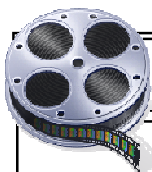




# Smoke Signal



## Fund Raising Committee

Lights! Camera! Action! Your ZCD Fundraising Committee is aggressively moving along in putting together the final plans to stage our first film event. We hope to make this an annual affair and grow it as we go.

Mark your calendars for March 8, 2009 from 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm so that you can join us at the Starz Film Center at the Tivoli at the Auraria campus. In conjunction with the celebration of International Women’s Day, we will be showing the award winning film “A Walk to Beautiful”. This film is an uplifting story of five women who experience triumph after suffering from the devastating results of childbirth injuries known as Fistula. The film’s producer, Allison Shigo, has agreed to fly here from New York to be with us for this event. To learn more about the film see <http://www.walktobeautiful.com/>

Reservations to the event will be through Black Tie Colorado which has the ability to take credit card and e-check payments. The ticket price is \$35 and will include the film, a reception with appetizers, a cash bar, and a question and answer session with Allison Shigo, following the screening of the film. Parking at the Tivoli is free but you will need to bring your parking ticket into the theatre for validation. For details on Black Tie Colorado see <http://www.blacktie-colorado.com/join/contracts/COwhyjoinbt.doc>

*We are requesting each member’s help in distributing our flyers to sites that will bring public awareness of this event and the Zonta Club of Denver. Flyers will be distributed at our February 5<sup>th</sup> club meeting.*

*Lastly, but as important, we are requesting everyone to make an earnest effort to sell at least three tickets to this event. The theatre can host 160 attendees and our goal is to have to turn people away.*

The FR committee extends it’s gratitude to Mindy Craig who was the brain child of this film and has done a tremendous amount of work to pull everything together in a short period of time. We also want to extend our appreciation to Krystie Rose who was able to get the Institute for Women’s Studies at Metro State to be a co-sponsor, as well as, the considerable amount of work she has contributed in designing flyers and jumping into the planning with fabulous ideas and input.

We will be selling Zonta Ladies handbags at the Amelia Earhart dinner, Sunday evening, January 25, 2009 and are planning to have these beautiful bags to sell at future events and on our website. All bags are hand painted, one-of-a-kind, by Laurie Maves who is a local artist from the Denver Santa Fe Arts District. You can learn more about Laurie by visiting her website at: [www.lauriemavesart.com](http://www.lauriemavesart.com)

Our next FR Committee meeting will be held on February 2<sup>nd</sup> at Mathias Lock and Key, 1123 Delaware Street, Denver.

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## President Judy's February Message



Only a month ago I said it was time to start a new year—today we are off and running so hard I'm breathless! We are launching a new fund-raiser, our film event, about which you will see details elsewhere in this issue. We are looking for a new meeting place and will try out one possible location this month, the Doubletree at Stapleton. We are working on updating our website. We will present our 2008-2009 service grants at the February meeting. This is all exciting stuff!

*A wise person always maintains her composure, calmly considers alternatives, even in crises, and acts upon controllable factors.*

Probably the same is true of a "wise" organization. So, I ask each member to do what you can to help the club's committees be successful in all of their undertakings.

We have joined Blacktie-Colorado (go to [blacktie-colorado.com](http://blacktie-colorado.com), click on the Nonprofit tab and scroll to the bottom of the page where you will see "Zonta Club of Denver." Our listing will be evolving and we will be using the Blacktie website to market and take reservations for the "Zonta Day of Film 2009." We hope to sell tickets to lots of non-Zontians, and the Fund-Raising Committee has been working on marketing ideas. However, if each club member attended the event and sold just three \$35 tickets to friends and acquaintances, we wouldn't need to do any other marketing! Please consider making this effort to control the ticket sales factor. Also, it is likely that at least a few club members won't be able to attend and bring three friends, so please take the time to circulate the flyers that will be distributed at the February meeting. You will not only be marketing the event, but also helping to raise money for club service projects and to get the Zonta name out in the community.

The Membership Committee is working diligently on the meeting-place problem. Feel free to make suggestions, give any member of the committee (see your directory) your feedback on the food, service and location for the February meeting, and make other constructive suggestions to help solve the problem. I have spent a little bit of time on this issue myself and can testify that it is not a piece of cake for volunteers with jobs, family, travel plans, other commitments, etc., to identify places appropriately located, with reasonably-priced yet excellent food and service, and the amenities we need for our meetings. The Doubletree is one of a number of hotels that did a lot of renovation to prepare for the DNC, so I think you will find it an attractive meeting place and, because of its location near I-70, convenient for many, if not all, members. If it's not convenient for you, consider carpooling and add some fellowship to your evening!

The February program—presentation of service grants—is always memorable. This year, because we are giving only two grants, we will have a chance to learn more about the projects we're funding than we usually do. Remember that friend who has seemed interested in advancing the status of women? This meeting is ready-made for selling our mission and our club. Bring guests!

Wendy will be trying to get press attention for the Zonta Day of Film, for example, interviews with the film's producer, who will be attending the screening and giving an update on the women featured in the film. Do you have a friend with the local media? Let Wendy know. This is an opportunity to get some PR exposure and help to answer the question on everyone's lips: *What is Zonta?*

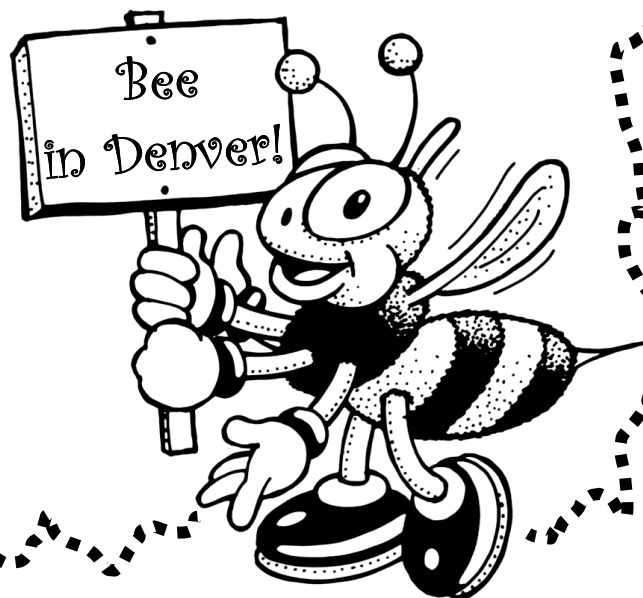
Please help ZCD be a wise organization by all working together—considering alternatives and acting upon controllable factors—to make each of our efforts successful!

*Judy McNerny*

# Save the Date...

**Join Us in Denver for  
This Year's  
District Conference**

**October 30-  
November 1, 2009**



## February General Meeting

We are trying a new hotel for dinner this month. This is just a trial. Please let us know what you think. We are in search of a new permanent place to have our monthly dinners, and would like to try various places before making a decision.

**When:** *Thursday, February 12, 2009*

5:30pm – Social Hour - 15 minutes later than usual

6:00pm – Dinner

**Where:** **Doubletree Hotel Denver**

3203 Quebec Street  
Denver CO 80207

Room location posted in lobby  
Parking in front & on north side of the building

**Menu:** Chef's Choice  
Salad & Dessert

Vegetarian available – please let Cathy know

**Cost:** \$30

Cocktails: Can be purchased in the bar very close to the meeting room

### RESERVATIONS:

Please RSVP to Cathy Conley at (H) 303-691-6926 or (C) 303-594-5169 **by Monday, Feb 9<sup>th</sup> at noon. Cathy will not be at work, so please don't use her work phone or email.**

### FEBRUARY PROGRAM:

Service grant awards will be given to the Polaris Project and The Empowerment Program/Chrysalis Project.

### 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 confirm on Monday afternoon, so if you don't make your reservation on time, you may have to snack from other member's plates! And, as always, we are charged 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.



### Permanent Reservation List Update!

- Members who are on the permanent reservation list do not have to call to make a reservation for dinner meetings (but you must call to cancel or be billed for dinner anyway)
- If you plan on coming to every meeting—why not add your name if it is not on the list?
- If you are on the permanent list but tend to forget to call and cancel—why not take your name off the list?
- Be sure to call Joetta Williams or Cathy Conley, Membership Co-Chairs, with your request to be added or deleted!

### Permanent Reservations

Should your name be listed here?

- Carroll Allen
- Evie Ashmore
- Judy Bederman
- Mary Benoit
- Cathy Conley
- Linda Corssmit
- Shelia Davis
- Pam Dumonceau
- Nikki Headlee
- Deb Heckart
- Cynthia Herndon
- Kathy Hyzer
- Dottie Jenkins
- Jennifer Koeller
- Kate Linscott
- Judy McNerny
- Krystie Rose Millich
- Wendy Moraskie
- Beth Mundell
- Linda Rhea
- Dorothy Swindt
- Joetta Williams

**Remember to call if you can't come, otherwise you will be billed for the dinner.**



## Zonta's Day of Film 2009:

# A WALK TO BEAUTIFUL



An award-winning film that follows the journey of five women in Ethiopia who transform their lives after traveling to the Fistula Hospital in Addis Ababa for treatment of devastating childbirth injuries.

The film weaves their stories into a portrait of grief and courage, compassion and triumph.

*"A Walk to Beautiful"* was named Best Feature Length Documentary of 2007  
by the International Documentary Association.

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*Film, reception, appetizers, cash bar, and Q & A following screening featuring Producer Allison Shigo*

Please Join Us In Celebration of International Women's Day

## Sunday, March 8, 2009

2:00 pm to 5:00 pm

**Starz FilmCenter at the Tivoli at Auraria**

Tickets \$35

Validated parking in Tivoli uncovered lot included

**Purchase Tickets Online at: [www.blacktie-colorado.com](http://www.blacktie-colorado.com)**

For more information: [www.zonta-denver.org](http://www.zonta-denver.org) or call: 720-988-4108



*This fundraiser finances scholarships, awards, and other projects of the Zonta Club of Denver benefiting Denver area women.*

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Sponsored by the Zonta Club of Denver and the Institute for Women's Studies and Services at Metro State College of Denver

## January Dinner Meeting 1/8/2009 hosted at the Women's Bean Project

The meeting started with the Call to Order by President Judy McNerny at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Inspirational Moment by Liz Cameron. Sheila Davis presented the Status of Women Moment.

Joetta Williams introduced her guests Rita Lusk and Deborah Bruner. Nikki Headlee presented her guest and long-time Zonta friend Marcy Kaufmann. And Mindy Craig's guest was Mary Dameron.

Sheila Davis introduced Bob Macdonald of the Women's Bean Project - guest and host of the meeting. Denise who is a client at WBP cooked 3 different excellent soups and baked yummy cornbread and cookies for the meeting. The organization just concluded an unprecedented year. They were very well publicized which resulted in huge sales of their products over this holiday season and many inquiries on how to replicate this special program. Bob explained the WBP model. This is the organization's 20<sup>th</sup> year in working with disadvantaged women, mostly in their late 30's or early 40's. Most are single mothers, 70% are felons and/or drug users, chronically unemployed or underemployed, and with little education or work history.

About 50% are homeless when they arrive, 25% have been abused and all have practically no successes in their lives. This is the last chance for many. WBP offers GED classes, computer training, job search techniques, resume preparation, interviewing skills, and fundamental job skills. It is a 6 month program with a 50% success rate. Working with women at this level, 50% success is phenomenal.

Judy asked for and received approval of the November minutes as published.

Barb Pellegren reported the finances are in good shape except investments are down but not seriously.

Joetta talked about the recent holiday party at Jacki Sammon's home and the presentation of the gift bags assembled at Jacki's to the women at WBP. A permanent meeting space is yet to be determined. Stay tune to details for the February meeting.

Kathy Hyzer reported for the Service Committee. There have been a number of service opportunities recently. Kathy distributed sign-up sheets for the Delores Project dinners for the next couple of months. She and Beth Mundell are meeting with the Empowerment Program people to discuss what we might be able to develop as service projects for them for 2009.

Deb Heckart explained exciting new things from the Fundraising Committee. Mindy Craig enlisted an artist friend of hers to paint handbags for us to sell. This has the possibility of being a great relationship for all - wonderful different items for us to sell and, also, the opportunity to support a woman in business. We have the first group of bags now which we will sell at the Amelia Earhart Dinner. Mindy came up with a wonderful idea for a mini, first-time film event which may be a precursor to a larger film festival we have been considering as a fundraiser.

This will be held at the Starz Film Center at Auraria during the afternoon of Sunday, March 8th (International Women's Day). The film is A Walk to Beautiful - a documentary around the subject of obstetric fistula (a complication of prolonged labor of women in many developing nations). It tells the uplifting story of women in Ethiopia who have come thru this. Mindy has talked to the producer of the film who will come from New York to participate in a Q and A after the screening of the film. A reception will follow. There is a short timeline preparing for this event so it is important for all club members to help get this off the ground. We are looking at the possibility of joining Black Tie to help with this and future fundraisers.

Sheila gave an update on progress toward the District Conference. She and co-chair Judy McNerny have just about finalized the decision on the location and the next phase will be holding team meetings. Currently, theme ideas need to be developed for presentation to Priscilla. Suggestions can be sent to Sheila. Her goal is to have 125 attendees. Advertising will be done at the Amelia Earhart Dinner and "Bee" skits will be performed at all area club meetings. This is another huge event for our club and all members need to participate. There is much to be done before the end of October.

Nikki is on the Nominating Committee and explained the deadline for nominations is 2/12. A copy of the form is in the Smoke Signal. If someone is interested in a position, she can nominate herself. You don't have to wait for someone else to do it.

Judy reviewed the recent service projects and asked for a show of hands from all who participated - dinners for the Delores Project, bell-ringing for the Salvation Army, the Santa Claus Shop and Women's Bean Project. Judy, also, presented the Z Rock to Krystie Rose and Cracked Pots to Joetta and Mindy.

Beth enlightened us with a Zonta Zinger. Then she drew the winning ticket for her door prize which was won by Kathy Hyzer.

Upcoming Events -

Amelia Earhart Dinner - January 25<sup>th</sup> at the Perfect Landing

February club meeting - stay tuned for location

Zonta Club of Denver Film Event - March 8<sup>th</sup>

2009 District Conference in Denver! - weekend of Oct 30<sup>th</sup>

After closing quotes by Judy McNerny the meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Carroll Allen, Secretary

(from ZI):  
25 November 2008  
Congratulations Australia!

Zontians across the world congratulate Australia for moving to become a party to the Optional Protocol to the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW). Australia has been a party to CEDAW since 1983.

The announcement came on the eve of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. "Acceding to the Optional Protocol will send a strong message that Australia is serious about promoting gender equality and that we are prepared to be judged by international human rights standards," said Minister for the Status of Women Tanya Plibersek.

**(summary of UN website explanation of the Optional Protocol):**

The Optional Protocol includes a Communications Procedure and an Inquiry Procedure. The Communications Procedure gives individuals and groups of women the right to complaint to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women about violations of CEDAW. The Inquiry Procedure allows the Committee to conduct inquiries into serious and systematic abuses of women's human rights in countries that become parties to the Optional Protocol. The inquiry procedure:

- Allows investigation of substantial abuses of women's human rights by an international body of experts;
- Is useful where individual communications fail to reflect the systemic nature of widespread violations of women's rights;
- Allows widespread violations to be investigated where individuals or groups may be unable to make communications (for practical reasons or because of fear of reprisals);
- Gives the Committee an opportunity to make recommendations regarding the structural causes of violations;
- Allows the Committee to address a broad range of issues in a particular country.



Dear 2008-2010 District Governors & Past Zonta International Presidents,

Good News.

In early December we told you about the 6.5% Foundation mortgage, whose 59 installments of US\$11,852 began on August 2008. We are pleased to report that the Zonta International Board found a solution to this burdensome mortgage. The mortgage used the condominium at Wacker Drive and the restricted assets of the Foundation, including our Service, ZISVAW, and scholarship funds, as collateral. The monthly payments consisted mainly of interest and a balloon payment on the principal was due in August 2013. (The use of these funds as collateral meant that payments to AE Fellows, YWPA recipients, JMK recipients, or our service projects could be at risk until the loan was paid in full.)

Zonta International made a US\$1,578,742.17 loan from the operating reserve fund to pay this mortgage debt. ZIF will then pay off this internal loan at a rate of 3.25%. The collateral for this loan is the real estate holdings at 557 West Randolph Street and 55 West Wacker Drive. The loan will be paid in full upon the sale of the real estate holdings of the Foundation. We consider this loan within the Zonta family to be short-term.

This internal loan between Zonta International and the Zonta International Foundation was possible because ZI used its reserve funds that are invested to cover multi-year contractual obligations in the event of unforeseen emergencies. This short-term loan will not affect our long-term financial viability.

Benefits of this transaction are:

- Releasing the assets from collateral to be distributed to our service projects, and our scholarship and fellowship recipients.
- Reducing the amount of interest paid by ZIF and allowing more money for service.

Please note that this message will be posted on the Zonta International Web site in the Members Only section within one day's delay.

Zonta International President Beryl Sten &  
the Zonta International Board of Directors



Zonta Club of Denver  
Nominations for 2009-2010 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 2009 to 2010 fiscal year (more than one name for each office will be appreciated):

President Beth Mundell is automatically president

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

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

Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_

I suggest the following Zontians as directors for the two year term of 2009 to 2011 (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), (one director must be a past President of the Zonta Club of Denver):

Directors

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I suggest the following Zontians to serve as members of the nominating committee for the 2009 to 2010 fiscal year.

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

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Nominating committee: Nikki Headlee ([nheadlee@solucian.com](mailto:nheadlee@solucian.com)); Cathy Conley ([cathryn.conley@ge.com](mailto:cathryn.conley@ge.com)); Minnie Lundberg ([mlundmini@aol.com](mailto:mlundmini@aol.com))

Please return this form or the information requested by **February 12th** to any one of the nominating committee. They will be meeting soon to make decisions.

Zonta Club of Denver  
PO Box 2665  
Denver, CO 80201

*We're on the Web! Visit us at  
[www.zonta-denver.org](http://www.zonta-denver.org)*

Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide...



#### THE "CRACKED POT" AWARDS

Thanks to a few more of our imperfect but wonderful members\*

Joetta Williams, who worked very hard to put on our wonderful Christmas party and to make sure we had bowls to put soup and chili in, spoons to eat it with, and everything else that was needed at the Women's Bean Project in January

Mindy Craig, who came up with the core ideas for Zonta's Day of Film 2009 (date, film, location), persuaded the film's producer to come to Denver for the event, and put in many hours nailing down details

*\*see page 4 of the July Smoke Signal for the fable of The Cracked Pot.*

#### **Birthday wishes go out to Our February Birthdays**



**Carroll Allen—5th**  
**Kate Linscott—14th**  
**Carol Willers—18th**

#### *Upcoming Calendar Events Save the date!*

Feb 12	General Meeting Doubletree Hotel
Feb 26	Board Meeting at Judy McNerny's Home
Mar 8	International Women's Day/ Zonta Rose Day/ Zonta Film Festival—A Walk to Beautiful
Mar 12	General Meeting
Mar 26	Board Meeting at Judy McNerny's Home
Mar/Apr	Area 3 Meeting
Apr 9	General Meeting
Apr 23	Board Meeting at Judy McNerny's Home
May 14	General Meeting
May 28 ??	Joint Board Meeting
Oct 30—Nov	District Conference in Denver!