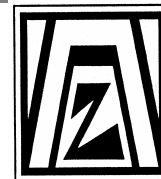




# Smoke Signal



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District 12, Area 3 January 2004

Zonta International is a worldwide organization of executives in business and the professions working together to advance the status of women

## No January Meeting



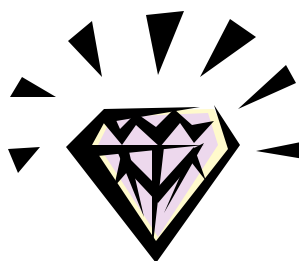
Amelia Earhart Dinner  
January 28th  
At  
Lakewood Country Club

Watch for your invitation in the mail this week.  
Silent Auction/Club Sales at 5:30  
Dinner and Program at 7:00

If your invitation does not show up—please contact a member of the board for a copy of the invitation or we will get one sent to you. Addresses sometimes change and members do not always keep us informed!

**WATCH THE MAIL FOR EXACT INFO on WHERE TO SEND YOUR RESERVATION, ETC.**

- \* Our condolences go to Dottie Jenkins who lost her mother on December 20th. Please convey your best wishes to her and her family
- \* Linda Corsmitt's husband suffered a mild heart attack this past month and is recovering at home.



## Diamonds Are A Girls Best Friend!

### Wanted:

Costume jewelry (or even the real thing) that you no longer want or need

**For: Zonta Club of Denver Fundraising in January @ the Amelia Earhart Dinner**

Calling all Zontians, to look through your old drawers and boxes for treasures (jewelry or crystal, or... ) to donate for our Club's silent auction. If your donated treasure does not sell, it will be returned to you if desired.

**Please bring your selected treasure (tagged with your name and approximate value - if known) to Diane Twining or call her @ 303-271-1383.**

Already donated: Avs hockey stick with all players autographs and Nuggets basketball with all players autographs!

#### Mission Statement of Zonta Club of Denver:

The Members of Zonta Club of Denver are committed to the support and well-being of our community, our club, and ourselves, by improving the status of women and children and upholding the Objects of Zonta International.

President of Zonta Club of Denver: Evie Ashmore

Editor: Julie Bradley

Governor of District 12: Mary Benoit

President's Message for January . . .



Happy New Year! I hope that 2004 brings much happiness to you and yours. I cannot believe it is January and that the holiday season is behind us. We have much to do in our Zonta life.

I urge you to attend the annual Amelia Earhart dinner for Area 3 on January 28 at the Lakewood Country Club. More details will follow. Because of this important meeting, there will NOT be a January 8 General Membership Meeting. Our next General Membership Meeting will be held on February 12.

A big thanks goes to Cathy Conley and Kathy Hyzer who organized our wonderful Holiday party at Landry's. Did you get a chance to view the marquee that said "Welcome Zonta Club of Denver"? It was a fun time to visit, exchange gifts and donate to our Adopt-A-Family project. Thanks to Julie Bradley for preparing the wonderful invitations.

We welcome two new members into our club - Joetta Williams sponsored by Cathy Conley and Anne Taylor sponsored by Trish Bloemker-Sowers. These wonderful ladies bring our current membership to 41 members. This will qualify our club to have two delegates at the International Convention in New York City.

However, we bid sad farewell to long-time member and our current Zontian of the Year - Elizabeth Clinton. Elizabeth and Bob have moved to Pueblo to begin their fun retirement life. I recently received an email from Elizabeth advising that the "move was accomplished". Elizabeth, we will miss you.

I recently contributed to the Zonta International Foundation in honor of the Zonta Club of Denver. I know many of you have also contributed to the Foundation and appreciation goes out to you. I urge all of you to support the Foundation as these gifts make our programs stronger so that we can improve the lives of more women, and ultimately achieve our mission of Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide.

Yours in Zonta,  
Evie Ashmore, President

Convention 2004—New York City  
July 3-8, 2004  
Marriott Marquis in Times Square

Join Zontians to discover first hand...the arts, culture, business, finance, economics, fashion, transportation and many other aspects of what makes New York City "tick"

On page 5 will be excerpts from the Zonta International Web site concerning the New York Zonta International 57th Convention.

Since not everyone can access the internet we will be featuring all sorts of things that you can find on the new web site at:

<http://www.zontaconvention2004.com/>



New Web Site! Zonta International has updated their web site with a new look. See page 3 for the new look.  
All you need is your name and info on the label of your Zontian magazine:  
**12 03 0042 84357 1**  
Your name  
Address  
City State Zip  
Numbers:  
12 = District 12 03 = area 3  
0042 = our club number  
Xxxxx = your member number  
Look for your last Zontian and log onto the internet for all the info you ever need!

Greeters & Invocation Lists  
for 03-04

	<u>Greeters (2)</u>	<u>Invocation</u>
Feb.	Carmen Teufel Sheila Davis	Judy Allen
Mar	Julie Bradley	Carmen Teufel
Apr	Marjorie Pickett Sue Anne Flaherty	Diane Twining
May	Cynthia Herndon	Minnie Lundberg
June	Mary Benoit	Linda Corssmit

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**Zonta Club of Denver  
2003-2004**

**Board of Directors  
Monthly Meetings  
4th Thursdays at 5:30 pm,  
at Evie Ashmore's House**

5795 S Danube Cir.  
Aurora, CO 80015

Thurs, Jan 22nd  
Thurs, Feb 26th  
Thurs, Mar 25th  
Thurs, Apr 22nd  
Thurs, May 27th

To include information in the  
Smoke Signal please contact:

Julie Bradley  
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303-866-9266 wk fax,  
303-799-1801 hm,  
303-792-5289 hm fax

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julieqbradley@comcast.net  
or  
julie.bradley@usw.sarmy.org

**Smoke Signal Deadline for  
the February issue is  
January 23rd**



**Happy Birthday  
To Our January  
Birthday Girls**

Jan 2nd Nancy Armbruster  
Jan 7th Wendy Henry-Morsaskie  
Jan 15th Marjorie Pickett

### UPCOMING SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

#### RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE DINNERS

Please email Sheila at [sadavis@4edisp.net](mailto:sadavis@4edisp.net) if you would like to provide dinner on Monday, January 19th, or Monday, February 16th. Since there is no dinner meeting in January, email is the best way to sign up for these dates.



#### Service Grants for 2003-2004

Approval and denial letters have been sent to all organizations that applied for service grants this year. Recipients have been asked to join club members at the February dinner meeting. They will receive their awards at that time, and also provide a short overview of their project and volunteer opportunities for club members.



Be sure to look at the web site: [www.zonta.org](http://www.zonta.org)

# Service Thank You's

**DRESS FOR SUCCESS®**

Sheila Davis took a car-load of clothing and accessories donated by club members to the Dress For Success organization on Friday, December 19th.

Thanks to all Zontians who cleaned, pressed, and gathered up their suits, purses, blouses, etc. The quality of the items donated was quite nice, and they will certainly be useful to the women needing interview clothing.

Dress For Success is now accepting donations every Monday from 9:00am to 4:00pm, and every Friday from 9:00am to 1:00pm. Their phone number is 303-298-8869.

They are located at Colfax and Marion.

Zonta Club of Denver rang bells for The Salvation Army on December 6th at Park Meadows Mall outside Nordstrom's.

Thanks to: **Nikki Headlee, Evie Ashmore, Sheila Davis and her husband, Judy Allen & Richard Starlin, Diane Twining, Cynthia Herndon, Barbara Pellegren and grandchildren and Mark and Julie Bradley!**



**Zonta's total was \$650.05 raised for the army. Congratulations and thanks!!**

Once again Zonta came through to help a family have a wonderful Christmas. Clothes, toys, food and gift certificates for food and shoe were just some of the wonderful things donated by club members. Thank your for making the holiday special for Caroline and her four children!

# Thank You!

Memo from Evelyn Haskell,  
Governor Elect, District 12

Area 3 is scheduled to host the District 12 Conference in 2005. I want each of the seven Zonta Clubs in Area 3 to have the opportunity to seek out a venue in your city to hold the District 12 Conference in 2005. The conference is normally held the last weekend of September or the first weekend of October. I invite each Area 3 Zonta Club to submit a proposal indicating the location available. Issues to consider include—price of rooms, size and variety of meeting rooms, availability and access to audio visual equipment, banquet facilities, appropriate location for memorial service, and other amenities. The expected attendance for the Denver Metro Area would be about 110 for the entire conference and about 140 for the Saturday banquet. IN addition, please consider possible interesting activities for our Friday evening activities.

It is important to begin examining the possibilities at an early date since it is becoming increasingly difficult to locate suitable venues to accommodate our annual District 12 Conference. Furthermore, beginning to seek out appropriate locations in the cities of interested Zonta Clubs at an early date will provide a wider choice to select from, and thus ensure that we have a good workable location selected early in the planning period.

Therefore, I am requesting bids form all interested Zonta Clubs in Area 3 for the Fall 2005 Conference to be submitted to me in writing by no later than April 30, 2004. This date will enable me to make a selection and the reservation date can be secured immediately.

Please present my request to the membership of each o f your clubs for their consideration. Thanks to each of you for giving serious attention to my request.

**President Evie has asked Cathy Conley and Kathy Hyzer to work up a proposal. If we are chosen, all members will need to be involved!**



# Online Registration available NOW!

## Frequently asked questions:

### Hotel - Room Rates

**Q1.** What is the cost of a room at the Marriott Marquis?  
**A1.** The room rates for the Marriott Marquis are: single room - USD \$162.98, double room - USD \$168.10, triple room - USD \$188.60 and a quad room - USD \$209.10. These rates will be available in January, 2004 when the Zontian magazine, containing all the Convention 2004 information, is published. If you call the hotel for a room prior to that time, you will be quoted the regular room rate which is much higher than the Convention rate. There are more than 1000 rooms available to us at the Marriott, so all Zontians and their guests can be accommodated.

### Marketplace

**Q1.** Why are opportunities to sell items in the Marketplace limited to North American clubs?  
**A1.** The decision was made to eliminate custom and tax issues.

### Convention Tours

**Q1.** I am making travel plans and would like to know if there will be pre-convention tours available.  
**A1.** Convention 2004 will offer a variety of pre-convention tours and activities each day beginning on Weds, June 30th. Plan to arrive early and take advantage of this opportunity to explore and enjoy the many attractions of New York City.

**Q2.** Are there any pre and post convention tours available for other areas of the United States?  
**A2.** Pre and post Convention "See America" tours are also available. For tour details, contact Mary Bazargan, Majestic Travel, Inc. at [majestytl@aol.com](mailto:majestytl@aol.com).

### Electronic Audience Voting

**Q1.** What will be programmed into devices?  
**A1.** The number of delegate and proxy votes that a delegate is carrying.

**Q2.** What is the procedure for delegates turning their handheld devices over to their alternates?  
**A2.** Delegates will officially turn over their hand held devices to alternates - credentials will be informed of the change and will ensure that the alternate is fully trained in operating the voting device.

**Q3.** Do the devices have to be reprogrammed when a delegate turns the device over to the alternate?  
**A3.** No.

**Q4.** How and when will hand-held devices be given to delegates?  
**A4.** When delegates register at credentials they will:  
 \*Receive their pre-coded, hand held device(s)  
 \*Pay \$5.00 insurance against loss of each device (optional)  
 \*Sign for each device received  
 \*Receive notice required of hand held device training

**Q5.** If the handheld device is lost, who pays?  
**A5.** Individuals holding Insured devices (\$5.00 paid when each device is received) owe nothing if the device is lost; those holding uninsured devices will be responsible for paying \$300 for each lost device.

**Q6.** What if a delegate wants to change a vote after it is punched into the device?  
**A6.** A delegate may override a vote by simply voting again before time is expired for the vote. The last vote entered into the device is the final vote.

**Q7.** How do we handle clubs carrying proxies from two other clubs (which can total up to five votes for a single delegate)?  
**A7.** The total number of delegate and proxy(ies) votes are keyed into each device. If the delegate votes for a single candidate or issue, with all votes assigned, the total number of the delegate's votes are counted for that candidate or issue. If the delegate who is holding a proxies), has been instructed to vote differently for the proxy club(s), than the delegate's own club; an additional device(s) is required.

**Q8.** What happens if the club or proxy vote is reassigned to another individual than the person originally specified by the club, between the time the clubs sends in the information, and the beginning of the Convention  
**A8.** The database can be changed on site and the proper number of votes can be adjusted.

**Q9.** What is the voting procedure?  
**A9.** The delegates will be shown the question or candidates for which they will be voting on the large screens in the front of the room. They will be given ample time to make their decision on each issue or candidate, then they will press the corresponding button (A. Martha Washington, B. Queen Elizabeth, C. Cleopatra; or A. yes B. no). The results of each vote will then go into the data base and the appropriate Zonta official will provide results as required. Voting for Officers, Directors and Nominating Committee will take place at a time when only delegates will be in the room. Results will be provided at a later time. Any runoffs will be handled in a similar manner.

**Q10.** When and where do the devices have to be turned in?  
**A10.** On Thursday, July 8, 2004, delegates will return devices to the audience voting committee, in a designated room, between the hours of 12noon to 5pm.





*Presents the Annual  
Tribute To Our Affiliates*

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*Women Leaders  
of  
Excellence Dinner*

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*Our featured guest speaker will  
be Patricia Barela-Rivera,  
Colorado District Director,  
Small Business Administration.*

*February 10, 2004  
Denver Design Center  
595 S. Broadway  
6 PM to 9 PM*

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Visit us on the Web at: [www.co-wlc.org](http://www.co-wlc.org)

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Metropolitan State College of Denver Foundation, Inc

Nov, 11, 2003

Ms. Evie Ashmore  
President  
Zonta Club of Denver

Dear Ms. Ashmore,

The purpose of this letter is two-fold: first to inform you of the status of your endowment fund with Metropolitan State College of Denver Foundation (the "Foundation") as of Sept 30, 2003 (your endowment report is included as a separate attachment to this letter) and, second, to advise you of recent decisions made by the Foundation board of directors with respect to all endowments funds held by it.

Let me begin by saying how much we value the funds you have entrusted to us and that we take seriously our role to manage those funds in the most efficient and effective manner possible. We recognize the fact that there are many organizations that are worthy of your support, but you have chosen to partner with the Foundation to provide educational opportunities for deserving students and/or to support the programs and activities of the college. For that we are truly appreciative.

For the past decade or so, the MSCD Foundation, like many other college and university foundations, has reaped the benefits of a bull market and an expanding economy on its endowment portfolio. Because of the volatile economic environment and bear market we have experienced over the past several years, we found ourselves faced with a "perfect storm" of declining asset values and low returns. Similar to market indices, this year again saw our overall endowment negativity impacted by market conditions. Based on these factors, the board made several decisions relative to the management of its endowments, in an effort to preserve the purchasing power of the funds through time and to provide a stable flow of funds to meet current spending commitments.

After considerable discussion and deliberation with our auditors, attorney and Investment Committee regarding the Foundation's distribution policies, the board has temporarily adjusted the spending rate on endowment accounts to 3.0%. This decision was reached after carefully reviewing all other options available to the board, however, that a spending rate of 3.05 % had to be implemented if we were to continue to provide intergenerational equity to both present and future Metro students. The board will review this decision again as market conditions dictate.

In spite of the negative impact the last three years have had on the endowment, the Foundation has still been able to award over \$100,000 in endowed scholarships to students who might otherwise not have been able to afford to attend college. Your efforts, and the efforts of other committed individuals such as you to make a difference in the lives of deserving students, has not been in vain. Please accept our sincerest gratitude for your support of the Metropolitan State College of Denver.

If you have any questions regarding any of this information, please feel free to contact Mary Feller at 303-556-8424.

Sincerely

Robert Cohen, Chair

MSCD Foundation, Inc. \_\_\_\_\_

**Endowment Report  
For the Zonta Club of Denver Endowed  
Scholarship Fund**

Total Contributions since inception through September 30, 2003	<b>\$29,386.00</b>
Total value of the endowment as of September 30, 2003 is	<b>\$29,262.85</b>

The value includes **\$195.04** available for distribution. The amount available for distribution includes scholarship dollars that have been approved for the 2003-04 academic year.

# January Smoke Signal

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 Zonta Club of Denver  
 PMB 209  
 303 16th St #016  
 Denver, CO 80202-5657

## Smoke Signal

Jan 12th	Service Committee Meeting
Jan 19th	Ronald McDonald Dinner
Jan 22nd	Board Meeting at Evie's House
Jan 28th	Amelia Earhart Dinner for Area 3
Feb 12th	General Membership Meeting
Feb 16th	Service Committee Meeting
Feb 16th	Ronald McDonald Dinner
Feb 26th	Board Meeting at Evie's House
Mar 11th	General Membership Meeting
Mar 15th	Ronald McDonald Dinner

Mar 15th	Service Committee Meeting
Mar 25th	Board Meeting at Evie's House
Apr 3rd	Area 3 Meeting
Apr 8th	General Membership Meeting
Apr 19th	Service Committee Meeting
Apr 19th	Ronald McDonald Dinner
Apr 22nd	Board Meeting at Evie's House
May 13th	General Membership Meeting
May 17th	Service Committee Meeting
May 17th	Ronald McDonald Dinner
May 27th	Board Meeting at Evie's House
July 2004	International Convention in New York City





Zonta Club of Denver  
 Nominations for 2004-2005 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 2004 to 2005 fiscal year (more than one name for each office will be appreciated):

President Diane Twining is automatically president

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

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

Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_

I suggest the following Zontians as directors for the two year term of 2004 to 2006 (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 2004 to 2005 fiscal year.

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 \_\_\_\_\_  
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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: Margaret Fomer (rfomer@aol.com)  
 Nikki Headlee (nheadlee@solucian.com)  
 Jacki Sammons (jnsamm@man.com)

Please return this form or the info by **February 9th** to any one of the nominating committee. They are meeting on the 10th to make decisions.