



Smoke Signal



Membership Committee

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Your board has just approved two new members, who are now being invited to join the Zonta Club of Denver. They are Deb Heckart and Pam Dumonceau. Deb is sponsored by Carroll Allen and Pam by Nikki Headlee. Deb works in the Colorado Community College System and Pam has her own financial planning firm. They will be our 39th and 40th members and will be two wonderful additions!

That doesn't mean that our work is over. President Sheila, at our board meeting, conveyed her extreme desire that we meet our NET 7 goal! We started the year with 34 members and will be up to 40 when Deb and Pam are inducted. I'm sure I sound like a cracked record, but recruitment – and retention – is the responsibility of every member. And, let's down disappoint President Sheila!

Again, this year, the club is offering to pay the attendance fee for the Area 3 meeting for members who have joined within the past year. Those include Carroll Allen, Nancy Long, Nancy Wong, Amanda Megill, Robin Smith, Deb Heckart, and Pam Dumonceau. This is a wonderful opportunity for new, as well as those who have been members for a while, to enjoy the camaraderie of the clubs that belong to Area 3 as well as learn a bit more about our Zonta world. This year the event will be at Excelsior, one of the organizations to benefit from our funding.

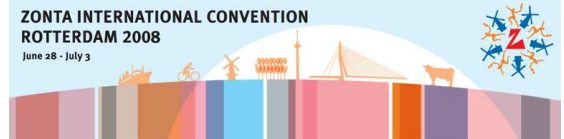
Special Points of Interest this month:

Area 3 Meeting—Save the date!

President:: Sheila Davis
Editor: Julie Bradley

Area 3 Director: Kay Meyer
Area 3 Vice Director: Diane Twining

Governor Dist 12: Bev Morrow



The 59th Zonta International Convention will be held in the Rotterdam Concert and Congress building [De Doelen](#)



It is the ultimate place for a wide range of events. Set right in the heart of dynamic Rotterdam this attractive and multifunctional building can be home to cultural, professional and educational activities.

Because it houses both a concert hall and a congress centre, de Doelen is exceptional attractive. This is emphasized by the building's functional architecture combining a typical 1960s style with a modern congress complex.



De Doelen has three complexes, each of which can be used separately; they are grouped around the Willem Burger Zaal, the Grote Zaal en the Jurriaanse Zaal. Each area of the complex has its own entrance, a main lobby, roomy foyers and auxiliary areas. The three complexes combined offer accommodation for up to 3,000 participants.

The congress centre is opposite the central railway station and is easy to reach via Rotterdam Airport, Schiphol Airport, only forty minutes away, or using the high-speed rail link from Brussels, London or Paris. A covered skywalk links de Doelen to hotel The Westin Rotterdam.

President Sheila's February Message...

As I look out the window of my home-office today, I see that it's snowing again!! It's the usual weekend snow-storm. I'm so tired of snow!!

I haven't seen David and Goliath (my two new dogwood bushes) since before Christmas. They've been completely snowed under. I guess if they can survive this winter, they can survive anything. The other day when the sun was shining, I was looking at my almost-three year old grandson's swing set out in the backyard. The slide was covered with snow that sparkled in the sunshine. There were icicles hanging off of the baby swing he used last year. It made me think of warmer weather, and how much fun he'll have on the swing set this spring and summer. (The baby swing has to go however). I enjoy thinking about the green grass, the trees in bloom, and the yard work I hope to do. I also enjoy thinking about how great our club will be this spring and during the upcoming year. We'll have 41 members. Many will be new members, and many will be happy, productive long-time members. Spring is always a fun time in our club, as it's easier to get out and about, and the days are longer, so we don't have all of our meetings in the dark.

Along the lines of being snowed under, Julie Bradley turned in her resignation as PR Chair last week. She is also taking a leave of absence from the club. She has been working many, many, long hours at the Salvation Army, and needs to back off other activities for now. I can't thank her enough for all the work she has done on the Smoke Signal, club website, directories, and business cards, not to mention all the work she has

done on the monthly dinners, Christmas parties, etc., etc., etc.. I will miss her terribly, and I know all of you will too.

We are in desperate need of someone who either knows the Publisher software or wants to learn it so the Smoke Signal can be created each month, along with many other printed materials we create throughout the year. We also need a web-master. Please let me know if you are interesting in taking over either of these responsibilities.

Another activity that needs some special expertise is the creation of professional looking signage for the Area 3 meeting coming up at the end of March. Our club will be hosting this event at Excelsior Youth Center in Aurora on Saturday, March 31st. It will be a fun and exciting time! We hope to have 80-100 attendees from the seven clubs that make up our area. There will be a panel of legislators from the Denver area to discuss women's issues and answer our questions. There will also be breakout sessions regarding money management, bylaws, and planning and communications. There will be a presentation on the history of Excelsior, and a tour of the facility after lunch. We are requesting that each attendee bring a new or gently used item for the girls. A list of items they need is here in the Smoke Signal. The planning committee members (Kay Meyer, Judy Allen, Carroll Allen, Linda Rhea, and myself) are working very hard to make this an exceptional area meeting. Please let one of us know if you would like to



help with making signs.

Maybe we will see our yards again in April or May?

Sheila

Board of Directors Meetings:

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

February 22nd
March 22nd
April 26th
May 24th
(Joint Old & New)

February Dinner Meeting

When: Thursday, February 8th, 2007
 5:30 pm. Cocktails
 6:00 p.m. dinner

Invocation: **Nancy Wong**

Greeters: **Kate Linscott**
Dorothy Swindt

Where: Four Points Sheraton
 I-25 & Hampden

Cost: \$ 30.00

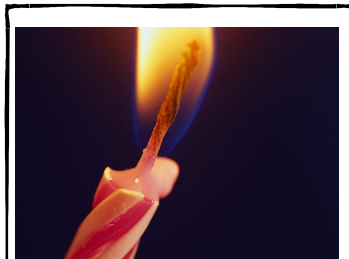
Please RSVP to: Nikki Headlee at 303-367-2401 and leave a message. Remember—you must make your reservation by **Monday, February 5th at noon.**

Program:
Grant Recipients
& New Member Induction

Menu:
Caesar Salad
with Hearts of Romaine & Ciabata Croutons
Grilled Salmon with Creamy Pesto Risotto,
Asparagus & Peperonata
Tiramisu with Mocha Sauce
Coffee & Tea

Member Info:

As of 1/1/07 Nikki Headlee's work phone & address is no longer good. She can be reached either at home 303-367-2401 or on her cell at 303-829-5350
 Congrats on your retirement Nikki!



Happy Birthday to our February birthday girls!
 5th—Carroll Allen
 14th—Kate Linscott
 15th—Nancy Long
 18th—Carol Glenn
 28th—Robin Smith

Permanent

Reservation list—Should your name be listed here??

If so, call Nikki

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

ZI Membership Survey

Zonta International is conducting a membership survey for this biennium. They have asked clubs to administer the survey in a club meeting rather than by mail or email. Our club members will be asked to take the survey at the February dinner . Please try to attend this dinner meeting as it will be the only opportunity to complete the survey.

Service & Status of Women Committee

Imagination Library

To date we have 194 children enrolled in Imagination Library through the Head Start Program. An address verification project is under way as per our agreement. Each center is verifying each child's address to make sure our books are getting delivered.

Thank you to all the sold subscriptions throughout the holiday season. Fourteen subscriptions we sold. What a great start.

Rose Day

Please send your recommendations for recipients for International Women's Day, which is March 8th, to Robin Forti at

raforti@msn.com.

Fund Raising!!

You have all received the invitation to the Yellow Rose Ball. Hopefully you can all participate.

It's finally here, the thrill of your life!

A benefit dance for you and your sweetheart or wife

The most delightful dance you will ever attend

For you don't have to come, it's money you send.

A gala affaire with no worry of dress.

No time frame to bare, and no real duress.

If champagne you have sitting up on the shelf,

No worry at all, just sip it yourself.

And then sit down and have dinner for all,

For you and your family have answered the call.

Area 3 Meeting

SAVE THE DATE:

Saturday, March 31, 2007

8 am—1 pm

for the

Area 3 Annual Meeting

at the Excelsior Youth Center Campus in Southeast Denver

Hosted by Zonta Club of Denver

Help your club advance by

–Leadership smarts-Planning & Communication

–Fiscal smarts-\$\$ Management, Investments, etc.

–Organizational smarts-Bylaws & Policies

"Taking it up a Level"

- ⇒ **Panel addressing Issues of concern to women in Colorado**
- ⇒ **Presentation by Excelsior Youth Center Staff & Tour of campus**

DON'T MISS IT!
Wit & With it



Excelsior Wish List

- ⇒ Towels & bedding
- ⇒ Pots and pans for transitional units
- ⇒ Alarm clocks
- ⇒ Gift certificates
- ⇒ Pajamas, robes & slippers
- ⇒ Suitcases
- ⇒ Radios
- ⇒ DVD players
- ⇒ Personal day planners
- ⇒ Computers
- ⇒ Gender specific and culturally diverse art work
- ⇒ A new stove
- ⇒ Art supplies
- ⇒ Cookware
- ⇒ Entertainment center for basement
- ⇒ Television
- ⇒ Socks, underwear, gloves, hats
- ⇒ Board games
- ⇒ Bathrobes
- ⇒ Hygiene supplies (toothbrushes, combs, brushes)
- ⇒ Craft supplies (paint, markers, paper, etc)
- ⇒ Bean bags, pillows for couch
- ⇒ Nightlights with no bulbs
- ⇒ School supplies (binders, notebooks, spirals, pens), educational videos & DVD's
- ⇒ Digital camera
- ⇒ Disposable cameras
- ⇒ Decorative items for couches such as fun pillows
- ⇒ Magazine subscriptions (i.e. O magazine, Teen People, Seventeen, etc.)
- ⇒ Books appropriate for all reading levels
- ⇒ Netflix DVD subscription
- ⇒ Entertainment center shelving to hold TV, DVD/VCR, and videos
- ⇒ Sports equipment
- ⇒ Digital alarm clocks
- ⇒ Fun slippers
- ⇒ Fun hygiene products
- ⇒ Sweatsuits
- ⇒ Body washes
- ⇒ Jewelry making kits
- ⇒ Karaoke machines
- ⇒ Puzzles
- ⇒ Twin Bed-in-a-Bag- Comforters for Comfort

Welcome New Members!

To be inducted at our February Meeting

Pam Dumonceau

Financial Planner

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303-770-1202, cell 303-503-4444

Email: pam@consistentvalues.com

Birthday: Sept 9th

Spouse: Steve

Sponsor: Nikki Headlee

Deborah Heckart

Higher Education

Office manager, Colorado Community College System

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Home/cell: 303-346-0778, fax 303-346-4334

Email: Gdeb701@aol.com or Dheckart@cccs.edu

Birthday: July 9th

Spouse: Gary Koldvke

Sponsor: Carroll Allen



Zonta Club of Denver
Nominations for 2007-2008 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 Nikki Headlee—elected in 2006

President-Elect _____

Vice-President _____

Secretary _____

Treasurer _____

I suggest the following Zontians as directors for the two year term of 2007 to 2009 (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

Robin Forti - Elected 2006 for 2 year term 2006 - 2008

Donna Hultin - Appointed 2006 to complete term of 2 years 2006- 2008

I suggest the following Zontians to serve as members of the nominating committee for the 2007 to 2008 fiscal year.

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.

Nominating committee: Linda Rhea, Diane Twining, Joetta Williams

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

Zonta Club of Denver General Meeting Minutes January 11, 2007

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

Guests: Attending as guests were Margaret Brawley, Karen Brawley, Katherine Barnes, Pam Dumonceau, Kiffie Hester, Deb Heckart, Adelle Montebianco, Katelyn Schwartz, and Alice West-Goers.

Invocation: Mary Benoit read a passage from Reflections by Sandra Stemmler.

Status of Women Moment: *Nancy Long spoke about micro loans. These very small loans might be for purchasing livestock, raising crops, or selling craft items, and help impoverished people improve their economic status.*

Member Moment: *Barb Pellegrin gave a history of the Zonta Chapel at University of Colorado Hospital. Leota Pekerul and Bobbie Razee started the chapel project in 1957, and it took three years to raise the \$10,000 budget. Artist Edgar Britton designed and created the bronze Tree of Life sculpture that hangs above the altar, as well as the wooden carvings around the door. At this time, the pews need to be refinished and the book holders need repair.*

Program: Margaret Brawley spoke about the empowering women. She noted that women are responsible for 60-80 percent of food production in the world, yet 2 out of every 3 poor adults are women. Brawley spent two years in Uganda, where, together with two colleagues, she started the non-governmental organization (NGO) Communication for Development. The NGO helps people recognize and evaluate their behavior in order to improve their lives.

Also speaking at the meeting were Adelle Montebianco, Katelyn Schwartz, and Alice West-Goers of Regis University. They described their experiences with the Tinansa Project, which includes academic, leadership, and cultural, and social components. The project culminated in a trip to Ghana, where the young women stayed with Ghanaian families and furnished books for a girls' school library.

Minutes: Minutes of the November general meeting were approved as printed in the Smoke Signal.

Membership: The club will host Area 3 on March 31st at Excelsior Youth Center in Aurora. There will be a panel of current Colorado legislators, breakout sessions, and a tour of Excelsior. Members are asked to attend, and to bring a gently used item for the girls. The Amelia Earhart dinner is scheduled for Sunday, January 28th at the JeffCo Airport Runway Grill in Broomfield.

Service/Status of Women: Carroll Allen reported that grant recipients have been invited to the February general meeting. Grants will be distributed at the meeting and each recipient is asked to give a brief description his or her organization.

Fundraising: Invitations to the Yellow Rose Ball, the club's non-event fundraiser, will be sent out soon. The mailing list includes past vendors, grant recipients, and former as well as current ZCD members. Dottie Jenkins noted that the raffle netted \$1,400, but participation was disappointing. Tickets are available for a February 18th matinee performance of the opera Elixir of Love at the Ellie Caulkins Opera House.

New Business: Sheila recognized Mandy Ziegler for her contributions to the Teen Moms cooking class, and presented her with a yellow rose pin.

Upcoming Events:

- Zonta Club of the Pikes Peak Area Glass Slipper Ball, January 20th
- Amelia Earhart Scholarship Dinner, hosted by Zonta Foothills Club of Boulder County, January 28th

Area 3 meetings, hosted by ZCD, March 31st

Door Prize: Nikki Headlee won the door prize.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm. Respectfully submitted, Linda Corssmit, Secretary

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

Feb 8th	General Membership Meeting at Four Points Sheraton Hotel—Grant Recipients!	Mar 23rd	Smoke Signal Deadline
Feb 15th	Membership Committee Meeting	March 31st	Area 3 Meeting—Denver hosting at Excelsior!
Feb. 18th	Theatre Party: Elixir of Love Ellie Caulkins Opera House	April 12th	General Membership Meeting at Four Points Sheraton Hotel—election of new officers
Feb 22nd	Board Meeting at Sheila Davis's house	April 26th	Board Meeting at Sheila Davis's house
Feb 23rd	Smoke Signal Deadline	April 27th	Smoke Signal Deadline
March 8th	International Women's Day and Zonta Rose Day	May 10th	General Membership Meeting at Four Points Sheraton Hotel installation of new officers
March 8th	General Membership Meeting at Four Points Sheraton Hotel	May 24th	Joint Board Meeting
March 22nd	Board Meeting at Sheila Davis's house		