



Z O N T A

Smoke Signal

THE ZONTA ZINGER WANTS TO KNOW—

Why should we remember February “birthday girl” Lady Baden-Powell?

Which ZISVAW project includes education of men?

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Okay...Now’s the time to be BEES

First, let me thank all of you who were able to join the January meeting to discuss direction for ZCD over the next five months. I hope you had fun and left feeling that we were more focused on “what next.” You will find in this *Smoke Signal* a summary of ideas from two of the four tables working on blankets and ZCD issues. The other two tables will report soon and I will forward to you via email (January has been busy for all of us). Simply, we will focus on club support of the following: the Starz Film Fundraising Event, revamping the website, defining 2 Advocacy projects and meeting with this year’s Service Grant recipients. Points of discussion will be potential service projects, publicity of our grant and how we can partner with these agencies for fundraising to support future ZCD fundraising projects. Carroll Allen offered the Lowry Conference Center for this meeting and it was the best. The space was perfect for making blankets, and for a meeting. There was even the delightful touch of fresh tulip pots for one lucky winner at each table. Carroll, thank you for hosting a really fun evening! Also, kudos goes to the

Membership Committee for handling all the details, food (which was Pour le France yummy) ...it means so much to me to know that Kate, Dottie, *et al.*, are taking care of the challenges I gave them for this year...”you da best.”



After an interesting, and lengthy, voting process our 2009-2010 service grant recipients are Delores Project for their Transitional Planning program helping homeless women in Denver navigate all the challenges to moving from the streets to a place to call home. Also, Providence Network’s Joy House received funding. Joy House provides a home for survivors of domestic abuse and their children. We look forward to developing ZCD’s opportunity to provide service and volunteer support to this worthy organization that truly helps women start new lives.

With respect to advocacy, we must thank Alice Borodkin and Diane Twining for their work on our behalf with respect to women’s issues facing Coloradans and in our nation. I ask

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President, Beth Mundell

Smoke Signal Editor, Judy McNerny

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that we participate in at least two projects by the end of May. Please feel free to participate in more than that but, as president this year, I would like to see ZCD focus on the Women's Legislative Breakfast on February 17th and the Equal Pay Day Rally on April 20th. I can see us at both and know our ZCD will benefit from both. I can see new members being

courted at the breakfast and our ZCD banner making the 5 p.m. local news...thrilling.

Enough...let's get bee busy.

Respectfully,

Beth

COMMITTEE NEWS

NOMINATING

Your Nominating Committee will be meeting soon after the February meeting to identify candidates for next year's board. PLEASE share your ideas, or volunteer, by completing the nomination form (see page 6) or by contacting any member of the committee. We need your help and will appreciate all of your suggestions, especially volunteers! Don't forget: although serving on the board involves work it also involves camaraderie and a lot of FUN.

—Dorothy, Sheila & Judy Mc

CONFERENCE

In case you are interested, here are some statistics regarding the Denver 2009 District Conference:

Clubs in District 12: 21

Number of clubs at conference: 17

Clubs absent: Gillette, Glendive, So. Black Hills, Converse County (*remember the weather?*)

Number of host club members present: 20 (out of 32 members)

Number of first timers present: 16 (out of 21 registered)

Total registration: 110

—Sheila & Judy Mc

SERVICE

Dress for Success was a great success. Kudos and thanks to all that contributed. I do have tax receipts, which I will bring to the meeting on February 11th. If you need it sooner, let me know. When I delivered the clothes, which filled the trunk of my car, I met the new executive director, Donna. We had a great conversation and there will be volunteer opportunities coming soon.

There was another successful dinner at The Delores Project. Although this may not be a life-changing experience for the women it certainly has impact. I heard one of the women say "all of you went to a lot of work for us" and yes we did and they realize that we

do care. It was very touching. We have received a thank you card that you can see on page 10.

If you would like to volunteer for Delores Project, but are hesitant because you are unfamiliar with the location and the situation, please let me know. I am always happy to arrange a ride for you. Also, please remember to bring drinks, such as coffee, tea, and hot chocolate mix for Delores Project to the meeting on the 11th.

Please attend the club meeting on February 11th to meet our grant recipients. It will be a great meeting. More volunteer opportunities to come!

—Mary

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February Meeting



- Where:** Kate's Restaurant (above)
3435 Albion Street
Denver, CO 80207
- When:** Thursday, February 11, 2010
5:30pm – Social Hour
6:00pm – Dinner
- Menu:** See below
- Cost:** \$30
- Cocktails:** Wine will be available for \$7.00 a glass
- Greeters:** Sheila Davis and Wendy Moraskie
- Inspirational Moment:** Diane Twining

Join us at this charming Victorian home specializing in fresh baked, organic and natural food that tastes delightful!

RESERVATIONS: Even those of you on the Permanent Reservation List **must** make a reservation in order to choose the dinner of your choice. Your choices: baked salmon on organic greens and fruits served with wild brown rice, marinated garden salad, green beans and homemade bread; or chili rellenos casserole, mild green chilies, cheeses, light cream, eggs and sauces, layered and baked....served with marinated garden salad, guacamole, baked tortilla chips and picante sauce. A choice of fresh fruit cobbler or organic chocolate cake for dessert.

Please RSVP to Kate Linscott **no later than Monday, Feb. 8th at noon** (303) 520-8136 or clinscott14@msn.com. **Kate's Restaurant can handle all your special diet requests—let Kate Linscott know.**

FEBRUARY PROGRAM: Attending this meeting will be representatives from this year's grant recipients, the Delores Project and Joy House. They will speak about their projects and how the grant money will be used. This is one of the most popular meetings of the year and an excellent time to bring guests.

Permanent Reservations

Should your name be listed here?

Carroll Allen
Judy Bederman
Mary Benoit
Cathy Conley
Sheila Davis
Nikki Headlee
Cynthia Herndon
Kathy Hyzer
Dottie Jenkins
Kate Linscott
Judy McNerny
Wendy Moraskie
Beth Mundell
Linda Rhea
Dorothy Swindt
Joetta Williams

Reservations

- For each general dinner meeting, please remember to call if you aren't on the permanent reservation list. Because we are charged for the number we guarantee, we have to bill anyone who makes a reservation but doesn't come to the meeting (or who forgets to cancel a permanent reservation).

- If you plan on coming to every meeting—why not add your name to the permanent reservations list?

- If you are on the permanent list but tend to forget to call and cancel—why not take your name off the list?

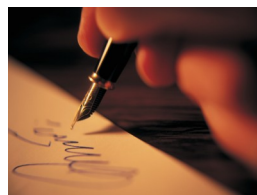
- Please call Kate L or Dottie J with your request to be added or deleted!

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

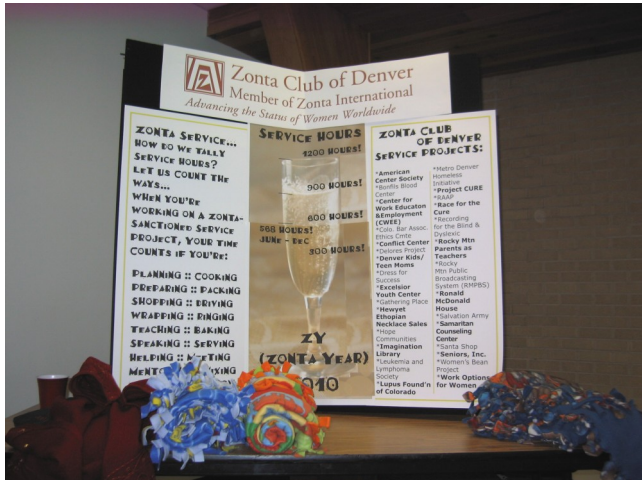
Member news—

Evie is taking a much-needed Zonta break (after almost six years as District Treasurer and a *lot* of hard work on the District Conference, she's tired!) but that doesn't mean she wouldn't like to hear from her Zonta buds—give her a call and make sure she knows we miss her!

Bizzy Lizzy broke her ankle a few weeks ago. Send her a card and let her know we are thinking of her even if we don't see her until tax season is over.



Food, Fun, Fellowship and Service at January Club Meeting



Happy Birthdays to—

Shakira and Graham Nash—Feb 2

Rosa Parks—Feb 4

Carroll A and Hank Aaron—Feb 5

Carole King and Alice Walker—Feb 9

Abraham Lincoln and Charles Darwin—Feb 12, 1809

Kate L and Michael Bloomberg—Feb 14

Susan B. Anthony—Feb 15

Ansel Adams, Sidney Poitier, Buffy Ste. Marie, Patty Hearst, and Kurt Cobain—Feb 20

George Washington and Lady Baden-Powell—Feb 22

George Harrison—Feb 25

ZONTA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
DISTRICT 10—2010
YA'LL COME!
JUNE 25-30, 2010



The Call to Convention and details about the Convention program, events, accommodations, etc., are now available on the Zonta International website.



President Beryl promises “a program that will afford every participant outstanding educational and networking opportunities and time to enjoy the fellowship that comes from being a member. ... you will learn how Zonta has made a difference by being an international organization that deals with women’s issues in a substantive way ... experience the truly international flavor of our organization ... observe a democratic process where ... different viewpoints are respected. ... Our speakers, special events and general sessions will inspire and energize you ... to advance the status of women through service and advocacy.”

*FROM THE ZONTA INTERNATIONAL
 WEBSITE*

January 2010 Zonta International President's Message

Dear Zontians,

Violence against women and girls is one of the most pervasive human rights violations today and has devastating effects not only on the victims of violence but on society as well. A major cause of death and disability for women ages 15 to 44, violence against women also has significant health and economic costs. Victims of violence are at a higher risk of HIV infection while the economic costs alone can impoverish individuals, families and communities, reducing the economic development of each nation.

I am pleased to report that our ZISVAW projects continue to produce real results and positive changes for women who have experienced the threat or reality of some form of violence in their lives while our international service projects are providing access to

quality health services and opportunities for economic growth to women in need.

With Zonta’s support, the Fistula Project in **Liberia** has performed surgeries on nearly 180 patients with an 89% success rate. After four months at the Rehabilitation Center, 33 women were reintegrated into their communities with support from Zonta.

The “Community-based Centre for Housing and Rehabilitation of Women Victims of Violence” in **Syria** has developed the capacity of staff and volunteers to provide quality services to survivors and has established a telephone hotline to reach women throughout Syria.

In **Egypt**, efforts continue to improve the provision of legal aid and medical and psychosocial support to

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Zonta Club of Denver
Nominations for 2010-2011 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 2010 to 2011 fiscal year (more than one name for each office will be appreciated):

President _____

President-Elect _____

Vice-President _____

Secretary _____

Treasurer _____

I suggest the following Zontians as directors for the two year term of 2010 to 2012 (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

I suggest the following Zontians to serve as members of the nominating committee for the 2010 to 2011 fiscal year.

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

Nominating committee: Sheila Davis (shedavis@comcast.net); Judy McNerry (jmcnerry@ckdenver.com); Dorothy Swindt

Please return this form or the information requested by **February 11th** to any one of the nominating committee. They will be meeting soon to make decisions.

MORE COMMITTEE NEWS

TREASURER

Our club's finances are in good order. We don't publish financial information because the *Smoke Signal* is posted on our website. But, any member who wants copies of financial reports is welcome to see them. Just ask and I'll either e-mail or photocopy them to you.

—Nikki

CAN YOU HELP?

My family is acquainted with a "working poor" family. Lots of kids, Mom works a K-Mart and the Dad has 3 part time jobs. They have no bedroom furniture so any beds or dressers would be appreciated. Please let me know if you can help.

—Mary

FUND RAISING

Don't forget to start saving items to sell for our garage sale. It will be held May 21 and 22nd at Cynthia Herndon's home. Pricing will be done the day before, Thursday, May 20. Please save any household items, books, furniture, CDs, DVDs, etc. No clothing, please.

The film event is still in planning stages. The film that was originally selected is not available, as HBO owns the rights and is not willing to release it for showing in Denver. The staff at the Denver Film Society is working very hard to find an appropriate film for our event.

We are still planning to partner with the Women + Film series at Starz for a Friday night event. Because the film we wanted is not available, we will need to move the date back to later in April, depending on the availability of the director to come to Denver for the event.

More to come – we'll keep you posted on our progress.

—Kathy

JANUARY TABLE DISCUSSION RESULTS

For those who did not/could not attend the hands-on service membership meeting January 14th, you missed an intriguing meeting with great food, hands-on service, excellent conversation and a chance to speak your mind about direction for Zonta Denver. My thanks to everyone who contributed thoughtful discussion to ZCD challenges, spoke up with their ideas and concerns, and made the time to address some issues that seem to pester ZCD. Each table was given four topics to discuss, with the aim of focusing on goals that I wanted considered before the end of my term as President; the

end of May is going to be here sooner than later. This information came from 2 of the 4 tables. As you will notice, the conversation was rich.

The topics were:

1. Fundraising Event, to include an upcoming Starz Movie Fundraising Event? (*As president, I want a successful, club-supported event to add to the success of 2009's event with "A Walk to Beautiful".*)

2. Our Club: Service or Philanthropy? (*This seems to be an ongoing theme that never has been thoroughly discussed.*)

a. What service can our membership provide in addition to

our individual projects?

b. Is it realistic to expect our Service Grant recipients to provide us with projects?

c. The ZCD website (*We all know it needs to be done...how do we get this done by the end of May?*)

Blankets, blankets, blankets

Topic 1--Activity: Starz Fundraiser.

Membership voted previously to support this, ergo, what is the optimal way to provide much needed support from our membership for a successful outcome.

- Provide help to the Service

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women survivors of violence. Between July and November 2008, 50 women visited the “One-Stop Centre,” 17 of which received legal counseling and aid.

The Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission (PMTCT) of HIV program in **Rwanda** has provided services to more than 650 pregnant women. Those women found to be HIV positive received appropriate antiretroviral treatment for the prevention of transmission during pregnancy. Twenty-six of the forty-five babies born to HIV infected mothers were tested for HIV at six weeks, and all of the tests were negative.

In **Cambodia**, Gender and Development for Cambodia successfully reached out to more than 10,000 people during the first year of the project – mobilizing men and women to stop domestic violence in their communities and helping to raise awareness of existing laws regarding violence against women and the legal rights of victims of violence.

At the same time, our education programs continue to empower women and promote gender equality in education. This November, we announced the 12 recipients of the 2009 Jane M. Klausman Women in

Business Scholarships. This talented group of women, representing seven countries around the world, will receive US\$5,000 each for undergraduate business studies.

The recent release of “Amelia,” has brought renewed interest in the life of famed aviatrix and legendary Zontian Amelia Earhart. Epitomizing the ideals of Zonta International, Amelia Earhart encouraged women to pursue careers in fields traditionally dominated by men. Today, a new generation of women is inspired to pursue studies in aerospace-related sciences and engineering. Watch the official movie trailer, and learn more about the Amelia Earhart Fellowship Program. (*Ed. Note—you’ll find links to both the trailer and more information about the Fellowships on the ZI website.*)

I thank you for your continued support of all our international programs, and I look forward to updating you on the future progress and results of all our projects.

Beryl Sten
President Zonta International

DISTRICT 12 KLAUSMAN WINNER

Alecia Johnson-Bowers

Alecia will receive her Bachelor of Business Administration with a major in Management from The University of South Dakota in May 2010.

In addition to maintaining a perfect 4.0 grade point average, Alecia finds time to participate in numerous extracurricular activities. She is a member of the Financial Management Association, Beta Gamma Sigma Business Honor Society and Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

As Secretary and Sector Team Leader of Coyote Capital Management, a student-managed investment fund at The University of South Dakota, Alecia is getting real world, hands-on investment experience working with



her peers to manage a \$500,000 portfolio of publicly traded equities. During these interesting economic times, she is happy to be a part of this group and is eager to continue to learn how to better analyze stocks and research companies to make smart investment decisions.

After receiving her undergraduate degree from The University of South Dakota, Alecia plans to continue her studies in pursuit of an M.B.A. Her long-term goals include taking advantage of South Dakota’s positive entrepreneurial climate and opening her own business to

provide employment opportunities for residents of South Dakota.

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Committee NOW

- Set goal to raise \$5,000
- Expect that each member will participate in their own way to:
 - sell 4 tickets each, attend with friends, and enjoy
 - buy 4 tickets and donate to students from Metro State College Women's Studies
 - ask a professional contact for a sponsorship: of \$250 -\$500 for specific film event component; i.e., poster printing, brochures, etc.
 - ✦ As we will need several sponsors, form a committee to work on all sponsorship components and budget.
 - ✦ Committee to develop list of sponsorship components and dollar amounts

Feel Good Component:

Commitment will provide for a successful event and the more members involved, the more likely that the end goal will be met. To make film day even better, along with the ZCD display, explaining what a great club we are and why everyone should want to join and/or donate (and we need to have a big jar for donations), we could (choose one or more):

- have the Ethiopian jewelry sales person there as a tie-in to the African film
- have information (with donation envelopes) about the organizations we work with (Excelsior, Empowerment, Joy House, Delores Project, others) and hopefully generate some donations for them.
- other?

Everyone agreed that the movie project was great and that we should pick a movie that has a wide appeal for all. The whole club would need to be involved in the

fund raising project. No excuses! *We are such a small club that in order to have a successful event, everyone must help.*"

Topic 2--Our Club: Service or Philanthropy?

Both, of course. We need to get our hands "dirty" with both. Yes, we have lots of money, but we current members didn't "earn" the bulk of it, and we may not appreciate it as much as if we did. We need to raise more & add more to the pot, to earn/deserve the privilege of giving it away and putting it to good use. And, we want to interact with the people who are served by our money. We agree with the idea of tying our service projects to our grants. Yes, our grants are wonderful, and can really help women in our community, but our grantees often need so much more than just money, and that goes double for the women they serve.

We need to make sure our grantees need our grants and our hands-on involvement. Many other philanthropic groups (Junior League, etc.--Denver has lots!) also contribute to some of our grantees. If we find groups that don't get so much other attention, our contributions will be used for more basic things, and will have more impact on the women being served. These groups might also have more opportunities for us to be "hands-on" useful.

We want to provide a good variety and number of service projects to engage current members at their diverse skill and comfort levels. Not so many as to have us be scattered and not see another Zontian when we're participating in service projects, but enough that we

can attract all members to one or more of the projects. And possibly to "lure new victims" to projects, and maybe, to membership.

Action steps: Determine what help the current grantees could use from us and develop those into service projects. These should engage a variety of members' talents, time and energy levels, and perhaps spouse availability.

Success of this idea should be able to be measured by increased member satisfaction (do we have a current benchmark of this level?), increases in service hours and perhaps (!), increases in numbers of members.

It was agreed that whatever we choose to do it must benefit women and improve their status. We like the Delores Project but need to do more than just feed them a meal. Most are not available on Sunday evenings and the cost is also a factor. The group agreed that educating women is key to helping them return to the workforce in order to become independent. Any project we choose, again, the whole club needs to be involved. We are down to about 20 active members (only 16 now on our permanent reservation list). If we spread ourselves too thin, we won't accomplish anything. Need fewer projects with more involvement. That's how we get our name out there and actually do some good!

Advocacy: Members request that Alice Borodkin and the Board choose two or three specific bills that are interesting to our membership. The President and Board would choose one or two bills that ZCD would focus on.



Thank-you for
a wonderful
meal. It is
very much
appreciated.
God Bless
you
Sally Jean

Thanks for
caring w/ your
kindness & time

Thank you Terry
for covering us
stacey

Thank you so much for
your time God Bless

Thank you From:
Corazon
Mendiola

Thank you
for Mary

Penit Stretcher

We appreciate you so
very much! Please
come again! The
food was delicious!
May Angels Bless you and
yours - thank you!

Thanks for
great dinner

Thank you Joy H
& may God Bless you
Star

Sure was nice of you to come
Please come again.

Thanks for
being kind &
thoughtful +
going out of
your way
to do it

God Bless
may God Bless
Bless Paddy
Kathy

Thank you for the
home cookin', I loved it.

Sincerely,
Monica Judd

Thank you,
so much for
the nice meal.

Suzanne

Sincere best thoughts
In your kindness
S. Perkins

Thank you
for all
time
to come

Thank-you,
We love you
Thank you for
all that
you do

Thank you
for your
kindness

Judy
Theresa
you!

Thank you for
caring for
us and
making
us feel
welcome

Pam Stuber

*Zonta Club of Denver January Dinner Meeting
Lowry Conference Center 1/14/2010*

At 6pm President Beth Mundell called the meeting to order. Mary Benoit introduced her guest, Priscilla Otero. The members sang happy birthday to Wendy Moraskie and acknowledged Marjorie Pickett's 91st birthday on Friday the 15th.

Beth asked for and received approval of the November minutes.

Treasurer Nikki Headlee gave the quarterly financial report. She is glad to send anybody a copy who would like to have it. She reported our investments are up.

Beth talked about the Amelia Earhart event which is coming up. We need to take 2 baskets. Jacki has baskets. Beth has a great theme and will do one. A theme for a second one will be decided on and anyone can contribute items for it.

Beth thanked Judy McNerny for doing such a wonderful job on the Smoke Signal each month.

Alice Borodkin talked about the White House Project which was started to encourage women to get into politics. She suggested checking out their website. The Colorado Leadership council will be having a fundraiser on January 28th and she will send out an e-mail on that.

Wendy brought the beautiful new display board for

service hours. She and Nikki talked about tracking service hours. Our goal for the year is 1,200 hours and at the end of December our total was 568. We're almost half way there.

There was a terrific response by club members in bringing appropriate clothing for Dress for Success to the meeting. Beth thanked all for the great donations.

The meeting moved to the work area and proceeded to work on making blankets for Teen Moms while discussing what we can reasonably do between now and the end of the year. The Film Event, Service and our website were the main topics of discussion. A board member led the discussion at each table and a recorder documented decisions. Attached is a compilation of the reports.

At the end of the evening there was a brief discussion of a 2 day garage sale at Cynthia's house. Thursday will be delivery and pricing day – the sale will be on Friday and Saturday. Everyone should start saving items for the sale.

All business having been tended to, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

Respectfully submitted by Carroll Allen, Secretary

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Alice would then walk the membership through the process which would be a great learning experience for all of us. Also liked was the idea of having some educational seminars to help members learn the how bills become laws and our impact.

Membership:

Before we begin thinking of ways to bring in new members, we need to work to retain the ones we have. Perhaps more membership discussion will cement ZCD focus to support working together to improve the status of women, and

recruiting new members will follow. And, it is important that we recognize ZCD's wish to have fun!

Topic 3--The ZCD website

Discussion agreed that it needs to be updated as soon as possible and since we have money available, we should hire a web designer to help us. We're all too busy to add something that time-consuming to our schedules, and it's not fair to dump something this big on just a few people.

Action step:

- Prepare a bid to accomplish our

web goals. Judy McNerny will ask her husband Ken for a bid on updating our website to match the new Zonta International site. We should have a bid by about 1/21 and it's possible we could have the new website up by late Feb., mid-March. If Ken can't do this, who else?

Important note: There were some notes missing when *Smoke Signal* went to press. As additional information comes in, your president will send out an update.

—Beth



Zonta Club of Denver

Member of Zonta International

Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

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We're on the Web!

Visit us at www.zonta-denver.org

Upcoming Calendar Events – Save the Date!

February 5th	Carroll's birthday
February 11th	February Club Meeting
February 11th	Nomination Forms Due
February 14th	Kate's birthday
Mar 11th	March Club Meeting
Mar 13th	Foothills Club's Author's Luncheon
April 8th	April Club Meeting

Apr 9th	Rockies Home Opener
April 10th	Area 3 Meeting
A Friday in April	Zonta Day of Film 2010
May 13th	May Club Meeting
May 20-22	Club Garage Sale
June 10th	June Club Meeting
June 25th—30th	International Convention San Antonio, Texas