dessert. If you have not had an opportunity to sign up, here is the link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f4aacac2da6fa7-holiday>.

Or if you would rather - you can call Julie B at 720-890-0125 to sign up as well! We still need:

- 25 baked sweet potatoes
- 1 green salad
- 1 fruit salad
- 3 desserts
- ice for the drinks

We are asking that all members participate. In addition, many of us have signed up to provide a gift for one of the Haven clients that she will receive on Christmas. Each woman will receive pajamas, a bra, two pairs of panties, and socks. There are still a few women in need of a gift. If you would like to sign up for a gift, here is the link for that: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084ea9ad23abfd0-holiday1> As of November 26, four women still needed a gift.

The dinner at The Delores Project was served on November 16. Olette really came up with a winner! We served fried chicken, macaroni salad, green bean casserole, a veggie tray with dip, rolls and butter, a variety of desserts, and soda. The women loved it! Thanks, Olette, Penny, Nancy, Judy Mc, Carin, Cynthia, Katie, and Julie for providing all the food.

~ Nancy and Julie

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**Fundraising**

Our committee will be meeting with Public Relations Committee at my home this Wednesday, December 3, at 6 PM. We will be reviewing tasks for the Day of Film on Mar 21, 2015. We will also have a guest of Nikki's come to help discuss ways to better utilize Facebook and social media. It is time to begin ramping up our PR efforts.

~Gwen



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**Advocacy**

The Advocacy Committee met by telephone on November 19. We discussed a range of topics, including how narrow a focus to take and what issues we would investigate. The results of our discussions will become evident in the new year (can it really almost be 2015?)

Do you have a topic you would like to know more about and/or do something about? Please let me, Beth, Mary Lou or Carin know!

~ Judy Mc



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**Membership**

There will be no regular club meeting this month.

A reminder that The Celebrity Bowling fun event will be held on February 8th. This will be a social event for members and their families.

~ Marian



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**DOMESTIC DIVA**

Here is a simple side dish that I made recently for a Hungarian themed Holiday party. Going to a potluck and need a vegetable dish? Give this one a try!

**Creamed Zucchini**

2 lbs zucchini - julienned  
2 TBSP white vinegar  
½ cup water  
1 tsp salt  
1 TBSP sugar  
1-1/2 TBSP butter  
2 tsp dill weed  
2 TBSP flour  
4 TBSP sour cream

Put Zucchini in 3 qt pan. Add Vinegar, water, salt, sugar, butter and ½ of dill. Bring to boil and simmer 8-10 mins. Mix flour and sour cream together and then add to Zucchini, stirring constantly until the sauce thickens. Serve with remaining dill sprinkled on top.

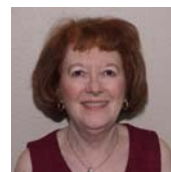
-Gwen

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

By the time you read this Thanksgiving 2014 will be a memory. We will be forging ahead to the holiday season. Someone in my family calls it the "silly season" and I couldn't agree more. As we mature do we get less silly? It is a thought to ponder. Being a bit sillier might help.



As you have probably guessed I am constantly searching for a topic and inspiration for my message to all of you. I recently read something that stirred up my few remaining brain cells. "Focus generates energy and productivity." WOW! How proud we are of our multitasking skills. But at the end of the day what have we finished and what have we accomplished? Are there a few things that we need to go back to? Will we have the time to go back or just not bother? I believe the reason this really struck me that I am getting ready to pack up and move from the office and store I have been in for 25 years. Of course with that comes the clean-up and purging of all the things I will kick myself for if I move them. How many things I have found half-finished. The things I didn't have the patience to complete. What a wake-up call. I know this has New Year's Resolution written all over it but why wait? Think about focus and what happens when we really do focus on the task at hand.

Speaking of focus, let's all focus on the Holiday Party for The Haven. With everyone's help it will be a great success. The sign-up sheets have been sent out by email. These sign-up sheets are for both food for the party and gifts for the women residents. The gifts are very practical.

I hope all of you received my message about the change of date for the Celebrity Bowling and Social Event. **The Celebrity Event will be held on February 8<sup>th</sup> instead of January 25<sup>th</sup>.** If you don't bowl it does not matter, having fun is what matters.

On **January 24<sup>th</sup>** Area 3 is trying something brand new. We will be having a combined **Area 3 Meeting and the Amelia Earhart Luncheon**. Over the years many things have been tried to encourage more participation. This is the newest and quite possibly the best idea yet. In the morning starting at **10 am** will be the area meeting lasting only 2 hours and then at noon the meeting will adjourn and we will move to the Amelia Earhart luncheon. Both of these events will be held at the Museum of Nature and Science. Our guest speaker will be Sharon Langenbeck from the Zonta Club of Santa Clarita in So. California. She is the past International Amelia Earhart Chair, now an International Director and the International Representative for District 12. She is a past recipient of an Amelia Earhart Fellowship. Sharon will present at our Area 3 Meeting and at the luncheon. In addition to having Sharon with us we will be joined by our 3 Amelia Earhart Fellows from CU Boulder. It will be very exciting to get to know Sharon and meet young women who have received fellowships. I am sure everyone will enjoy both events. So mark your calendars for January 24<sup>th</sup>, you won't be sorry.

Have a wonderful and peaceful holiday season. I am looking forward to seeing everyone on December 11<sup>th</sup> at The Haven.

-Mary

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UPCOMING EVENTS



**1 DECEMBER**  
World AIDS Day 

 More than **90%** of all health facilities in Rwanda are now able to provide rapid HIV testing through the finger prick method, which means that more than 3 million people were counseled and tested for HIV in 2013.

 **160** women delivered in the new Matyazo maternity facility, built with Zonta's support, in 2013.

 **397** women received prenatal care and were tested and counseled for HIV.

 All **16** babies born to HIV-positive mothers in 2013 tested negative for HIV at 18 months.

 **38** HIV-positive mothers and their families received nutritional support, clinical care and home-based follow-up, and promotion of adherence to treatment.

Learn more about Zonta's global impact and International Service Projects at [Zonta.org](http://Zonta.org).

Please see the reverse side of the card for more information on how you can support Zonta's mission.



Since 2002, Zonta International has provided US\$2.2million to support achieving an HIV-free generation in Rwanda with the US Fund for UNICEF. Rwanda is on track to achieve an HIV-free generation by 2015.



Please complete this card to submit your gift to the Zonta International Foundation International Service Fund to commemorate World AIDS Day

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**The Zonta Club of Denver II**

Invites You to Attend

**“Taking Flight With Zonta”**

**2015 Area 3 Meeting and  
Amelia Earhart Luncheon**

**January 24, 2015  
Denver Museum of Nature and Science**

**Area 3 Meeting and Luncheon \$50  
Guest at Luncheon \$35**

This year the Area 3 Meeting and the Amelia Earhart Luncheon are being combined to make it easier for people to attend both events. All three 2014 Fellows from CU and Zonta International Director Sharon Langenbeck will be there.

The Area 3 Meeting will start at 10 am and the Amelia Earhart Luncheon will begin at noon. Admission to the Museum is included. Guests attending only the Luncheon may enjoy the exhibits while the Area 3 Meeting is held and everyone can tour the museum after the meeting.

Registration information will be sent out early in December.

**CALENDAR**

Date	Event	Time	Location	Details
December 1	World AIDS Day			Donate to ZIF at <a href="http://www.zonta.org/donate">www.zonta.org/donate</a>
December 3	Fundraising/PR Committee meeting	6 pm	Gwen's 14 Beacon Hill Lane	
December 4	ZCD Board meeting	6 pm	Perkins, Buchtel and Colorado Boulevard	
December 11	Holiday party	TBA	Friends of the Haven	Service opportunity and celebration
December 21	Delores Project dinner	6:15 pm	Delores House	Service opportunity
January 24, 2015	Area 3 Meeting and Amelia Earhart Luncheon	10:00 am	Denver Museum of Nature and Science	Meet ZI director Sharon Langenbeck and the three CU Amelia Earhart fellows
March 21, 2015	Zonta Day of Film	TBA	SIE FilmCenter 2510 E Colfax	TBA
May 16, 2015	ZCD Garage Sale	TBA	Cynthia's house	Start collecting treasures now!

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