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# ZONTA

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EMPOWERING WOMEN  
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## Smoke Signal - January 2018

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### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

The holidays have come and almost gone. As I am writing this message, people all over the world are getting ready to ring in the new year!

The past year brought many changes: Some disappointments, political strife on both sides of the fence, and turmoil for our club, as several of our members passed away in 2017.

Winter has finally come to the Denver area, and it looks like snow will be our friend for the next couple of months. Although it is winter, we have two great events to look forward to this month as part of our Zonta tradition:

First, our January meeting will be a fun potluck at Barb Pellegren's home in Castle Pines. This meeting focuses on the Zonta International Foundation and its Service Projects around the world. We host this meeting at a member's home, rather than in a restaurant, so that each of us can donate the amount we would have spent on a meal to the ZI Foundation. Our goal is to have **every** member of our club make a donation, so that we are recognized at the International Convention in July.

Second, the Amelia Earhart Luncheon and Area 3 Meeting on January 20 will be FANTASTIC! Our theme is International Service, so those attending will get a double dose of ZI information – but I am sure it will just deepen our understanding of what it means to be a Zontian.

Thank you all for EVERYTHING you do. Happy New Year!! See you soon!

~Julie Bradley

## **January Meeting**

**Date:** Thursday, January 11th

**Time:** 5:00 p.m.

**Place:** Barb Pellegren's home in Castle Pines (see directory for address)

This is a potluck dinner. Based on the first letter of your last name, please bring items as follows:

**A-D: Appetizers**

**E-H: Side dish or salad**

**I-M: Main dish**

**N-S: Dessert**

**T-Z: Wine or soda**

This will be our annual Dine-In Meeting with an overview of the Zonta International Foundation and its service projects.

### **AREA 3 MEETING AND AMELIA EARHART LUNCHEON - JANUARY 20**

Don't forget to register for the Area 3 Meeting and Amelia Earhart Luncheon on **Saturday, January 20, 2018 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** at the C4C building on the CU Boulder campus. The theme is "Women Helping Women Globally" and two AE Scholarship winners will speak at the luncheon. Registration is \$35. First-timers are encouraged to attend, and their registration fee will be reimbursed by the club. To register, go to the District 12 [website](#).

### **CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!**

Please contact Nikki Headlee or another member of the Nominating Committee if you would like to be considered for a position as a club officer, director, or committee chair in 2018. [This form](#) will allow you to submit yourself or other candidates to the Nominating Committee.

## MINUTES OF DECEMBER 14 MEETING

As the December meeting was largely social, only limited business was conducted. No minutes were taken. Club members voted to approve the allocation of grant awards as recommended by the Service Committee, and Julie recognized members with December birthdays.

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## Committee Reports

### MEMBERSHIP

The holiday party at Gwen's home on December 14 was an enjoyable evening for all who attended. Thanks to everyone who brought food and beverages, and a special thanks to Gwen for hosting!

Speaking of Gwen, as most of you know, Gwen will be departing for her Peace Corps mission early in 2018. Best wishes to you, Gwen, as you embark on this exciting and undoubtedly rewarding adventure! Your Zonta sisters are proud of you!



Next up is our January "dine-in" club meeting on Thursday, January 11 at 5:00 pm. Barb Pellegren will graciously open her Castle Pines home to us for this meeting. Barb's address and phone number are in the club directory. This will be a potluck dinner provided by members attending the meeting. **Please bring the following items depending on your last name: A-D -appetizers; E-H: side dish or salad; I-M: main dish; N-S: dessert; T-Z: wine or soda.** The January meeting will focus on fundraising for Zonta International's global service projects, and on getting members revved up to begin getting the word out for this year's **Day of Film**, our primary annual club fundraiser to be held in late March. See the Fundraising Committee Report for more details on planning for this wonderful upcoming event!

We have reserved The Rendezvous Restaurant in Aurora for the Grant Awards Dinner on Thursday evening, February 8, 2018. Membership will circulate RSVP information and menu options very soon. The cost per person will be \$30.00. **PLEASE BRING YOUR PAYMENT BY CASH OR CHECK TO THE JANUARY CLUB MEETING!!**

The next Membership Committee meeting will be on **Wednesday January 17 at 4:30 pm** at Yanni's at The Landmark. All are welcome to come!

~ Liz Savage



## FUNDRAISING

The Fundraising Committee is continuing to work on details for our Day of Film on March 31st. A copy of the event flyer was included in last month's *Smoke Signal*. Hard copies will be distributed at our January club meeting.

We are setting up the ticket purchase process, so please send us a list of individuals or organizations you know who may be interested in buying tickets or sponsorships. Please forward your list to Sara Ball at [jeball0@gmail.com](mailto:jeball0@gmail.com) and to me at [rhmlwedwrds@aol.com](mailto:rhmlwedwrds@aol.com). We will send letters to the prospects with information about the event and the charitable status of their donation.

Our selected film, "Little Stones" is currently being shown at events around the world. It was voted Best of the Festival at the Zonta Film Festival in Waterloo, Ontario, Canada. We believe we have a wonderful film this year, but the success of the event depends on all our members placing flyers strategically, talking about it, selling tickets and referring possible ticket buyers to Sara and Mary Lou.

Our next Fundraising Committee meeting will be **Monday, January 15**.

~Mary Lou Edwards

## SERVICE

Last month, you had the opportunity to read about our four grant recipients. Next month, you will have the opportunity (and, I might add, the privilege) to meet the wonderful folks representing these distinguished organizations. The grant award dinner will be held on February 8<sup>th</sup> at the Rendezvous Restaurant in Aurora. Mark your calendar; you won't want to miss this event. This is a great opportunity to bring a guest. Is there someone you have been bragging to about Zonta? This is the perfect moment to show Zonta off, and a great time to recruit new members.



As we build our relationships with these organizations and the people who run them, there will be opportunities to do service projects. The service committee is excited to connect all of you with these opportunities in the coming year, which makes the grant process even more meaningful.

We had a wonderful holiday dinner at The Haven with 33 clients and 12 of their darling babies. We brought gifts of socks for the women and books and baby shampoo for the babies. Thanks to all who donated money for these gifts. All of you were so generous that we didn't have to take any money out of the club service budget. A great dinner was served. Nancy McWhirter brought her guitar, and we sang Christmas carols with the women and babies. Many thanks to all who participated! We all had a great time.

In late November, a few of us participated in a car care clinic at Hands of the Carpenter. It was a great experience, and we did a lot of networking for Zonta.

Our next service committee meeting will be on **February 15, 2018 at 5:30**

p.m. at Hacienda Colorado on E. Mexico and S. Colorado Blvd.

May everyone have happy and prosperous NEW YEAR!!

~Mary Benoit



## ADVOCACY

We are seeking volunteers to write Advocacy articles for the Smoke Signal editions in April, May, and June 2018. If you are able to take one of these slots, please let me know. Also, slots for Advocacy Moments at our monthly meetings are open from February onward. Please consider volunteering. This is a great opportunity to inform the club members of how they can advocate for an issue you are passionate about. If you would like to sign up for a Smoke Signal article or Advocacy Moment, please contact me by phone or text at 303-596-4668 or email me at [cbmang@aol.com](mailto:cbmang@aol.com).

### Legislative Preview

Club members are invited to attend a Colorado Legislative Preview sponsored by the Colorado Center on Law and Policy on **Thursday, January 11, 2018 from 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM**. The event will be held at 789 Sherman St., in the Aspen Room on the First Floor, Denver, CO 80203. Topics will include:

- What's on CCLP's legislative agenda for the year ahead?
- Funding sources and other strategies for affordable housing so that more Coloradans can put a roof over their heads;
- How we'll continue to address issues influencing health care costs and Medicaid benefits; and
- How impending policy changes in Washington could affect family economic security and health care in Colorado.

We'll provide a light breakfast for what's sure to be an informative and engaging event. This event typically draws a standing-room-only crowd, and capacity is limited, so RSVP now by using this [link](#).

~Carol Mangold

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## PUBLIC RELATIONS

### Why does ZCD Need PR?

Zonta International recently held a teleconference on PR building blocks, and it seemed we all might benefit from a refresher. So here are some notes. You don't need to be a PR PhD to help get the word out about our mission and club.

If you've ever talked about ZCD to a friend, only to have them say, "who?" you know why we need consistent and frequent PR. We don't need to try to make ZCD as recognizable as George and Amal Clooney, just a little less of a secret than it is today. And as someone famous has said, this is not rocket surgery.



In any group of people, your experience with Zonta may make you a resource on increasing women's abilities to become self-sufficient. If you're talking to a person who seems to be interested in causes or issues that touch on Zonta's mission or our club activities, mention ZCD's grants to local groups. If you're asked about what you spend time and effort on, proudly talk about ZCD's efforts toward improving opportunities for women.

You'll sense whether someone is interested in getting more information, or becoming involved at some level. Meet them at that level with the website address, an invitation to an activity or a meeting, or, if someone seems particularly interested in how they can help, mention the Day of Film sponsorship opportunities, and connect them via email with your personal introduction to a Fundraising Committee member.

This is grass-roots level PR. Your ZCD PR team will soon be sending out information about our grants dinner in February and the Day of Film in March. We'll share the release, which can be a good one-pager to tell people about our club.

~ Wendy Henry-Moraskie

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## **Club Calendar**

### **Club Meetings**

#### **January 11, 2018**

5:00 p.m.

Barb Pellegren's home

#### **February 8, 2018**

5:00 p.m.

Rendezvous Restaurant, 2888 S  
Heather Gardens Way, Aurora

#### **March 8, 2018**

5:00 p.m.

Fresh Fish Co.

### **Board Meetings**

#### **January 25, 2018**

5:00 p.m., Tony's Market

## **Special Events**

### **Area 3 Meeting**

#### **January 20, 2018**

11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Boulder, Colorado

### **2018 Day of Film**

#### **March 31, 2018**

Auraria Campus, Tivoli Center

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## News from Zonta International

Our January meeting will focus on our role in the Zonta International Foundation. Here is a sneak preview of ZI's amazing programs:

### International Service Program

- Obstetric Fistula
- Let Us Learn Madagascar
- HIV and Gender-Based Violence
- Gender Responsive Schools

### ZISVAW (Zonta International Strategies to end Violence Against Women)

- Child Marriage
- Addressing Human Trafficking and Unsafe Migration in Nepal
- Voices Against Violence

### Educational Programs

- Women in Aerospace
- Women in Business
- Young Women in Public Affairs

For more information, go to the Zonta International Foundation [website](#).



**29 JUNE – 3 JULY 2018**

Registration for the 2018 Zonta International Convention in Yokohama, Japan is now open! Go to the convention [website](#) to register, and for details on the conference schedule, programs, tours, and travel arrangements.

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Nominations for  
2018-2019 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 2018 to 2019 fiscal year (more than one name for each office will be appreciated):

President President-Elect Marian Lee will become President automatically

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

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

Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_

I suggest the following Zontians as directors (two must be elected for the two-year term of 2018 to 2020; Carol Mangold and Wendy Moraskie are serving terms that continue for 2018-2019):

Directors \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I suggest the following Zontians to serve as members of the nominating committee for the 2018 to 2019 fiscal year;

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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: Nikki Headlee  
Katie Wienecke  
Nancy McWhirter

Please return this form or the information requested by January 31 to Nikki Headlee at [nheadlee@solucian.com](mailto:nheadlee@solucian.com). The nominating committee will begin meeting soon.