

Smoke Signal



Message from our International President....

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The theme of *The Zontian* (Issue Five, July 2005) is a reminder of our mission to **advance the status of women worldwide.**

The more involved I have become in Zonta, the more I realize how critical that mission is, and the more proud I become of our organization and what it does for women.

In February I went to New York to attend events in conjunction with the meetings of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women. I was especially impressed by the Secretary General's remarks and his statement that two of the serious challenges that have emerged since the Beijing Conference are trafficking of

women and girls and the growth of HIV/AIDS among women. I am proud that we have International Service Projects that address these critical issues.

Also while I was in New York, I had the opportunity to spend an hour with Sakena Yacoobi, the founder of the Afghan Institute of Learning. I was fascinated by her experience, her determination and her devotion to the cause of women in Afghanistan. I am very grateful that we are supporting the organization she founded.

In March I attended a program on trafficking here in Washington. Two of the speakers were

Jill Benderly, co-founder and director of the STAR Network, and Selma Hadzihalilovic, director of our project in Bosnia and Herzegovina. It was a pleasure to meet both of them, and both spoke about our project and expressed their gratitude to ZI and ZIF for our support.

The Strategic Planning Task Force, composed of members of the ZI and ZIF boards with support from the managers at Headquarters, have now met several times and communicated by E-mail between meetings.

At our meeting in April we reviewed the results of the Member Survey conducted in February. To those of you who participated in the Member Survey in February, thank you again; your opinions are very valuable in informing the planning process. The results of the survey are now posted, and I hope you will take the opportunity to look at what members said. The strategic

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Zonta International Web Site Info!



Rose Fund as of May 31st

Special points of interest:

- Membership Directory nearing completion—new info or pictures are needed see pg 3

President: Linda Rhea
Editor: Julie Bradley

Area 3 Director: Barb Nelson

Governor Dist 12: Evelyn Haskell

President Linda's July Message...

Summer is such a wonderful time of year.

I hope you all are enjoying your summer. A highlight for our club was our member retreat. Barb Pellegren is such a gracious hostess and her scones are equal to none.. Thank you Barb! Thank you to all the members who attended and played full out. And thank you to the board who stayed all afternoon to begin putting ideas into action.

There were many highlights I felt at the retreat. Before you continue reading, I invite you to shut your eyes and begin to think in your heart rather than your head. Take a few deep breaths and feel the beat of your heart. Remember back to when you first learned of Zonta. Remember how you felt about the mission. Remember how you felt when you were asked to join and were accepted!! And you Induction. I'll never forget the ever gracious Governor Betty Edwards at mine.

Think back to what Zonta meant to you. Once you feel those moments and feelings clearly in your heart come back to your regular pattern of thinking. Now, quickly, get back to the heart centered thoughts of Zonta. Were you able to get there quickly? I

hope so. I invite you to call on this exercise as you "do" your Zonta activities. When we all come from this heart centered place I believe our ability to create change for women everywhere will multiply greatly.

Now to the highlight I wish to share in this President's letter. Why did you join Zonta?

Many said friendship. Other answers were to help others, travel, associate with professional women and many others.

Exploring the reason we joined and what Zonta means to us is a great reflection for these mid summer days. I hope each of you is able to spend some time thinking about why we do what we do. And how lucky we are to belong to such a club steeped in tradition.

I hope to see many of you at the Full Monty. If you are unable to attend the show I do hope you will be able to join us at the home of Jacki Sammons for our summer potluck.

Enjoy the summer!!

Linda



Board of Directors Meetings:

Zonta Club of Denver 2005-2006 Board of Director's Meetings

The board will be meeting at President Linda Rhea's home on the 4th Thursday of each month.

July 15th
August 25th
September 15th
October 27th
November
December
January 26th
February 23rd
March 23rd
April 27th
May 25th

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plan will be presented to the ZI and ZIF boards and, if they approve, at the convention in Melbourne next year.

As we approach the midpoint of the biennium, work on the convention intensifies. The next issue of *The Zontian* in October, will include the Call to Convention, with lots of information about registration, accommodations and convention-related activities. Please note that all sessions of the convention will be in English and that we unfortunately will not be able to have simultaneous interpretation—the cost is just prohibitive. We will, however,

make the best use we can of audiovisual technology, so that information is presented to you as clearly as possible.

The ZI Board met in April, and I would like to share some of our efforts with you.

- We were pleased to welcome the Zonta Club of Madrid KM.O, our first club in Spain.
- At the same time, we discussed at some length our concern with the stagnation of our membership levels. The Board decided to focus on strengthening the Clubs we have and building all to at least 20 members, while working

hard to retain the members we have. We agreed to decrease or 2004-2006 Budget based on lower membership numbers and an even larger decrease in expenses. However, we noted concern that we will not always be able to make such corresponding decreases in expenses. We encourage all members to take an active part in the growth of Zonta by talking about your experiences as a Zontian and the achievements of the organization as a whole.

- We adopted a policy on club projects conducted outside the club's geo-

graphical area.

- We also adopted a revised policy on permissible and non-permissible activities when running for Zonta office.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jan Bowman, Vivian Cody, and Mari Ramsten Bangdal, who leave the Zonta International Board effective July 9th, for their outstanding service to Zonta. And I welcome Directors A.O. Omotayo Morgan, Maria José Landerira Østergård and Simone Overt Bruno. Thank you all, for all you do to make the world a better place for women!

Mary Ellen Bittner

No July Meeting!!



“The Full Monty” After Party at Jacki Sammons’ home!

Sunday, July 17, 2005 (after the play)

Buffet dinner – Please bring a cold dish, appetizer or dessert

If you have NOT signed up yet to bring something, please contact Sheila Davis

COMING UP!

New Directories!

- Do you have the picture that you want?
- Do we have correct information?

Pictures can be print or digital and need to be sent to Julie Bradley by July 15th. The membership committee would like to have the directories done for the August Meeting.

July Birthdays!



July 16th	Linda Rhea
July 18th	Mandy Ziegler
July 22nd	Donna Hultin
July 29th	Judy Allen



Upcoming Service Opportunities

Ronald McDonald House Dinner



Monday, July 18th: 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Coordinator: Mary Benoit, Cynthia Herndon, Linda Corssmit, Kathy Hyzer, Beth Mundell

Monday, August 15th: 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Coordinator: Judy McNerny, Nikki Headlee, Robin Forti
NEED 2 MORE VOLUNTEERS - Call Beth Mundell

Monday, September 19th: 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
COORDINATOR: Donna Hultin, Evie Ashmore
NEED 2 MORE VOLUNTEERS - Call Beth Mundell

The Gathering Place Lunch

Need 1 or more to serve lunch 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If you have not had the opportunity to volunteer at the Gathering Place, it is a great way to make a difference for this terrific agency and the women they serve.

Tuesday, July 12th: Nikki Headlee and Evie Ashmore

Monday, July 11th: Mary Benoit and Beth Mundell

Friday, July 22nd: NEW DATE ... NEED 2 VOLUNTEERS, CALL Beth Mundell

Friday, July 29th: Nancy Koontz and Evie Ashmore

AUGUST DATES: Need Volunteers, Call Beth
Tuesday, Aug. 16th:
Monday, Aug. 22nd:

SEPTEMBER DATES: Need Volunteers, Call Beth
Tuesday, Sept. 6th:
Tuesday, Sept. 20th-

Bonfils Blood Center

This is a reminder that our Zonta Club of Denver is registered with the Bonfils Blood Center as a donor group. We will get recognition in the Bonfils printed list of donors. Please give our registration number of 5675 or mention Zonta when asked if we are donating in the name of a group.

Bonfils website (www.bonfils.org) has information about blood drives, donor centers, eligibility, recipient stories and how to make appointments. If you have questions about eligibility, please call 303/363-2202.

Service Hours Tracking

Please do not forget to keep track of, and turn in, your volunteer (service) hours to Beth Mundell. If you need tracking sheets, there will be extras in the service sign up books and/or you can send them to me via email (bdiva53@earthlink.net). Most importantly is to keep track of them as we need to turn them in to Zonta International in a yearly report and "win valuable prizes" (or so I am told) in competition with other Zonta Clubs.

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. ZONTA CLUB OF DENVER MISSION STATEMENT (Adopted Nov, 13, 1997)



Imagination Library Committee Report

The Imagination Library Committee met on June 27th with Robin Forti, Myrna Rivera, Nikki Headlee, Sheila Becker, Judy Allen, and Kathy Orth from the City of Denver, Office for Education and Children in attendance. Cathy Orth read the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Zonta Club of Denver and the City of Denver. A few changes were made and the agreement will be completed after the appropriate Zonta Board Members have read and signed off on it.

Discussion included the schedule of the Back to School nights that Zonta Club of Denver will be involved in and a schedule of Volunteer Service Opportunities will be listed in upcoming Smoke Signals and via email notice. Myrna has generously volunteered (and will include her sister when possible) to provide Bilingual Spanish support. (Muchas Gracias Myrna!)

The ordering of materials in English and Spanish was discussed as well as data base design and maintenance. Additionally the procedure for scheduling volunteers for the various needs of this program was discussed and the evaluation needed to determine the success of this project for continued funding.

The next meeting will be held 30 minutes prior to the first Back to School Night and directly after the same to discuss any changes to the process and other necessary meetings. It was also decided that we would have a table at the Fall Holiday Market to provide family and community members an opportunity to donate to help support the Imagination Library Project.

Finally, it was discussed and agreed that this project will be a "learning as we go" process and establish best practices along the way. Look for more information to come.

More Service Info....

Day of Caring 2005

A belated THANKS to everyone who helped with the "Day of Caring" April 30th. In a letter from Jeanna Finch, Volunteer Coordinator for the Community Connection Center and Elise Spain, Executive Director they said, "You contributed significantly to the success of our 24th Annual Day of Caring conference – *The Art, Passion, and Power of Survival*. THANK YOU for participating as an exhibitor in the Community Connection Center and offering your support for the fight against breast cancer through exceptional information and resources. As a result of your presence, in addition to many breast cancer experts from the greater Denver area, we were able to present a day that provided sound breast cancer education, resources, inspiration and support."

Service Committee Meeting

After a slow start (my bad), I have scheduled a Service Committee Meeting on July 19th at 6 p.m. I will send the location to the service club members and other Board members when determined. We are trying to find a place in between downtown and the Denver Tech Center as we have Committee Members coming from both directions. Any suggestions will be welcomed, email (bdiva53@earthlink.net) or call Beth Mundell (303/782-0187).

Fund Raising Committee ..

Garage Sale

The garage sale held on May 21st at Cynthia Herndon's house was a huge success! Over \$1,119 was raised for the club. Many thanks to Julie Bradley for organizing the event, and to Cynthia for the use of her home and yard!

The Full Monty

Sunday July 17, 2005@ 2:00 P.M.

The Arvada Center,

Mainstage Theater

6901 Wadsworth,

Arvada, CO

All Zontians and their guests are invited to an after-theater party at Jacki Sammons' home to enjoy drinks and a buffet supper.

Her house is located just a few blocks away from the Arvada Center. Additional information will be provided with the tickets, which will be mailed out the week of July 4th.

Let's Party 2005

The venue has been set for this year's Let's Party fundraising event. It will be held at the First Plymouth Congregational Church, on the corner of Hampden and Colorado Blvd on Friday October 7th, from 10am to 7pm, and Saturday, October 8th, from 9am to 4pm.

Letters have been sent to last year's vendors, giving them the opportunity to reserve a booth for this year.

New vendor information should be sent to Joetta Williams at joetta@att.net. Please include the vendor name, address, phone number, and email address.

The deadline for vendors to sign up is Tuesday, September 6th.

All club members are being asked to "Make or Bake" something that can be sold at the Zonta booth this year. Suggested items are crocheted or knitted pieces such as baby blankets, quilts, etc. or articles with a holiday (Halloween, Thanksgiving, or Christmas) flair. Fancy baked goods would also be appreciated.



Committee Members 2005-2006

FUNDRAISING 35% (12.25) 12 MEMBERS

Sheila Davis, Chairman

Dottie Jenkins, Co-Chairman

Judy Allen	Barbara Pellegren
Sheila Becker	Bobbie Razee
Mary Benoit	Dorothy Swindt
Carol Glenn	Joetta Williams
Cynthia Herndon	Mandy Ziegler
Minnie Lundberg	

SERVICE/STATUS OF WOMEN

25% (8.75) 9 MEMBERS

Beth Mundell, Chairman

Linda Corssmit, Co-Chairman

Evie Ashmore	Kathy Hyzer
Robin Forti	Dolores Lowery
Nikki Headlee	Myrna Rivera
Donna Hultin	

MEMBERSHIP 30% (10.5) 10 MEMBERS

Julie Bradley, Chairman

Cathy Conley, Co-Chairman

Susan Davenport	Marjorie Pickett
Sue Ann Flaherty	Jacki Sammons
Kate Linscott	Diane Twining
Judy McNerny	Margaret Fomer

COMMUNICATIONS 10% (3.5) 3 MEMBERS

Nancy Koontz, Chairman

Wendy Henry-Moraskie Sandra Stemmler

AUDIT Jacki Sammons, Chairman

Nikki Headlee
Mandy Ziegler

BYLAWS & PROCEDURES

Judy McNerny, Chairman

Mary Benoit	Jacki Sammons
Barbara Pellegren	Dorothy Swindt

LONG RANGE PLANNING

Diane Twining, Chairman

Mary Benoit	Sheila Davis
Cathy Conley	Linda Corssmit

HERSHEY CHARITABLE TRUST

Judy McNerny, Chairman

Dolores Lowery
Cynthia Herndon

New Member Perspective Interdistrict Seminar

As a new member, I was curious about the Inter-District Summit. I was fortunate to have the opportunity to volunteer to help Mary Benoit on two of the three days and see just what "these summits" involved.

Frankly, I had a terrific time! I met Zontians from all over the North America, Germany, Greece and one amazing bundle of energy - Zonta International President Mary Ellen Bittner. I was thanked over and over again for our "Hosting" of the Summit and heard wonderful stories from Zontians who have been members "forever".

Each Zontian shared a bit of their personal Zonta history and their reasons for being a Zontian. I received the gift of understanding the history of Zonta, and equally important, the commitment of so many people (there was one male Zontian in attendance!) to the Zonta mission.

My kudos to all of the Zontians who worked tirelessly to put this Summit together...it was tremendous!

Beth Mundell

Interdistrict Membership Seminar of the Americas

A reception was held at Jacki Sammons' home on Thursday night, June 23rd to honor Annette Binder, Zonta International Director 2004-2006. Several District 12 Zontians and others members from around the country gathered to welcome Annette, who is from Hamburg Germany. Annette presented the Zonta Club of Denver with a \$100 donation for our service projects as a thank-you for hosting the reception. Annette is a delightful woman, and we hope to see her again next summer in Melbourne at the International Convention!

Communications Committee Wants Your Help!

Please contact Nancy Koontz with any "How to Advertise Our October Event" ideas - or contacts - you may have. The committee wants to start advertising and promoting in early August. Thanks Much!

Nancy Koontz, Chairman

Zonta Club of Denver General Meeting Minutes June 9, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.

Invocation was provided by Julie Bradley.

Guests: Mary Hanewell, guest of speaker Karen Murphy.

Nancy, Julie and Doug Griffith, the sister, niece and nephew, respectively, of Cynthia Herndon.

Program: Former ZCD member Karen Murphy spoke about her five months in Antarctica. Karen worked in housing for Raytheon Polar Services. She noted that the trip felt like “leaving the face of the earth.” Highlights included wildlife such as seals, penguins and orca; Mt. Erebus, the world’s southernmost active volcano; and meeting some of the 1,000 people who work “on the ice” during Arctic summer. Even during these summer months, extreme cold weather (ECW) gear was required.

May minutes were approved as printed in the Smoke Signal.

Treasurer’s Report: There was no treasurer’s report, as Judy Allen was sick.

Service: Beth Mundell requested volunteers for The Gathering Place. She will try to e-mail reminders for service commitments.

Membership: Julie Bradley announced that the committee will meet the first Thursday of each month. There will be no formal general meeting in July. The August general meeting will be a box lunch and tour at Excelsior Youth Center, one of our grant recipients. Marjorie Pickett will celebrate her 50th membership year in October. Seating will occasionally be assigned at general meetings.

Fundraising: Ticket orders for The Full Monty are due to Sheila Davis by July 3rd. To date, 30 tickets have been sold. The fall fundraising event at First Plymouth Church will have 30 booths that will rent for \$75 each. Joetta Williams is contacting last year’s vendors and new prospects; booths may also

be rented to other clubs. Members are asked to donate a handcrafted or baked item for sale. The committee has set a goal of \$5,000 profit. May’s yard sale earned approximately \$1,100.

Old Business: Diane Twining stated that a long-term plan for the Teen Moms program will be submitted to the Board. Theresa and Robin Smith of DKI will prioritize ideas generated by the committee.

New Business: A potluck at Jacki Sammons’ after The Full Monty on July 17th will take the place of the July general meeting. There will be no business meeting.

Announcements:

- * Barb Pellegren noted that Margaret Fomer and former Zontian Jean Jones will receive Humanitarian Awards at the Samaritan Institute dinner on November 10th, 2005. Donna Hultin is co-chair of the dinner, the date of which conflicts with the November general meeting.
- * Cathy Conley is collecting money for the Fat Tire Classic. Checks should be made out to the Red Cross.
- * Mary Benoit encouraged members to volunteer for and attend the June 24th and 25th Inter-district Summit at the Marriott Gateway. The conference will emphasize getting and keeping new members.
- * Saturday June 11th will be the member retreat followed by the Board retreat. Members not attending are asked to fill out the questionnaire found in the Smoke Signal.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

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Calendar Events upcoming.....save the date!

July 13th	Board Meeting at Linda Rhea's house 5:30 pm	Oct 7th	Let's Party 10 am—7pm at First Plymouth Congregational Church Colorado Blvd & Hampden Blvd
July 17th	Full Monty Theatre event at the Arvada Center (2:00 pm) with Membership reception after the play at Jacki Sammons' house	Oct 8th	Let's Party 9 am—4 pm at First Plymouth Congregational Church Colorado Blvd & Hampden Blvd
July 18th	Ronald McDonald House Dinner	Oct 13th	General Membership Meeting
Aug 2nd	Fund Raising Committee at Sheila Davis' house 5:30 pm	Oct 17th	Ronald McDonald House Dinner
August 11th	General Membership Meeting at Excelsior	Oct 27th	Board Meeting at Linda Rhea's house 5:30 PM
August 25th	Board Meeting; Linda Rhea's house 5:30 pm	Nov 1st	Fund Raising Committee at Sheila Davis's house 5:30 pm
Sept 6th	Fundraising Committee at Sheila Davis' house 5:30 pm	Nov 10th	General Membership Meeting
Sept 8th	General Membership Meeting	Nov 21st	Ronald McDonald House Dinner
Sept 19th	Ronald McDonald House Dinner	Dec 6th	Fundraising Committee at Sheila Davis's house 5:30 pm
Sept 22nd	Board Meeting; Linda Rhea's house 5:30 pm	Dec 8th	Holiday Party at the Brown Palace Hotel 6 pm
Sept 29— Oct 2nd	District 12 Conference (in Boulder at Broker Inn)	Dec 19th	Ronald McDonald House Dinner