



Smoke Signal - January 2019

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“Cheers to a new year and another
chance for us to get it right.”

— Oprah Winfrey

January Meeting

Date: Thursday, January 10th
Event: Dining-in Meeting
Time: 5:00 p.m.
Place: Sheila Davis's home
Program: Learn all about ZI
Foundations & it's funds.

See the alpha distribution of names
for Potluck items below.

December: No Minutes

Message from our President



Happy New Year!

It's time for a fresh start. We have a clean slate to work with, and so much is possible. This is a great time to make a plan and set your goals for the year.

As you think of Zonta, consider ways you can get more out of your involvement and bring your valuable talents to the club. Here are some possible Zonta resolutions for this year:

- Bring one visitor to a club meeting
- Enlist one sponsor for the Day of Film
- Bring one item to each meeting, to donate to one of our grant recipients
- Share one new idea with your committee
- Make one new friend in our club

I wish you all a year of resolutions lived and actions accomplished.

See you on the 10th!

~ Marian Lee

Volunteers Wanted for Convention 2020

As Convention Chairman for 2020, I am searching for volunteers to assist with various committees. After Yokohama, first attention was given to the members of District 6 since they are hosting convention in Chicago. The Registration Committee has more volunteers than needed, so this committee is considered filled. The attached form describes the remaining committees' responsibilities. Any Zontian who would like to volunteer in Chicago is requested to return this form to me with their selection of committee(s).



Some of the committees will have more work before convention

than others. Once the committees are filled out, the committee chairmen will notify their teams and schedule communication meetings as needed. A convention requires many volunteers to be successful. Volunteering at convention offers you an enhanced experience - seeing things from a unique perspective and meeting new friends from around the world. **If this is something you can commit to, please reply to ssbean@comcast.net by January 20, 2019.**

Thank you for helping us make the Chicago convention a huge success! I wish every one of you a new year filled with peace, joy, and love.

Sally

Sally S Bean

Convention 2020 Committee Chairman

Editors note: An email was sent by Judy Mac on Dec 22nd with the form to volunteer and send on to Sally - if you are interested please reply to her. [Attached is the form](#) if you missed the email.

Annual January Dining In Event

Date: Thursday, January 10, 2019

Where: Sheila Davis' House

When: 5:00pm

Program: Overview of the Zonta International Foundation and its Funds

Menu: This is a pot luck dinner with members bringing the food & drinks as follows:

- Members with Last Name beginning A-C bring a Salad or Side Dish
- Members with Last Name beginning D-K bring a Main Dish
- Members with Last Name beginning L-R bring a Bottle of Wine
- Members with Last Name beginning S-Z bring a Dessert

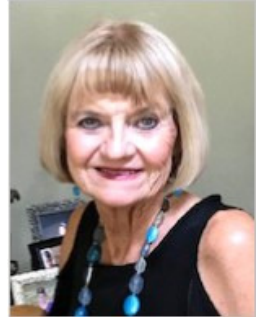
RSVP: Sheila at shedavis@comcast.net.

Guests are welcome, and it would be a nice way for them to meet other club members and learn about Zonta.

A Word from the Treasurer

DID YOU KNOW?

Underwriting of the Convention Center On October 4, 1988, the club approved contributing \$100,000 to the City and County of Denver to provide funds for the “Her Story” portion of the mural in tile on the Welton Street side of the Colorado Convention Center in memory of Dorothy A. McRae, a Past President of Zonta Club of Denver. The \$100,000 came from the money left to the club by Dorothy McRae.



~ Evie Ashmore

Committee Reports



SERVICE

Another wonderful party was held at the Haven! Many thanks to all of you that contributed to the gift of gloves, delicious food, decorations and the music!! The women were most appreciative and the babies were adorable. This event continues to be inspiring to us all!

There will be a Service Committee meeting on Monday, January 14th. Hopefully all committee members will be able to attend as we need to name coordinators to contact our new grantees regarding the Grant Awards Dinner in February. The meeting will be at the Citron Bistro at Hampden and Yosemite. Looking forward to seeing everyone next year!!

~ C J Long

MEMBERSHIP

Our next general meeting is on Thursday Jan 10, 2019, 5 pm, at the home of member Sheila Davis.

Our “dining in” event an annual potluck and all members are asked to make a donation to The Zonta Foundation, suggested



to be the amount you may have otherwise spent going out. We are hoping for 100% participation in donating to The Zonta Foundation, even if you aren't able to attend. Members are welcome.

Members are requested to bring the dish corresponding to the first letter of your last name. Sheila sent out the assignments and a reminder will go out in January.

We are planning some interesting social activities in the next year, including a guided tour of the Vance Kirkland Museum and lunch to follow on Feb 2 at 10:30 am. RSVP to Veronica Hoegler at vehoegler@comcast.net or 303-424-2811; discounted admission of \$7 may be made at the door.

This summer we are planning a visit to the Angel Shop in Littleton and happy hour. A wall at the Convention Center displaying historically significant Colorado women was funded by Zonta of Denver in 1990 or so. Does anyone remember the year? We will visit it this summer as a group and of course, dinner or a happy hour to follow!

We are exploring forming a Z Club for Denver area high school students. Please give some thought as to working with teen age girls and helping us charter a Z Club to groom young women to be leaders in their community. Zonta of Boulder has been sponsoring a Z Club for 6-7 years and started slowly by helping them serve their communities and prepare their credentials for college applications in a non-competitive environment. Please consider joining a small group of Zontians to nurture the next generation of young women serving other women.

~ Veronica Hoegler



FUND RAISING

SAVE THE DATE – March 30 for ***Be Relentless*** our Day of Film event for 2019. Mark it on your calendars now and alert friends you want to invite. Do you know a business that may want to be a sponsor? They get great seats at the event and wonderful wine to take home. Please contact Sara Ball at jeball0@gmail.com so she can send them an invitation.

Fundraising is also selling Symphony tickets to a Friday, March 1 performance of Beethoven Symphony #7. Your cost: only

\$35. Bring your check made out to Wendy Moraskie and give it to Cynthia Herndon by January 10 meeting. We are privileged to have this great opportunity.

Garage Sale – Do you have large furniture items you want to recycle? Donate? Save it for our May 18 Garage Sale.

Pouches - Yes we have pouches! Get yours at the January meeting at the check-in desk or from Jeanette Scotland. Only \$15.

Next Meeting: January 7 at 5:30 at the home of Jeanette Scotland.

~ Jeanette Scotland

PUBLIC RELATIONS

PR will be gearing up to start sharing info about the film right after we put down the eggnog (thanks for that, Judy!)



We'll send out as much information as we have as soon as possible and look forward to everyone pitching in as usual to make this film a great success.

~ Wendy Moraskie

ARCHIVING

One of us found the attached article in the archives during our last meeting:

As an example of the breadth of vision that characterizes the beginnings of the organization, the name “Zonta” is the Sioux Indian word meaning honest and trustworthy. It was chosen on November 8, 1919 from a list of 50 other possible names suggested by the Founding Clubs. The Founders originally settled on the name Zhonta, which was later corrected to Zonta by the Bureau of American Ethnology at the Smithsonian Institution.

The Zonta Emblem is actually a composite of five Sioux Indian symbols representing such concepts as: a flash of light, inspiration, to band together for a purpose, to carry



together, and truth. The article was accompanied by a copy of the original drawing of the emblem, "from the hand of designer Helen Fuchs of the Buffalo Club" but unfortunately the quality of our copy of the drawing is too poor to reproduce here.

~ Sheila Davis

FOUNDATION AND ADVOCACY

Our January meeting will be our eighth "dining-in" dinner, at which we provide the food and donate to the Zonta International Foundation (at least) the difference between what we spent on the food or beverages we provided and what we would have spent on dinner at our regular meeting place. Since January 2012, Sheila has hosted this meeting at her house. At the meetings, we have learned more about the Zonta International Foundation's service projects and donated (I am guessing) thousands of dollars to ZIF for those projects.



This biennium, the ZISVAW (Zonta International Strategies to End Violence Against Women) project that ZIF is funding is the UNFPA-UNICEF Global Programme to Accelerate Action to End Child Marriage.

ZIF is the first private sector donor to the project that, since 2016, has been working in 12 countries with high rates of child marriage, to deliver health, education, protection and support services for adolescent girls who are at risk of child marriage or already married.

But a look at the Advocacy page on our District 12 website brings this issue much closer to home:

"Child marriages are atrocities that only occur in faraway countries where poverty and ancient customs rule the day, right? Wrong. On average, in the United States of America, five of each one thousand youth in the age range of fifteen to seventeen years are married. While one-half of one percent may not sound like much, especially compared to the astronomically high numbers of child brides in developing countries, it still results annually in tens of

thousands of our youth who are getting married often before they are permitted to drive without restrictions, before they can vote, and certainly before they can do a champagne toast of their nuptials."

This includes the State of Colorado. Don't believe it?

Read more [here](#) from the fact sheet posted by District 12 Advocacy Chair Denise Parrish, Zonta Club of Cheyenne, that is quoted above.

~ Judy McNerny

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

It is time again for Denver Zontians to indicate their preferences for officers and directors for the coming year again to guide the nominating committee in preparing the slate for the coming year. Please see [attached form](#) and return to the nominating committee by January 31.

~ Julie Bradley, Kathy Hyzer, Judy McNerny

Club Calendar

Club Meetings

January 10, 2019

5 pm
Annual Dining In Event
Sheila Davis' home

February 14, 2019

5 pm
Grants Award Meeting
Rendezvous Restaurant
2888 S Heather Gardens Way
Aurora, CO 80014

Special Events

Area 3 Meeting/

Amelia Earhart Luncheon

January 26, 2019, 11 am - 4 pm
CU Boulder, C4C Building

Committee Meetings

Fundraising Committee

January 7th at 5:30 pm
Jeanette Scotland's house
3350 S Clermont St

March 14 , 2019
5 pm
Fresh Fish Company

Service Committee
January 14th
Citron Bistro
Hampden and Yosemite

Save the Date

March 30, 2019
Zonta's Eleventh Annual Day of Film
BE RELENTLESS is our film!

Membership Committee
January 16th at 4:30
Panera's at Riverpoint
Hampden at Sheridan



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CONVENTION 2020 VOLUNTEER FORM

Name _____

Club _____ District _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Committee(s) of Interest – *if more than one, please rank your preferences*

____ Credentials. These volunteers will need to be available starting July 2. Distribution of delegates' badges, voting devices, and assistance if anyone cannot complete their role as delegate. Some of these volunteers will miss parts of the convention program. Not a job for delegates.

____ Monitors. These volunteers must attend training on July 2. Assist delegates with seating, voting devices, and other needs. Staff microphones. Staff entry doors at specified times. Attend Delegates' and Alternates' Training and any rehearsals as needed. These duties are carried out in the general session, so you will not miss the convention program in this role. Delegates will not be assigned to microphones, but may help with doors and special needs.

____ Protocol. Organize seating for delegates, PIPs, International Board, International Committee Chairmen, special guests and speakers daily. Provide a minder to each special guest or speaker for the guest's duration. Provide oversight and instructions for the flag ceremony and its rehearsal. Identify a stage manager to watch over all sessions, backstage technicians, and stage/auditorium music selections.

____ Hospitality. Place signage where needed. Welcome and guide people throughout venue to various activities. Solve problems as needed. Staff a lost and found location with easy access for Zontians. Staff an information desk with easy access for Zontians.

_____ Volunteers. Provide assistance as needed outside of the business sessions, including the events. Provide flag bearer substitutes for any unable to carry the flag. Serve as facilitators if needed in general workshops.

_____ Memorial Service. Organize a moving service involving the district governors at the direction of the ZI President. Arrange for appropriate music and program. Coordinate with ZI Board representative.

_____ Marketplace. Organize and oversee the Zonta store for designated districts and Doc Morgan/Zonta merchandise.

_____ Workshops. Solicit facilitators for identified workshops. Topics to be determined by ZI Board. Collect notes from each workshop and post on website if requested by ZI President.

_____ Themed Luncheons. Organize luncheon seating for ticketed lunch events. Prompt discussions/activities to suit the theme. Classification luncheon is one idea – based on registrations for event, organize seating by classification or topics of interest.

The Issue



Most states have an unrestricted age of marital consent at which age the permission of others is not required to get married. This is age 16, 17, or 18. However, most states permit exceptions to this minimum age, allowing youth who have barely reached puberty (or younger) to marry.

Frequently, the marriage of minors has a motive other than love and being together forever. These include getting around the statutory rape laws, marrying simply due to pregnancy, or being forced into marriage by family or religious customs.

The consequences of these child marriages are more women living in poverty, less educated women, more women with sexually transmitted diseases, and more women with mental disorders.

CEDAW and the Minimum Marriage Age

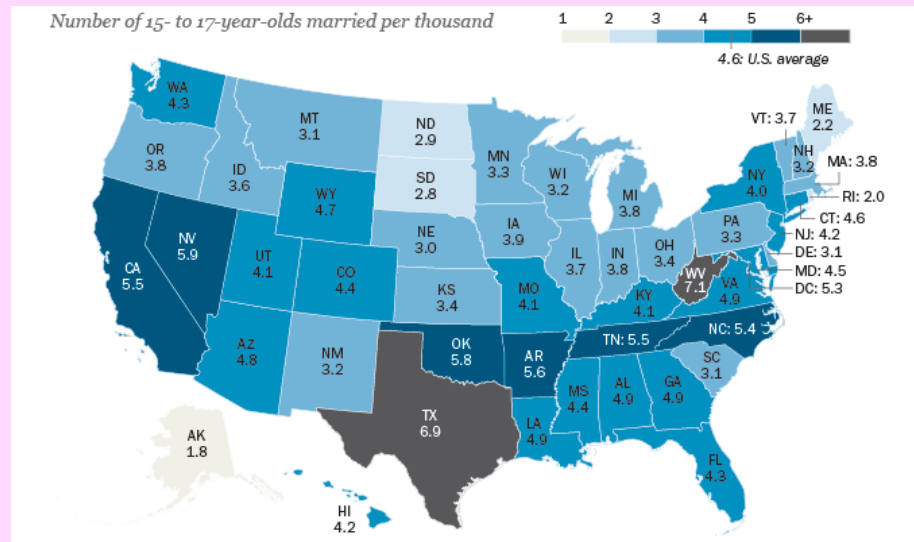
Part IV, Article 16.2 of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) states that *“The betrothal and marriage of a child shall have no legal effect, and all necessary action, including legislation, shall be taken to specify a minimum age for marriage and to*

Do We Need to Stop Child Brides in America?

Child marriages are atrocities that only occur in faraway countries where poverty and ancient customs rule the day, right? Wrong. On average, in the United States of America, five of each one-thousand youth in the age range of fifteen to seventeen years are married. While one-half of one percent may not sound like much, especially compared to the astronomically high numbers of child brides in developing countries, it still results annually in tens of thousands of our youth who are getting married often before they are permitted to drive without restrictions, before they can vote, and certainly before they can do a champagne toast of their nuptials.

Should the age of marital consent be standardized to an age of 18? Should exceptions be permitted? Should there be a minimal age under which exceptions are not allowed? Should criteria be established for judges to grant exceptions to the minimum age? The summary information in this flyer is intended to assist in starting the discussion on this topic.

Number of married 15- to 17- year olds per 1,000 of 15 to 17 year old population



From Pew Research Center: *Child Marriage is rare in the U.S., though this varies by State*, by David McClendon and Aleksandra Sandstrom, November 1, 2016.

make the registration of marriages in an official registry compulsory.”

Certainly, the states of Colorado, Montana, South Dakota, and Wyoming have each established a minimum age for marriage but there are many exceptions where child marriages may be taking place. The question at hand is

whether the minimum ages should be raised or exceptions eliminated.

Colorado Law

Under Colorado law, the unrestricted age at which a person may marry is eighteen years. However, those who are younger may marry under the following circumstances:

Potential Actions in Response to the Issue



Develop a short 30 second speech (a so-called *elevator speech*) on the issue where you can grab the attention of your audience.

Research the issue specific to your state or locale. Try to get statistics from governmental entities (including local officials) so that you have information on the size and impact of the problem.

Connect the dots between the age of marital consent and other laws. In particular, use personal stories and incidents of individuals to explain how youth marriages were used to avoid charges of statutory rape or sexual assault. Learn the statistics related to poverty, lack of education, and destroyed lives related to early age marriages.

Create allies regarding the issue and raise community awareness by discussing the matter with other groups with similar concerns, community leaders, and others.

Develop a relationship with local media by sending out stories, talking to reporters, and keeping them notified of community discussions. One might also wish to provide newspaper opinion pieces or be a guest on radio programs to begin the community discussion.

Contact legislators to gauge interest in and to develop an awareness about the need for changes to state laws. Assist legislators by providing draft legislation.

- If under age eighteen, with the consent of both parents or guardian;
- If under age eighteen, with the consent of the custodial parent, if the parents are not living together; or
- If under age eighteen, with judicial approval. Judicial approval requires a finding that the person is capable of assuming the responsibilities of marriage and marriage would serve his/her best interests. Pregnancy is not proof, in and of itself, that the best interest would be served.

Montana Law

A person may marry in Montana at age eighteen years or greater without any additional parental, guardian, or judicial consent. If sixteen or seventeen years old, a party may be approved to be married if:

- Both parents consent, or
- The custodial parent or guardian consents.

If there is no parent or guardian capable of giving consent, the court may give consent to a sixteen or seventeen year old if:

- the court finds that the youth is capable of assuming the responsibilities of marriage and the marriage will be in the person's best interest, noting that pregnancy does not alone establish the best interest, and
- two sessions of marriage counseling are undertaken, not less than ten days apart, with a designated counselor.

South Dakota Law

The unrestricted age at which a party may marry in South Dakota is eighteen years of age. If a person is between age sixteen and eighteen years, a notarized statement of consent to marry from one parent or one legal guardian is required for that youth to marry. No one under age sixteen may marry.

Interestingly, the application for a marriage license in South Dakota also requires the following statement: *"The laws of this state affirm your right to enter into this marriage and at the same time to live within the marriage free from violence and abuse. Neither of you is the property of the other. Physical abuse, sexual abuse, battery and assault of a spouse or other family member, as well as other provisions of the criminal laws of this state, are applicable to spouses and other family members and violations thereof are punishable by law."* Both parties must sign and acknowledge having read this statement. [SDC 25-1-10.2]

Wyoming Law

The unrestricted legal age for marriage in Wyoming, without parental consent, is eighteen years. A young person under age eighteen may marry under the following circumstances:

- The verbal consent, if present, or otherwise the written consent of the parent, guardian, or person having the care and control of the minor. Written consent must be proved by the testimony of at least one competent witness, or
- Consent from the court is received.

For those under the age of sixteen who wish to marry, the consent of the court is required.

Suggested Reading



Child Marriage Still Happens in America, by Devin Tomb, in *Good Housekeeping*, September 23, 2016
<http://www.goodhousekeeping.com/life/inspirational-stories/a40323/child-marriage/>

American Child Brides and the Dangers of Underage Sex by Nicholas Syrett, October 25, 2016
<http://notchesblog.com/2016/10/25/american-child-brides/>



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Nominations for
 2019-2020 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 2019 to 2020 fiscal year (more than one name for each office will be appreciated):

- President President-Elect Mary Lou Edwards 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 2019 to 2021; CJ Long and Veronica Hoegler are serving terms that continue for 2019-2020):

- Directors _____
- _____

I suggest the following Zontians to serve as members of the nominating committee for the 2019 to 2020 fiscal year:

- _____
- _____
- _____

If you are interested in serving on the Board, please include your name and interest on this form.

Nominating committee: **Julie Bradley**
 Kathy Hyzer
 Judy McNerny

Please return this form or the information requested by January 31 to Julie Bradley at julieqb@gmail.com, Kathy Hyzer at kathyhyzer@comcast.net or Judy McNerny at jmcnerny@comcast.net. The nominating committee has already begun meeting!