

Smoke Signal

44 for '08



Holiday Party

Despite the snowy weather, 40 members and guests had an enjoyable evening and delicious food at the holiday party. Thanks from the three 25+ year members, Dorothy Swindt, Dolores Lowery, and Judy McNerny (especially from Judy McNerny, whose three children were invited to attend and surprise her, which they did!) for the certificates and recognition they received for their years of service, friendship, fun and learning.



New Members

Please be sure to take the opportunity to visit with and get to know our newer members. In the past we have lost new members because they felt left out of the meeting bustle of board members handing out information, committee chairs corralling their troops, friends greeting friends they hadn't seen in a month or two, and so forth. We've been doing better. Keep it up! Let's all make a point to welcome the members we don't know well just as warmly as our "old" buddies! Remember, someone you don't know is just a future friend.

Guests

Another reminder, and a clarification. Continue to think of people you know who might be interested in Zonta, and invite them to a meeting. In addition to any of our regular meetings, the Amelia Earhart dinner would be a good event for a guest. The club will pay for a prospective member to attend any one regular club meeting. However, the cost of the Amelia Earhart dinner is more than our budget allows for that purpose! (If you would like to invite a potential member to that event, the club could pay \$30 of the cost if you or your guest would pay the balance.)

Committee Meeting

The Membership Committee will meet on Tuesday, January 15, at Joetta Williams' home.

International 2008-2011 Slate of Candidates

The Zonta International Nominating Committee presents the following slate. Candidates are presented in alphabetical order under each office. Included are the highest offices held that qualify the nominees for candidacy. Please note that all voting members of the Convention may vote for all positions at Convention 2008.

Candidate for President-Elect

Dianne K. Curtis

Zonta Club of Santa Clarita Valley, CA USA, District 9

International Vice President, 2006-2008

Candidates for Vice President

Annette Binder

Zonta Club of Hamburg-Elbufer, Germany, District 27

International Director, 2004-2006

Dunstanette Lucille Macauley

Zonta Club of Lome, Togo, District 18

International Director, 1996-1998

Lynn J. McKenzie

Zonta Club of Wellington, New Zealand, District 16

International Director, 2004-2006

Candidate for Treasurer/Secretary

Gloria Stootman Wristen

Zonta Club of Auburn, NY USA, District 2

International Treasurer/Secretary, 2006-2008

Candidates for International Director for 2008-2010 *Four (4) to be elected*

Ingeborg Geyer

Zonta Club of Vienna, Austria, District 14

District Governor, 2006-2008

Lynn R. Goodhue

Zonta Club of Northampton Area, MA USA, District 1

District Governor, 2006-2008

Lynette Grave

Zonta Club of Metropolitan Dunedin, New Zealand, District 16

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President Nikki's December Message...

Whew! The holidays are over. As much as I love the holidays, I'm always glad to get back to a routine and a sense of normalcy – whatever that might be. I understand the holiday party was lovely even though it was not lovely getting there. Dave and I along with Joanne Bass of the Zonta Club of Lakewood/Golden toasted all of you from a terrace overlooking the ocean in 85 degree weather sipping margaritas in Ixtapa!



One of the best things about December is all the volunteer opportunities afforded our members. It seems, though, throughout various Zonta clubs that there's the perennial question of, "What really does count for service hours." To that end we have created "Service Guidelines," which is printed in this month's Smoke Signal. Also included is a list of club approved organizations which count for service hours. If there is an organization to which you give hours of service that is not on this list, contact Linda Corssmit and ask that it be put up for approval. Robin Smith will be asking for your service hours monthly, both by a form on the table as well as by e-mail. And, as always, the guidelines are not written in blood but can be revised as needed. It is our best attempt to get it down on paper to eliminate recreating the wheel. Hope this helps.

Have a fabulous 2008! We all deserve one!

Nikki

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District Governor, 2006-2008

Elke Jöhler-Duriez

Zonta Club of Bad Homburg, Germany, District 28

District Governor, 2004-2006

Heddy Tangen Steffensen

Zonta Club of Stavanger, Norway, District 13

District Governor, 2006-2008

Mary Ann Tarantula

Zonta Club of Northern Valley, NJ USA, District 3

District Governor, 2006-2008

Candidates for International Director for 2009-2011 Three (3) to be elected

Beverly A. Duff

Zonta Club of Ft. Myers Area, FL USA, District 11

District Governor, 2002-2004

Sonja Hönig Schough

Zonta Club of Kungsbacka, Sweden, District 21

District Governor, 2006-2008

Beryl McMillan

Zonta Club of Melbourne CBD Inc., VIC Australia, District 23

District Governor, 2006-2008

Kirsi Nickels

Zonta Club of Hyvinkää Area, Finland, District 20

Area Director, 2002-2004

Carol Pasanen

Zonta Club of Brainerd Area, MN USA, District 7

District Governor, 2006-2008

Candidates for Nominating Committee

North, Central and South America

Barbara J. Lippa

Zonta Club of Fairfax County, VA USA, District 3

District Governor, 2000-2002

Sharron Miles

Zonta Club of Johnson County, TX USA, District 10

District Governor, 2006-2008

Europe

Anu Hämäläinen

Zonta Club of Lappeenranta, Finland, District 20

District Governor, 1994-1996

Africa

Jadesola Akande

Zonta Club of Lagos, Nigeria, District 18
District Governor, 1992-1994

Josephine Kolapo Odedina

Zonta Club of Lagos, Nigeria, District 18

District Governor, 2006-2008

Australia and New Zealand

Patricia I. Lawson

Zonta Club of Sydney Hills Inc., NSW Australia, District 24

District Governor, 2006-2008

Elizabeth Woodgate

Zonta Club of Peel Region Inc., WA Australia, District 23

District Governor, 2002-2004

Asia

Bi-Shiou Chiou

Zonta Club of Hsin Chu, Taiwan, District 31

District Governor, 2006-2008

Olivia A. Ferry

Zonta Club of Makati & Environs, Philippines, District 17

International President, 2006-2008

At Large

Four (4) to be elected

Mary Benoit

Zonta Club of Denver, CO USA, District 12

District Governor, 2002-2004

Donna Lane

Zonta Club of Frederick, MD USA, District 3

International Treasurer/Secretary 1994-1998

Sally F. Rankin

Zonta Club of Houston, TX USA, District 10

District Governor, 2003-2004

Ronda Walker

Zonta Club of Kyneton Inc., VIC Australia, District 23

District Governor, 2004-2006

Beatrice Weaver

Zonta Club of Greater Miami I, FL USA, District 11

District Governor, 2006-2008

Irene Wiese von Ofen

Zonta Club of Essen, Germany, District 29

International Director 1992-1994

Congrats Mary!
Good Luck

January General Meeting

The January meeting place is *To Be Announced* due to a misunderstanding with the Sheraton Four Points. Members will be contacted by email and phone soon, when the meeting place for this month has been arranged.

- Social hour: 6 p.m.
- Dinner: 7 p.m.
- Menu: *To Be Announced*
- Greeters: Judy McNerny
Linda Corssmit
- Inspirational
- Moment: Joetta Williams
- Cost: \$30.00 or less

Please RSVP to: Cathy Conley at **303-691-6926** (hm) or **720-622-0181**. (wk) and leave a message. (or email at cathryn.conley@ge.com. Remember, you must reserve your seat by **noon, Mon., January 7th**

Program:

Michael Lindsey, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office
(civilian, grant-funded employee)

For the past 3 years, Michael Lindsey has been the training coordinator for a federally funded grant program to specifically design training programs to help law enforcement and community service providers recognize and potentially prevent domestic violence from occurring.

Mr. Lindsey has been involved with stopping domestic violence for over 28 years. He has worked as a therapist treating offenders, at safe shelters, and inside prisons and jails. He has trained hundreds of law-enforcement personnel, therapists, judges, prosecutors. He is currently working on a model to establish the infrastructure to END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

Look forward to a presentation by Mr. Lindsey on his model to work towards ending domestic violence, including stalking.

Board of Directors Meetings:

**Zonta Club of Denver
2007-2008**

- Board of Directors**
(rotating at various board members' homes)
- January 24**
- February 21**
- March 20**
- April 24**
- May 22**

Happy Birthday to our January Birthday girls

- Wendy Moraskie 7th
- Marjorie Pickett 15th
- Amanda Megill 17th



UPDATE YOUR STATUS ON THE LIST!

- Please check the information on the right for the Permanent Reservation List.
- Those who are on the permanent reservation list do not have to call to make their reservation for the dinner meetings.
- If you plan on coming to every meeting—why not add your name if it is not on the list?

Permanent Reservation list

Should your name be listed here?

- Carroll Allen
- Evie Ashmore
- Mary Benoit
- Cathy Conley
- Linda Corssmit
- Mindy Craig
- Sheila Davis
- Pam Dumonceau
- Robin Forti Jennings
- Essie Garrett
- Nikki Headlee
- Deb Heckart
- Cynthia Herndon
- Dottie Jenkins
- Jennifer Koeller
- Susan Leibsly
- Kate Linscott
- Amanda Megill
- Judy McNerny
- Wendy Moraskie
- Beth Mundell
- Marjorie Pickett
- Linda Rhea
- Robin Smith
- Dorothy Swindt
- Diane Twining
- Joetta Williams

You are invited to the Zonta Area 3
Amelia Earhart Dinner
Sunday, January 27th, 2008

4:30 pm Silent Auction & Appetizers
5:30 pm Dinner
6:30 pm Entertainment begins
Join us in welcoming Speakers:
Cherie Krasovich, United Airlines Pilot
B757/767
Sally Covington, Public Relations at DIA
Tickets are \$50 per person plus a Cash Bar



Location:

The Soiled Dove
Underground
7401 E 1st Ave
Denver, CO 80230
(lower level at The Tavern
at Lowry)
Elevator Access Available



Contact person: Kathy Hyzer @ 303-282-1062

Contact for further info:
Kathy.Hyzer@HRH.com

Print this form and return along with payment by January 19, 2008 to:

Sheila Davis
3635 S Roslyn Way
Denver, CO 80237

Name: _____ Club: _____
Day Phone: _____ Evening phone: _____
Email: _____
Guests: _____

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ (\$50 per person) payable to
The Zonta Club of Denver

(Please indicate number of meals for each type)

Chicken Marsala _____
Roasted Sirloin of Beef _____
Tequila-Lime Shrimp _____
Vegetable Medley _____

**SAVE THE DATE
THE ZONTA CLUB OF THE PIKES PEAK
AREA**

**The Glass Slipper Ball
Saturday March 1, 2008**

I was honored attend this marvelous first time event for the Pikes Peak Club earlier this year in January. The attendance by other Zonta Clubs was not very good because we had such a horrendous winter. Please mark your calendars. Since the club has voted to accept the long range plan which includes a signature event of this type I believe it would be prudent for us to see an event like this in action. I know the club's proceeds were in excess on \$10,000.00. It was invigorating and energizing and well worth it.

Mary Benoit

Fund Raising Event!!

**Always Patsy Cline
At the Town Hall
Center**

2450 W Main,

Littleton

February 9, 2008

2:00 PM

**See Donna Hultin
and the fund-raising
committee for tickets**



A story of true devotion between a fan and one of the greatest country singers of all time.

**Tickets will be available at the January
Meeting Cost \$40**

After Show Wine & Cheese Event

She's one of the greatest country singers of all time. And with songs like "Crazy", "I Fall To Pieces" and "Back in Baby's Arms", just a concert of her music would be a wonderful experience. But the story of Patsy Cline and her real-life friend Louise interwoven with these fantastic songs is what this show delivers, making it a beautiful, funny, heart-warming evening of theatre that's not to be missed.

SERVICE GUIDELINES

November 18, 2007

Committee Hours:

- a. These can be reported by committee chairs using number of people times length of meeting. Individuals do not need to report hours at committee meetings.
- b. If time spent outside of committee, i.e., interviewing potential grant recipients, the hours may be reported by the individual to the committee chair on a monthly basis.
- c. Committee chair will forward report quarterly to the president.

Fellowship Hours:

- a. President can track these unless she's not at an event. Only Club events will be tracked.

Service Hours:

- a. Service hours count if the project is approved by the club. List attached. Projects include those the club as a whole participates in as well as individual projects that the club has approved but perhaps only one or two individuals are interested in providing service to this organization, i.e., Lupus Foundation of Colorado is a special interest of Evie Ashmore.
- b. Church activities, home owner associations, professional organizations, or political activities are examples where your donated time does **not** count for service hours.
- c. Service hours may include but are not limited to: time at event, time preparing for the event which could include time shopping and preparing meal or project such as a cook book, clipping coupons for Teen Moms, hours spent inputting Imagination Library recipients, time giving blood, travel hours, etc.
- d. For club organized projects, the project coordinator will report number of individuals participating and hours at site. Individuals are responsible for reporting to coordinator hours spent outside of site preparing. Coordinators will report hours monthly to service committee coordinator or chair who will then report to president on a quarterly basis. Service committee coordinator will e-mail members, on the first of the month, a request to report additional hours.
- e. Individuals will report additional service hours to service committee coordinator.

Fundraising Hours

- a. Fundraising hours at committee meetings to be reported by chair.
- b. Fundraising chair will ask on a monthly basis for hours spent by committee members outside of meetings.
- c. Chair will report all hours to president on a quarterly basis.

SERVICE HOURS PROJECTS

APPROVED BY

ZONTA CLUB OF DENVER

As of 12/7/07

- American Center Society
- Bonfils Blood Center
- Center for Work Education and Employment (CWEE)
- Conflict Center
- Delores Project
- Denver Kids/Teen Moms
- Dress for Success
- Excelsior Youth Center
- Gathering Place
- Hewyet Ethiopian Necklace Sales
- Hope Communities
- Leukemia and Lymphoma Society
- Lupus Foundation of Colorado
- RAAP
- Race for the Cure
- Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic
- Rocky Mountain Parents as Teachers
- Ronald McDonald House
- Salvation Army
- Samaritan Counseling Center
- Santa Shop
- Women's Bean Project

Thank You!

I am always so thankful for all the wonderful people that love helping at the Santa Claus Shop each year. You are the most amazing group of volunteers I have ever met.

I am blessed to know so many people that come year after year and are so kind to our customers. Thank you all.

Thought you might like to read what Dave Cottrell wrote about this year. He has been with the shop at least 30 years.

Merry Christmas. May your glow be even brighter this year for having made such a difference in the lives of so many! You are truly on the list when I count my blessings!

Love
Linda Rhea

Thank you so much for the people who were able to ring bells for The Salvation Army. We were unable to ring at our usual 3 doors at Nordstroms but had 2 doors at Macy's on December 1st this part month. Weather was cold and hearts were warm.



We raised \$333.69 in our 2 kettles from 9:30 am until 3:30 pm. Great job! As always—ALL the money raised goes to help unfortunate individuals who may otherwise not have a great Christmas. The money stays in the area it was raised.

Thank You—The Salvation Army (& Julie B.)



Stories from the shop

Many of you are not able to get to the shop during the days we distribute the toys, or are busy with your own booth or job. I get to work at various places throughout the shop and thought I would share some stories of what was going on in other places in the shop.

My day starts about 6:30 AM or so when I get to the shop and find Gary with some hot coffee going and gearing up for the start of a new day. The parking crew doesn't arrive until 8:00 AM so we work traffic management and parking until they arrive. The clients arrive early. On the first day (Friday) at 6:15 AM in the dark, temperature at 10 degrees with snow falling, we find about 15 people in line at the front door. I station myself at the entrance to G.A. Wright and visit with about 50 families over the next hour and a half as they arrive. At 8:00 I head in to check in with Gary, Danny and all of the many volunteers who come to help. There is the Sheriff, the Santa, the Computer people, the Salvation Army Band, the folks from G. A. Wright, the Diner staff (what a great way to start the day!). The shop looks great with the new shelves and the new banners, all stocked with toys and ready for shoppers. We make the intake lines longer so that we can get more people into the shop to get warm. After hours of being outside in the cold, all of the shoppers are happy and smiling. After the ribbon cutting, the computer crew fires up and the shop is open for business. With more computers the flow of shoppers coming in is just right and the shop never gets overcrowded. On the way out, almost ALL of the shoppers stop by the Thank You table to write a message (what another great idea!). By noon, there is no line outside the building and shoppers are able to just walk up to the door and come in out of the cold. We ran nearly 3,000 people through that day. We never had to close the shop down and clear out shoppers. What a truly delightful day this was.

Saturday starts as did Friday. Today's Santa is Louie. Louie has been here before. He is short, skinny and a ball of fire (did I mention he is also Jewish!). Louie wants to be more involved and wants to join the board. He is so small, we had to have special pants made so they wouldn't drag on the ground. His belt hangs down to his knees. We have tried multiple pillows. Louie is still the little, skinny "Tasmanian" Santa. The line goes all day. It is nearing 3:00 in the afternoon and with some quick processing, all of the line is inside and shopping at 3:10. We made it!

Monday, I worked the front door. In the front lobby where the shoppers enter, the Shop placed a poster dedicating the shop to Aunt Aggie and Dick "Santa" Milne. It was in English and Spanish. As I stood at the door letting the shoppers in, I noticed that as the shoppers passed the poster, most of them read the dedication and many

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reached up and touched the pictures. This shop was truly dedicated to both of them. It was a very moving sight to see.

Tuesday, we had a new Sheriff working with the shop. He had just come off duty and had had two hours of sleep. We loaded him with coffee (thanks to Starbucks) and donuts. He really wasn't sure what to expect. I spoke with him after the shop closed. He had a great day. He spends his nights guarding inmates at the jail. This day as he stood at the front of the line, he told me that a number of shoppers came over and gave him a hug and thanked him and blessed him. He was ready to go for another 12 hours.

Joan and Jim work the front line, separating the shoppers with problems (no letters, they have a card from Salvation Army, or they need to add kids to the letter they have) and shopper with a letter that is good to go. They greet them all cheerfully all through the day. They also arrange to have a Santa everyday at the shop. They also donate all of the candy canes that Santa hands out. Now Gary and I will be the first to tell you that the biggest problem with the trash in the shop is the wrappers and broken candy from the thousands of candy canes that Santa hands out. We also know that the greatest joy the children have is receiving a candy cane from Santa (Ho, Ho, Ho) himself. Santa is sure to see every child all through the day.

All four days, the shop went without any major problems. No one got hurt; No babies were delivered; No fights or hassles; No counterfeit certificates; and the Toys were great; Shoppers were comfortable, happy, thankful, polite and all left with toys for their children. We tore down the shop with the aid of the Sheriff and some very fun and hard working inmates. We loaded the truck from the cab to the rear door (boy it was really full!) and headed to the storage shed. We unloaded it all. The inmates treated the supplies and the shelves as if they were their own. They carefully carried and place each item purposefully (no throwing or dropping things with this group of guys), we joked and drank the last of the sodas. Wished all a Merry Christmas. And home to rest.

Hope this gives those who don't have the chance to wander the shop when it is going full blast a taste of what I get to see and hear. The shop truly is greater than the sum of its parts.

Merry Christmas to all.

Dave C.

Service Committee

Many thanks to those who brought undies for Dress for Success to the Christmas party. We collected three large bags, and I know their clients will be thrilled to have new bras and panties to go with their new interview and work outfits.

Please remember to report service hours to Robin Smith. If you're coordinating a service project and have the sign-up sheet, let me suggest that you get hours and report for the whole project. That way, none of our service hours will "slip through the cracks".

The Service Committee is beginning to plan another event for the DKJ Teen Moms, and will be looking for help from members. Please watch for details.

The clipboard is back, with hands-on service opportunities. Robin Smith will have it available at meetings, and would be grateful if everyone would keep it circulating. Apparently some members have missed it over the past few months.

Dolores Project dinners are now in full swing the third Sunday of every month. We make and serve dinner to as many as 60 women at the shelter. Questions? Please call Linda Rhea, who has answers.

Zonta Club of Denver

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*Upcoming Calendar Events
Save the date!*

Jan 10	General Meeting at Four Points Hotel 5:30 pm	Mar 16	Delores Project—bring dinner
Jan 15	Membership Committee Meeting at Joetta Williams House	Mar 20	Board Meeting
Jan 20	Delores Project—bring dinner	Apr 10	General Meeting at Four Points Hotel 5:30 pm
Jan 24	Board Meeting	Apr 24	Board Meeting
Jan 27	Amelia Earhart Dinner at 5 PM at The Soiled Dove (The Tavern @ Lowry)	Apr 27	Little Shop of Horrors—Boulder Dinner Theatre
Feb 9	Always Patsy Cline—Littleton Town Hall Center	May 8	General Meeting at Four Points Hotel 5:30 pm
Feb 14	General Meeting at Four Points Hotel 5:30 pm	May 22	Board Meeting
Feb 17	Delores Project—bring dinner	June 20— June 27	Rhine Tour—Pre-Int'l Convention
Feb 21	Board Meeting	June 27— July 2nd	Zonta International Convention in Rotterdam
Mar 6	Yellow Rose Tea (non-event)		
Mar 13	General Meeting at Four Points Hotel 5:30 pm		