



# Smoke Signal

## 44 for '08



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**Special Points of Interest this month!**

- **Women with Wings fund-raiser—Essie kick off pictures!**

The Membership Committee has a new mantra -- "44 for '08." Our goal is to increase our club's membership by 10% during the 2007-2008 club year. We have started the year with 40, including quite a few brand new, enthusiastic members. The committee will be working hard to keep as many of our current members as possible, and to recruit enough new members, to finish the year with 44. We ask all members' help in this effort.

Most important, we want to retain each of you as an active member! Whether to remain a member and to be active in Zonta are individual decisions for each member. However, other members can be important in influencing those decisions, especially with our newest members. The Membership Committee cannot do this job without your help. The committee will be asking for volunteers to serve as mentors to newer members; preparing guidelines and suggestions for mentors; and offering more opportunities for fellowship. We hope you will volunteer when asked and follow through, or just try to get to know some new people, whether at meetings, a fellowship event, fund-raiser, or service project.

Also, we have started planning a mid-September open house to introduce po-

tential new members to Zonta. For the open house to be a success, we need YOU!

First -- the guests. A good prospect is a professional or business executive, male or female, interested in improving the status of women worldwide through service and advocacy, willing to commit his or her time to that effort, and financially able to pay dues, attend meetings, and contribute to our fund-raising and service projects. First step: compile a list of family members, friends, colleagues, clients/customers, neighbors and other acquaintances (think outside the box!) that you think might be good prospects. Second step: talk to each person on your list about Zonta. Third step: if there is interest, provide us with names and addresses and the committee will take it from there. Start the first step today!

Second -- a place. Let Judy McNerny or Joetta Williams know if you have an idea for a good location other than the King mansion, whether your place of business, the clubhouse in your community, or even your home. It must be large enough to accommodate 30 to 40 people comfortably and preferably allow us to serve wine

## *President Nikki's July Message...*

What a great start we've gotten off to. The all member retreat was fun, gave us a chance to know each other better, and had some great discussion and ideas. By now, most of the committees have met to determine their goals and get a great start to the new Zonta year!

One of the things that became apparent during our June 2 meetings was that we have not done a good job of clarifying when a new member must take advantage of the Club paying for their registration at the area and district meetings. Our area meetings are usually held in April. So, anyone who became a new member in April, 2007, through March, 2008, would have their registration paid by the club for the area meeting in April, 2008. District meetings are usually held toward the end of September or the beginning of October. Anyone who became a member from September, 2006, through August, 2007, would have their registration paid for the district meeting coming up the last weekend in September of this year in Spear Fish, Wyoming. It's a great way to meet other Zontians from the clubs in our district, which include Montana and Wyoming clubs.

Thanks to all of you who completed the member survey. I thought all of you would like to know the results. To date, I've received 27 surveys, which are summarized below:

1. **Would you be in favor of our non-event fundraiser (Yellow Rose Ball) being continued for another year?**  
23 were in favor of continuing; 3 opposed; 1 did not indicate yes or no but made the comment that working together to raise money is community building, would cheerfully go along with any decision, and pointed out that one area club makes \$40,000 with fund rais-

ers. Two of the yes responders had comments such as preferring to have a real, hands-on fundraiser and perhaps the Yellow Rose Ball should be every other year.

2. **Do you feel we have enough hands-on service projects?**  
8 felt we had enough; 15 felt we did not have enough; 2 had no answer.

3. **Regarding programs, do you like the balance between women-oriented programs and other programs presented this past year?**  
23 responded yes; 1 responded no; 3 did not answer the question.

4. **Should we plan more events strictly for the purpose of fellowship?**  
20 responded yes; 4 responded no; 3 did not answer.

5. **What time would you like our monthly meetings to end?**  
The answers were all over the place. 7 said 8, 3 said 8 to 8:30, 6 said 8:30, 2 said 8:15, 3 said 8:30 to 9, 1 said 8 to 9; 1 said when they need to; 2 said same as now, and 2 did not answer. Since the majority were in the 8 to 8:30 range, I will endeavor to have the meetings end by 8:30 at the latest.

Many of the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th questions had comments, which have been passed along to the appropriate committee. These comments will good guidelines to aid committees in planning. We seem to have some clear majorities. As in everything in life, though, it's impossible to please everyone.

Thanks, again, for your great input!

*Nikki*



### *Board of Directors Meetings:*

**Zonta Club of Denver  
2007-2008**

**Board of Directors**

(rotating at various board members' homes)

**July 26**

*Judy McNerny's house*

**August 23**

**September 27**

**October 25**

**November 15**

**December 27**

**January 24**

**February 21**

**March 20**

**April 24**

**May 22**

Happy Birth-  
day to our  
July BirthDay  
GIRLS



Deb Heckart—9th

Linda Rhea—16th

Mandy Ziegler—18th

Donna Hultin—22nd

Judy Allen—29th

# July General Meeting

**When:** Thursday, July 12 2007

**5:15 p.m. Cocktails** ←

6:00 p.m. dinner

New Time!

**Inspirational**

**Moment:** Beth Mundell

**Greeters:** Mary Benoit

Sheila Davis

**Where:** Four Points Sheraton

I-25 & Hampden

**Cost:** \$ 30.00

**Please RSVP to:** Cathy Conley at 303-691-6926 (hm) or 303-444-4491 ext 113 (wk) and leave a message. (or email at [cathryn.conley@ge.com](mailto:cathryn.conley@ge.com). Remember, you must reserve your seat by **noon, Mon., July 9th.**

### Program:

**Carolyn Brink**, author of "Class Acts: Stories from Emily Griffith Opportunity School."

Carolyn Brink does a crackerjack job of celebrating Colorado's greatest teacher, Emily Griffith. This book, which is one part history and one part inspiration, profiles the extraordinary accomplishments of graduates of the Emily Griffith Opportunity School, one of the world's first public schools "for all who wish to learn" regardless of language, skills, ethnicity, or economic status. Herein you will find heartening stories of how Emily still transforms and uplifts human lives. ~Tom "Dr. Colorado" Noel

Carolyn Brink's inspiring collection of success stories pinpoints the courage of men and women who pulled themselves up by their bootstraps, even when they could barely afford boots. ~Dick Kreck, author, *Murder at the Brown Palace*

### Menu:

*Spinach Salad with Orange Pecan Dressing*  
*Seared Tilapia Filet topped with pineapple relish,*  
*served with Cuban style black beans*  
*& corn squash sauté*

### *Permanent Reservation list*

Should your name be listed here?

- Carroll Allen
- Judy Allen
- Evie Ashmore
- Mary Benoit
- Cathy Conley
- Linda Corssmit
- Sheila Davis
- Pam Dumonceau
- Robin Forti
- Essie Garrett
- Nikki Headlee
- Deb Heckart
- Cynthia Herndon
- Dottie Jenkins
- Jennifer Koeller
- Kate Linscott
- Nancy Long
- Judy McNerny
- Beth Mundell
- Marjorie Pickett
- Linda Rhea
- Robin Smith
- Dorothy Swindt
- Diane Twining
- Joetta Williams

# Women With Wings

Ultra runner Essie Garrett and Women With Wings will travel 600 miles pushing and pulling a 300-pound Ed Link Trainer Simulator to raise money for women in aeronautics.



**July 2, 2007 8:45 a.m.**  
Women With Wings will leave Atchison, KS, birthplace of Amelia Earhart

**July 22, 2007 4 p.m.**  
Women With Wings scheduled to arrive at Front Range Airport Main Terminal in Watkins, CO

**Donations can be made to:** Women With Wings, 1250 Wellton St., Denver, CO 80204. 100% of donations go to women in aeronautics.

For more information, call Katrina Wert 720-423-4775 or 303-757-4986

"... women should do for themselves what men have already done - occasionally what men have not done - ... perhaps encouraging other women toward greater independence of thought and action ..."  
-- Amelia Earhart

## Fund Raising Committee

The Fundraising committee met and has discussed many options for fundraising for the upcoming year.

- Yellow Rose Tea (non-event tea) is planned for March 8th
- 3 Different Theatre events are being planned for the upcoming year
- Zonta window stickers will be available for sale as well as Zonta aprons
- Plans are being investigated for a signature event within the next two years, such as the 'Glass Slipper Ball' or a similar event.

## MEMBERSHIP

### DIRECTORY REMINDER

Please be thinking of finding a picture for the membership directory in digital format (preferred). If you have a picture that you want updated in the current directory—now is the time to take it or look for it! Directories come out in Sept.

Wendy, along with members of the club went out to Watkins for Essie's kick off and took some pictures. Essie will be returning to Watkins for a celebration on July 22.



Members of the club gather round Essie in support at the beginning of the run with the flight simulator

All of the money she is raising will go to in aeronautics with some going to Amelia Earhart at International. Here's the link to her web site

[www.essierun.org](http://www.essierun.org).



Gathering of supporters at the café in Watkins.

Once the run starts, there will be a link reporting on the run from Atchison, KS, the birthplace of Amelia Earhart, to Front Range Airport at Watkins.



Inside the flight simulator

Among Essie's credits is being the 1996 Olympic Torch Bearer for Colorado.

2007-2008

STANDING COMMITTEES

Leave of Absence – Judy Allen, Sue Anne Flaherty

**MEMBERSHIP: 35% (11) Co-Chairs: Judy McNerny & Joetta Williams**

Evie Ashmore	Mary Benoit	Cathy Conley	Sheila Davis	Carol Glenn
Dottie Jenkins	Nancy Long	Beth Mundell	Dorothy Swindt	

**SERVICE/STATUS OF WOMEN: 25% (8) Co-Chairs: Robin Forti & Linda Corssmit**

Carroll Allen	Kathy Hyzer	Kate Linscott	Dolores Lowery	Amanda Megill
Linda Rhea	Robin Smith			

**FUNDRAISING: 30% (10) Co-Chairs: Jacki Sammons & Donna Hultin**

Liz Cameron	Cynthia Herndon	Minnie Lundberg	Barb Pellegren	Marjorie Pickett
Diane Twining	Mandy Ziegler	Deb Heckart		

**PR/COMMUNICATIONS: 10% Chair: Wendy Henry-Moraskie**

Myrna Rivera Julie Bradley

**NEW ZEE: (not yet finalized) Chair: Mary Benoit**

Mindy Craig	Pam Dumonceau	Essie Garrett	Jennifer Koeller	Susan Leibsly
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ELECTED COMMITTEE**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Sheila Davis	Liz Cameron	Kathy Hyzer
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SPECIAL COMMITTEES**AUDIT Chair: Jacki Sammon**

Sheila Davis	Nikki Headlee	Mandy Ziegler
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**BYLAWS & PROCEDURES Chair: Judy McNerny**

Mary Benoit	Jacki Sammons	Joetta Williams
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**LONG RANGE PLANNING Chair: Diane Twining**

Evie Ashmore	Mary Benoit	Cathy Conley	Linda Corssmit	Sheila Davis
Judy McNerny	Jacki Sammons			

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Diane Twining 2005-2008

Cynthia Herndon 2006-2009

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Cynthia Herndon

Dolores Lowery

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### How to Plant Your Garden

First, you come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses....

#### THEN

Plant three rows of Peas:

1. Peace of mind
2. Peace of heart
3. Peace of soul

#### NEXT

Plant four rows of Squash

1. Squash gossip
2. Squash indifference
3. Squash grumbling
4. Squash selfishness

#### AND

Plant four rows of Lettuce:

1. Lettuce be faithful
2. Lettuce be kind
3. Lettuce be patient
4. Lettuce really love one another

#### OF COURSE

No garden is complete without Turnips:

1. Turnip for meetings
2. Turnip for service
3. Turnip to help one another

#### LASTLY

To complete our garden we must have Thyme:

1. Thyme for each other
2. Thyme for family
3. Thyme for friends

WATER FREELY WITH PATIENCE,  
 AND CULTIVATE WITH LOVE—  
 REMEMBER,  
 WE WILL REAP WHAT WE SOW

# June Member Retreat

June 2, the membership of Zonta Club of Denver met at President Nikki's house for a planning meeting for the upcoming year.



### Our New Board—2007—2008

Back row: Wendy Moraskie, Mandy Ziegler, Carroll Allen, Joetta Williams. Front row: Linda Corssmit, Nikki Headlee, Judy McNerny.



*Thought for the Day from*  
<http://www.hazelden.org>

**Let us open our natures, throw wide the doors of our hearts and let in the sunshine of good will and kindness.**

—O.S.,

**Marden**

Kindness is among the gifts we can most easily spread among others. The more we give of kid words and deeds, the more we discover that kindness is like a burning candle which lights many other candles without losing a trace of its own brightness. Our kindnesses are assets, which return unexpected dividends when we invert them in the happiness of others. Kindness is the very basis of love. It softens the most severe anger and gladdens the hardest hearts.

No kindness is too small to win and hold the affection of others because it is made up of gentleness, love, generosity, unselfishness, and caring.

*What kindness do I have to offer today?*

**MEMBER COMMENTS & UPDATES!** Linda Rhea’s Aunt Aggie passed away on June 27th, please take time to offer your condolences. Her aunt was instrumental in starting the Santa Claus Shop where our club participates every year handing out toys to parents in Metro Denver for their children’s holiday enjoyment.

**Thank You! from Teen Moms**

Thank you, once again, for such a wonderful Teen Mom Graduation Party. My girls really enjoyed the afternoon and loved their gift bags. You are so kind to recognize their achievements. They definitely felt special.

Sincerely, Theresa Smith (Teen Mom Counselor at Denver Kids)

**A BIG THANKS FROM EVIE**

Thank you so very much for your cards, emails, flowers, balloons, good thoughts and prayers during my recent bout with a staph infection, surgery and hospitalization. Please know that all of these meant so much to me and helped during my recovery. I so value our friendship as well as our sisterhood in Zonta. Please know that this was much appreciated. I am on the road to recovery. Thanks!

**UPDATE YOUR STATUS ON THE LIST!**

- Please check the information on page 3 for the Permanent Reservation List.
- Those who are on the permanent reservation list do not have to call to make their reservation for the dinner meetings.
- If you plan on coming to every meeting—why not add your name if it is not on the list?

**SERVICE COMMITTEE**

- The Service Committee has had its first meeting, noted the concerns you expressed on the member survey, and is developing new service projects that focus on improving the status of women and children. Look for more Teen Mom opportunities, and other projects, some with “old” friends and some with new. Dress For Success is back in town, and we’ll be collecting seasonal professional wear in good condition. They especially need business clothing in sizes 18W to 26W. Keep in mind that you can drop off women’s and children’s clothing any time at Heritage Cleaners for The Gathering Place, a women’s day shelter. You don’t have to wait for a specific date, and Heritage will provide you with a tax receipt.
- We’re continuing our affiliation with Bonfils Blood Center as a donor group. Donating whole blood takes about an hour, including the yummy cookies and juice. Consider going in over the summer, when donations typically drop by 20% despite continuing need. Mention that you would like to have your donation listed under Zonta Club of Denver, and the receptionist will look up our number. Have questions or don’t know if you’re eligible? Call Bonfils at 303.363.2202, or visit the website at [www.bonfils.org](http://www.bonfils.org).
- Regarding the question of how to count service hours, District 12 Service Chair Mary Walker sends this description from the District 12 Club Manual: “Service hours include the time members spend on service projects the club has adopted. The determination is based on whether the club has taken on responsibility for the project, not how many members participate. Service hours do not include time spent on projects the club has not adopted nor the time spent on fundraising for local, district and international service projects, because this effort is reflected by the contribution.” Don’t forget to include prep time, for example shopping and cooking for meal service. Projects the club has adopted are those organizations to which we have given grants, plus the ones specifically voted on by the Club (e.g. Bonfils).

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## Zonta Club of Denver Member of Zonta International *Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide*

### *Upcoming Calendar Events Save the date!*

July 2—22	Women with Wings walk
July 12	General Meeting at Four Points Hotel 5:30 pm
July 26	Board Meeting
Aug 9	General Meeting at Four Points Hotel 5:30 pm
Aug 23	Board Meeting
Sept 13	General Meeting at Four Points Hotel 5:30 pm
Mid-Sept	Prospective Member Get together
Sept 27	Board Meeting
Sept 28-30	District 12 Conference in Spearfish, SD
Oct 11	General Meeting at Four Points Hotel 5:30 pm
Oct 25	Board Meeting
Nov 8	General Meeting at Four Points Hotel 5:30 pm
Nov 15	Board Meeting

Dec 13	Holiday Party (tentative date)
Dec 27	Board Meeting
Jan 10	General Meeting at Four Points Hotel 5:30 pm
Jan 24	Board Meeting
Feb 14	General Meeting at Four Points Hotel 5:30 pm
Feb 21	Board Meeting
Mar 13	General Meeting at Four Points Hotel 5:30 pm
Mar 13	Board Meeting
Apr 10	General Meeting at Four Points Hotel 5:30 pm
Apr 24	Board Meeting
May 8	General Meeting at Four Points Hotel 5:30 pm
May 22	Board Meeting