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**Be Part of Zonta ACTION
2017 North American Inter-District Meeting
2 - 4 June 2017
Washington, D.C.**

Dear Zontians,

Join us at the 2017 North American Inter-District Meeting in the Washington, D.C. area from 2-4 June 2017 at the four star Hilton McLean Tysons Corner Hotel. The theme of this year's meeting is "Be Part of Zonta ACTION".

On Friday, 2 June, we will travel to Washington, D.C. by train to advocate for Zonta's issues on Capitol Hill. Zontians will meet at the U.S. Capitol, be briefed by a member of the International Advocacy Committee, then visit a state senator or congressman's office to advocate for Zonta issues. There will be no cost for the event, but each participant will be responsible for providing their own transportation and lunch. There is a



complimentary shuttle from the hotel to the Silver Line metro station, which is one mile from the hotel.

Friday evening will include a buffet and roundtable discussions with experts on various Zonta topics. Saturday will feature a general session, workshops, and lunch and dinner, both with speakers. There will be more workshops on Sunday morning followed by brunch and a recap of all the information presented. (See workshop information below.)

International President Sonja Hönig Schough will participate the North American Inter-District Meeting then hold an International Board Meeting in the hotel following our meeting.

This is an opportunity for you to meet with state representatives; talk with Zonta International's leadership; learn new information on advocacy, leadership, membership and service; spend time with Zontians from all over the United States and Canada, and perhaps spend a little time shopping at the nearby Tysons Corner Shopping Centers, two of the major shopping centers of Northern Virginia.

Early registration will begin 1 January and PayPal will be available to accommodate credit cards on the 2017 NAIDM website. The website, www.northamericanmeeting2017.com will be online in December and you can view our comprehensive program, details of our Capitol Hill Day, hotel information and other NAIDM information.

Early registration, from 1 January to 1 March will be \$220.00; standard registration will be from 2 March to 1 May and will cost \$235.00, and late registration begins on 2 May and will cost \$250.00. The registration fee includes the program as well as Friday night appetizers, Saturday lunch and dinner and Sunday brunch. Hotel rooms will cost \$109.00 a night from 31 May - 6 June, giving you a place to stay if you decide to do a little touring of the U.S. Capitol either before or after the event. The hotel is conveniently located 13 miles from Washington Dulles airport.



Attend the 2017 North American Inter-District Meeting and be a part of Zonta Action.

Judy Johnston

Chairman, 2017 North American Inter-District Meeting

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Workshop Choices: Check one for each session

Saturday Morning

1 A Advocacy	2 A Leadership	3 A Membership	4 A Service
Advocate on the State and Local Level	Speak with Power and Conviction	Attract and Keep Millennials	Focus Service On UN Sustainable Development Goal #5
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Saturday Afternoon

1 B Advocacy	2 B Leadership	3 B Membership	4 B Service
Advocating for Gender Equality	Bring Out the Best in Club Leadership	Using "Zoom" for E-Club and Other Zonta Meetings. Live Demo	Meeting the Needs of Underserved Women
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

1 C Advocacy	2 C Leadership	3 C Membership	4 C Service
Advocacy for CEDAW and ERA	Bring Out the Best in District Leadership	New Membership Drives	Partnering to Make an Impact
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Sunday Morning

1 D Advocacy	2 D Leadership	3 D Membership	4 D Service
Advocacy for Campus Safety	Technology Skills for Zonta Leaders	Rebuild and Revitalize Your Club	Sustainable Local Service
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Want a more peaceful, secure world? Give women farmers a seat at the table



Guest Column by Carla Hall, The Hill, Nov. 16

This past July, the Global Food Security Act was signed into law. Despite being divided as a nation on so many topics, the bipartisan support required to get the Act passed and signed reflects the transcendent and unifying nature of the battles we face: against global hunger, against climate change, and against poverty, inequality, and violence.

The United States has demonstrated its leadership and generosity by passing an Act that recognizes that, when it comes to establishing a more peaceful and equitable world, women are unmatched.

The Act, part of the US's global food and nutrition security strategy, puts women at center stage. This tool recognizes that women farmers are often the greatest source of nutrients in many countries. They face hostile land, neighbors and government institutions. They experience barriers to acquiring land and land use, financial stability, credit and education

The Act strengthens programs that empower women and girls and protect natural resources. The Act also offers training, seeds and tools to strengthening infrastructure to expanding conservation practices that protect the land.

Smallholder farmers, many of whom are women, manage to grow 80 percent of the food eaten in all of Sub-Saharan Africa and Asia. Yet, if they were empowered with the same resources as their male counterparts, women farmers could increase yields by 20 to 30 percent. These increases could feed up to 150 million more people.

Because so many women in emerging nations are involved in farming, this targeted assistance means that millions more women will be better able to transition from growing food for subsistence to running their own farm businesses.

The Act recognizes that poverty, gender inequality, and agricultural productivity go hand in hand – that to solve one challenge, you must back strategies that account for them all. This applies whether your farm is in Mozambique or Montana.

In order to address the global challenges of the future, women in every country must be educated, encouraged, and empowered to take on the world's food, fuel, and fiber needs. A woman farmer will thrive in an environment that validates and respects her contributions, that extends a hand up when she needs it, and offers a seat at the table because she's earned it. If we do those things, her community and her nation will thrive, too.

Chef Carla Hall is a co-host on ABC's popular lifestyle series "The Chew," and is best known as a competitor on Bravo's "Top Chef." She owns Carla Hall's Southern Kitchen in New York City and Carla Hall's Petite Cookies, and is the culinary ambassador at the new African American History Museum in D.C. She also has several cookbooks, including Carla's Comfort Food: Favorite Dishes from Around the World and Cooking with Love: Comfort Food That Hugs You.

For a complete look at the article click on the link below....

<http://thehill.com/blogs/congress-blog/healthcare/306434-want-a-more-peaceful-secure-world-give-women-farmers-a-seat-at>

If anyone does not have an updated set of business cards or has run out - please contact Julie Bradley before the meeting in January and she will bring you more January 12th at Sheila's home.



2017 Legislative Preview What's ahead for Colorado?

When

Thursday January 19, 2017 from 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM MST

Where

Aspen Room, First Floor 789 Sherman St. Denver, CO
789 Sherman St.
Denver, CO 80203

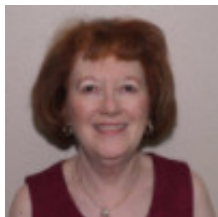
JANUARY 12TH MEETING

Meeting Details

Date: Thursday, January 12th
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Location: Sheila Davis's home at 3635 South Roslyn Way,
Denver, CO 80237
Advocacy Moment: Gwen Fornia
Menu items: This is a potluck dinner this evening, with members
bringing the food items....please refer to Membership
article for full details but food items are as follows: A-E
- Bottle of Wine, F-H - Salad or side dish, J-N - Main
Dish, P-W - Dessert

Program: Program will be our Annual Dining-in meeting with an
overview of the International Service Projects and Zonta
International Foundation presentation. Make sure you
'bone up' on Zonta as we will also have a 'Zonta Trivia'
game!

COMMITTEE REPORTS



ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

Report on CoNEHT the statewide human trafficking hotline

2016 breakdown of human trafficking calls:

Quarter 1 calls involving labor - 3 sex - 24 minors - 11 adults - 31 domestic - 12 foreign
national - 8

Quarter 2 calls involving labor - 10 sex - 53 minors - 13 adults - 48 domestic - 45
foreign national - 5

Quarter 3 calls involving labor - 26 sex - 32 minors - 10 adults - 54 domestic - 31

foreign national - 22

Oct./Nov. calls involving labor - 3 sex - 26 minors - 7 adults - 30 domestic - 27
foreign national - 2

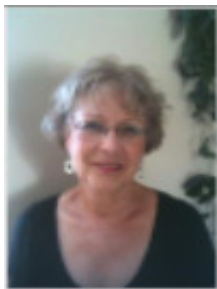
At the end of November 2016 call numbers on CoNEHT have surpassed previous years

In the Denver Zonta Wings fund the following amounts have been used for survivors of human trafficking in Denver:

8/31/2016 - \$208.10 used for an airline ticket for \$125 and a baggage fee of \$83.10

9/11/2016 - \$22.75 used for a taxi ride

Alexis Newton & Mary Benoit are the Co-Chairs of Denver Zonta Wings, please reach out to them for additional information of funds used.



FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

The next Fund Raising meeting will be Wed Jan 4 at 5:30 at Gwen's home. WE HAVE A FILM FOR DAY OF FILM on March 4.

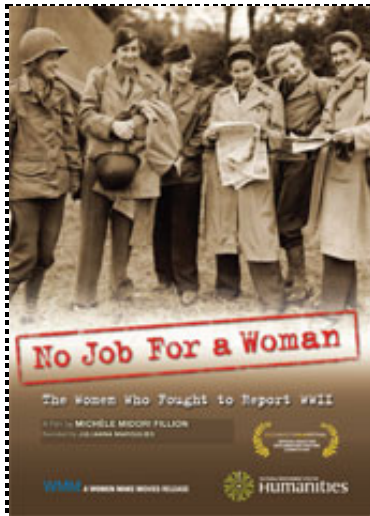
The film is *No Job for a Woman*, directed by Michelle Midori Fillion and narrated by Juliana Margulies. It is a powerful story of women reporters on the front lines in World War Two.

We are also working to finalize the caterer, so more on that next month. You and your guests can expect a great brunch this year!

Many thanks to Gwen and Flip Fornia for purchasing the Tree of Life for \$3000. If you went to the recent party at their home, you saw it beautifully displayed! Thanks to Cynthia, who tracked down a dealer who bought the rest (font, door, side doors and marble altar) for \$800. Because the Chapel was funded out of Zonta Denver Service Inc. those funds were put back to the Foundation. Also to Barb P for going out to Univ Hosp prior to demolition and getting those items back to us. And finally, to Nikki and Dave who gave these items a home in their garage for almost 10 years. Finally!!



Tree of Life by Edgar Britton from the University Hospital Chapel now residing in Gwen and Flic Fornia's home.



No Job for a Woman Zonta Club of Denver 8th Annual Day of Film March 4th at Tivoli Turnhalle
Save the Date - invite your friends.

Bigger and better room - theater style projection, new and fabulous caterer!



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Happy 2017! We had a great turnout for the Holiday Party last month. The feedback was

that everyone had a great time and enjoyed the informal atmosphere for catching up with old friends within the club, getting to know newer members better, and meeting each other's friends and loved ones. A BIG THANK YOU to Gwen and Flip for opening their lovely home to us for the occasion - it was a perfect setting!

Our January monthly meeting will be held at Sheila Davis' home on Thursday January 12 at 5 p.m. (meeting will begin promptly at 6 p.m.) and will be a potluck dinner. Sheila will provide sodas, water and ice, Liz will provide paper plates, napkins, silverware and cups, and we're asking everyone to bring something according to the first letter of your last name, as follows:

A-E - Bottle of Wine

F-H - Salad or side dish

J-N - Main Dish

P-W - Dessert

The February monthly meeting will be our annual Grant Recipient Awards dinner on Thursday, February 9 at 5 p.m. at The Bent Noodle in Aurora. More details to follow in next month's Smoke Signal!

Finally, the Membership Committee will meet on Thursday, January 19 at 5:30 p.m. at Citron Bistro, 3535 S. Yosemite (at Hampden). Anyone is welcome to attend. Among other things, we will make final decisions about the menu for the Grant Awards dinner and discuss new member recruiting.

Dates to Remember:

January 12 - Monthly meeting at Sheila's home (3635 S. Roslyn Way) 5 p.m. - POTLUCK DINNER (see Membership Committee Report for what to bring)

January 19 - Membership Committee meeting 5:30 p.m. Citron Bistro

February 9 - Grant Recipient Awards dinner at The Bent Noodle 5 p.m., 3055 S. Parker Rd.



PR COMMITTEE

The PR Committee will meet on Wednesday, January 11th at 5:30 p.m. at Citron Bistro to strategize and plan the communication plan for the film!



SERVICE COMMITTEE

Thank you to all the members that purchased gifts and contributed money for the DVI Christmas party. Debbie, Penny, Cynthia, and Cathy C attended the party on December 21. They enjoyed interacting with the DVI staff, mothers and children at the party.

During the party Mrs. Claus passed out the presents to the children. A photographer took photos of each family. Also, in attendance was an artist who made caricature drawings of the families. The kids were kept busy at the arts and crafts table. Ashlee, the director of DVI, recognized our Zonta club at the party and informed the guests of all the ways we have supported DVI this year. A good time was had by all. Thanks again for your generous support!

There will be no Item of the Month for January since we will all be making contributions to Zonta International.

The next service meeting will be Monday, January 9 at Perkins at 6:00 p.m.





MINUTES:

Our meeting in December had no business conducted at it - just fun! So no minutes of the meeting.

FYI: This January will be Carin's last meeting as she will be joining a Peace Corps Mission at the end of January and we wish her well!



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Happy 2017, Denver Zontians!

In lieu of a message about resolutions and goals for the coming year, I would simply like to say thank you for an awesome 2016 and wish everyone joy and happiness in the new year. I look forward to seeing many of at our January dine-in!

Cheers to the new year,

Katie

UPCOMING EVENTS



The Foothills Club of Boulder County invites you to the
2017 Amelia Earhart Luncheon & Area 3 Annual Meeting

Giving Wings to Women

January 28, 2017 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

University of Colorado Boulder - Center for Community (C4C) Flatirons Room

2249 Willard Loop Drive, Boulder, CO 80305

Check in begins at 11:00 AM

Cost to attend both the lunch and meeting is \$30

Special Guest Speakers!

AE Lunch: Dr. Penina Axelrad, Professor and Chair, Colorado Center for Astrodynamics Research, Aerospace Engineering Science, University of Colorado Boulder, will speak on Global Positioning System (GPS) technology.

A3 Human Trafficking Panelists: Margaret Hawkinson, Moving to End Sexual Assault (MESA), Diana Laws, Northeast Colorado Coalition against Human Trafficking (NECCA), and Alexis Newton, Denver Zonta Wings Chair and Colorado Network to End Human Trafficking (CoNEHT) Hotline Advocate.

Amelia Earhart Luncheon

Guest Speaker Penina Axelrad

Award Pin to Fellow – Reneé Coppock, District 12 Governor

2017 Amelia Earhart Fellow

Ann Dietrich shares her research

Area 3 Meeting

Governor's Report – Reneé Coppock

Membership on the Fly – Deedee Boysen

ZI Foundation – Mary Benoit

Advocacy – Denise Parrish

Area 3 2016 Club Reports –

The Past in Pictures

Human Trafficking Panel

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____ CLUB _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ EMAIL _____

NUMBER OF RESERVATIONS _____ X \$30 = _____

GUEST NAME _____ X \$30 = _____

TOTAL = _____

Register and pay online with credit card or Paypal (with \$1.25 fee) by January 23rd at:

<http://zontadistrict12.org/who-we-are/district-12-clubs/area-3>

Questions? Call Michelle Médal at 303.579.0050, michellemedal@hotmail.com



3rd



United Nations Association Film Festival
Traveling International Documentary Film Festival

Saturday, Jan. 28th, 6pm at the Posner Center

WELCOME TO REFUGEEESTAN (71 minutes)
Almost seventeen million people—refugees, displaced persons or migrants—live in camps.

Sunday, Jan. 29th, 11am at the Sie FilmCenter

11AM - SONIC SEA (61 minutes)
The impact of noise on marine life. Narrated by Rachel McAdams and music by Sting.

1PM - SEED: THE UNTOLD STORY (94 minutes)
In the last century, 94% of our seed varieties have disappeared.

3:15PM - 2 FILMS
CLINICA MIGRANTES: LIFE, LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS (38 minutes)
Investigating the intersection between immigration and healthcare.

PAINTED NAILS (57 minutes)
Determined to make her salon safer, Van takes her story to D.C. to testify for safe cosmetics.

5:30PM - 2 FILMS
CHILDREN DEPORTED: FARIDA (16 minutes)
9 year old Farida was deported to Afghanistan, after four years in Norway.

CAST FROM THE STORM (72 minutes)
A group of survivors from Iraq, Syria, Iran, Afghanistan and Serbia meet after school to share their stories.



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UNA Film Festival at the SIE Film Center on January 29th. Film Festival All Inclusive Pass (access to all films) General Admission is \$25.00 (UNA member \$20 and Student Pass \$15). Individual Film rates \$8 each. Grab and Go Lunch from 12:30 - 1pm

PROTECT&DEFEND

2017 HUMAN TRAFFICKING LEGISLATIVE DAY AT THE COLORADO STATE CAPITOL

AN ADVOCACY EVENT OF THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE OF SOUTHERN COLORADO

HUMAN TRAFFICKING LEGISLATIVE DAY

Thursday, February 16th, 2017
Colorado State Capitol West Foyer

Save the date for Colorado's annual Human Trafficking Legislative Day at the Colorado State Capitol. This year the focus will be on the dedicated individuals of law enforcement. We will end the day with a rally in the west foyer. Detailed schedule to follow.

CALENDAR

January 4

Fundraising Committee Meeting at Gwen Fornia's home 5:30p

January 9

Service Committee Meeting at Perkins 6p

January 11

PR Committee Meeting at Citron Bistro 5:30p

January 12

January Dining In Meeting at Sheila's house:
potluck dinner (arriv between 5p-6p)

January 19	Legislative Preview 789 Sherman St Denver 8:30am
January 19	Membership Committee at Citron Bistro 5:30p
January 28	2017 Amelia Earhart Luncheon and Area 3 Annual Meeting 11a - 4p at UC Boulder
January 29	UNA Film Festival at SIE Film Center 11a
February 9	Annual Grant Awards Dinner at the Bent Noodle 5p
February 16	Human Trafficking Legislative Day - Save the Date
March 4	Zonta Day of Film: No Job for a Woman (Save the Date)
June 2-4, 2017	2017 North American Inter-District Meeting Washington, DC



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