



Smoke Signal

CEDAW Needs You

By Diane Twining

Get off the couch, fix your hair, get in your car and be ready to carpool: the time for all Zontians to act has arrived!

WHEN: Friday March 7, 2008 @ 9 a.m. at the State Capitol.

WHAT: CEDAW (Convention to Eliminate all forms of Discrimination Against Women)

Having this Resolution presented and passed by our Colorado State Legislators has been an Area 3 project. We have a tentative date of Friday March 7, 2008 @ 9 a.m. for the general assembly's vote. Zonta can host a breakfast and inform the legislators about the importance of this convention and the treaty. A flyer with initial information is at the end of this issue.

Our goal is to have an impressive showing of as many Zontians and friends as possible.



Knowing that all organizations (including our elected representatives and their staffs) respond positively to food, we are planning on having baked goods and a table at the State House the morning the Resolution is being presented.

» **ACTION** – We need you to be part of large group of Zontians there on Friday morning and to supply baked goods. Please tell me 303-271-1383 or 303-921-4058 if you can bring goodies and help educate the legislators. would be a wonderful show of support for this important piece of legislation.

If you have any questions or need assistance please contact me.

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President Nikki's Message



"To err is human, but it feels divine."

Mae West

First, I want to thank Kathy Hyzer and her committee for a fabulous Amelia Earhart dinner and program. I also want to thank our members for their terrific support of this event.

It's NOMINATING TIME! Like Christmas, it rolls around each year about the same time but always seems to surprise us.

Too often I see in Zonta clubs and other organizations a reluctance to "step up to the plate." Zonta International is a fabulous organization. We all joined the Zonta Club of Denver because we believe in its objects and mission. No organization, though, can run successfully and achieve goals without leadership.

It is an honor to be a part of the leadership of our organization, whatever the level, from our Zonta Club of Denver on up to International. If you are asked to take a leadership position and to help guide your organization, consider it a wonderful compliment. So often we all have complaints about how an organization is run, or why they do or don't do this or that, and on and on and on. If you have any of these feelings, you can put yourself in a position to help effect changes, guide your organization, and mold its future by accepting a position on the Board. Is it work? Yes! Is it fun? Yes!

Speaking of fun, don't forget that Wendy Moraskie can get half price tickets for both the symphony and the chorus. I got two tickets for friends of mine. They gave a donation to Zonta of \$30 when I thought \$10 per ticket would have been adequate. And, they still saved \$20! If you want to take advantage of this benefit, give Wendy a call. It's a great way to add a bit to our service dollars while you enjoy the arts.

January 26, 2008

Nikki



Area 3 Meeting Has a Lot to Offer

By Diane Twining

The Area 3 meeting will be your chance to learn more about personal financial planning and stopping domestic violence.

WHEN: Saturday April 12, 2008

WHERE: Table Mountain Inn, Golden, Colorado

The 2008 Area 3 Meeting promises to be fun and very informative. The newly 'blended' Zonta Club of Lakewood-Golden is our host and members are working to make this a memorable, valuable event.

A panel of experts on gender violence will present the latest information on this critical issue of importance for every woman. Lakewood-Golden members are developing breakout sessions related to personal financial planning and leadership.

Guests are welcome, as the morning promises to be informative for all community leaders. The \$40 cost includes a continental breakfast and lunch.

In other news, Saturday, March 8, is the International Day of the Woman. What are we planning? What have you heard? How can Zonta be involved? Call me (303-271-1383 or 303-921-4058), and let's work on a way to show our support for this day of recognition.



Michael Lindsey spoke about eradicating domestic violence at the January Dinner meeting and will address attendees at the Area 3 meeting. Note your photographer's focus on the

February General Meeting

When: February 14, 2008
 5:15 p.m. – Social Hour
 6:00 p.m. – Dinner

Where: Sheraton Four Points Hotel

Menu: Mixed Baby Field Greens and Garden Vegetables w/ 2 Dressing choices
 Grilled Marinated Sliced Flank Steak with a Wild Mushroom Madeira Sauce
 Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls & Butter
 Turtle Cheese Cake with Caramel Sauce
 Freshly Brewed Seattle's Best Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee, and Iced Tea

Cost: \$34.00

Greeters: Kathy Hyzer
 Judy McNerny

Inspirational Moment: Kate Linscott

Please RSVP to Cathy Conley at (303) 691-6926 (home) or (720) 622-0181 (work) and leave a message (or email at cathryn.conley@ge.com) by noon on Monday, February 11

Program: Presentation of Zonta Club of Denver 2008 Service Grants

Board of Directors

Zonta Club of Denver 2007-2008 Board of Directors Meetings (held at board members' homes)

February 21 (Host: Diane Twining)
March 20
April 24
May 22



UPDATE YOUR STATUS ON THE LIST!

- Please check the information on the right for the Permanent Reservation List.
- Those who are on the permanent reservation list do not have to call to make their reservation for the dinner meetings.
- If you plan on coming to every meeting—why not add your name if it is not on the list?

Permanent Reservation list

Should your name be listed here?

- Carroll Allen
- Evie Ashmore
- Mary Benoit
- Cathy Conley
- Linda Corssmit
- Mindy Craig
- Sheila Davis
- Pam Dumonceau
- Robin Forti Jennings
- Essie Garrett
- Nikki Headlee
- Deb Heckart
- Cynthia Herndon
- Dottie Jenkins
- Jennifer Koeller
- Kate Linscott
- Amanda Megill
- Judy McNerny
- Wendy Moraskie
- Beth Mundell
- Marjorie Pickett
- Linda Rhea
- Robin Smith
- Dorothy Swindt
- Diane Twining
- Joetta Williams

New Year: New Arrangements

After discovering before last month's meeting that the Sheraton Four Points did not have us on their schedule for 2008, the Membership Committee, especially Cathy Conley, has been working hard to schedule our meetings for the rest of the year.

We have a new contract, new meeting rooms, and a new price. Unfortunately, inflation has hit us again and we must increase the price of our meal to \$34 to cover the hotel's pricing for future meetings. (A potential *additional* \$3 hike—or change in meeting place—was narrowly averted, thanks to Cathy's persuading the hotel to waive its bartender fee!)

This month we will be meeting in Salon 1 at the East end of the hotel. Many of our future meetings will be in the West View Grille, the hotel coffee shop, just down the hall from the reception desk and behind the Evergreen Room where we were meeting last year.

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 guarantee on Monday afternoon, so if you don't make your reservation on time, you may have to snack from other members' plates! And, as always, we are billed 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.

Membership Committee Meeting

The next meeting of the Membership Committee is set for March 18, 5:30 at Judy McNerny's home.

Guests at the February Meeting see the Best of Zonta

Members who have been around for a while know that the February meeting is the most special one of the year. We present our service grants and hear from the recipients about the amazing projects for which they will be using our money.

What a great time to bring a guest and show them who Zontians are and what we do!

Be sure to come (take your sweetheart out to dinner the next night, when dinner prices will be back to normal!) and bring the friends, relatives and co-workers that you know are interested in Zonta's mission.

This is the best of all meetings to demonstrate what Zonta is all about. If you haven't already heard from a member of the Membership Committee reminding you to bring some guests, you will get a call soon.

**SAVE THE DATE
THE ZONTA CLUB
OF THE PIKES PEAK AREA
The Glass Slipper Ball
Saturday March 1, 2008**

I was honored attend this marvelous first time event for the Pikes Peak Club earlier this year in January. The attendance by other Zonta Clubs was not very good because we had such a horrendous winter. Please mark your calendars. Since the club has voted to accept the long range plan which includes a signature event of this type I believe it would be prudent for us to see an event like this in action. I know the club's proceeds were in excess on \$10,000.00. It was invigorating and energizing and well worth it.

Mary Benoit

Fundraising Committee Survey Yields Results, Raises Questions

By Jackie Sammons

At the November general meeting the membership brainstormed fundraising ideas. At the January Fundraising Committee meeting, we discussed each suggestion and then selected those that we believe deserve more investigation. One conclusion: a raffle will be considered if it can be combined with a major fundraiser.

The fundraising ideas list and members who have volunteered to do further research are listed below. If you are interested in assisting with the research, please contact the member listed.

- ◆ Denver Center Theatre Company with better promotion – Barbara Pellegren
- ◆ A High Tea at the Brown Palace - Deb Heckart
- ◆ Expand and Promote Rose Tea – no assignment
- ◆ Film Festival – Diane Twining
- ◆ Glass Slipper Ball – Mary Benoit and Dorothy Swindt are working to have the GSB consultant meet with us.
- ◆ King Soopers Coupons – Donna Hultin
- ◆ Partner with Gabby Gourmet for Chefs' Fundraising - Jacki
- ◆ Sale of Elitch's Tickets – Amanda Megill

It was agreed by the members that we will have our investigations completed before the March general meeting at which time the committee will report to the club. Thank you for participating with the Fundraising Committee.



New Member Info

If you haven't already done this, copy and paste our new member, Lisa Wright's, contact information on the "New Members" pages of your directory.

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Sponsor: Kathy Hyzer
Birthday: September 22

To Zonta Club of Denver Members and the Board of Directors:

It is with heartfelt appreciation that I thank you for the lovely Comfort Box with the tea, cookies, snugly socks, dried pink rose buds, the CD by Madeleine Peyroux, and the super book "Letters to My Younger Self, What I Know Now."

While reading this book, I keep wondering, with the wisdom of where I am now, to what age would I address my younger self and what would I say? Do I have several ages that I would like to address? Do I really have wisdom to share?

I am sure that I will work on a letter to my younger self and encourage the rest of you to do the same. It might be interesting to see what each of us learn from this experiment, not necessarily for sharing.

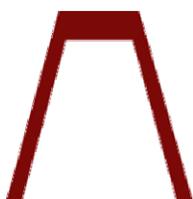
Thanks again, Jackie Sammons

The Zonta Symbol

See the explanation of the Symbol's use in the induction ceremony on page 7.



Inspiration



Loyalty



To Carry
Together



Shelter



Honesty
And Trust



The Zonta
Emblem

The Zonta Induction Ceremony and Explanation of the Zonta Emblem

President: The members of the Zonta Club of Denver are honored that you wish to join with us in service and fellowship. We welcome you to a global organization of executives and professionals working together to advance the status of women worldwide through service and advocacy.

Zonta International, a classified service organization of executives and professionals, is pledged to promote the objects of Zonta, which are:

»To improve the legal, political, economic, educational, health and professional status of women at the global and local level through service and advocacy

»To work for the advancement of understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of executives in business and the professions

»To promote justice and universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms

»To be united internationally to foster high ethical standards, to implement service programs, and to provide mutual support and fellowship for members who serve their communities, their nations, and the world.

Zonta takes its name from the Lakota Sioux Indian word meaning "honest and trustworthy." The Zonta emblem is just as familiar to members as is the word "Zonta," and there is an equally interesting story about its evolution.

The emblem is not simply a decorative design. It is an adaptation and composite of several Sioux Indian symbols which, when superimposed, take on a special significance for Zontians.

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Zonta Symbol and Induction (continued)

(See page 6 for symbols) What appears to be the letter "Z" is actually the Sioux symbol for "ray of light," "sunshine" or "flash of radiance"--and so by extension, "inspiration."

The second Sioux symbol means "to band together for a purpose" or "to stand together"--in a word, "loyalty". With loyalty, individual members band together into clubs, clubs into districts, and districts into Zonta International.

So loyalty surrounds the radiance and the inspiration as a familiar pattern begins to emerge.

The third sign is the Sioux way of saying "to carry together" Carrying together is a most important ingredient for the accomplishment of Zonta's purpose: to work for the advancement of understanding, good will and peace through a world fellowship of business executives and professionals.

The fourth sign is the Sioux symbol for "shelter." Zonta's many service projects are in a real and broad sense shelter for someone or something. And service is synonymous with Zonta. This symbol therefore lends itself importantly in significance and design, embodying Zonta's aims and aspirations.

The symbolism of the square is not exclusively Sioux, nor indeed is it exclusively Native American. It perhaps dates back even further than all of these other symbols in its representation of "honesty" and "trust"--strong and vital qualities with which to bind together the parts of the whole.

This symbol--composed of many symbols--became Zonta's emblem signifying a dynamic group of successful business executives and professionals who are loyal to the same inspired goals of service and world understanding with none but the most honest and trustworthy motives.

Membership in Zonta is an honor and a privilege. Every member has the opportunity and the pleasure of sharing Zonta with other prospective members according to the procedures in our club.

Every member also has responsibilities. Regular attendance, participation in club service projects, and support of our international programs is expected of all members.

If called upon for leadership responsibilities, you are expected to serve enthusiastically.

Zonta is strongly committed to the ideal of equality for all as expressed in the United Nations Universal Declaration on Human Rights. We are confident you will contribute your caring, enthusiasm and talents to our club.

President: Will you repeat the Zonta pledge with me: "I pledge myself to uphold and practice the ideals of Zonta."

New Member(s): I pledge myself to uphold and practice the ideals of Zonta.

President: Members of the Zonta Club of Denver do you receive [*new member*] as a member of this club and promise to work with her to further the ideals of Zonta International?

Membership: We do.

President (*speaking to new member*):

The fellowship of Zonta welcomes you. We ask your support in joining with Zontians worldwide in carrying out the service and advocacy work of Zonta.



Zonta Club of Denver was proud to welcome Lisa Wright into our midst during the January meeting.

Minutes: Dinner Meeting January 10, 2008 Hope United Methodist Church

Call to order and introduction of guests by Nikki Headlee was followed by members singing happy birthday to Wendy Moraskie, Marjorie Pickett and Amanda Megill.

Joetta Williams presented the inspirational moment which included a story about Amelia Earhart.

Judy McNerny gave the status of women moment.

Michael Lindsey of the Jefferson County Sheriff's office was the guest speaker of the evening. He gave a compelling presentation on the prevention of domestic abuse. This is a complicated, multi-faceted problem which needs many resources available to the victims.

First and foremost, though, there has to be "political will" for the fight against it. October is domestic violence awareness month. Last October there was a rally on the steps of the state capital and there were no politicians in attendance – no governor, no mayor, no city council members.

There is much work to be done in this area – both regarding the abuse and the seeming lack of interest by elected officials. Michael will be speaking at the Area 3 meeting on April 12th with more information.

Sheila Davis led the induction of new member Lisa Wright who was sponsored by Kathy Hyzer.

Approval was given for the minutes of the November general meeting.

Mandy Ziegler gave the financial report.

Committee reports were given by Judy McNerny for Membership, Linda Rhea for Service, Diane Twining for Fundraising, and Wendy Moraskie for P.R.

Linda Rhea reported on Advocacy. That committee is

working on getting CDAW passed.

The membership voted for Diane Twining to finish out Donna Hultin's term as Director from now until the end of May.

Sheila Davis gave a President's Report of her impressive year as head of the club during 2006-2007. Copies of her annual report were distributed.

Thank You notes were read from the Teen Moms for inviting them to the October general meeting and presenting them with gifts.

Two notes have been received from the Sammons family expressing thanks for everything done during the time immediately after the passing of Perry.

The door prize was brought by Linda Rhea and won by Barb Pellegren.

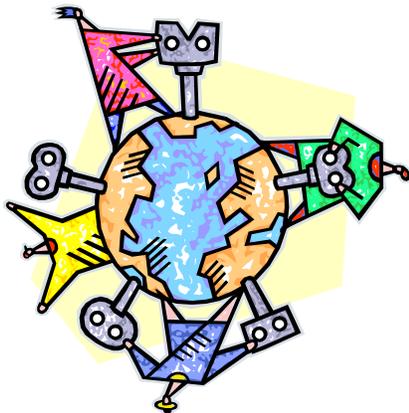
Upcoming events discussed were:

- » the Area 3 Amelia Earhart Dinner at the Soiled Dove in The Tavern at Lowry on 1/27,
- » the Zonta Club of Pikes Peak Glass Slipper Ball on 3/1,
- » the Yellow Rose Day on 3/8,
- » the Zonta Club of Douglas County annual Trivia Night,
- » the Area 3 Meeting on 4/12, and
- » the Zonta International Convention in Rotterdam starting 6/28.

All business being tended to, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by
Carroll Allen.





CEDAW*

The treaty for women's rights

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The Colorado
 General Assembly Hearing
 to vote the
 Colorado CEDAW Resolution
 up or down
 is tentatively scheduled for
 9:00 AM, March 7, 2008.

Fellow
 Zontians:

Zonta has an opportunity
 to host a breakfast
 in the Capitol that morning
 to provide information on the resolution, &
 why it's important, the treaty itself, and
 Zonta's mission.

We
 Need
 Your
 Help

- 1 **Babble Boldly (& coherently) to support this resolution***
- **Bring Baked Goodies for the Breakfast**
- **Be there—Show up at the Hearing & Be counted.**

*CEDAW: Convention to Eliminate all forms of Discrimination Against Women.

~ Area 3 Advocacy Taskforce Members will be helping to coordinate efforts; how-to's will be forthcoming.

~ See further CEDAW info on www.ZontaDistrict12.org

~ Send letters of support to CEDAW-CO@ionsky.com; they will be forwarded to the CO Legislature,

~ OR send a letter directly to your State Representative or Senator.

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Advancing the status of women worldwide



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Upcoming Calendar Events
Save the date!

Feb 9	Always Patsy Cline—Littleton Town Hall Center	May 8	General Meeting, Four Points Hotel, 5:30 pm
Feb 14	General Meeting, Four Points Hotel, 5:30 pm	May 22	Board Meeting
Feb 17	Delores Project—bring dinner	June 12	General Meeting, Four Points Hotel, 5:30 pm
Feb 21	Board Meeting	June 20— June 27	Rhine Tour—Pre-Int'l Convention
Mar 6	Yellow Rose Tea (non-event)	June 26	Board Meeting
Mar 13	General Meeting, Four Points Hotel, 5:30 pm	June 27— July 2nd	Zonta International Convention in Rotterdam
Mar 16	Delores Project—bring dinner	July 10	General Meeting, Four Points Hotel, 5:30 pm
Mar 20	Board Meeting	July 24	Board Meeting
Apr 10	General Meeting, Four Points Hotel, 5:30 pm		
Apr 24	Board Meeting		
Apr 27	Little Shop of Horrors—Boulder Dinner Theatre		