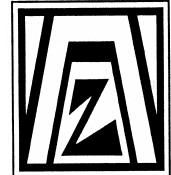


Smoke Signal



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District 12, Area 3 July 2003

Zonta International is a worldwide organization of executives in business and the professions working together to advance the status of women

No July Meeting!

Directory information needs to be updated. If you have changes in the information in the directory and haven't updated it with Julie already, please make sure you check it out and get with her ASAP!

Be sure to include

- * new email (work or home)
- * Cell Phone
- * Regular telephone
- * Fax number
- * Any address changes at work or home
- * Job changes, job title changes, etc.

If you need a new photo—or don't have on in the directory please let her know. A rough proof will go to committee on July 12th (Julie will be out of town from July 15th—July 27th for her son's wedding)

Final proof and printing will be done in August with the directory ready at the September meeting.

Please try to make sure everything is correct. Call Julie at 303-799-1801 or 303-866-9273 or email at julie.bradley@usw.sarmy.org or julieqbradley@comcast.net

(NOTE NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES!)

Convention 2004—New York City July 3-8, 2004 Marriott Marquis in Times Square

Join Zontians to discover first hand...the arts, culture, business, finance, economics, fashion, transportation and many other aspects of what makes New York City "tick"

District 12 Conference Billings, Montana September 26th—28th, 2003 See you there!

Area 2,3,& 4 are looking into a bus to take members up to Billings. It would start in South Metro area and work its way north. If you are interested be sure to let either Governor Mary Benoit or Area 3 Director Kate Linscott know.

Sheila Davis lost her Father, Marion Higgins on Monday June 30th. He entered hospice on Sunday and died on Monday.

His funeral is Thursday, July 3 at 11:00 a.m. at the Hope United Methodist Church, 5101 S. Dayton, Greenwood Village.

Please be sure to extend your sympathy to Sheila and her family.

Permanent Reservation list:

- Judy Allen
 - Evie Ashmore
 - Mary Benoit
 - Julie Bradley
 - Nancy Bruner-Koontz
 - Elizabeth Clinton
 - Cathy Conley
 - Sheila Davis
 - Nikki Headlee
 - Cynthia Herndon
 - Dottie Jenkins
 - Kate Linscott
 - Judy McNerny
 - Karen Murphy
 - Linda Rhea
 - Lydia Scherck
 - Carmen Teufel
 - Diane Twining
- YOUR NAME
SHOULD BE
HERE!**

Mission Statement of Zonta Club of Denver:

The Members of Zonta Club of Denver are committed to the support and well-being of our community, our club, and ourselves, by improving the status of women and children and upholding the Objects of Zonta International.

President of Zonta Club of Denver: Evie Ashmore

Editor: Julie Bradley

Governor of District 12: Mary Benoit

President's Message for July . .



I hope that you are having a wonderful summer. Isn't it great to have rain once again! I am looking forward to a very exciting year with a great Board and a great membership. Together we can do wonderful things!

I am excited about our first fund raiser - the legendary Broadway Musical "Cats". I hope all who attended had a wonderful time. My family and I certainly did. A big thanks goes to Diane Twining and Elizabeth Clinton, who coordinated our ticket sales. Elizabeth reported that we sold 59 tickets and made over \$2,000 with tickets sold and donations made. Thanks to those members who participated.

Sheila Davis and her committee coordinated the breakfast served at The Denver Kids, Inc. Annual Summer Solstice Golf Marathon on June 16. Sheila reported that it was great fun! Thanks, Sheila!

We welcomed three new members at our June Meeting - Dottie Jenkins, Linda McBurney and Sue Anne Flaherty. Welcome Ladies! We look forward to having you a part of the Zonta Club of Denver membership. We will induct two additional members at our August meeting - Trish Bloemker and Donna Hultin. This will make five new members.

We will not have a July General Meeting nor a July Board Meeting. However, your Board held its annual retreat on June 28 in order to plan our exciting year.

I received a lovely thank you note from Mary Konrad Feller, Assistant Vice President, Metropolitan State College of Denver. The note thanks the Zonta Club of Denver for our continuing support and provides an update on the progress of the scholarship recipients after the spring break. We have helped 6 recipients with their educational goals. I have asked Julie to publish the letter in its entirety in the Smoke Signal. It is so wonderful to hear of the wonderful progress these young women have made and to know that we have been a part of this! Please take time to read this letter.

Please plan to attend the August General Membership Meeting which will be held at my house. The dinner will be "Salad by Committee". I will supply the salad greens, paper products, drinks and dessert. All you have to bring is an item to place in a salad. After our dinner, Committees will meet to begin to plan the year. This will save all of us an additional meeting. As our time is so precious, I hope that you will find this helpful. Directions will be published in the August newsletter.

Have a safe summer! Yours in Zonta Evie

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

June 17, 2003

Dear Members of Zonta,

We are looking for volunteers to help the more than 6,300 Coloradans with multiple sclerosis by volunteering for the 18th Annual Great West- MS 150 Bike Tour. Last year 2,536 Coloradans helped to raise 1.8 million dollars for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society through the MS Bike Tour. This year the Colorado Multiple Sclerosis chapter hopes to raise 1.95 million dollars.

Multiple Sclerosis is a chronic, often disabling disease of the central nervous system. Symptoms may be mild such as numbness in the limbs or severe -- paralysis or loss of vision. Most people with MS are diagnosed between the ages of 20 and 50 but the unpredictable physical and emotional effects can be lifelong. The progress, severity and specific symptoms of MS in any one person cannot yet be predicted, but advances in research and treatment are giving hope to those affected by the disease. The National Multiple Sclerosis Society is dedicated to ending the devastating effects of multiple sclerosis.

If you or your members could donate a portion of your time on July 12th and/ or 13th to assist in the success of the 18th Annual Great West - MS 150 Bike tour it would be greatly appreciated. We are currently looking for volunteers to serve along the route as road marshals. Road marshals perform an integral part in assisting with safety of our riders. Road marshals help by assisting riders cross busy intersections, preparing them for stoplights and providing advance warning of other road hazards.

If you, or your organization, can help us end the devastating effects of MS as a road marshal for the 18th Annual Great West- MS 150 Bike Tour please contact me at (303)743-0298 or hamdu@earthlink.net

Thank you,

Heather Martindill
Road Marshal Coordinator
Bike Tour Management Committee

If you are unable to help as a road marshal, but interested in assisting in other ways please contact Christine Moniak at the Colorado Chapter of the NMSS, (303) 831-0700 or at christine.moniak@coc.nmss.org.



**Zonta Club of
Denver
2003-2004**

**Board of Directors
Monthly Meetings
4th Thursdays at
5:30 pm, at Evie
Ashmore's House**
5795 S Danube Cir.
Aurora, CO 80015

No Board Meeting in July

Thurs Aug 28th

Thurs, Sept 18th
(Dist Conf. Sept 25th)

Thurs Oct 23rd

No Board Meeting in Nov
& Dec.

Thurs, Jan 22nd

Thurs, Feb 26th

Thurs, Mar 25th

Thurs, Apr 22nd

Thurs, May 27th

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**Smoke Signal Deadline
for the
August issue is
July 26th**

UPCOMING SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

* RONALD McDonald HOUSE DINNERS Service Coordinator: Sheila Davis THIRD MONDAY OF THE MONTH Please contact Sheila if you wish to participate—also, if you can't participate monetary donations are gladly accepted.



Participating July 21st are Kathy Hyzer, Sheila Davis, Linda McBurney and Nikki Headlee.

Participating in August are Julie Bradley, Shari Dorton, Karen Murphy and Cynthia Herndon.

* Taste of the Nation, a fund-raiser sponsored by the Share Our Strength organization, enables chefs and community leaders to lend their time and talent to more than 100 culinary activities taking place during the event. Zonta volunteers will be registering winery personnel. This event will be held on Sunday, July 20th, 2003 at Johnson and Wales University. Participating in this event will be Diane Twining, Judy Allen, and Linda Rhea. No additional volunteers are needed at this time.



District 12 Club Happenings:



Do you have any info for the District 12 Scrapbook? Julie Bradley, PR/ Historian is looking for program materials, newspaper clippings, International items (from last year in Sweden), and any other items that may need to be in the scrapbook. Please contact her or mail her the information. Thanks!

Service Grants for 2003-2004

This year's emphasis for awarding service grants will be to those organizations that focus on *improving the status of women*. Please email Sheila at sadavis@4edisp.net if you know of an organization that you would like to see apply for a grant. Letters inviting organizations to apply will be sent out in August.

FYI from one of our members....



About UNFPA: The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), is the world's largest international source of funding for population and reproductive health programs and works in more than 140 countries. UNFPA supports efforts to:

- * Promote safe motherhood
- * Provide family planning & reproductive health services
- * Prevent HIV/AIDS
- * Address the special needs of adolescents
- * Protect universal human rights for women

About the 34 Million Friends campaign: Against the recommendation of its own blue ribbon panel of experts and despite bipartisan Congressional agreement on a \$34 million contribution, the Bush Administration cut off funding to UNFPA in July, 2002.

In response, two remarkable women, Lois Abraham and Jane Roberts, began contacting friends and urging them to send \$1 to support UNFPA programs. In the months since Lois and Jane began the campaign, a national grassroots movement has been created - with more than 100,000 Americans responding.

Experts estimate that the loss of \$34 million to international family planning efforts is likely to lead to 2 million unwanted pregnancies, 800,000 induced abortions, 4700 maternal deaths and 77,000 infant and child deaths. By getting involved, each of us can help prevent these dreadful impacts:

- 1) Send a dollar or other contribution to:
 US Committee for UNFPA
 GPO Box 27777
 New York, NY 10087-7777

Contact others: Let friends and organizations you belong to know about the campaign.

For more information and ideas for getting the word out, visit www.34millionfriends.org

Denver Kids held a Golf Marathon on Monday, June 16th at City Park Golf Course.



Zonta members Eve Childs-Best, Sheila Davis, Barbara Pellegren, and Linda Rhea provided a wonderful continental breakfast for the 22 golfers who signed up to play 100 holes of golf in one day. (They estimated it would take 22 hours at 6 minutes per hole to reach this goal!)

The weather was beautiful, and so was the golf course and clubhouse. It was so nice that it inspired Linda and Sheila to sign up for beginning golf lessons. Anyone want to join us?

Thank you's received from Women's Bean Project for Mother's Day Baskets:

- * Thank you so much, your kindness went unnoticed. Cynthia
- * Thanks to all the people, Erette Renig, Happy Mother's Day
- * Thank you very much! M.L.S.
- * Thank you for the Mother day gift. May God bless you. Mary Freyta
- * Thank you! I really like and can use my stuff I got in my basket. Lisa Edge
- * Thank you—Kathy M.
- * Thank you very much for the Mother's Day Basket. Happy Mothers day—Gabriela
- * Thank you for everything. Happy Mother day- Frances Ray
- * Thank you so much, it was soo sweet! Teresa H.
- * Thank you very much God Bless you. Eldora Pena

New Members Email updates....

Nancy Bruner Koontz: nkoontz@attbi.com

Sue Anne Flaherty laswan50@aol.com

Service Thank You's

Dear Zonta Club,

I would like to thank you for the \$1000 check! I am a volunteer with the Sewing Circle and help with product design and marketing. I work with the Circle during the summer months and Rose Chavez works in the winter months. I would like to tell you what we have planned this summer and hope that you will visit our booth.

We are vendors at the Elitches Gardens Farmer's Market (38th and Tennyson) on Friday mornings. We do not have to pay booth fees, thanks to the generosity of the manager. We did poorly over the Christmas season and decided to not to do many fairs where we paid booth fees this summer.

We plan on doing the Labor Day Boulder Rez Fest, which will be three days. We worked the So Gaylord Fair, which was 3 days of Memorial weekend. Some of the ladies made \$200 each there and were so happy!

We are selling a few items to small shops but don't have a sales rep right now. Do you know anyone who might be interested? Please have them e-mail me! It doesn't take much time and actually is a lot of fun.

When we sell an item, 100% goes to the woman who made the product. So this is really a grassroots program. We are helping women in our city help themselves.

I have a marketing idea and would like your opinion... I would like to speak to women's groups, e.g., book clubs, business groups and the like. Maybe even present to Rotary...and sell our products there. Can you help me with contacts?

I would like to meet you all. I will return to Denver around the middle of July. Please come visit me after that at the Farmer's Market...And see what we have. We will give all Zonta members a "special " discount!

Thanks again, Ladies.
Pat May



Marycrest Resource Center

2851 West 52nd Avenue, Denver, Colorado, 80221
(303) 458-6270



The Metropolitan State College of Denver
Office of Development

June 13th

Ms. Evie Ashmore
President
Zonta Club of Denver

Dear Ms. Ashmore,

I'm writing to update you on the progress of the Zonta Club scholarship recipients after the spring semester.

Malia-Mary Euler took 12 credit hours and earned a 4.0 for the semester giving her a 4.0 cumulative GPA as well. Christine Graziano took 18 credit hours and received a 3.75 GPA giving her a 3.59 overall. She graduated with a degree in Art. Theresa LaFay earned 9 credit hours and a 3.67. She now has a 3.83 GPA. Lisa McIntyre took 8 credit hours, earning a 2.38 and giving her a 3.2 overall. Cindy Sovine took 15 credit hours. She earned a 3.4 and now has a 3.6. And finally Lynn Tumey took 12 credit hours, earned a 4.0 and now has a 3.91 cumulative GPA. Lynn graduated with a degree in Criminal Justice.

The Zonta Club is helping so many women achieve their education! If I can answer any questions or if you would like additional information, please let me know.

The college is very grateful for Zonta's continued support. On behalf of the students at Metro, thank you.

Sincerely,

Mary Konrad Feller
Assistant Vice President

SEPARATE ARTICLE ON BRENDA HOLLIS

A graduate of Bowling Green University in Ohio, and University of Denver Law School, Colonel Brenda Hollis has experience with the Peace Corps, and has served with the United States Air Force in Thailand during the Vietnam war. After being admitted to the bar in Colorado, Colonel Hollis rejoined the Air Force as a judge advocate.



After being stationed at the Rhein - Main air force base, Colonel Hollis was nominated to be one of the twenty-two person United States Delegation loaned to the Office of the Prosecutor in the Hague, to serve the Yugoslav Tribunal system. The Yugoslav and Rwanda Tribunals were created under Chapter 7 of the United Nations Security Council, which allows the council to intervene in a country in a conflict poses a threat to international peace and security.

While at Rhein - Main, Colonel Hollis became aware of the human rights conflicts and atrocities occurring in Bosnia. Colonel Hollis shared some of her knowledge of the extent of crimes in these countries:

- ¾ million killed because they were Bosnian?
- Tens of thousands sex slaves
- Over a million people forced out of Yugoslavia
- 1,000s children parents killed; children forced to become armed combatants

Independent International Criminal Justice System

One main focus was to provide individual accountability for international humanitarian law crimes. Colonel Hollis' purpose was not just to prosecute these crimes such as murder, rape, torture, but to prosecute grave breaches of the Geneva convention, violations of the Customs and Laws of War, Genocide, and Crimes Against humanity. Liability attaches to all those who participate or knowingly allow the acts to occur.

Colonel Hollis referred to the two courts as International Criminal Tribunal in Yugoslavia (ICTY), and International Criminal Tribunal in Rowanda (ICTR).

She also worked for the Special Court in Sierra Leone and Also, the International Criminal Court - (ICC) is treaty based. U.S. opposes this.

Colonel Hollis was a special prosecutor for the ICTR, ICTY, and the Special Court of Rwanda. This court is an enclosed criminal justice system, independent. This system contains all processes including everything from investigations, pretrial, trial by judge, and oversight of sentencing. It is important to note the court maintains the accused has a right to counsel; the accused is presumed innocent; and has the right to remain silent.

Colonel Hollis explained there are two tiers of crimes:

The first tier crimes include crimes against humanity (can be with-

out armed conflict), genocide, grave breaches of the Geneva Convention, and violations of Customs and Laws of War. The first tier crimes are separate element from the underlying conduct.

The second tier of crimes is the underlying conduct, such as murder, rape, and extermination, inflicting grievous bodily harm. Sometimes this involves an expansion of definitions under common law. For example, an underlying element of serious bodily or mental harm could be used to prove torture. Rape could be the underlying conduct to prove outrage on personal dignity. Indecent assault could be the underlying conduct to prove crimes against humanity.

In the ICTR and ICTY, the most difficult challenge felt by Colonel Hollis was trying to convince the prosecutors of the importance of sex crimes being worth the time of investigation. Some of the prosecutors and administration felt the sex crimes were not "really" crimes, but perhaps were just an unfortunate side effect of war.

Colonel Hollis mentioned one individual in the Special Court of Sierra Leone, prosecutor David Grimes, was instrumental in the successful prosecution of sexual crimes.

The ICTR devised some newly defined crimes, such as enforced prostitution and enforced pregnancy. More recent courts have prosecuted additional crimes such as enforced sterilization Other recent developments have included proving genocide via the use of conduct such as forced pregnancy (by persons outside ones own ethnic group) or the conduct of kidnapping children and moving them into other ethnic groups.

In the Special Court of Sierra Leone, Colonel Hollis felt the "defining" or most memorable crime was sexual slavery, which was the underlying conduct used to prove crimes against humanity. In the ICTR, the most common crime was genocide involving the Tutsis.

- Colonel Hollis feels these courts have made tremendous strides and resulted in:
- ? A return to the rule of law
 - ? Accountability to those who violate very basic human behavioral norms
 - ? Sexual violence is a violation of international fundamental norms.

These court systems have shown that sexual violence is just another form of violence, not just another attribute of war to be ignored.

Dr. Hollis has been astounded by the resiliency of the Human Spirit is something we all have in common. She has been amazed at the courage and strength of the victims who come forward as witnesses, because they are putting themselves at risk - at a minimum, of harassment, intimidation, and perhaps risk of physical harm or death to them or their families.

Dr. Hollis feels there is a significant challenge in seeing that countries can move forward under international law, instead of falling back into individual or group revenge for wrongs. The international community has to come up a way to deal with these perpetrators, to give them fair trials, to protect the witnesses, and bring accountability to all people, including those who stood by.

These international justice systems give hope for the future.

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ZONTA CLUB OF DENVER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING JUNE 12, 2003

The June 12, 2003 general membership meeting was called to order by Vice President, Linda Rhea at 6:00 p.m. Evie Ashmore, our President, was out of town. Mary Benoit gave the invocation. Karen Murphy presented the Member Moment, highlighting Past President Margaret Fomer. Dinner was served. After desert was served, Kathy Hyzer gave a brief introduction for our guest speaker, Colonel Brenda Hollis.

Minutes for the May general membership meeting were approved as published in the Smoke Signal.

July Allen gave the Treasurer's report. All accounts are sound, and the Form 531 is expected back from the accountant soon.

COMMITTEE REPORTS -

- * *Membership Committee* - Kathy Hyzer announced there were 40 attendees this evening, including 15 guests.
- * *Service Committee* - Sheila Davis described past and future projects: Ronald McDonald House Dinner on May 19. Denver Kids, Inc. Awards Night event. This was quite fun. Member volunteers helped staff a Family Pathways booth at the People's Fair June 7. Serving lunch at the Gathering Place, the only daytime shelter for homeless women and children. 100 women were served! Upcoming projects include: Ronald McDonald House on June 16; Elizabeth Clinton to organize. The Denver Kids golf outing on June 16. Zonta volunteers will be serving a continental breakfast at 5:30 a.m. Golf tourney entrants will be playing 100 rounds of golf to help raise money. Ronald McDonald House upcoming dinner is July 21. The August dinner date will be a Tuesday instead of Monday.
- * Taste of the Nation, held on Sunday, July 20, needs volunteers.
- * *Fundraising Committee*: Diane Twining reported results for theatre fundraiser and future plans: The CATS theatre performance slated for June 21 has raised approximately \$1800. The Bazaar is scheduled for fall 2004, at the Tivoli Center on the Auraria campus.
- * *Communications Committee* - Julie Bradley distributed information regarding upcoming Club Directory: Julie needs updated member information and photos by July 5 for the 2003 - 2004 Club Directory. She will be out of town thereafter; hence the deadline. The Club brochures and Zonta information cards are available for distribution to friends and colleagues.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS -

New Director - Cathy Conley was installed by Kate Linscott as a Director for the 2003 - 2004 year.

New members - Sue Anne Flaherty, Dottie Jenkins, and Linda McBurney were installed. Kate Linscott performed the installation ceremony. The new members were sponsored by Marjorie Pickett, Kathy Hyzer, and Cathy Conley.

Metro State Scholarship Endowment - Judy McNerny announced the endowment has been established. This has been a three-year, very worthwhile effort. The will of Edna Jean Hershey was such that only needy Zontians in our club could benefit from her generosity. The probate court amended the will of Edna Jean Hershey so needy Zontians from all clubs in Colorado can be considered for help. In addition, the needy member need not have five years of membership. If all the income is not distributed, the court has allowed establishment of a foundation to utilize any income from the trust not distributed after three years. The endowment agreement with Metro State College has been finalized, and our first scholarship recipient will be selected this fall.

Edna Jean Hershey Award - Based on nominations by Club members, Margaret Fomer announced the committee of the past president, Margaret Fomer, the current president, Evie Ashmore, and the President-elect, Diane Twining, have selected the person who will receive the Edna Jean Hershey award. The award will be given at the District Meeting, held September 26 through 28, in Billings, Montana.

District Conference - Mary Benoit, our District Governor, mentioned that Betty Jane Borden, our international representative, will be present at the District Conference. Additionally, the conference will include helpful workshops to foster sharing ideas with 21 other clubs. "Best Practices" and suggestions for fund raising, service, etc. can be shared among groups.

Contribution in memory of Maryethel Meyer and Billie Smith - In keeping with past practices, Linda Rhea suggested a contribution in memory of Maryethel Meyer and Billie Smith. Maryethel Meyer and Billie Smith, long time members of Zonta, passed away during our last club year. Judy Allen offered a motion that the club expend \$50 out of its operating fund to be given to Metro State College in honor of these two cherished members. The motion passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- *Board Meeting* - there will be no Thursday evening Board meeting in June, instead a planning meeting will be held on Saturday, June 28, from 9 am to noon, at Evie Ashmore's home.
 - *July meetings - none scheduled* - there will be no general or board meeting in July.
 - *Next general membership meeting* - August 14 will be the next general membership meeting, to be held at Evie Ashmore's home. A "Salad by Committee" will be served. Everyone is to bring an item to place in the salad. Evie will supply the paper products, drinks, greens, and a desert.
 - *Other fundraising efforts* - Two members, Nikki Headlee and Cathy Conley, announced fundraising events they were undertaking for Kids In Need of Dentistry (KIND) and the Red Cross. Members provided donations.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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Mon, July 21	Ronald McDonald House dinner	Jan 22nd	Board Meeting at Evie's House
Aug 14th	General Membership Meeting—at Evie's House build a salad! Committees meet for program	Feb 12th	General Membership Meeting
Aug 19th	Ronald McDonald House Dinner	Feb 26th	Board Meeting at Evie's House
Aug 28th	Board Meeting at Evie's House	Mar 11th	General Membership Meeting
Sept 11th	General Membership Meeting	Mar 25th	Board Meeting at Evie's House
Sept 18th	Board Meeting at Evie's House	Apr 8th	General Membership Meeting
Sept 26-28	Next District 12 Conference in Billings, MT	Apr 22nd	Board Meeting at Evie's House
Oct 9th	General Membership Meeting	May 13th	General Membership Meeting
Oct 23rd	Board Meeting at Evie's House	May 27th	Board Meeting at Evie's House
Nov 13th	General Membership Meeting	July 2004	International Convention in New York City
Dec 11th	Holiday Party		
Jan 8th	General Membership Meeting		