



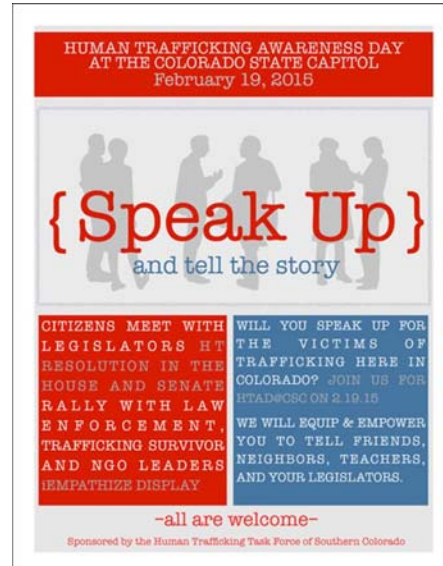
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FEBRUARY, 2015

Human Trafficking

Human Trafficking Awareness Day at the Capitol



On February 19, the Human Trafficking Task Force of Southern Colorado will sponsor its annual program of events at the Colorado State Capitol to raise awareness about human trafficking. All are welcome to keep pressure on law makers and law enforcement to give priority to fighting this crime.

The event will include a powerful exhibit by iEmpathize about trafficking in Colorado, the introduction of human trafficking resolutions in the House and Senate at sessions that the public can view from the galleries above the two chambers, presentations by four women working in the field on "the four Ps to end human trafficking: prevention, protection, prosecution and partnerships," and conclude with a rally featuring top law enforcement officials and a talk by a trafficking survivor.

This is a powerful event, it's free to attend, and you can show your support for the efforts to end trafficking just by being there.

If you want to go a step further, make an appointment that morning with your state representative and senator between 8:30 and 9:00 a.m. Make sure they are aware of the need for their support of efforts to strengthen Colorado laws to make it easier to convict human traffickers, like the people who sold children for sex at the National Western Stock Show last month.

And the day doesn't need to be all serious. Meet friends and attend together; have lunch afterwards. Contact Judy McNerry if you would like to join some Zonta friends at the event.

For more information go to [Facebook](#) or search for Human Trafficking Awareness Day Colorado.

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Side Heading

I raise up my voice-not so I can shout but so that those without a voice can be heard... we cannot succeed when half of us are held back.

Malala Yousefzi

Business Cards

Do you have your Zonta business cards yet? If not, contact Julie Bradley to let her know what information you want on them. She will mail them to you or bring them to a meeting.

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Zonta's Day of Film 2015

Jhola

The seventh Zonta's Day of Film on March 21 will feature *Jhola*, Nepal's submission for an Oscar in the best foreign language film category.

Jhola is a dramatization of the Hindu tradition of Sati in which a widow was forced to burn herself on the funeral pyre of her spouse.



Jhola tells the story of Kanchhi, an exceptionally beautiful young woman married to an old man. When her husband dies, Sati tradition requires that Kanchhi jump into his funeral pyre. However, the movie is not all gloom.

Although *Jhola* was not nominated for an Academy Award, actress Garima Panta did win the best actress award for her role at a regional film festival. The film won accolades at its screening at the 2014 Zonta International Convention.

Although Sati was officially abolished in Nepal in 1920, abuse of widows continues to this day. There is documentation of Sati being practiced as late as 2008, and word of mouth indicates it may still be adhered to.

However horrific the practice of Sati, the movie also shows the redeeming strength of people banding together to improve their circumstances.

Zonta's Day of Film 2015 will feature the screening of *Jhola*, as part of the Women + Film VOICES Film Festival, followed by a champagne brunch. Tickets are \$40 and can soon be purchased at zonta-denver.org. Don't miss this extremely limited release of *Jhola*, and bring friends!

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Zonta International

February Dine-In for the Foundation

Thanks to all who contributed to the Zonta International Foundation (ZIF) at "The Dine In" event last month. We had 15 members and two guests contribute over \$600.

ZIF has several different ways you may donate by yourselves. You may give a special gift to in honor or memory of someone. You may give on a monthly basis with a set amount deducted from a bank account, or you may make a Planned Giving gift, such as a bequest in your will or by making ZIF the beneficiary of a life insurance policy.



When you give your first \$100 you will receive a lapel pin. As you donate through the years your donations are cumulative and you receive different pins. At each level of giving the design of the pin changes. When you give over \$10,000 the pin really gets impressive!

Last biennium our club had 100% of members giving (a gift of even \$5 counts although, of course, more is better) and we received recognition at the Zonta International Convention. We would like to achieve this level of giving again in this biennium.

Visit the ZIF website at zonta.org/ZIFoundation.aspx for more information about what ZIF does.

~ President-Elect Judy A.

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February Meeting

Meeting Details

Date: Thursday, February 12
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Location: Embassy Suites Hotel
7525 E. Hampden Avenue
Denver, CO 80231
Advocacy Moment: Mary Lou Edwards
Cost: \$32

Reservations are essential, and if you make a reservation but don't attend you will still be expected to pay for your meal. This is a great meeting to bring guests.

Please contact Marian Lee as soon as possible but no later than noon on Monday, February 9 at MLee@bhfs.com to make reservations for yourself and your guests.

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Committee Reports

Service Committee

The Service committee met twice in January. Liaisons were selected for each of our new grant recipients. They are as follows:

Open Door Ministries - Penny
Second Chances - Kate
Hands of the Carpenter - Alexis
Friends of the Haven - Kathy
The Delores Project - Olette



All the liaisons have contacted their groups to make sure everything is in order before the February Zonta meeting. We are excited about introducing our new recipients to the club in February.

A discussion was held concerning the Jane M. Klausman scholarship. The new application needs to be on our website by March 1. The deadline for the scholarship will be May 1.

For January we served a delicious soup supper at Delores. The women enjoyed and appreciated being able to select from the four varieties of soup that were offered. Thank you, Elizabeth, Sheila, Olette, Nancy, Kathy H, CJ, Marian, Carin, Katie and Dan for generously providing all the food.

There will be NO Item of the Month collected at the February meeting.

~ Nancy

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Fund Raising Committee

The committee members met on Jan 21st to continue planning the Day of Film on Mar 21st, 2015. The sponsorships are coming along and we are a little more ahead of where we planned to be at this point.



We now have the film, *Jhola*, in hand and are ready to meet with Tammy from SIE FilmCenter to finalize the approval. We are also on the verge of completing the website links to purchase tickets and will inform everyone when that is complete, so that members may begin sending their friends and family members notice of the event.

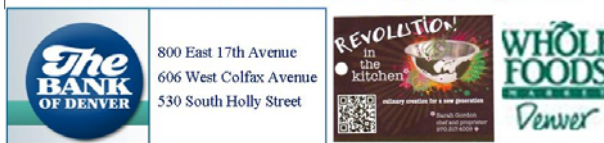
As a reminder, we are always in need of sponsors for the film. This can be individuals or organizations/corporations that you have contact with and that would be interested in making a tax-deductible donation to Zonta. There will be flyers at the February meeting that will help facilitate getting the word out.

A big THANK YOU to my committee members, co-chair, Nikki, and a few others from our club that continue to contribute their time to the 2015 Day of Film.

Our next committee meeting will take place Wednesday, Feb 4th at 5:30 at my house.

~ Gwen

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Advocacy Committee

The Advocacy Committee encourages you to attend one of the February events that we have been talking about recently.



On February 19, the annual Human Trafficking Awareness Day at the State Capitol will be held. There is more information about that above.

On February 24, several women legislators will appear at the Colorado Women's Legislative Breakfast. Time and place are in the Calendar. This is an energizing event, with lots of opportunities for Zontians to learn about like-minded organizations and meet other women and men with similar (and different) passions.

Several members of our club are already planning to attend one or both of these events, so you won't have trouble finding some familiar faces! Contact me if you want more information or to plan a rendezvous!

~ Judy Mc

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Membership Committee

The Membership Committee met on January 26, 2015. The Zonta Club of Denver Family Bowling Night will go forward on February 8, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at Celebrity Lanes, Parker and Arapahoe Roads. If you haven't yet RSVP'd for this, please contact Marian Lee at mlee@bhfs.com.



The Grant Award meeting will take place on February 12, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at the Embassy Suites in Southeast Denver. If you haven't yet RSVP'd for that event, please contact Marian Lee at mlee@bhfs.com.

The next meeting of the Membership Committee will take place on February 23, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at Citron Bistro.

~ Marian

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Minutes

Minutes - Zonta Meeting - November 13, 2014

The November Zonta meeting was held at The Hacienda with 21 members and guests attending. The meeting was called to order by Pres Mary Benoit at 6:30. Julie Bradley gave the Advocacy Moment.

Minutes of October meeting were approved as written. Under Treasurer's Report, Kathy Hyzer asked for approval of amended 2014-2015 budget. An error was in the budget approved at the August meeting. The \$1742 that was used to plug last year's budget was removed, and the budget was approved as amended. Nikki moved and Olette seconded.

Our speaker for the evening was Jennifer (?) the house manager for the three houses at Still Waters Housing, (Open Door Ministries) one of our grant recipients. She talked about the houses and the 15 women housed there. One house is for single women, one for women with children, and the third for women leaving the sex industry. Average stay is one year, but they would like them to stay 2 years. She spoke about two women who received educational assistance from our grant.

Committee Reports

PR - New brochures are out and available, thanks to Wendy for facilitating updating the brochures and arranging the printing. Julie suggested using MeetUp to sign up for meetings, and she will send out an email with instructions. We have already had one guest who found us on MeetUp. Smoke Signal submissions need to be in PDF or the body of an email.

Advocacy - Judy McNerny will have a meeting by conference call next Wed. Lines are full, but if someone wants to attend, they can come to Judy's office. She passed a sign up sheet for the advocacy Moment for next year.

Membership - There will be a social event Jan 25 from 6:30 to 8:30 at Celebrity Lanes at Parker and Arapahoe. Members are invited to bring family members, grandchildren, friends etc. The cost for bowling is about \$20, and members will be asked to pay in advance in December. Food and drinks are extra.

Service - The service grants were announced by members of the committee with a total of \$31,419 available for local projects. The Foundation Trustees approved the grants that come from Foundation funds.

Penny spoke about Open Door Ministries. Since we had already heard about the project, she was brief. \$10,000 has been granted. As this will be their third year, they will have to sit out a year next year.

Olette and Kate presented Second Chances, which has a furniture store in South Denver. They work with very hard core women, mentoring and training them to function in a work environment. Our grant of \$5000 will enable them to purchase computers and train the clients in their use.

Nancy presented the remaining grants:

- \$10,000 to Delores Project continuing their Steps to Stability program, which will assist 22 women to get into independent living.
- \$4880 to Friends of the Haven, which will continue their exercise program for their residents.
- \$1500 to Hands of the Carpenter. This is a new organization for Zonta, and they provide auto repair and car maintenance education for widows and single mothers. They have partnered with an auto parts store and the women pay a portion of the cost of repairs. The purpose is to keep the clients mobile so they can get to jobs and day care.

\$17,169 was available for International, and the committee allocated \$10,000 for one Amelia Earhart Fellowship and \$7,169 to ZISVAW.

The Club voted to approve two new organizations as service projects. Nancy moved to ask for approval of Hands of the Carpenter and Second Chances. Approved.

The funds from Club Service were voted on by the members. That includes \$1500 for JMK Scholarship and \$500 for a new local project chaired by Alexis. It is Zonta Wings, and will provide emergency travel funds for women needing immediate removal from human trafficking situations. Nancy Moved to approve Club Service funds. Approved.

Holiday Party will again be at The Haven, and we will be serving about 60 people, including our members. Similar to last year, we will provide dinner, decorate the tree and sing carols. Nancy put up sign up sheets for food donations. The committee also

voted to provide a gift bag for 5 women, consisting of one bra, two panties, one pair of pj's and two socks. Members signed up for those gifts. Julie will be putting out an email for members who were not at the meeting to sign up. We will need the assistance of everyone to make this evening a success.

Fund Raising - Still looking for a film, one film they liked was too costly. We already have on sponsorship of \$300 from our bank, ANB. Thanks to Nikki for getting that donation after years of trying!

Zonta Says No - Mary reported on the event, which was very successful. Still don't know about the money, but attendance was very good, and it provided great PR and getting the word out about Zonta.

The 50-50 drawing was held, and \$31 was won by Kathy Hyzer/.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Hyzer for Mary Lou Edwards

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President's Message

Welcome to a very busy Zonta time. I am always talking about upcoming events. I feel this is important because by joining in, whether it is fun or serious, matters. The more time we spend together the closer the bond and commitment becomes.



In my last message I spoke about loyalty and friendship, about honoring the diversity of each and every one of us. The way we get there from here is to take advantage of the opportunities to spend time together.

The first of these opportunities will be our bowling event on Sunday February 8, then the Human Trafficking Awareness Day at the capital on February 19, and the Women's Legislative Breakfast on February 24. Details for all these events are here in the Smoke Signal. The most exciting February event is our grants dinner to be held February 12 at the Embassy Suites.

There is one thing about Embassy that is problematic. It seems that we arrive at the hotel, report in at our Zonta check-in and go to the bar or just go to the bar. All that is fine but we momentarily forget why we are there. We begin visiting with our friends who are already there or we form a group and sit down. In the meantime our guests are left to fend for themselves in the meeting room. I am guilty, but we need to do better. So I would ask that you get your drink and come to the meeting room, welcome our guests and show them just how friendly we are.

Speaking of friendly, or maybe not so much, I invited a friend several months ago to a couple of meetings. Recently she told me she would pass on Zonta membership since some of the ladies were a bit cranky. That was hard to take. I get it, long day at work, terrible traffic, bad weather, etc. Here again I would ask everyone to pause a moment, take a deep breath and show the true Zonta spirit by being welcoming, friendly and open to new people.

I am sure you have heard on the news that human traffickers were captured here in Denver during the stock show. Although it is never good to hear about crime, it was good to hear the words "human trafficking" because just a short 10 years ago those words were rarely heard on the news media. For many years it was always said that the stock show brought prostitution to Denver or brought it out of the shadows with so many visitors. We all know that a lot of the women were not adult women but underage girls and boys being sold for sex. Now that it is being looked at for what it is some things will change. This is why we Zontians need to continue to advocate and educate members, friends, relatives, and strangers about human trafficking. Seriously, it is one of my passions and it certainly won't be eradicated in our time but it could be seriously curtailed.

I look forward to spending time with all of you soon. Where else can you go to enjoy the company of so many great like-minded women?

Mary Benoit, President

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Upcoming Events

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Calendar

Date	Event	Time	Location	Details
February 4	Fund Raising Committee meeting	6:00 pm	Gwen's home 14 Beacon Hill Ln	
February 8	Family Bowling Night	6:30 pm	Arapahoe Bowling Arapahoe & Parker	\$20/person
February 12	Club meeting	5:30 pm	Embassy Suites 7525 E Hampden Ave	Annual grants award dinner
February 19	Human Trafficking Awareness Day	8:30 am - 1:30 pm	Colorado Capitol	Be there and be an advocate for victims of human trafficking!
February 23	Membership Committee meeting	5:30 pm	Citron Bistro 3535 S Yosemite St	
February 24	Colorado Women's Legislative Breakfast	7 - 9:30 am	Scottish Rite Temple 1370 Grant Street	Program, Zonta PR, networking
March 5	Zing for Zonta	6:00 pm	The Avalon Ballroom 6185 Arapahoe Boulder	Zonta Foothills fund raiser - info at zontafoothills.org
March 12	Club meeting	5:30 pm	Hacienda Colorado 4100 E Mexico	

April 9, 2015	Club Meeting	5:30 pm	Hacienda Colorado 4100 E Mexico	Program: Zonta's role at the U.N.
April 11, 2015	Trivia Night	TBA	Kirk Hall Douglas County Fairgrounds	Zonta Douglas County fundraiser - info at zontadistrict12.org/ douglas- county-club
March 21, 2015	Zonta's Day of Film 2015	9:45 am - 1:00 pm	SIE FilmCenter 2510 E Colfax	Screening of <i>J'hola</i> and champagne brunch
May 16	Garage Sale	TBA	1360 Glencoe	Start collecting your unneeded treasures now!
June 12-14	ZI North American Inter- District Meeting	TBA	Minneapolis, MN	Mark your calendar! Meet Zontians from around the U.S. and Canada
September 24-26	2015 District 12 Conference	TBA	Boulder - TBA	Mark your calendar!

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