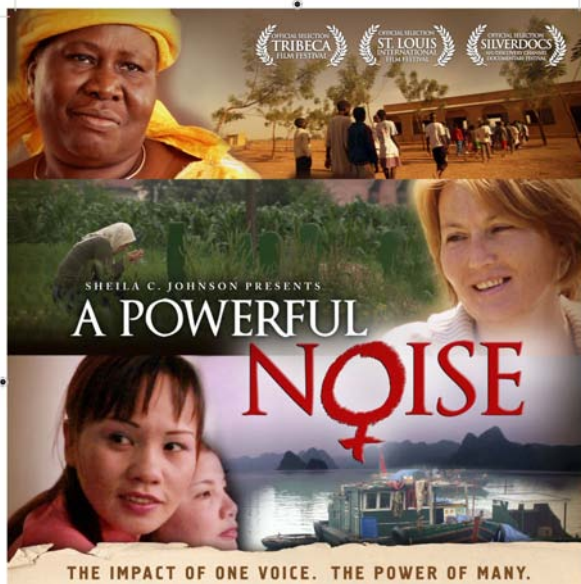




# Smoke Signal

ZONTA CLUB OF DENVER

2011 DAY OF FILM



## ZCD's Third Annual Day of Film Rapidly Approaches

Our "Day of Film" feature this year is "A Powerful Noise," a striking collage of stories of women from Vietnam, Bosnia and Mali. These three women overcome disease, war, ignorance, crushing poverty and cruel violence to save their own lives. Even better, they bring others up with them as they invent their futures through an HIV/AIDS counseling and health care group; an agricultural cooperative, and an education and job skills organization for inner-city girls.

This great film and these women's stories deserve our best efforts. We want to sell out the theatre this year, and encourage people to learn more about women's issues and ZCD. To that end, your PR committee will be preparing tools for everyone to use, whatever their favorite means of communication, to share the news.

The details are as follows: Sunday, March 13, at 1 p.m., Starz FilmCenter, in the Tivoli on the Auraria campus. The \$40 ticket includes the screening, a catered reception, a panel discussion with the producer, a refugee worker and a former Colorado legislator, and parking.

Tickets will be sold through Blacktie Colorado, via a link from our website [www.zonta-denver.org](http://www.zonta-denver.org). As in previous years, the film event is a fundraiser for our Foundation and the proceeds will go toward projects that advance the status of women both locally and worldwide. If people you talk to don't have that afternoon free, they might want to purchase and donate a seat so a Metro State College Women's Studies student could attend,

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The next two months will be such an exciting time for our club, not to be missed. The February meeting will again be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel, with the highlight being the presentation of checks to our three grant recipients – the Women's Bean Project, Mental Health Colorado and the Empowerment Program.

Don't forget the Day at the Capitol on Friday, Feb 5. Please contact Alice Borodkin ASAP if you can attend.

On Sunday, March 13, we will present our third Day of Film with the film *A Powerful Noise*. This year the Denver Film Society is presenting for the first time a Women's Film Festival to coincide with International Women's Day. Our event will be part of that 6-day presentation, and we will receive billing as a presenting sponsor. The committees are already hard at work



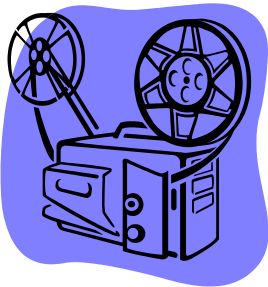
preparing for this fundraiser. We will have promotional packets for all members at the February meeting (another reason for you to attend), at which time we'll gear up for ticket sales. There is no reason we can't sell out the theater this year. Thanks to great leadership from Estella, letters have

already gone out to corporate sponsors, and the event will be posted on our web site within the next week. Go ahead and reach out to your friends with a simple "Save the Date" to be followed by a flyer and invitation. Our goal is to sell 140 tickets this year, and it will take the effort of each member to make that happen.

I hope to see you in February! We have much to celebrate and lots of work ahead.

YIZ, Kathy

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or they might just want to make a tax-deductible donation to the Zonta Club of Denver Foundation, a 501 (c)(3) organization.

In case people ask you about examples of the Denver-area projects we have given

funding and hands-on service to, you could mention the Excelsior Youth Center, a residential treatment center serving girls ages 11-18 with emotional and behavior difficulties; the Empowerment Program's Chrysalis Project, providing substance abuse, cognitive-behavioral, mental health/trauma services to women arrested for prostitution in Denver; The Provident Network's Joy House, a 2-year transitional housing program that offers help and healing to low-income abused women and children, leaving domestic violence situations and seeking to rebuild their lives; and The Delores Project, providing overnight shelter and

services to unaccompanied adult women who are homeless and have limited resources—to name a few. These programs and others we've worked with serve women and girls very much like those whose stories are told in the movie.

Since 1927, Zonta Club of Denver has been a chapter of Zonta International through which thousands of women worldwide work in their communities and with the UN and other international organizations to help women achieve social justice and economic self-sufficiency, among other goals. For 83 years, the Zonta Club of Denver has given hundreds of thousands of hands-on volunteer hours and over \$2 million to encourage Metro-area women to improve their economic status.

By supporting the 2011 Day of Film, you will help ZCD to raise funds for our service projects, and to raise awareness of women's issues!

—Wendy

## FEBRUARY MEETING

**Where:** Embassy Suites Hotel  
7525 E. Hampden Avenue  
Denver, CO 80231

**When:** Thursday, February 10, 2011  
5:30pm – Social Hour  
6:00pm – Dinner

**Menu:** Mediterranean Chicken  
Herb roasted red potatoes  
Seasonal vegetables  
Fresh salad/chef's choice dessert

**Cost:** \$30.00

**Zonta**

**Moment:** Minnie Lundberg

**RESERVATIONS:** Please RSVP to Kate Linscott no later than Monday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at noon at (303) 520-8136 or [clinscott14@msn.com](mailto:clinscott14@msn.com). If you have a special diet request, please let Kate know as well. Don't forget to RSVP if you are not on the Permanent Reservation List or to cancel if you are on this list and are unable to attend.

**PROGRAM:** Attending this meeting will be representatives from this year's three grant recipients. They will report on their organizations' 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!

**Happy Birthdays to—**

Rosa Parks— Feb 4  
Hank Aaron and **Carroll A**—Feb 5  
Carole King—Feb 9  
Frederick Douglas and **Kate L**—Feb 14  
Susan B. Anthony—Feb 15

**MARTHA STEWART'S WAY:** Don't throw out all that leftover wine. Freeze it into ice cubes for future use in casseroles and sauces!

**THE REAL WOMAN'S WAY:** What leftover wine???

**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 with your request to be added or deleted!

**Permanent Reservations****Should your name be listed here?**

Carroll Allen	Dottie Jenkins
Judy Allen	Kate Linscott
Evie Ashmore	Cheryl McHugh
Alice Borodkin	Judy McNerny
Mary Benoit	Wendy Moraskie
Sheila Davis	Beth Mundell
Nikki Headlee	Linda Rhea
Cynthia Herndon	Dorothy Swindt
Kathy Hyzer	Joetta Williams

**Member News—**

Barb P. slipped on ice before going to Phoenix. Her doctor thought it was just a bruise and didn't have her come in for an examination. Unfortunately, it was a hairline fracture that spread with her walking and traveling. She has had surgery to put plates in her hip at the Mayo Clinic in Phoenix and will spend some time in a skilled nursing facility until it's safe for her to travel home. More information will be sent out by email.

**Actual Answering Machine Messages—**

My wife and I can't come to the phone right now, but if you'll leave your name and number, we'll get back to you as soon as we're finished.

## COMMITTEE NEWS

## SERVICE COMMITTEE

**OPPORTUNITY TO SHINE**

This is the time of the year the Zonta Cub of Denver has a chance to shine.

We will be awarding the grants to our recipients. The recipients are Women's Bean Project, Mental Health Center of Denver, and The Empowerment Program. There will be representatives from each of the organizations to accept their funds and tell us how the funds will be used.

Invite a guest, invite lots of guests—this meeting is such a great recruitment tool and when we shine we

want lots of people to see us shine!

Your service committee is currently working on the Jane M. Klausman Scholarship. We will be soliciting applications over the next months, with a winner to be announced in the spring.

Again many thanks to all of the volunteers and your ongoing commitment to improving the status of women.

—Mary B.

**PROJECT C.U.R.E.**

Please join me for the Project C.U.R.E. sorting of medical supplies:

WHEN: Monday, Feb. 14, 2011

WHERE: 5:30 p.m. Meet for a bite of dinner at Jason's Deli, 9525 E County Line Rd (across from Park Meadows Mall)  
6:15 p.m. Leave to caravan to the Project C.U.R.E. warehouse

**SORTING ONLY:** 6:30 p.m. Drive yourself to the Project C.U.R.E. Warehouse  
10377 E Geddes Ave, Centennial, CO  
We will meet you there!

WEBSITE: [www.projectcure.org](http://www.projectcure.org)

If you have any questions, please contact me – email [jeashmore@comcast.net](mailto:jeashmore@comcast.net); cell 303-746-4608.

See you on February 14. This month, I probably will go directly to the warehouse to sort instead of having dinner at Jason's Deli.

—Evie



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- Maxi pads
- Liquid dish soap
- Liquid hand soap
- Bleach and household cleaners (except PineSol®)
- Napkins and paper towels
- Toilet taper and Kleenex®

Call before you go, or the Service Committee will deliver donations you bring to club meetings.



**METRO SCHOLARSHIPS**

There are three recipients of Edna Jean Hershey Zonta Club of Denver Scholarships at Metropolitan State College of Denver for the 2010-2011 school year.

**Jennifer Bernard** plans to become a teacher. She is a senior, majoring in Art. She has a 3.9 GPA and is taking 13 credit hours this fall.

**Krishna Michaelson** is a senior majoring in Technical Communications. She has a 3.4 GPA and is taking 12 credit hours. Krishna aspires to have her own graphic design business some day.

**Reyna Torres-Acosta** is a sophomore majoring in

Health Care Management. She has a 3.98 GPA and is taking 12 credit hours. Reyna plans to become a nurse.

Each student received \$2,325 as their award, which will be split between fall and spring semesters.

These scholarships are from an endowment our club established in 1999 and to which we add every three years, all from funds willed to the club for the Hershey Charitable Trust by member Edna Jean Hershey.

All scholarships are awarded to Colorado single mothers with financial need, sophomores and above, who are taking at least 3 credit hours and maintaining a 3.0 GPA or better.

**P R / C O M M U N I C A T I O N S C O M M I T T E E**

**ZCD's Day of Film Inspires a Festival?**

We've worked with the terrific people at the Denver Film Society to arrange these screenings for our "Day of Film" events over the past two years. This year, the DFS is launching VOICES, a 6-day (March 8-13) women's film festival, on the 100th anniversary of International Women's Day. It would be nice to think that our meagre efforts might have inspired them. The festival will include up to 14 films, both documentaries and features, and evening salons with

filmmakers and headline guests. The DFS hopes to make this a nationally-recognized, annual event and we hope we can be part of it for a long time to come. For more about the festival, the salons, and the other great films they're showing, go to [www.denverfilm.org](http://www.denverfilm.org).



—Wendy

**T R E A S U R E R**



Your board has carefully reviewed dinner meeting income and expenses.

Members are currently being charged \$30 for the dinners at the Embassy Suites. The actual cost of the dinners is \$29.99. Over

and above that amount, though, is a charge of \$39.10 for audio. In essence, we are losing money on the majority of our meetings.

That loss is being covered by the excess of income over expenses from the August and January meetings, when we had pot luck and a catered meal. If we did not have that excess income at this point, we would

have to ask members to pay \$32 for meetings at the hotel.

So instead of increasing the price now, we will do so only when dinner expenses exceed income on a fiscal-year-to-date basis.

If the point comes when we have to increase dinner costs, we will also institute a minimal charge for attendees who do not pay for a meal. This means that everyone would share in the costs, over and above the meal, of using the hotel facility.

—Nikki



## ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

### OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN ABOUT ADVOCACY

On February 4, our club is hosting A Day at the Capitol. You should have received information about this event via emails from Anita Zastrow—let me know that you are coming as soon as you can! This will be an opportunity for you to meet some of our state legislators and learn about the workings of the Colorado Legislature. Don't miss this opportunity!



The Advocacy Committee is bringing in a special speaker for the March meeting, Katie Groke Ellis, Rocky Mountain Regional Director for the White House Project, whose mission is “to advance women’s leadership in all communities and sectors—up to the U.S. presidency.”

You'll learn more about Katie next month but, for now, I hope you will ink this meeting in on your calendar.

—Alice B.

### MAKE YOUR RESERVATION NOW FOR A DAY AT THE CAPITOL!



**This is  
*your*  
house**

### IT'S TIME TO VISIT *YOUR* HOUSE!

Date:	February 4, 2011	Time:	8 AM SHARP
Place:	Colorado State Capitol 200 East Colfax Denver, CO 80203	Room:	House Committee Room 0109 (in the basement)

The agenda will include:

Light breakfast

Speakers, including: Senators/Representatives attending

Staff of Legislative Legal Services

Staff of Fiscal Policy

Attending House session and committee meetings

## THIS AND THAT

### SELLING=OFFERING AN OPPORTUNITY

Estella Rummelein, who is coordinating and overseeing our major fundraiser, reported the status for this year's event to the board. We were all very, very excited with her report on the progress of our third annual Day of Film. Our P/R committee is working fast and furiously to get the promotional materials available. In the meantime, SAVE THE DATE of Sunday, March 13.

Each member is expected to participate by selling – there's that dirty word – four tickets. In addition, someone from the membership committee will be calling to ask you to physically participate on that day. There's a job available for everyone that day and we

need everyone to help so all of us can all say WE made the event a success, and so we don't put all the burden on a few members.

Back to that dirty word, selling. I, personally, do not like to fund raise or sell. But I know that when I open my mouth and ask someone to put a poster up, or if they are interested in the subject, I am offering that person an opportunity. Yes, you do have to ask someone to put that poster up or to buy a ticket. But if you don't ask, you can't get a "yes" that supports your organization and the projects that help women. The worst thing that could possibly happen when you ask is that you would get a "no." What's so bad about a no? Not much, really, when you count all the yeses.

—Nikki

### WANTED—YOUR JUNK

Back by popular demand will be our annual garage sale. **PLEASE SAVE THAT STUFF YOU DON'T WANT ANYMORE.** Remember that one woman's junk is another woman's treasure. Your junk will help fund club service projects.

The sale will be held in May, with details to come.

—Kathy H.

### WANTED—CLUB LIBRARIAN

Duties—transporting a small, rolling suitcase full of donated books to and from club meetings.

Benefits—first chance to read the newest book donated by a member!

The club library was started by Nikki a number of years ago so members could share good books. Would you be willing to take on this job? If so, tell Kathy H.

**March 8, 2011**

### 100th Anniversary of International Women's Day

This year marks the 100th anniversary of International Women's Day and Zonta Area 3 will be an exhibitor at the Event & Expo on the evening of Tuesday, March 8, at the Seawell Grand Ballroom, sponsored by International Women's Day Denver and showcasing the work of nonprofits like Zonta.

There will be speakers, including former Zontian Emily Howell Warner, first American woman commercial pilot, and a performance by Cleo Parker Robinson Dance. Tickets purchased by February 15 are \$45.

Go to [www.internationalwomensdaydenver.org](http://www.internationalwomensdaydenver.org) for more information.

—Nikki







**PROPOSAL FOR 1 DISTRICT CONFERENCE & 1 GOVERNOR'S SEMINAR PER BIENNIUM  
JANUARY 14, 2011**

BACKGROUND

*At the 2010 Fall Board meeting—*

After the close of the 2010 District Conference, the Board discussed the conference (and several previous conferences). A portion of that discussion focused on attendance, as follows:

A significant amount of thought and effort has been put into trying to increase attendance at District Conferences, but to no avail. Several Conference Reports (as far back as the 1980s) record around 100 (+/-10) members attending each District Conference.

This attendance appears relatively constant regardless of conference cost, location, weather, or programs presented. In 2010, the registration fee was lowered \$60 from the previous year, and it did not increase attendance. The 2010 workshops were designed specifically for officers and committees of the clubs, and this did not increase attendance. The weather was beautiful, and the location relatively central in the District; still the attendance was not increased.

It appears that – other than district board members, delegates, alternates, past governors, members of the host club, and presenters – only a small percentage of club members attend the annual conference.

The Board also examined other factors based upon feedback from the Conference evaluations. Traveling to and from a conference requires taking off a day or more of work and finding child care for a whole weekend is difficult, especially for younger members. This time commitment also impacts the Conference planning committee; it requires the tremendous amount of work to *plan & host* a 3-4 day conference.

*At the 2007 Conference—*

The minutes of the 2007 District Conference stated the following:

“Discussion was held as far as having District Conference every other year. General consensus of those present was to continue to have District Conferences every year.” It is acknowledged that those who attend the District Conferences report enjoying and valuing them.

*Other current Policies & Procedures regarding requirements for District Conferences—*

Zonta International Bylaws, Article XIII, Section 11.(a) District Conference. Each district shall hold at least one (1) district conference per biennium on dates approved by the Zonta International President.

District 12 Policies & Procedures, DISTRICT CONFERENCE. The District shall hold a Fall Conference at least once per biennium. Conferences are to be rotated sequentially (in descending numerical order) between the four areas in the District. The District Conference shall be for the purpose of promoting the objects and programs of Zonta International and to conduct the business of the District. The District Conference shall have the power to act upon recommendations and resolutions and to submit these to Zonta International.

CONCLUSION & MOTION

There *is* a need for a District-wide meeting following each ZI Convention, even though it is typically a ‘non-voting’ year. Informing Zontians regarding changes from the convention, discussing Zonta goals for the biennium, meeting the new district Board members, training club officers, (not to mention getting fired-up & seeing old friends) are important tasks. It appears that most Zonta Districts manage this by having a meeting called a ‘Governor’s Seminar’. This meeting is usually a one & ½ day event hosted by the same rotation of clubs that hosts the District Conference. However, the credentialing, voting, and protocol of a conference is not necessary.





<p>Nominations for 2011-2012 Officers and Directors</p>
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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.

I suggest the following Zontians as officers of the Zonta Club of Denver for the 2011 to 2012 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 (two must be elected for the two-year term of 2011 to 2013, **and a third** for a one-year term of 2011-2012 to fill the second year of Judy Bederman's term on the board; 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 2011 to 2012 fiscal year.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_

Nominating committee: Judy Allen ([starall2@comcast.net](mailto:starall2@comcast.net)); Evie Ashmore ([jeashmore@comcast.net](mailto:jeashmore@comcast.net));  
 Beth Mundell ([zonta\\_diva@comcast.net](mailto:zonta_diva@comcast.net))

Please return this form or the information requested by **February 10th** to any one of the nominating committee. They will be meeting soon to make decisions.

*Zonta Club of Denver January Dinner Meeting  
Good Shepherd Church 1/13/2011*

The meeting was called to order by President Kathy Hyzer at 6:20 p.m. She asked Mary Benoit to introduce last year's grant recipients from The Delores Project and Joy House. They reported how the grant money was used. The Delores Project used the money to fund half a transitional advocate position. This position was already in place as half time but our grant enabled it to be a full time one. Joy House used their grant money for badly needed renovations on their house.

Kate Linscott delivered the inspirational moment. Kathy asked members to introduce their guests for the evening and then she announced the December, January and February member birthdays. She asked and received approval for the November minutes.

Estella Rummelein and Alice Borodkin talked about the upcoming film event fundraiser. It will be Sunday, March 13th at 1 p.m. at the Tivoli. The film A Powerful Noise has been selected. Tickets will be available through Black Tie at \$40 each. Estella will sponsor a contest around selling tickets with the prize being a one hour massage. Members are expected to sell at least 4 tickets each. Kathy asked members to help get corporate sponsorships. If your employer or some other employer you know might be interested, please let Estella or Kathy know. This fundraiser needs all members to participate for it to be a success.

Nikki Headlee, Treasurer, reported the checking account has plenty of funds.

Kate indicated at the February meeting, the grant recipients for this year will be awarded their checks.

Mary reported this Sunday is another dinner at Delores Project and she passed sign-up sheets for February and March. Excelsior needs 6 volunteers for their fundraiser Saturday, March 19th and she passed sign-up sheets for this event, also. Evie talked about volunteer opportunities for Project Cure.

Wendy Moraskie indicated the need for photos for the website. She asked members to take cameras to any and all club photo opportunities and take lots of pictures.

Judy McNerny has changed the deadline for the Smoke Signal. Instead of it being at midnight on Saturday, January 29th. It will be Friday, the 28th at midnight.

Alice reported for the Advocacy group. She attended a Foothills meeting today where the members were very enthusiastic and have about 10 members who are interested. She will be at the Legislature tomorrow finalizing plans for a day at the Capitol, February 4th. Your RSVP is needed by 1/31. The day starts at 8 a.m. Each member needs to find out who her representative and senator is and invite them to this event. The day will wind up with a debriefing and finish around 2:30.

Beth Mundell, Nominating Committee Chair, made a motion that Dorothy Swindt complete the year on the Board in place of Judy Bederman. All members agreed. Kate introduced the guest speaker from the Arapahoe Sheriff's Department who spoke on personal safety. A good book The Gift of Fears was recommended. Some other recommendations were (1)trust your instincts – if a situation doesn't seem right, pay attention, (2)keep a porch light on at night, (3) your house address should be visible at night, (4)landscape (hedges) should be trimmed – you want to be able to see outside, (5)don't open the door unless you're expecting someone, (6) always have your home locked-even when you are there, (7)don't hide keys outside, (8)good lighting is the most cost effective deterrent to home invasion, and (9)when driving into your garage, hit the opener as soon as the car is inside – watch when leaving the garage to make sure the door goes all the way down and stays down. Next he demonstrated techniques to use to get away from an attacker with Mary Sparacino. He concluded by volunteering to hold a training for club members in the future.

Estella brought the door prize and Sue Krueger was the lucky winner.

The Board meeting this month will be January 27th. All business having been tended to, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Carroll Allen, Secretary



AREA 3 AMELIA EARHART LUNCH



Special guest, Amelia Earhart



↑ Governor Kay, six current and one past Amelia Earhart Fellows, all at CU-Boulder, and Zonta International Amelia Earhart Fellowship Committee Chairman, Dr. Sharon Langenbeck, Zonta Club of Santa Clarita Valley, CA  
↓ Current fellows enthusiastically describing their research (in plain English!)



View of room and backs of heads of some members of ZCD



ZCD JANUARY MEETING



Buffet line



President Kathy and newest board member Dorothy



Self-defense demonstration by Mary S.



Report by Delores Project on ZCD 2010 grant



Joy House shows video about their work

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## Upcoming Calendar Events – Save the Date!

Feb 4	A Day at the Capitol—advocacy learning
Feb 5	Carroll Allen's birthday
Feb 5	Glass Slipper Ball Zonta Club of Pikes Peak Area
Feb 10	ZCD meeting—service grants presented Embassy Suites Hotel
Feb 14	Kate Linscott's birthday
Feb 14	Project CURE—service opportunity
Feb 20	Delores Project—service opportunity

March 8	International Women's Day
March 10	ZCD meeting
March 13	2011 Day of Film 1 pm—Starz FilmCenter at the Tivoli
April 9	Area 3 Meeting
April 14	ZCD meeting
May 12	ZCD Meeting
June 3—5	North American Inter-District Conf. Reno, Nevada