



# Smoke Signal



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## March 8th is International Women's Day & Zonta Rose Day

One day each year, women & Zontians from around the world have a very special reason to celebrate: International Women's Day and Zonta Rose Day on March 8th.

The United Nations established International Women's Day in 1977 to celebrate the rights of women and international peace. However, the history of the day stretches back to the early 1900's, when women around the world were fighting for their rights. Women's organizations used the day to rally support for their causes: from the universal suffrage movement, to the protest of poor working conditions.

Today, women and men spend the day reflecting on

women's progress in many ways.

In the months leading up to March, Zonta Clubs are encouraged to create annual events that will:

- \* Celebrate progress made and outline future steps to improve women's equality;
- \* Unite women's organizations to encourage collaboration;
- \* Generate contributions for the Zonta International Foundation Rose Fund;
- \* Create visibility for the organization.

- Special Points of Interest this month:
- Service Grant Recipients at February Meeting!
- Initiation of new member Carroll Allen

## President Linda's February Message...

I ♥ Zonta!!!! 2006 started with such flourish for the Zonta Club of Denver, it makes my heart sing!!!

First of all, our year started in the appropriate mode – helping others!!!!!! Thank you to everyone who participated in the Blanket-making Meeting for our Teen Parent's Program at Denver Kids. Thank you to Diane Twinning and Jacki Sammons for all they did to put the program together. Everything they do is first class. Julie Bradley and Cathy Conley are a dynamic duo at arrangements. Marjorie Pickett, thank you for the wonderful Godiva chocolate!!!! I know the babies will be comforted in their blankets made with so much love.

Next, it was marvelous to see our club so well represented at the Amelia Earhart Dinner. I am always so proud of our members and their enthusiastic support of everything Zonta!!! It was wonderful the hear Amelia Earhart speak. What a fabulous young lady. I am inspired by such a young girl who understands the gift she has in her name and is using it to help young children. I know we will hear more about her in the future. For now we can hear her progress as the 850 KOA Traffic Reporter. She is learning to fly and hopes to retrace each of her namesake's flights in order. I imagine she has rewritten the

end of the last flight!!!

As we go forward, our next meeting is always a highlight of the year. We will meet our Service Grant Recipients!!! It is always a joy to know we have made a difference for these organizations. This is one of the best meetings to invite potential members. Your friends and colleagues will really know what Zonta is all about. And as they feel this enthusiasm for our mission, it is a great time to invite them to join.

Speaking of service, I know the service committee wants your feedback. Several years ago we lost a few members because we did not do enough hands on service. The club members told us at that time they wanted projects we could do together as a group to get to know each other better. We found many activities that everyone seemed to enjoy and participation and positive feedback was high. Lately, some of the activities have had to be cancelled for lack of signup. Feel free to let me know what you think or contact Beth Mundell as chair of the Service Committee. The goal of the club is always to provide a broad spectrum of involvement activities to meet the needs of our members.

Next, I hope to see many of you on February 12 as we see the female version of the Odd

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### Board of Directors Meetings:

**Zonta Club of Denver  
2005-2006  
Board of Director's  
Meetings**

The board will be meeting at President Linda Rhea's home on the 4th Thursday of each month.

- February 23rd
- March 23rd
- April 27th
- May 25th



*February Birthdays*

- Kate Linscott—14th
- Carol Glenn—18th

### Web site Registration



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Couple and enjoy each other's company at dinner at the Melting Pot.

Another fun area event coming up is Trivia Night with the Zonta Club of Douglas County. We have 3 full tables so far and have room for more. This event is a great opportunity to test your knowledge, learn a lot of useful information and have a great time while advancing not only the status of women but also the mental health of our members with laughter and fun.

The last event I want to be sure you have on your calendars is our Area Meeting April 22, 2006. It will be held in Larkspur with the Zonta Club of Douglass County hosting. Trafficking will be the topic and it will be a great opportunity again for hands on service.

In closing, thank you all for all you do in creating events, supporting events, inviting members to join, contributing time and money to our projects and living the mission. You are in the top 1% of women worldwide. You are not only a professional woman in business, by your attitude and actions you inspire other women to believe they can improve their life. I applaud you all!!!

Best wishes to you and those you love for a magnificent Valentine's Day filled with love!!!!

*"Wherever you go, go with all your heart" Confucius*

### *February General Meeting*

**When:** Thursday, February 9th  
5:30 pm. cocktails  
6:00 p.m. dinner

**Where:** Four Points Sheraton Hotel  
I-25 & Hampden Ave.

**Cost:** \$ 30.00

**Please RSVP to Cathy Conley at 303-691-6926 (home) or 720-249-5889 (work) and leave a message. Remember—you must make your reservation by Monday, February 6th at noon. If you are on permanent reservation list you must call to cancel by noon Monday.**

#### **Program:**

Service Grant Recipients  
New Member Initiation—Carroll Allen

#### **Menu**

Spring Mix with Goat Cheese Crumble, Strawberries & Pecans with Raspberry Vinaigrette  
Grilled Salmon with Lemon Butter  
Wild Rice  
Chef's Choice of Vegetable  
Mango Sorbet & Fresh Berries  
Coffee/Tea

*Permanent Reservation list—Should your name be listed here?? If so, call Cathy.*

- Judy Allen
- Evie Ashmore
- Mary Benoit
- Julie Bradley
- Cathy Conley
- Linda Corssmit
- Sheila Davis
- Robin Forti
- Nikki Headlee
- Cynthia Herndon
- Dottie Jenkins
- Nancy Koontz
- Kate Linscott
- Dolores Lowery
- Judy McNerny
- Beth Mundell
- Marjorie Pickett
- Linda Rhea
- Dorothy Swindt
- Diane Twining
- Joetta Williams

# Service & Status of Women Committee

## VOLUNTEERING IN 2006!

The topic of discussion at the Service/Status of Women Committee (scheduled January 31<sup>st</sup>) will be service opportunities for our club in the upcoming year. It has been previously discussed that a survey will be distributed to the general membership to see what volunteer/services are supported for ongoing commitment and if there are other opportunities to be researched. It seems that the smaller numbers of our club in recent years has had impact on all volunteer projects. The goal will be to find meaningful opportunities that are supportive our mission statement, and are at a variety times/places to provide a broader range of opportunities to serve the variety of membership we currently have in Zonta Club of Denver. Look for a survey via email and at the February meeting to see what direction the club would like to head.

### SERVICE/ STATUS OF WOMEN COMMITTEE NEWS

Award Letters for Service Grants were mailed and personal phone calls made to the award recipients. We had terrific agencies submit proposals this year and difficult decisions were made. In the letters sent to the agencies we needed to turn down, they were invited to call Beth Mundell and discuss what they may want to consider in the 2006-2007 funding cycle.

The Service Committee Recipients will be attending the February 9<sup>th</sup> meeting to receive their checks and give a brief talk about their organizations/projects...don't miss the opportunity to meet these terrific people!

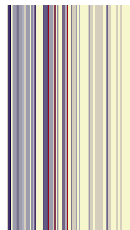
### RONALD McDONALD HOUSE

Volunteers needed for all three dates!

February 20<sup>th</sup>

March 20<sup>th</sup>

April 18<sup>th</sup>



### UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES !!

Yellow Rose Day – March 8<sup>th</sup> – will need volunteers to deliver roses to the women we recognize that day. Sign up now or at the meeting in February!

Teen Mom Graduation Party in May – last year's party was so successful, we want to continue the opportunity in 2006. More information coming in the near future!



### IMAGINATION LIBRARY

The “glitch” was corrected and books for January were sent. No problems are anticipated for February and the books will be sent out the second week of the month.

Currently we have 280 children signed up

and receiving their books.

### BONFILS - Start your 2006 with a generous gift of life!

Please remember that our Zonta Club of Denver is registered with the Bonfils Blood Center as a donor group. We will get recognition in the Bonfils printed list of donors. Please give our registration number **5675** or mention **Zonta** when asked if we are donating in the name of a group.

Bonfils website ([www.bonfils.org](http://www.bonfils.org)) has information about blood drives, donor centers, eligibility, recipient stories and how to make appointments. If you have questions about eligibility, please call 303/363-2202

The members of Zonta Club of Denver are committed to the support and well-being of our community, our club, and ourselves, by improving the status of women and children and upholding the Objects of Zonta International.

#### ZONTA CLUB OF DENVER MISSION STATEMENT

(Adopted Nov, 13, 1997)

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*Zonta Club of Denver General Meeting Minutes January 12, 2006*

The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm at the American Legion post in Edgewater. President-elect Sheila Davis presided.

**Invocation:** Cathy Conley gave the invocation.

**Guests:** *Carol Walton was the guest of Linda Rhea.*

**Program:** In lieu of a speaker, members stayed after the business meeting to make tied baby blankets for the Denver Kids Teen Moms program.

**Minutes:** November minutes were approved as printed in the Smoke Signal.

**Membership:** Cathy Conley presented Marjorie Pickett with an engraved crystal Zonta rose box. She also presented two items from Zonta International: the first a Certificate of Commendation signed by President Mary Ellen Bittner, the second a congratulatory letter from the Executive Director. Marjorie thanked the club for the events celebrating her 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary with Zonta.

There was discussion about continuing to meet at the Sheraton Four Points or changing to another location. Possibilities include the Executive Tower Inn downtown, Hyatt Tech Center, Embassy Suites on Hampden, and various locations in the Stapleton area. Julie Bradley and Cathy Conley are evaluating options and are open to suggestions.

The Amelia Earhart dinner is scheduled for January 19<sup>th</sup> at the Lakewood Elks Club. There was discussion about inviting a teacher and/or student guest. Jacki Sammons made a motion that the club use unallocated service funds to pay for three people to attend. Sheila Davis seconded and the motion passed.

**Service:** Beth Mundell presented the Service Committee's grant recommendations. She emphasized the committee's focus on projects benefiting the status of women, in keeping with the club mission statement. Funding for the Imagination Library was previously approved. There was discussion about losing sponsor status with Denver Kids, Inc. The current grant proposal reduces the operating expenses donation, but gives program money for Teen Moms. Jacki Sammons made a motion to approve the service committee's recommendations for the allocation of club service funds and club raffle money, and to accept the trustees' allocations to Zonta International foundations and local service funds. Kathy Hyzer seconded and the motion passed.

Beth plans to poll the membership about continued service to The Gathering Place.

**Fundraising:** The club is selling tickets to The Female Odd Couple production at the Littleton Town Hall Arts Center on Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. Prices are \$24 and \$30, including \$10 per ticket for the club. Sheila Davis will e-mail information to members and to Area 3 presidents. Reservations are being made for an optional dinner after the show at the Melting Pot.

The business meeting was adjourned at 7:22pm.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Corssmit, Secretary

# Fund Raising Committee

## Amelia Earhart

Our club made \$338 at this dinner through silent auction and other items we had for sale. Thanks to all Zontians who donated items to be sold.



### Theater Event – Valentine Fundraiser



Forty five tickets have been sold for the Odd Couple-Female Version playing at the Littleton Town Arts Center on Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds for the club are \$470. Tickets will be mailed out the week of January 30<sup>th</sup> along with information regarding parking etc. Details for those enjoying dinner at the Melting Pot restaurant following the show will also be included.

## Sale on Cookie Mixes

Cookie mixes will be sold for \$4 a jar at the February dinner meeting in an effort to clear out the inventory. Oatmeal, chocolate chip, and candy bar cookie mixes will be available. Please help support the club (and get rid of the cookie mixes) by purchasing a jar at this very low price.



## Garage Sale

Start saving your garage sale items now! A spring sale is planned for Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at Cynthia Herndon's house. No clothing will be accepted, as

it doesn't sell well.

## Fall Shopping Spree

The fundraising committee spent a significant amount of time discussing feedback from members, vendors, and themselves on the Fall Shopping Spree. The committee voted on whether or not to have a shopping spree again this year based on the time spent and the

money made (\$2,700). The vote was evenly split. Two options regarding 2006 fundraisers were then developed as follows:

1. Do a non-fundraiser in September. Each member will be asked to write a check as a donation. Suggestions for the amount of the donation:

- \* *equivalent to the amount of purchases she might have made at the shopping spree*
- \* *amount of pay she might have given up if taken off work to help at the fundraiser event*
- \* *some subset of wages she might have made for hours worked on the fundraiser based on pay at her regular job*

**Or**

2. Do the Fall Shopping Spree again with all members assigned a duty before and during the fundraiser.

**And**

## Continue to do the Theater Events and Garage Sales

This proposal was presented to the Board at their January meeting with a request to take it to the membership for a vote. This request was granted. The proposal will be discussed at the February dinner meeting, and voted on by written ballot at the March dinner meeting. Please take a careful look at the proposal as it effects everyone in the club and our ability to provide \$\$\$\$ for future service

## Ethiopian Dinner

### Silent Auction

- \* Fine Ethiopian Fare
- \* Ghanaian Music & Dance
- \* Friday, Feb. 10th
- \* 6:30—8:30 pm
- \* Montview Presbyterian Church
- \* 1980 Dahlia St, Denver

All Profits will benefit the creation of the Wesley Girl's K-8 School Library in Ghana by Denver & Ghanaian student Volunteers in May 2006

**Tickets: \$25 Adults, \$5 youth 5-12 & 4 and under are free**

Sponsored by Regis University, The Africa Centre & Greater Park Hill Community, Inc

For more information or tickets, please contact Melissa Nix at 303-458-4217

(possible speaker at a future meeting)



Zonta Club of Denver  
Nominations for 2006-2007 Officers and Directors



It is time again for Denver Zontians to indicate their preference for officers and directors for the coming year and to guide the nominating committee in preparing the slate for the coming year. Only classified members are eligible to hold offices and directorships.

I suggest the following Zontians as officers of the Zonta Club of Denver for the 2006 to 2007 fiscal year (more than one name for each office will be appreciated):

President Sheila Davis—elected in 2005

President-Elect \_\_\_\_\_

Vice-President \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_

I suggest the following Zontians as directors for the two year term of 2005 to 2007 (two must be elected; if a director whose term has not expired is nominated for an office, there will be a need to elect a director to serve the unexpired one year term),

Directors

- Julie Bradley - Elected 2005 for 2 year term 2005 - 2007
- Dottie Jenkins - Elected 2005 for 2 year term 2005- 2007

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I suggest the following Zontians to serve as members of the nominating committee for the 2005 to 2006 fiscal year.

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One Past President must serve on the Board of the Zonta Club of Denver, see Bylaws.

If you are interested in serving on the Board, please include your name and interest on the appropriate line.

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Nominating committee: Evie Ashmore, Cynthia Herndon, & Diane Twining

Please return this form or the info by **February 15th** to one of the members of the nominating committee.

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

Feb 9th	General Membership—Grant Recipients	Apr 8th	Zonta Club of Foothills/Boulder—Annual Women's Authors Luncheon at Folsom Stadium,
Feb 10th	Ethiopian Dinner Fund-raiser for School in Ghana 6:30-8:30 at Montview Presbyt.	Apr 13th	Zonta Regular Meeting—elections
Feb 12th	"The Female Odd Couple" theatre event at Littleton Arts Town Center with dinner at the	Apr 17th	Ronald McDonald House Dinner
Feb 20th	Ronald McDonald House Dinner	April 22nd	Area 3 Meeting—hosted by Zonta Club of Douglas County—featuring additional info re: trafficking and information on service opportunities.
Feb 23rd	Zonta Board Meeting	Apr 27th	Zonta Board Meeting
Feb 24th	Smoke Signal Deadline	Apr 28th	Smoke Signal Deadline
Mar 8th	Zonta Rose Day & International Women's Day	May 11th	Annual Meeting—installation of officers
Mar 9th	General Membership Meeting	May 13th	Day of Caring for Breast Cancer Awareness
Mar 20th	Ronald McDonald House Dinner	May 15th	Ronald McDonald House Dinner
Mar 23rd	Zonta Board Meeting	May 25th	Joint Board Meeting
Mar 24th	Smoke Signal Deadline	May 26th	Smoke Signal Deadline
Apr 1st	Zonta Club of Douglas County Trivia Night		