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JANUARY, 2015

Year in Review - Gender Equality in 2014



From the passing of one of the Arab region's most progressive constitutions enshrining women's rights (Tunisia) to changes in legislation to provide long overdue redress to wartime survivors of sexual violence, this year there were a number of gender equality achievements, milestones and noteworthy moments from around the world to celebrate.

For example, two years ago, a 16-year-old Moroccan girl committed suicide after being forced to marry her alleged rapist to uphold her family's honor. Such marriages were encouraged by the Morocco penal code provision that enabled a rapist to avoid prosecution if he married his underage victim. Last January, the Morocco parliament repealed that provision of the penal code.

Take a moment to view more some of these achievements in the latest edition of UN Women's interactive timeline, Gender Equality: The Year in Review 2014 (at <http://owl.li/G3NNW>, best viewed on Firefox or Chrome).

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We can't help everyone,
but everyone can help
someone.

Ronald Reagan

Business Cards

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

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NOVEMBER MEETING

Meeting Details

Date: Thursday,
January 8, 2015

Time: 5:30 pm

Location: Home of Sheila Davis
3635 S Roslyn Way

Program: We have the opportunity to hear about the new Zonta International Service Projects for 2014-2016 and make a donation to the Zonta International Foundation that will support the projects. Last year we had 100% participation. Let's do the same this year. In 1984 establishment of the ZIF was approved at the Sydney, Australia convention. A year later the Foundation was incorporated as a 501(c)(3). It is an independent organization governed by the ZI board of Directors. The purpose of the ZIF is to support the approved charitable and educational programs of ZI. ZIF funds make possible programs that work to improve the status of women and girls throughout the world. ZIF is solely funded by donations from Zonta clubs, members and friends of Zonta who believe in advancing the status of women worldwide. Come and learn more about the service projects that you as a ZIF donor support.

Cost: None (except ZIF donation)
This is a Potluck. Please BYOB and the following dish:

A-D side dish/salad
E-L main dish
M-Z dessert

Reservations to Marian Lee - email: mlee@bhfs.com, or work phone, 303-223-1256 by 10am Monday, Jan 5th.

Permanent Reservations:

The following members have permanent reservations:

Judy Allen
Evie Ashmore
Mary Benoit
Alice Borodkin
Julie Bradley

Sheila Davis
Mary Lou Edwards
Nikki Headlee
Cynthia Herndon
Kathy Hyzer

Kate Linscott
Judy McNerny
Nancy McWhirter
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Dorothy Swindt

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**Judith Allen
and
Richard Starlin**



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Many Thanks!

Thank you for all the cards and phone calls this past month. It cheered me up to have so many wonderful friends that thought about me. I am still in a cast, broken two bones, crushing the end of my radius in my right arm. Needless to say, I am hunting and pecking on the computer and can't write worth a darn with my left hand. I hope to get a shorter cast by next weekend so I can bend my arm. I'll try to make it to meetings, but can't dive in yet, and depend on the mercy of my husband. See you all as soon as I can!

Julie Bradley

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Service Committee

The Haven Christmas party on Dec. 11 was a smashing success! There were 26 Zonta members and guests that attended and provided a bountiful feast that included turkey, spiral ham, numerous sides, yummy desserts, and sparkling punch. The women at The Haven raved about the food.



After eating we enjoyed singing Christmas carols. The women at The Haven treated us to an additional bonus by sharing their musical talents with us. Several musically-gifted women took turns performing. It was quite inspiring. The entire evening was a lift for all.

In addition, members of our club provided Christmas gifts for 10 of The Haven women. We purchased bras, panties, socks, and pajamas.

The Delores dinner was on Dec. 21. We served meat loaf, baked potatoes with toppings, a veggie tray and dip, fruit, and festive desserts. Thank you, Olette, Marian, Cynthia, Mary, Nikki, Gwen, Kathy, and Judy for providing all the food.

The next service meeting will be on Tuesday, Jan. 6 at 6:00 p.m. at the Village Inn by the Hacienda.

~Nancy

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Item of The Month

**Paper Towels, Toilet Paper & Kleenex
For Open Door Ministries**

Please bring to the January Zonta Meeting

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Fundraising

Things are moving along for our Film Event March 21st. We have met again with Tammy from Sie Film Center. Our contract is being finalized and Nikki has made more progress on getting approval for the film, Jhola.



Our next meeting will be at my home on January 7th at 6:30. We hope to start accelerating our efforts at securing sponsorships and beginning to work on more of the details of the day of the film. As always, if you know of any sponsor candidates, please contact Evie, who will be our contact person for sponsorships.

A big Thank You to Marian for another year of film sponsorship from her firm, Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck. She even secured an increased sponsorship level - Good Job!!!

Here's to a wonderful 2015 everyone!

~ Gwen

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606 West Colfax Avenue
530 South Holly Street



Advocacy

Still confused about advocacy? Save The Date for the 26th Annual Colorado Women's Legislative Breakfast!

It will be held on Tuesday, February 24th at the Scottish Rite Temple 1370 Grant Street, Denver, CO 80203. The event will start at 7am, with the program from 7:30 to 9am and the sponsor tables & networking continuing until 9:30am.

This event features women members of the Colorado legislature speaking about the issues that concern them. Hear them advocate about what they think matters to Colorado women, have a good breakfast, and meet as many other interesting women as you have the energy for.



Judy Mc

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Membership

The Membership Committee did not meet in November or December.

The next club meeting will be January 8th at the home of Sheila Davis. Details of this pot luck event are found above.

If you plan to participate in the Family Bowling Night on February 8th at Celebrity Lanes (Arapahoe and Parker Roads, 6:30 p.m.), please bring your check for \$20 per person to the meeting on Thursday. This fee will cover bowling and shoes. Food and beverages will be on your own.

Also, don't forget the annual grant award meeting will take place on February 12th at the Embassy Suites Hotel on Hampden. More details to follow on that event.



~ Marian

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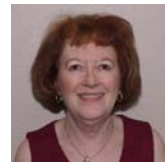


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The move of our shop has eaten my lunch. We will not have phone service for a week and on Friday we lost all Internet throughout the company. I will do my best to get the president's message to you on Monday, or perhaps you'll just have to come to the meeting at Sheila's!

Mary




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UPCOMING EVENTS

**HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS DAY
AT THE COLORADO STATE CAPITOL
February 19, 2015**



{ Speak Up }

and tell the story

**CITIZENS MEET WITH
LEGISLATORS HT
RESOLUTION IN THE
HOUSE AND SENATE
RALLY WITH LAW
ENFORCEMENT,
TRAFFICKING SURVIVOR
AND NGO LEADERS
EMPATHIZE DISPLAY**

**WILL YOU SPEAK UP FOR
THE VICTIMS OF
TRAFFICKING HERE IN
COLORADO? JOIN US FOR
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YOU TO TELL FRIENDS,
NEIGHBORS, TEACHERS,
AND YOUR LEGISLATORS.**

-all are welcome-

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CALENDAR

Date	Event	Time	Location	Details
January 6	Service Committee meeting	6 pm	Perkins Buchtel and Colorado	
January 7	Fundraising Committee meeting	6:30 pm	Gwen's 14 Beacon Hill Lane	
January 8	Club meeting	5:30 pm	Sheila's 3635 S Roslyn Way	Pot luck/BYOB ZIF fundraiser
January 24	Area 3 Meeting and Amelia Earhart Luncheon	10:00 am	Denver Museum of Nature and Science	Meet ZI director Sharon Langenbeck and the three CU Amelia Earhart fellows
February 8	Family Bowling Night	6:30 pm	Celebrity Lanes Arapahoe and Parker Roads	\$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		Colorado Capitol	Be there and be an advocate for victims of human trafficking!
February 24	Colorado Women's Legislative Breakfast	7 to 9:30 am	Scottish Rite Temple 1370 Grant Street	Program, Zonta PR, networking
March 12	Club meeting	5:30	Hacienda Colorado 4100 E Mexico	
March 21, 2015	Zonta Day of Film	TBA	SIE FilmCenter 2510 E Colfax	TBA
May 16, 2015	ZCD Garage Sale	TBA	Cynthia's house	Start collecting treasures now!

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