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Delores Project Receives \$20,000 Award from Walmart



The Delores Project

SHELTER AND SERVICES FOR WOMEN EXPERIENCING
HOMELESSNESS

The mission of the Delores Project is to provide safe, comfortable overnight shelter and services to unaccompanied adult women who are homeless and have limited resources. The model of service is one of hospitality, respect, and regard for the dignity of each guest.

As part of Walmart's [Twelve Days of Giving Campaign](#), the retail store invited community members to nominate organizations where they volunteer to receive funding from the Walmart Foundation. Sarah Hogan, President-Elect of The Delores Project's board of directors, submitted a nomination via Walmart's Facebook campaign and on December 21st, the 10th day of giving, [TDP was awarded a \\$20,000 grant](#).

As part of her nomination Sarah shared why she supports The Delores Project. "The first time I volunteered at the shelter, I quickly realized the women there were smart, articulate, funny and engaging. They had careers, children, families...but they did not have a network of support to pick them up when they needed it most. Today I am thankful for my network. I know that in a moment of need, they would be there to support me. Every hour of time I give to The Delores Project, I know that I am serving as that safety net for another woman, and hopefully helping her to get back on her feet."

This grant will help The Delores Project continue to provide emergency shelter and transitional support services to at least 50 women each night.

From The Delores Project December e-newsletter and website.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season. I am writing this just before New Years Eve, so hope that you have a safe and happy New Year as well. As we go into 2012, I would like to thank everyone who has made our organization such a fabulous group of women. I was so proud and humble to represent you at the Philanthropy Day luncheon and at other events in the past year.

The Fund Raising Committee will soon be finalizing plans for the film event in March, so please plan to support that event. I know they will put on a great event and absolutely need 100% support from our members. That means not only helping on the day of the event (we need that too),



but the biggest job of all is offering friends, relatives, co-workers, etc., the opportunity to purchase tickets and attend. We need to work very hard this year to increase attendance – I know the committee will do everything that they can to make this a memorable day, and one that you would be proud to recommend to your friends. It will take every member doing her part to make this a success.

We'll have a great meeting in January at Sheila's home. Hope to see you there – bring guests, it will be an informative and fun evening!

YIZ, Kathy

From when 'Hollywood Squares' game show responses were spontaneous—

Q. If you're going to make a parachute jump, at least how high should you be?

A. Charley Weaver: Three days of steady drinking should do it.

Q. You've been having trouble going to sleep. Are you probably a man or a woman?

A. Don Knotts: That's what's been keeping me awake.

Q. According to Cosmopolitan, if you meet a stranger at a party and you think that he is attractive, is it okay to come out and ask him if he's married?

A. Rose Marie: No. Wait until morning.

Q. Charley, you've just decided to grow strawberries. Are you going to get any during the first year?

A. Charley Weaver: Of course not, I'm too busy growing strawberries.

M E M B E R N E W S

Cathy was hospitalized again recently with an infection in her incision. She had more surgery, got home a few nights ago and is doing fine. A little bird suggests that calls and offers of help would be welcome.

Nikki will have a knee replaced on January 6. She'll be at St. Joseph's.

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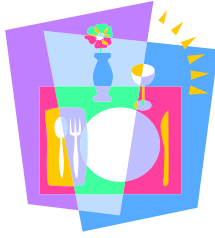
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JANUARY DINING-IN MEETING

This month we'll be dining in to support the Zonta International Foundation (ZIF). Currently, only 6% of the 548 District 12 members give individual donations to ZIF. That puts our district in the bottom 1/3 of all districts in Zonta. (Our district ranks 11th out of 32 districts for club donations to ZIF, which is quite good.) Our district foundation ambassador, Nikki Headlee, is trying to raise individual donations to 12% by the end of this biennium (5/31/11). To meet that goal, each club in the district will be having a dining-in event. As your club Foundation Ambassador, Sheila will host our club's dining-in dinner for this month's meeting.



At the end of the meeting, if you would like to participate, please make a donation to the Zonta International Foundation for the difference between \$30 (our normal dinner cost at the hotel), and the cost of the ingredients in your dish. You can specify which fund the money goes to, and you can donate additional dollars also.

Where: Sheila D's house
(see club directory for address)

When: Thursday, January 12th, 2012
5:30pm

Menu: Pot Luck

(If your name begins with A-D, bring a salad
E-K, a main dish
L-O, a dessert
P-Z, a bottle of wine)

All Bring: Your checkbook or credit card

RESERVATIONS: *Everyone*, please confirm your attendance to Sheila at shedavis@comcast.net.

PROGRAM: ZIF and the ZIF Funds – Sheila
Watch ZI Rwanda HIV/AIDS DVD
New member induction – Judy A.

Amanda Hasty
Helen Mulhern
Jeanette NewVille

Birthdays and other upcoming anniversaries —

Charles Addams and **Wendy** —Jan 7

Amelia Earhart completed her solo flight from Honolulu to Oakland in 1935—Jan 11

Gene Krupa and **Marjorie**—Jan 15

Joy Adamson—Jan 20

Elizabeth Blackwell became the first woman to earn a MD degree in 1849—Jan 23

Susan Sontag—Jan 28

Adlai E. Stevenson, Jr. and **Carroll**—Feb 5

California's Glass Ceiling May Take a Century to Crack

A recent census of women directors and executive officers in the 400 largest publicly held corporations headquartered in California "paints a disappointing picture." The census is conducted annually by the UC Davis Graduate School of Management. Key findings for 2011 include these:

- Overall, women held 9.7 percent of board seats and highest-paid executive positions.
- 136 (34 percent) of the 400 companies had no women among their board directors or highest-paid executives.
- No company had both a gender-balanced board and executive management team.
- Only 13 public companies had a woman CEO, down from 16 in 2010.
- The number of women CFOs increased from 35 last year to 45 this year — a 28.6 percent increase.

The school's press release states, "The proportion of women who lead California's largest companies is growing at such a slow pace that it will take more than a century for women business leaders to achieve parity with men."

For more details, see <http://gsm.ucdavis.edu/digital-publication/2011-uc-davis-study-california-women-business-leaders>

COMMITTEE NEWS

SERVICE



Club members provided supplies to fill 29 Kits for Kids with items that were donated as part of our Holiday Project. Cynthia Herndon and Evie Ashmore filled the boxes at the Project C.U.R.E. warehouse. A BIG thanks goes to our members as these items are truly appreciated—way to go Zontians!

—Cathy

MEMBERSHIP



Hope to see everyone at our Dining-In meeting on the 12th! This would be a good meeting to invite a guest. It should be a nice way for them to meet other club members as well as to learn about Zonta's international service. You know the food will be terrific!

—Judy A.

FUND - RAISING

We are still on for the week of March 5th for our Film Fundraiser - we will be meeting with the Denver Film Society next week to finalize the film and the date. Wish us luck on a GREAT film! At the January meeting we will have an update on the film with details and will start heavy hitting on promoting our event! Remember, Fundraising is a club event and although we have a fundraising committee, part of the privilege of membership in Zonta means helping to raise money for our service projects. We will call on each of you to help with organizing, set-up, clean-up, participating on the day of the event and helping us



promote and sell tickets to the film. The club is a team in this effort!

Thanks to Susan Davenport who took almost all of our knit scarves from past years to her necklace events this holiday season and due to her efforts we have sold almost every one of the scarves.

Garage sale is still May 21st. Don't forget to keep us in mind when you are doing end-of-year cleanup or reorganization—save those items you no longer need for our garage sale this May.

—Julie B



Top Ten List of Items Currently Accepting

1. Plastic pillow covers (standard size)
2. Socks (white, women's, ankle length, all sizes)

3. Coffee/tea bags/drink mixes
4. Sugar
5. Trash bags, all sizes
6. Toilet paper
7. Bleach/household cleaners
8. Sunscreen
9. Ear plugs
10. Sleeping masks
11. Liquid dish soap/liquid hand soap

If you have a question about donating items not listed above, please contact Susan at 303-534-5411, ext 101 or at susan@thedeloresproject.org.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES


**PROJECT C.U.R.E.
Monthly Sorting**

WHEN: Monday, January 9, 2012
WHERE: Project CURE warehouse
10377 E. Geddes Avenue
Centennial

Please be there by 6:30 p.m.

In the past few months, containers have been staged for Uganda and the Congo. On November 14 Estella and I were part of a team that sorted and packed four pallets of medical supplies that will be sent to Haiti. It was great fun. Your efforts are worthwhile and very

much appreciated. Please join us!

In addition, if you have any unused medical supplies that would be suitable for donation, let me know and I will be happy to deliver them. Mary Benoit, Barbara Pellegren and I have donated medical supplies and these are deeply appreciated.

For more information about Project C.U.R.E., visit <http://www.projectcure.org/>.

If you have any questions, please contact me – email jeashmore@comcast.net; cell 303-746-4608.

See you on January 9.

—Evie

What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal. ~Albert Pike

ADVOCACY

Our 2012 Zonta Day at the Capitol will be on January 17th—see the flyer on page 8 of this issue and be there! This year you will be able to sit in on a Committee meeting of your choice so even if you attended the last event, there will be more to learn this year. RSVP to Mary Benoit, as indicated in the flyer. Volunteers are



needed, too—let me know if you can help.

Please also read the call to action on CEDAW from the District 12 LAA Committee on the next page, and consider attending the Colorado Women's Legislative Breakfast—see page 7.

—Alice

Stopping Violence Against Women

In 1979, the U.N. General Assembly adopted the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) which specifically calls for countries to protect the human rights of women and to see that they have equal access with men to land, markets, health care facilities, training, education and decent living conditions. (Click here for the full text of CEDAW: <http://www2.ohchr.org/english/law/cedaw.htm>.)

At the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women in 1995, the Beijing Platform for Action, an agenda for women's empowerment, was adopted.

It emphasized that policies to improve the circumstances of women needed to be formulated and, most importantly, these policies needed to be implemented. (Go to <http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/beijing/platform/plat1.htm> to read the entire Platform.)

There have been hundreds of attempts by NGOs (non-governmental organizations) around the world not only to curb violence, but to integrate women in the peace making process as well. Women should be equal participants in conflict resolution.

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This December, 2011, the United States National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security was signed by President Barak Obama as a Statement of National Policy. (You can get more information on at [whitehouse.gov](http://www.whitehouse.gov) and read the entire plan here:

http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/email-files/US_National_Action_Plan_on_Women_Peace_and_Security.pdf.)

Process and politics being what it is in government, this was a long time coming.

The goal of this National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security is simple in design: empower half the world's population as equal partners in preventing conflict and building peace in countries affected by war, violence and insecurity.

Take the time to educate yourselves about these initiatives so you can be a more effective advocate for women.

As Nicholas Kristoff said in his book, *Half the Sky*, "Women are not the Problem. They are the solution."

—Alice

ZONTA DISTRICT 12

THE DISTRICT 12 LEGISLATIVE AWARENESS AND ADVOCACY (LAA) COMMITTEE URGES ACTION ON CEDAW

The approach to legislative awareness and advocacy (LAA) has been enhanced in this biennium to support the ZI requirement that every club have an LAA Committee. The District 12 LAA committee has been expanded to include a representative for each of the states in our District. They are available as resources to facilitate the formation of LAA Committees in clubs that don't currently have one, and to support the activities of LAA Committees in clubs where they currently exist. In addition to Sharon Roggy, as the Committee Chair, there are four members, each taking responsibility for following issues of particular interest to women in her state. Those members are:

Beverly Morrow, former D12 Governor, representing Wyoming

Anita Zastrow, D12 Internal Communications Chair, representing South Dakota

Ann Hefenieder, former D12 LAA Committee Chair, representing Montana

Alice Borodkin, former CO state legislator, representing Colorado

As we begin our work, the D12 LAA Committee urges all clubs and members to renew their efforts to achieve US Senate ratification of CEDAW. CEDAW (the Convention on the Elimination of All

Forms of Discrimination Against Women) is known as the treaty for the rights of women. First approved by the UN in 1979 and signed by President Carter, it was quickly signed by 63 countries. Because it is an international treaty, it requires ratification by the US Senate. It has been recommended for ratification by the US Administration and the Foreign Relations Committee in 1994 and 2002. By 2008 the vast majority of nation states (185) have ratified it. We now are left in the company of Somalia, Sudan, Iran and Qatar as one of the very few nations who have not signed on.

THIRTY YEARS IS LONG ENOUGH TO WAIT. It is readily apparent that CEDAW has stood the test of time. It has helped to align laws and enforcement to make major improvements for women around the world. Over 194 organizations including AAUW, AARP, Amnesty International USA, League of Women Voters USA and ZONTA INTERNATIONAL support the ratification of this treaty. President Obama and Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton have declared CEDAW a priority for this year.

SO WHAT'S THE PROBLEM? The primary objections expressed are reviewed in a document at:

<http://www.voicesofwomen.org/docs/Ratification-CEDAW-CRC.pdf>. None of them have been shown to have validity. The most heated of these have been around the abortion issue (CEDAW does not address the issue of abortion and according to the US State Department is “abortion neutral) and a fear that the UN will usurp US authority to govern (the treaty grants no enforcement capability to the United Nations).

WHAT YOU CAN DO.

Inform yourself—Visit <http://www.Zonta.org> for information or www.cedaw2010.org for an in depth understanding of the treaty and its benefits.

Take action personally—Write (email) your Senator and ask for CEDAW to be brought to the floor of the Senate for a vote, send a letter to the editor of your local paper expressing your support.

Take action as a club—Post your support on club Facebook or website pages, join with other organizations in sponsoring awareness events or campaigns.



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Questions? Contact Katie Groke Ellis: kgroke@thewhitehouseproject.org

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DAY AT THE CAPITOL 2012

ONCE AGAIN, IT'S TIME TO VISIT *YOUR* HOUSE!

Date: January 17, 2012

Time: 8 am *SHARP*

Place: Colorado State Capitol
200 East Colfax, Denver

Room: Senate Committee Room 354

Agenda:

- 8:00 Light Breakfast
- 8:30 Introductions
- 8:35 Speakers
 - Legislative Services
 - Legislative Legal Services
 - Fiscal/Budget Services
 - Invited Elected Officials
 - Lobbyist
- 9:30 Break
- 9:45 Proceed to Senate Gallery
- 10:00 Session Starts
- 11:30 Break/Lunch
- 1:30 Attend Committee of Choice

R.S.V.P.: Mary Benoit (720) 266-5061 or mary@mathiaslockandkey.com

To volunteer contact: Alice Borodkin (303) 337-4947 or Aliceb321@aol.com

ZONTA INTERNATIONAL



61st Zonta International Convention
Torino, Italy
July 7-12, 2012

For details, and to register for Convention, go to the Convention website:

<http://torino2012.zonta.org/Torino.aspx>

See what's new on the Zonta International website (press Ctrl + click to follow links):

- [Jane M. Klausman 2011 International Recipient Bios](#)
- [Japan Earthquake Relief Fund update](#)
- [December Safe Cities Success Story](#)
- [October 2011 Issue of The Zontian magazine](#)
- [ZISVAW video link, "Cambodia: Reclaiming Life After Acid Attacks"](#)
- [Project Update - ZISVAW Burns Violence](#)
- [Project Update - Liberia Obstetric Fistula Project](#)

And, if you read only one of these reports, let it be this:

- [Success Story - ZISVAW Haiti](#)



Elvyre Eugene, chief advocate for Shelter Myriam Merlet, is listening to one of the residents. Shelter Myriam Merlet opened in June 2011.



Nominations for 2012-2013
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.

I suggest the following Zontians as officers of the Zonta Club of Denver for the 2012 to 2013 fiscal year (more than one name for each office will be appreciated):

President Wendy Henry-Moraskie (President-elect automatically becomes President)

President-Elect _____

Vice-President _____

Secretary _____

Treasurer _____

I suggest the following Zontians as directors (two must be elected for the two-year term of 2012 to 2014:

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: Evie Ashmore jeashmore@comcast.net Mary Benoit mary@mathiaslockandkey.com and Cynthia Herndon cherndon81@yahoo.com

Please return this form or the information requested by **February 9th** to any one of the nominating committee. They will be meeting soon to make decisions.

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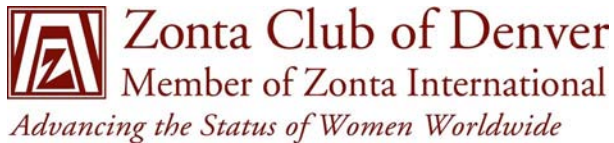
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 and that no one starves while I eat.**
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| January 7 | Wendy's birthday | February 9 | Club meeting—Embassy Suites |
| January 9 | Project C.U.R.E.—service opportunity | February 13 | Project C.U.R.E.—service opportunity |
| January 11 | Amelia Earhart's completed her solo flight from Honolulu to Oakland in 1935 | February 19 | The Delores Project—service opportunity |
| January 12 | Club meeting—dine in for ZI Foundation at Sheila's home | March 8 | Rose Day/International Women's Day |
| January 14 | Area 3 service project—Project C.U.R.E. | March 10 | Zonta Day of Film— Denver Film Center |
| January 15 | The Delores Project—service opportunity | March 31 | Area 3 meeting—Castle Rock |
| January 17 | 2012 Zonta Day at the Capitol | May 21 | ZCD garage sale |
| January 28 | Colorado Women's Legislative Breakfast | July 7-12 , 2011 | Zonta International Convention Torino, Italy |