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Smoke Signal - December 2019

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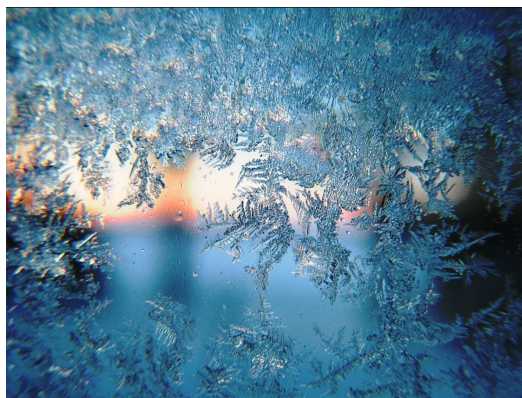
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**There is no winter without snow, no
spring without sunshine, and no
happiness without companions.**

Korean Proverb

December Holiday Party

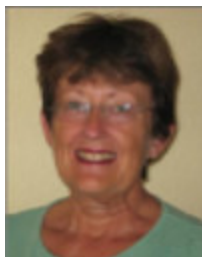
Date: Thursday, December 12th
Time: 5:00 p.m.
Place: Dottie's place
22098 Tyrolite Avenue
Parker, CO 80138

Please RSVP on SignUp Genius
(see Membership Committee report)
or to Veronica Hoegler by voice mail
or text at 303-424-2811, or at
vehoegler@comcast.net.



Zontians assembling for the Veterans Day Parade
Celebrating Zonta's 100th birthday and Votes for Women Centennial

Message From Our President



If November showed us anything, it was how efficiently and effectively all of our committees are operating. Congratulations to: **Service** for investigating grant applications and bringing us some great entities to support through the coming year and for setting up our Christmas party at The Haven; **Advocacy** for planning and facilitating our wonderful Veteran's Day Parade; **Membership** for researching and setting up a new restaurant and speakers for our meetings and for a social event at Lena's; **Fundraising** for finding a super movie for our Day of Film and for all of the set up to that event; **PR** for putting out the Smoke Signal each month and for working on improving our website; **Pam Staves** for setting up the Metro breakfast and our student speaker; **Finance** for looking forward to our future club needs, and of course to the board for making sure our club runs smoothly month to month. We are truly blessed with a

membership that loves to find ways to serve women. Thank You All!

You may have seen the message by our ZI President, Susanne von Bassewitz. I was inspired by her message. She said, "Like you, I envision a world where: All women live without fear of domestic violence and being attacked by strangers and harassed by male colleagues in their workplace; women are protected against rape in situations of conflict; girls can be girls and are not forced into a union that is called marriage; and displaced vulnerable women and girls can focus on building resilience. Zonta International is working toward making this a reality."

You can all meet Susanne von Bassewitz at the ZI 2020 Convention in Chicago, and I am committed to encouraging all of you to go. This convention is relatively close to Colorado and will be less expensive to travel to than most of them have been. Once you go to a convention, I believe you will be further inspired in Zonta by knowing exactly what you are working so hard for. Please put this event on your calendar – we will be talking about how our club can help you make this trip come true.

We look forward to celebrating with you at our Christmas party at Dottie Jenkin's home and wish you all a very lovely holiday season and a Happy New Year!

~ Mary Lou Edwards

Ideas for Beginning Advocates

Zonta International's mission is to empower women worldwide through service and advocacy.

I think we've got the service part down pat, don't you? But advocacy? That's a little tougher as it is a fairly recent part of our Zonta "job" description. Here are some ideas to help get started by gathering some facts.

You should have been receiving daily emails from Zonta District 12 since November 25 (International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women) the first day of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence. If you're like me, you may not have been reading the emails. We've been getting these for several years now and, frankly, the

last time I paid much attention, they weren't that interesting. This year, though, each email deals with a different topic. Day 1 was about the 16 Days campaign; Day 2, child marriage...you get the idea. Armed with some of the facts that are presented in the emails, or in other sites linked to the article, you'll have hard information and be in a better position to talk to friends, family and acquaintances about the issues we Zontians care about.

If you've deleted any of the emails (they will keep coming until December 10 (Human Rights Day), let me know; I'll be happy to forward them to you!

Also, the New York Times recently named the ten best books of 2019. One of its five best nonfiction titles is *No Visible Bruises*, a book about domestic violence that I touted as a page-turner (honest!) back in the August *Smoke Signal*. I can't think of a less painful way to learn about the warning signs of intimate partner violence.

~ Judy McNerny

News from Hope House

Lisa Schlarbaum, Director of Development at Hope House, was named a 2019 National Philanthropy Day Honoree as Outstanding Professional Fundraiser. Hope House received an \$8,000 service grant from our club last year.



The Denver Post, in YourHub, reported:

"Schlarbaum's journey began when she donated a crib. She was well into a successful career in corporate sales when she took the crib to Hope House, a program that helps teen moms break the cycle of poverty. Hope House inspired her, drawing her in first as a volunteer and then as a board member. In 2012, she took on the job of director of development.

She has since led Hope House to double-digit growth in revenue every year since her arrival, while also leading the organization in a successful capital campaign. The capital project, which will double the size of Hope House, was originally projected at \$3 million, but when costs rose to more than \$5 million, Schlarbaum led the organization with enthusiasm to meet the new goal.

During this time, she drew others into the organization, quadrupling the number of volunteers at Hope House and even inspiring the young moms living there to get involved in the capital campaign themselves, raising money through birthday fundraisers and social media."

A Word from the Treasurer



A week or so ago we sent out an email to let everyone know about our addition to the King Soopers Community Rewards that our club can now participate. Supporters earn rewards on most items every time they shop. However, there are specific items that are not included : alcohol, tobacco products, government-assisted pharmacy expenses, postage stamps, Kroger Co. Family of Stores Gift Cards, Green Dot reloadable products, MoneyPaks, 1-2-3 Rewards Reloadable Visa Prepaid Debit Card, ReCharge Cards, American Express Variable Load Gift Cards, Visa Variable Load Gift Cards, MasterCard Variable Load Gift Cards, bottle deposits, lottery and promotional tickets, money orders, Western Union, fuel and sales tax are excluded from eligible purchases. Eligible pharmacy purchases include out-of-pocket co-pays for nongovernment assisted pharmacy programs.

If you are unsure of what to do – please see me at a meeting or give me a call and I will walk you through it. This money will go towards Operating budget of our club. Our club ID for King Soopers is GP737 or you can also search for Zonta Club of Denver to sign up.

We also have looked into Amazon Smile and have gotten information back from them that we cannot be part of their program unless our foundation is changed and qualifies for a specific government listing. We could change it – but as I read online since we are a small group, we may not find that

feasible. (The donation from Amazon must go to our Foundation AND is .5% of sales. Meaning a half of one percent so if you spent \$100 on Amazon the Foundation would get 50 cents. I am not sure we could get enough sales and people signing up for us.) It might be better to sign up for Zonta International where money from 28,000 members would really add up. The board will talk about this.

~Julie Bradley

Committee Reports



MEMBERSHIP

Please join us for our annual holiday party at Dottie Jenkins' on December 12 at 5:30 pm. We would love to have a full house! You may RSVP and sign up for dishes to bring at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f4aacac2da6fa7-2019>. There are still a few slots to fill to complete our holiday feast:

- 4 bottles of white wine
- 2 bottles of red wine
- 1 turkey breast sliced
- 1 hot finger food

And please keep in mind the holiday gift of inclusion, by inviting your friends who may be interested in Zonta. We would love to meet others and include them in our fun and meaningful participation by supporting women and girls locally and worldwide.

January's meeting will be a "dining in" event on January 9 at Gwen Fornia's home. A potluck sign-up will be circulated later. The idea is for you to donate to the Zonta International Foundation what you would have spent dining out. We hope

for 100% ZCD participation in giving to ZIF at this annual event.

~ Veronica Hoegler

FUNDRAISING

Great News from Fundraising: I have found and connected with the licensing authority for the film *I Was a Child Bride*. I also found the person to request a booking for the picture *Maiden*. The person at the former was hopeful but did not commit to a date for an answer. So I hope that by this time next month we will have the name of the film for our Day of Film.



Day of Film – Let’s increase the number of sponsors this coming year. Here’s how you can help right now: make a list of people you work with professionally. This could be your doctor, dentist, accountant, lawyer, audiologist, hairdresser, therapist, masseuse, private trainer, essential oils provider or even the house cleaners. Write down their name or their firm’s name and address. Think of these people as potential sponsors. They may give \$300 or they may when approached give \$2,000. Most people don’t contribute until they are asked for a donation. When we send them a sponsor request letter we will ask you to write a sentence or two to invite them for a contribution; this “warm contact” makes it easier for your professional to give. The more people we contact the greater our chances of getting a new sponsor. So please send the list to me at jscotland@gmail.com or to Mary Lou at rhmlledwards@aol.com. Remember, the money we raise goes for a very special single mother’s scholarship and an agency that helps to empower vulnerable women. Isn’t that why you joined Zonta? And your professional may thank you for the opportunity to help as well as see a great movie.

Symphony Tickets – Tickets are \$40 per performance per person. Checks are made out to Wendy Moraskie who gets us tickets at a discount. Please **give** the ticket money to Cynthia

Herndon along with the name of the performance you and your friend would like to attend. She gets it to Wendy.

Winter Concerts: If you get your money to Cynthia by Dec. 12 you can still go to the Sunday Dec. 22 Holiday Brass performance.

Spring Concerts:

Pirates of Penzance - Friday, January 31, at 7:30
Carnival of the Animals - Sunday, March 15, at 2:30 pm
Holst the Planets - Friday, April 17, at 7:30 pm
Band Classics - Saturday, May 16, at 7:30 pm

Cynthia would like to know as much ahead of time as possible which concerts you would like to attend and how many tickets you will need. So email her with your plans at cherndon81@yahoo.com.

Next meeting is Dec. 3 at 5:30 pm at Jeanette's.

~ Jeanette Scotland

PUBLIC RELATIONS

We are making steady progress on a redesign and update of the club website. Do you occasionally notice something on the website that is out of date or otherwise needs revision? If you do, please shoot me an email with details (the URL of the page in question would be helpful) so we are sure to change it.



~ Kathy Hyzer



SERVICE

Interested in volunteering at the Hope House Christmas Store? This is where moms use the points they've earned all year to shop for Christmas gifts for their children. The Hope House

Christmas Store will be held on Saturday, December 14, at Red Rocks Church - Arvada (7100 Wadsworth Blvd, Arvada, CO 80003). They need volunteers to sign up for 2.5 hour shifts throughout the day to either serve as a "personal shopper" (helping an individual teen mom pick out gifts based on the points she has earned), childcare provider (watching kids while their moms shop), gift wrapping, and more. If you can help out that day, click [here](#) to sign up

~ CJ Long

ADVOCACY

The Advocacy Committee needs your help! Please sign up to present an Advocacy Moment at a club meeting or prepare an Advocacy Article for the Smoke Signal. The Sign Up Genius page can be found [here](#). You will see there are still lots of openings!



~ Dawn Bali

Club Calendar

Club Meetings

December 12, 2019

5:00 pm

Dottie Jenkins' home

January 9, 2020

5:00 pm

Gwen Fornia's home

February 13, 2020

Rendezvous Restaurant

Grant Awards Dinner

Special Events

2020 Day of Film

March 28, 2020

2020 ZCD Garage Sale

May 16, 2020

Zonta International Convention

July 4-8, 2020

Chicago, Illinois

Save the dates!

Register [here](#).

Mark Your Calendar!

Zonta International 2020 Convention

4 July - 8 July 2020

Chicago Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile, Chicago, IL, USA

Join us for the 65th Zonta International Convention in Chicago, USA. Registration is open.

The Convention website is convention.zonta.org.



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Zonta Club of Denver Meeting Minutes

Nov 14, 2019, LUCY'S at 5:30

CALL TO ORDER

President- Mary Lou Edwards called the meeting to order at 5:30.

Dinner

Speakers

Mary Kate Morr with Rocky Mountain Microfinance Institute was introduced by Mary Benoit.

This is Denver based which supports Women's economic opportunity for the disadvantaged. A graduate from the 12 week program discussed how her ecofriendly commercial cleaning business started along with the assistance the institute gave her.

Secretary-Sara C. Ball

Minutes from the Oct club meeting were approved as amended _____.

Mary Lou stated her club goal was for every member to attend Zonta's International Convention in Chicago, Ill in July 2020. She wants our club to help facilitate those members who need financial assistance.

Mary Lou stated that the Billings Conference was wonderful and one of the better district meetings.

The District Website password has changed.

Committee Reports

Membership-Veronica Hoegler

Members asked if salad could be added to the set menu. Veronica will ask.

December 12 at 5:30 our Christmas Party will be held at Dottie Jenkin's home. Signup sheet for heavy appetizers is being passed around. Julie will also post a sign up on Genius.

January 9 at 5:30 our club meeting will be held at Gwen's house. This meeting will discuss Zonta International Foundation projects. In particular, how our donations are being spent. This will be a potluck. A sign up on Genius for the potluck will appear later in the month. Members are asked to donate the cost of their meal to the Foundation. Our club has been recognized for our International donations.

The February, Grant Receipts Meeting will be held at the restaurant in Heather Gardens.

Service-C.J. Long

Theresa Blumberg, WVOC- Clermont Commons, thanks the club for these current donations. However, the WVOC will be dissolved Jan 1st 2020. WVOC board members are in different times of their lives and no longer available for the time commitment. Theresa thanked the club for their generous past support.

Christmas at the Haven will be on Dec 6. The committee will be taking dinner. The signup sheet is being passed around.

If interested in the Santa Claus Shop please contact Linda Rhea.

Discussed the 4 grants.

'Boys Hope, Girls Hope'-\$8,000-This will fund 36 high school girls for one year to attend college prep year around school. The girls apply in the 8th grade and their parents must have buy in. They will attend Regis or Aurora Central. The grant money will support transportation, staff, books and dinner. The summer program is for social skill development. The program is a comprehensive program is to break generational poverty.

Extended Hands of Hope-\$8,000 grant for their new project "Simply Good Cupcakes". This is a program for survivors of sex trafficking to learn how to operate a business. The grant will purchase a van for deliveries and appointments.

Denver Children's Choir at Hill High school-\$8,000-The grant will enable six low income girls from Lincoln High school to attend the choir. The money will provide local and outside of state transportation cost. Regardless of race or economics singing is an equalizer and empowers the choir members.

Open Door Ministries-\$10,000-This is a program Zonta has supported in the past. The grant is for Te Veo House, a transition shelter for homeless women. The women learn value, commitment, rule and structure. The shelter is available for one day or up to a year for the women. The shelter is partnered with an anti-human trafficking program. 4 beds will be available to house victims at a moment's notice. Currently the shelter has capacity for 8 and would like to grow to 16.

The service committee moved that the club approve these service projects. The club approves and these service projects will be presented to the Trustees.

Shelia stated that Zonta International is promoting a new pilot scholarship in Technology. Women are behind the times in IT. Shelia is seeking \$1,000 for a scholarship to be awarded in Sept 2020. This grant will be presented to the Trustees for a vote.

PR-Kathy Hyzer

Kathy is meeting next week with the web designer to create a mobile, friendly, secure website that donations can be made to.

Advocacy-Dawn Bali

The Veterans Day Parade was a big success. Mary Lou thanked Dawn for organizing our involvement, Mary Benoit for the use of her business's parking lot and Julie for making the signs. Governor Boysen walked in the parade. She gave our club an award and a donation for supporting Zonta's Centennial Anniversary.

Fund Raising –Jeanette Scotland

Jeanette discussed some of the options for the Day of Film.

There are a couple options for the film. However, having difficulty determining how to get the film. The films are Saving Faces, Maiden and Child Bride.

If interested in Symphony tickets, please contact Cynthia by next week.

Meeting adjourned with no other business at 7:30

Secretary Sara C. Ball