



Smoke Signal



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Membership Committee

“NET 7 – Your membership committee met June 13 and got off to a roaring start. It was agreed to set a lofty goal of a net increase of seven members for our fiscal year starting June 1, 2006. Our goal is to have 41 members by May 31, 2007. We have no intention of adding members for the sake of numbers. We want new members who are of the highest quality and thoroughly believe in our mission – to enhance the status of women. We are going to work on formal orientation sessions for new members as it was felt we do a less-than-adequate job of orienting members. The more an individual knows about an organization, the more likely they are to remain members. And, to help us out in this area if we’re a little rusty on our own history, etc., a sub-committee has been formed to come up with a one-page educational piece about Zonta that can be used as a handout.

The job of recruiting new members belongs to every member of the club and not just the Membership Committee. One of the best ways to find someone, is to discover through conversation that they are charitably inclined. That can lead to a discussion of Zonta and an offer to attend a meeting. Is there someone at your church you feel might be interested? What about your friend’s daughter? Or someone in another organization where you volunteer. We came up with a list of ten or twelve women who might possibly be interested. If you don’t ask, you don’t get a “yes.” And, the worst thing that could happen is that you’ll get a “No thank you.” Out of that ten or twelve, maybe two would truly be appropriate and interested and able to fit it into their lives at this point.

We agreed to having a Prospective/New Member event – hopefully, at the King Mansion – this September.

This committee, consisting of some terrific women, is excited by the opportunities and challenges of the year!”

Women for Women International quotes....

In our world today

- 80 % of all refugees and displaced persons globally are women and children
- Rape is used as a tool of genocide and weapon of war
 - ⇒ 20,000 Bosnian women were raped during the recent Balkan war
 - ⇒ 500,000 Rwandese women were raped during the 1994 genocide
 - ⇒ Hundreds of thousands of women were raped in Congo’s war
- 70 % of the world’s 1.3 billion poor are women
- Today, 90 % of the casualties of war are civilians, 75 % of whom are women and children.

Learn more about this organization, visit www.womenforwomen.org

Special Points of Interest this month:

- Committees for upcoming year!
- Service Updates!
- Newly elected Zonta International Officers & Directors

President Sheila's July Message...

As I look out of the window of my home-office today to see how my backyard is coming along this season, I see that the grass is growing so fast it needs to be mowed twice a week now. I'm thinking that our club will soon be growing very fast too. The membership committee has set goals for the number and diversity of new members this year, and they have already begun planning a prospective member event this fall. They are also looking at how to recruit and orient new Zontians once they've joined the club.

I'm also worried about the new rose bush and two dogwood bushes I just planted. I hope they don't wither and fade while I'm gone from lack of attention and care. This can happen to our new members too, if we don't take time to nurture their presence and participation in our club.

Along the lines of participation, service project involvement and tracking will be even easier this year. Robin Forti has already changed the service hour tracking sheets and they look great! Julie Bradley has finished a new website that will enable members to sign up for service projects online. Beth and her service committee are also looking at some new projects that will need our volunteer time.

Fundraising is off to a good start with Dottie Jenkins and Joetta Williams planning a raffle for the fall and theater events throughout the year.

I'm writing this president's message in the middle of June since I'm off to Australia in a few days. I'm looking for-

ward to representing our club at the Zonta International Convention 2006, in Melbourne later this month. I know I will learn many new things about the international organization and other Zonta clubs throughout the world. Several of our club members who will be heading down under with me are already planning an after convention get-together with the club to share our experiences and pictures.

I know this will be a terrific year for our club as all the committees have many creative and productive ideas. Have a great month, and don't forget there is no dinner meeting in July.

Sheila

Be sure to send a get well card to Clem Spainhower— former member of our club who fell on June 27th at home and broke her pelvis in 2 places. Clem is at Littleton Hospital but will be home shortly. Cards can be sent to her at 6841 S Albion St Centennial, CO 80122



Board of Directors Meetings:

**Zonta Club of Denver
2006-2007**

**Board of Director's
Meetings**

July 27th

August 24th

September 28th

October 26th

November 16th

December 28th

January 25th

February 22nd

March 22nd

April 26th

May 24th

(Joint Old & New)



Not Registered on the web?

Contact a board member! You don't have to have an email address!



No Meeting in July



Once again the time has come for updating Membership information to be included in the Membership Directory.

- Do you have changes in info?
- Do you need a new picture?
- Please contact Julie at 720-890-0125 or julieqbradley@comcast.net—let me know if everything is fine or any changes—add an email, change a phone number, etc!

I have not heard from:

Carroll Allen—**Need Photo**

Liz Cameron

Sue Anne Flaherty

Wendy Henry Moraskie

Donna Hultin

Kathy Hyzer

Nancy Long—**Need Photo**

Dolores Lowery

Minnie Lundberg

Judy McNerny

Barbara Pellegren

Marjorie Pickett

Bobbie Razee

Jacki Sammons

Dorothy Swindt

Member of Zonta Club of Gillette, WY passes.

Condolences go to the family of Kathy Novak. Kathy was a charter member of the Zonta Club of Gillette, WY.

She was in a car accident the beginning of June and June 28th she passed away from complications of that accident at the Mayo Clinic in MN where she was undergoing treatment.

Kathy also worked for the Salvation Army in Gillette and will be greatly missed. If you wish, you may send cards to her husband

John Novak

1051 Teton Cir

Gillette, WY 82716



July Birthdays

Linda Rhea—16th

Mandy Ziegler—18th

Donna Hultin—22nd

Judy Allen—29th

*Permanent
Reservation list—
Should your name be
listed here??
If so, call Cathy.*

Carroll Allen

Judy Allen

Evie Ashmore

Mary Benoit

Julie Bradley

Cathy Conley

Linda Corssmit

Sheila Davis

Robin Forti

Nikki Headlee

Cynthia Herndon

Dottie Jenkins

Kate Linscott

Nancy Long

Judy McNerny

Beth Mundell

Marjorie Pickett

Linda Rhea

Dorothy Swindt

Diane Twining

Joetta Williams

Service & Status of Women Committee

July 2006

“Summertime and the living is easy....”

Summer months finds the SSW Committee resting up for the next year of deadlines. The new Service and Status of Women (SSW) Committee had its first committee meeting on June 21st at Robin’s home (thank you Robin!). It was decided that we would meet monthly on the 1st Wednesdays of each month and we would take turns hosting a meeting. *(Of note, we still need input from a few of the committee members if this date works for them (Kathy, Mary and Myrna....give Beth or Robin a call to confirm....thanks).*

Discussed at the first meeting was how we can “get the best bang for our membership buck” in terms of service. The SSW committee is piloting a new method to keep track of service hours and we ask that all of you really work at keeping track of your time. It is an important part of our report to ZI each year. Also discussed was a “Big Picture” revamping of service opportunities as we want to be able to serve our communities in a meaningful manner, and that these opportunities are also in line with our mission and club’s focus. Look for a “Service Hours 101” training in the near future!

Additionally, the SSW will be addressing the Status of Women responsibilities with a more proactive approach than in the previous year. Look for more to come on this!

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)



Volunteers still needed:

RONALD McDONALD HOUSE

Volunteers needed for these dates:

July 17th

August 21st

Call Beth Mundell to sign up. Signups will be available on our web site before the end of the month!

BONFILS

Give the generous gift of life!

Please remember 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 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.

BONFILS  **BLOOD CENTER**

Want to meet

for dinner sometime this month?

Anywhere, anytime?

Contact Julie Bradley 720-841-7728

International Election Results



Melbourne, Australia
24-29 June 2006

The following were elected by majority vote:

President-elect	Beryl Sten	Zonta Club of Växjö, Sweden
Vice President	Dianne Curtis	Zonta Club of Santa Clarita, CA, USA
Treasurer/Secretary	Gloria Stootman Wristen	Zonta Club of Auburn, NY, USA

The following were elected by plurality vote:

International Director 2006-2008	Bonny Schumacher	Zonta Club of Newport Harbor Area, CA, USA
International Director 2006-2008	Kika Ziti	Zonta Club of Athens, Greece
International Director 2006-2008	Alicia Sirtori Torres	Zonta Club of Montevideo, Uruguay
International Director 2006-2008	Karin Nordmeyer	Zonta Club of Freiburg-Schauinsland, Germany
International Director 2007-2009	Dilruba Ahmed	Zonta Club of Chittagong, Bangladesh
International Director 2007-2009	Kerry Dixon-Fox	Zonta Club of Central Iowa, USA
International Director 2007-2009	Ragna Karlsdóttir	Zonta Club of Embla, Iceland
International Nominating Committee—North, Central & South America	Judith Johnston	Zonta Club of Fairfax County, VA, USA
International Nominating Committee—Europe	Marie-Helene Mallet	Zonta Club of Nimes-Romaines, France
International Nominating Committee—Africa	Yinka Koso-Thomas	Zonta Club of Freetown, Sierra Leone
International Nominating Committee—Australia & New Zealand	Patricia Logan	Zonta Club of Orange Area, New South Wales, Australia
International Nominating Committee—Asia	Kikuko Hara	Zonta Club of Yokohama, Japan
International Nominating Committee—At large	Naomi Arnold	Zonta Club Gawler & Barossa, South Australia, Australia
International Nominating Committee—At large	Gabriele Springer	Zonta Club of Essen, Germany
International Nominating Committee—At large	Mary Ellen Bittner	Zonta Club of Washington, D.C., USA
International Nominating Committee—At large	Chin-Fong Yeh	Zonta Club of Taichung, Taiwan

COMMITTEES**2006-2007****STANDING COMMITTEES****(33 Members)**MEMBERSHIP: 35%

Co-Chairs: Cathy Conley & Nikki Headlee

Evie Ashmore
 Julie Bradley
 Liz Cameron
 Sue Anne Flaherty
 Carol Glenn
 Nancy Long
 Judy McNerny
 Marjorie Pickett
 Bobbie Razee
 Diane Twining

SERVICE/STATUS OF WOMEN: 25%

Co-Chairs: Beth Mundell & Robin Forti

Carroll Allen
 Mary Benoit
 Donna Hultin
 Kathy Hyzer
 Linda Rhea
 Myrna Rivera

FUNDRAISING: 30%

Co-Chairs: Dottie Jenkins & Joetta Williams

Judy Allen
 Cynthia Herndon
 Kate Linscott
 Minnie Lundberg
 Barb Pellegren
 Dorothy Swindt
 Mandy Ziegler

PR/COMMUNICATIONS: 10%

Chair: Julie Bradley

Wendy Henry-Moraskie
 Joetta Williams as needed
 Linda Rhea as needed

ELECTED COMMITTEENOMINATING COMMITTEE

Linda Rhea
 Diane Twining
 Joetta Williams

SPECIAL COMMITTEESAUDIT

Chair: Jacki Sammons
 Nikki Headlee
 Linda Rhea
 Mandy Ziegler

BYLAWS & PROCEDURES

Chair: Judy McNerny

Judy Allen
 Mary Benoit
 Jacki Sammons
 Dorothy Swindt

LONG RANGE PLANNING

Chair: Diane Twining

Evie Ashmore
 Mary Benoit
 Cathy Conley
 Linda Corssmit
 Jacki Sammons

ZONTA DENVER SERVICE INC.PRESIDENT

Sheila Davis

VICE PRESIDENT

Cathy Conley

SECRETARY/TREASURER

Judy Allen

EX-OFFICIO/CLUB ATTORNEY

Judy McNerny

EX-OFFICIO/PRESIDENT-ELECT

Nikki Headlee

TRUSTEES

Jacki Sammons 2004-2007
 Diane Twining 2005-2008
 Cynthia Herndon 2006-2009
 Evie Ashmore 2006-2009

HERSHEY CHARITABLE TRUST

Chair: Judy McNerny

Cynthia Herndon
 Dolores Lowery

UN Officer

Mary Benoit

HISTORIAN

Marjorie Pickett

PARLIAMENTARIAN

Judy Allen

CLUB ACCOUNTANT

Elaine Gilley

Zonta Club of Denver General Meeting Minutes June 8, 2006

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

Invocation: Nikki Headlee provided the invocation.

Guests: *Myrna Rivera brought her infant son Azim. Nikki Headlee hosted DKI counselor Robin Smith; Robin Forti brought Amanda Megill and Jennifer Clark.*

Program: Beth Mundell spoke about her experiences in Africa together with a photographer. They were often up early to photograph animals such as elephants, cheetah, and lions, which are most active in the morning. While in Namibia they joined with a social anthropologist who was researching a book on tribal women and conservation. Female genital mutilation was one topic of discussion, including the fact that women often submit to it because they otherwise wouldn't be deemed fit for marriage. Marriage and child bearing mean the continuation of the village and tribal culture. Some Africans lead Beth around by the hand, assuming that her blue eyes meant she was blind. Beth displayed necklaces of porcupine quills and antique Portuguese beads along with dolls dressed in tribal costume.

Minutes: Linda Rhea made a motion to approve the May minutes. Cynthia Herndon seconded, and the motion passed.

Treasurer: Judy Allen reported that the books for the last year have been closed and are ready for audit. There are new vouchers for reimbursements, and these should be submitted to the committee chair, who will forward them to Judy. The proposed budget was distributed; the club will vote on it in July. There are currently 34 paid members. The garage sale netted \$939 with some items still to sell.

Service/Status of Women: Beth Mundell and Robin Forti have redesigned the service hours form to facilitate reporting. Robin distributed a new subscription and donation form for the Imagination Library. Current IL funding is sufficient to carry enrolled Head Start children through August of '07.

Membership: The Membership Committee's initial goal is for seven new members. There will be a prospective member event, probably in September, and an informal get-together in July. The August general meeting will held at Liz Cameron's house. The committee solicits menu suggestions and asks for information about allergies and food preferences.

Fundraising: There will be no Fall Shopping Spree this year. Dottie Jenkins explained a possible fundraising connection with Macy's, which is planning a Northfield store grand opening with special discounts and entertainment. Participating nonprofits will sell admission tickets and retain 100% of the proceeds, but will need to file weekly reports. She will find out more from Macy's. The Fundraising Committee is planning theater events and a raffle, and hopes to equal or surpass the \$5,900 raised last year. Fundraising ideas are welcome.

New Business: Sheila gave Cynthia Herndon a yellow rose pin and thanked her for hosting the garage sale for the past two years.

Announcements:

- Linda Rhea noted that the pens have finally arrived, and the brunch/work session to glue on yellow roses will be Saturday, June 10th.
- Judy Allen and Linda Rhea asked for pledges for their August 6th participation in the Tri for the Cure.
- There will be no general meeting in July, but a casual dinner out may be arranged.
- Cathy Conley solicited support for the Fat Tire Classic to benefit the Red Cross.
- Diane Twining announced a Down Under Party with spouses in Boulder, August 19th. The party will be a barbeque with beer and wine, and will feature video from Australia and the convention.
- Julie Bradley spoke about Kathy Novak from the Gillette, Wyoming club, who was injured in an auto accident. She is currently in a hospital in Rapid City, South Dakota.

Beth Mundell won the door prize.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Corssmit, Secretary

Zonta Club of Denver

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www.zonta-denver.org*

Improving the status of women worldwide



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

July	No General Membership Meeting	September 28th	Board Meeting
July 5th	Service/Status of Women Committee Meets	October 12th	General Membership Meeting
July 17th	Ronald McDonald House	October 26th	Board Meeting
July 18th	Membership Committee Meeting 5:30 at Judy McNerny's House	November 9th	General Membership Meeting
July 27th	Board Meeting	November 16th	Board Meeting
August 2nd	Service/Status of Women Committee Meets	December 14th	Holiday Party
August 10th	General Membership meeting/Picnic At Liz Cameron's home	December 28th	Board Meeting
August 21st	Ronald McDonald House	January 11th	General Membership Meeting
August 24th	Board Meeting	January 25th	Board Meeting
September	Service/Status of Women Committee	February 8th	General Membership Meeting
September 14th	General Meeting	February 22nd	Board Meeting
		March 8th	General Membership Meeting
		March 22nd	Board Meeting
		April 12th	General Membership Meeting
		April 26th	Board Meeting
		May 10th	General Membership Meeting
		May 24th	Joint Board Meeting