



# Smoke Signal

## Board Goals for Zonta Club of Denver 2008-2009

### **GENERAL**

- Continue to cultivate a club culture of mutual respect and support, positive outlook, friendliness
- Have fun
- Each committee works on achieving its goals under Long Term Plan
- Develop a useful member questionnaire

### **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

- Lose no members for reasons over which we have control and/or learn from our mistakes
- Go into next fiscal year with at least 44 members (10% growth)
- Refine process for education of new members

### **SERVICE COMMITTEE**

- Identify recipient(s) of 2008-2009 service grants
- Work with Fundraising to identify a recipient for the proceeds of the film festival
- Find varied hands-on service projects
- Award a Jane Klausman Women in Business scholarship

### **FUND RAISING COMMITTEE**

- 10% increase in net fundraising revenues
- Work with Service to identify a recipient for the proceeds of the film festival
- 100% participation of membership in fund-raising efforts
- Have a successful High Tea
- Put on a film festival and make a profit

### **PR & COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

- Develop and carry out a marketing plan for the film festival (and Zonta)
- Provide varied contributions to the *Smoke Signal*, from a variety of sources

## **ZONTA CLUB OF DENVER BOARD CHARTER**

*The purpose of the ZCD Board is to **lead the club in pursuing the Zonta mission and accomplishing the goals set by the committees.***

*The scope of work under this charter is **to establish high performance, collaborative teams to raise funds, increase membership, encourage fellowship, facilitate communications, carry out advocacy and service projects, both financial and hands-on, and nurture new leaders for the future.***

*Our outcomes will be **increasing the visibility of Zonta, supporting organizations that serve women, and growing the club.***

*This will be measured by **profitable fundraising events, increased membership, how satisfied members are, number of service hours reported, and the amount of money given in service grants.***

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### Special points of interest:

- Revised Committee Assignments
- Member Questionnaire
- Edna Jean Hershey—Zontian of the Year Nomination Form

## President Judy's July Message...

A few months ago I read an article in *Prevention* magazine titled "What It Means To Be Wise." I found it interesting and thought the suggestions in it might provide a good unifying thread for my President's Messages during the year. So, here goes.



The first idea was: "Learn from the past. Reflect upon your life and consider the major lessons you've learned. Write them down."

Wow! That is a great intro to our Zonta year, since Sheila and Nikki worked hard to get committees to create written procedures so new committees wouldn't have to reinvent the wheel each year (unless they insist!)

One thing I hope I have learned—and now I'm writing it down—is how discouraging it is when, as a committee chair with a new idea, one is told "we've always done it *this* way" or "we don't do it that way in Zonta." If *all* we do is learn from our pasts, and never try something that the club has never done before, eventually there will be no Zonta Club of Denver. If anyone catches me or one of the other 17 past club presidents saying something like that, and assuming the idea is not prohibited by our bylaws or standing rules, you have my permission to (politely) ignore us!

The Zonta Area Meetings, District Conferences and International Convention allow us to learn from other clubs' experiences, too. The Zonta North American Seminar that was held in Detroit last summer provided a wealth of information. At the Board Retreat that *every member* of your new Board (plus Membership Co-Chairman Cathy Conley) attended at my house on May 31, Diane Twining shared some of what she learned in Detroit. Two of the ideas Diane shared were (1) to create goals for the year and (2) to have a group "charter." With Diane's help and with the club's Long Range Plan in mind, the Board did both, and copies of what we came up with are published in this issue of the *Smoke Signal*. I hope each committee will do some-

thing similar. Having written goals and a charter should help us stay focused so we can do *more* to improve the status of women through service and advocacy.

A final thing I have learned is that all work and no play makes Jill a dull girl. So I hope we will all have a lot of fun this summer!

See you in August, if not sooner!

*Judy McNerny*

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## No July Meeting

## Membership Directory

## Reminder

New members: please choose a picture of yourself for the membership directory.

Continuing members: how about a new and improved photo? If you want to update the picture in the current directory—now is the time to take it or look for it!

Digital format is preferred, but we can scan a hard copy too if that is easier for you. Please either give a hard copy or email an electronic version of the picture you would like to use to **Nikki Headlee** as soon as you can. The new directory will come out in September, but it takes time to put it together!

## Member Update!

**Pam Dumonceau** has moved to a new home! Her new address is:

7143 South Valentia Way

Centennial, Colorado 80112-1862

## From Governor Bev Morrow...

Doug will start his first fitting for a prosthesis next week, and we are hopeful that this will help us get back to some semblance of normalcy. The support of sister Zontians has been so important through all of this, so again, thanks so much to you and all of your club members for their kindness.



## HIGH TEA By Deb Heckart

The Zonta Club of Denver Fundraising Committee will host a High Tea at one of Denver’s crown jewels and a nationally recognized treasure – the 115 year old Brown Palace Hotel where they have a long standing tradition of hosting afternoon tea.

On September 6, 2008, you will be treated like royalty during the leisurely afternoon tea where we will sip premium blended tea while enjoying scones, garden sandwiches and tea pastries. This is no ordinary tea because we will be treated to Devonshire Crème, imported from England, and all food will have been prepared fresh by the hotel’s culinary staff.

We encourage all Zontian members to attend with a friend, neighbor or relative while we share a “step back in time” with a presentation by the Brown Palace historian. She will share the facts: like who funded and built the hotel, what the land was initially used for, Presidents and famous people who have stayed there and have rooms named after them, as well as, discuss interesting facts and events that provided character defining moments of this grand palace.

Our fundraising team is sponsoring this as a fun, yet hassle-free, social event that will not require a lot planning or work to host. In future years we may host it in a different location.

This event will be \$65 and include the gratuity. We will have door prizes and will provide gift bags to all attendees.

*Birthday wishes go out to  
Our July Birthdays*

*July 16th : Linda Rhea*

*July 18th : Mandy Ziegler*

*July 22nd : Donna Hultin*

*July 29th : Judy Allen*



### Permanent Reservation List Update!

- Members who are on the permanent reservation list do not have to call to make a reservation for dinner meetings (but you must call to cancel or be billed for dinner anyway)
- If you plan on coming to every meeting—why not add your name if it is not on the list?
- If you are on the permanent list but tend to forget to call and cancel—why not take your name off the list?
- Be sure to call Joetta Williams or Cathy Conley, Membership Co-Chairs, with your request to be added or deleted!



### Permanent Reservations

Should your name be listed here?

- Carroll Allen
- Evie Ashmore
- Mary Benoit
- Cathy Conley
- Linda Corssmit
- Shelia Davis
- Pam Dumonceau
- Nikki Headlee
- Deb Heckart
- Cynthia Herndon
- Dottie Jenkins
- Jennifer Koeller
- Kate Linscott
- Judy McNerny
- Krystie Rose Millich
- Wendy Moraskie
- Beth Mundell
- Linda Rhea
- Robin Smith
- Dorothy Swindt
- Diane Twining
- Joetta Williams
- Lisa Wright

**Remember to call if you can't come, otherwise you will be billed for the dinner.**

## *The "Cracked Pot" Award*

I did a terrible job of explaining what this award is about at the June meeting. It is intended to recognize a member's contributions to the club, even if the contribution doesn't look like what we expect, or if it is imperfect. The name is based on the Parable of the Cracked Pot, from Mary Benoit. For those who haven't heard it, here it is.

### The Cracked Pot

A water bearer in India had two large pots, each hung on each end of a pole which he carried across his neck. One of the pots had a crack in it, and while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water at the end of the long walk from the stream to the master's house, the cracked pot arrived only half full. For a full two years this went on daily, with the bearer delivering only one and a half pots full of water in his master's house.

Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments, perfect to the end for which it was made. But the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its imperfection, and miserable that it was able to accomplish only half of what it had been made to do.

After two years of what it perceived to be a bitter failure, it spoke to the water bearer one day by the stream. "I am ashamed of myself, and I want to apologize to you."

"Why?" asked the bearer. "What are you ashamed of?"

"I have been able, for these past two years, to deliver only half my load because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your master's house. Because of my flaws, you have to do all of this work, and you don't get full value from your efforts." The pot said.

The water bearer felt sorry for the old cracked pot, and in his compassion he said, "As we return to the master's house, I want you to notice the beautiful flowers along the path."

Indeed, as they went up the hill, the old cracked pot took notice of the sun warming the beautiful wild flowers on the side of the path, and this cheered it some. But at the end of the trail, it still felt bad because it had leaked out half its load, and so again the pot apologized to the bearer for its failure.

The bearer said to the pot, "Did you notice that there were flowers only on your side of the path, but not on the other pot's side? That's because I have always known about your flaw, and I took advantage of it. I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walk back from the stream, you water them. For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate my master's table. Without you being just the way you are, he would not have this beauty to grace his house."

Each of us has our own unique flaws. We are all cracked pots. But nothing goes to waste. Don't be afraid of your flaws. Acknowledge them, and you too can be the cause of beauty. Know that in our weakness we find our strength.

## Volunteer Opportunity

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) is recruiting volunteers in the Metro Denver community to become trained court advocates for children involved in child abuse and neglect cases. CASA volunteers are ordinary citizens who have a passion for protecting children. Many CASAs have full-time jobs and/or families, yet they have made time to become a child's voice in court. Your time of 10-15 hours a month will give the abused and neglected children in your community a more hopeful future. Right now there's a child in your community who needs you. You can be the difference, become a CASA Volunteer.

Call today to learn how you can become a CASA volunteer: (303) 752-CASA (2272)

## Zonta District 12 Annual Conference

# October 3-5, 2008

Colorado Springs, CO  
Crowne Plaza Hotel



# Save the Date

For more information, contact Sharon Roggy

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## June 2008 Dinner Meeting Minutes

Call to Order was at 6:05 p.m. by new President Judy McNerny.

Mary Benoit introduced her guests.

Beth Mundell presented the Inspirational/Status of Women Moment based on a June 7<sup>th</sup> speech by presidential candidate Hillary Clinton.

Mary gave the club an update on the surgery and condition of Betty Edwards of the Colorado Springs club. All things considered she is doing very well.

The program for the evening focused on the plight of women and children who are victims of human trafficking as presented by Roger Patrizio, owner of the Colorado Institute of Massage Therapy and founder of Touching the World. TTW is a non-profit corporation created for the sole purpose of rescuing enslaved victims and raising awareness around the issue of human trafficking. This is considered the 3<sup>rd</sup> biggest problem in the U.S. – a \$30 billion/year industry. Roger and his wife are working diligently to bring attention and resolutions to the problem.

New member, Kristie Rose Millich, was inducted by Nikki and Judy.

The May minutes were approved as written. Carroll is continuing as Secretary this year.

As this is the beginning of a new year everything is just gearing up. Barb Pellegren is the new Treasurer. New committee assignments have been made but committees have not met so reports were short. Cathy Conley as Co-Chair of Membership reported there will not be a July General Meeting. Joetta Williams is the other Membership Co-Chair. Kathy Hyzer and Beth Mundell share chair duties for Service. Deb Heckart and Jennifer Koeller are heading up Fundraising. Deb mentioned the date for the Brown Palace High Tea is September 6<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. And the film festival will be in early 2009 – no specific date set yet. Wendy Moraskie is the chair for Public Relations and Communications.

Judy asked the volunteers who participated in the last 4

service projects to stand and be recognized. These were The Delores Project, the Teen Moms graduation party, the WOW fundraiser, and the Excelsior fundraiser. She asked for any member who hasn't reported service hours to do so. Our final total for the year will be over 1,000 hours.

Jacki Sammons went over the Zonta International proposed bylaw changes which will be presented at the International Convention later in June. A motion was made, seconded and approved by all present for our club delegates to listen to the discussions at convention and then vote based on the information presented.

Nikki presented Dorothy Swindt with the Z Rock Award. Judy explained the new cracked pots award that she will be giving out. Nikki and Myrna were the first recipients – Nikki for all her hard work as president and Myrna for all her excellent work on our website. Judy, also, explained the new Zinger Award. It will add a touch of whimsy and few quarters to the coffers at monthly meetings. Beth Mundell gathered quarters from each member who didn't notice her name tag was upside down and a dollar from Kathy Hyzer for being the birthday girl..

Deb Heckart brought the door prize this month and Linda Rhea was the lucky winner.

Upcoming events –

- Zonta International Convention, Rotterdam, Netherlands – 6/28-7/2/08
- Club Board meeting at Judy's home – 7/24 (no June meeting)
- August club meeting in Liz Cameron's lovely garden – 8/14
- Brown Palace High Tea – 9/6
- District 12 Conference, Colorado Springs – 10/3-5

Judy presented a closing quote and as all other business had been attended to, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Carroll Allen, Secretary

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 **Zonta Club of Denver**  
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*Upcoming Calendar Events*  
*Save the date!*

July 10th	<b>No July Meeting</b>
July 24th	Club Board Meeting @ Judy McNerny's Home
Aug 14th	General Membership Meeting at Liz Cameron's Home & Garden
Aug 28th	Club Board Meeting @ Judy McNerny's Home
Sept 6th	High Tea at the Brown Palace (Fundraising Event)
Sept 11th	General Meeting @ Four Points Sheraton Hotel
Sept 25th	Club Board Meeting @ Judy McNerny's Home
Oct 3rd—5th	District Conference in Colorado Springs
Oct 9th	General Meeting @ Four Points Sheraton Hotel

Oct 23rd	Club Board Meeting @ Judy McNerny's Home
Nov 8th	Zonta International Day
Nov 13th	General Meeting @ Four Points Sheraton Hotel
Nov 25th	International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women
Dec 11th	Possible Holiday Meeting
Jan 8th	General Meeting @ Four Points Sheraton Hotel
Feb 12th	General Meeting @ Four Points Sheraton Hotel
Mar 12th	General Meeting @ Four Points Sheraton Hotel
Apr 9th	General Meeting @ Four Points Sheraton Hotel
May 14th	General Meeting @ Four Points Sheraton Hotel



# Membership Questionnaire

*Each of us has special abilities and tasks which we enjoy doing. Therefore, it is important to share these to better support each other and to help our club flourish. Help us to best use your talents wisely for your benefit and the benefit of the Zonta Club of Denver and of Zonta International.*

<i>Name:</i>	
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*Preferred Method and Time to Contact You:*

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*Strengths and Skills:*

<i>Work/Education/Volunteering</i>	<i>Hobbies/Sports :</i>
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*Where do you feel your talents could best be utilized?*

<i>Committee/Board Work :</i>	<i>Fund Raising :</i>
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*What might you be good at or like to try, given the opportunity?*

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*Is there anything you strongly object to doing?*

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*Explain Time or other constraints:*

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*Do you have copiers, Printers, faxes or other equipment available for you to use for the club? List.*

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*Please put other comments and or information on the back:*





Zontian of the Year Nomination Form



This award is based on outstanding service to Zonta and the community. Please give us as much information as possible about the person you nominate, including service performed, offices held, activities, honors received, professional service, etc.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Zonta Service

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Community Service

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Professional Service

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**Zontian of the Year (Edna Jean Hershey) Award:** Every year it is our privilege to honor one of our own for outstanding service to Zonta, the Community and their profession. This is an honor that not all Zontians achieve – some honorees in the past:

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Mary Ellen Brickner – 1979     | Mary Louise Van Male – 1980 | Bobbie Razee – 1981      | Kay Schrenk – 1982     |
| Elizabeth Hayden – 1983        | Nancy Mogan – 1984          | Joyce Angel – 1985       | Jeannette Elson – 1986 |
| Liz Smith – 1987               | Dolores Lowery – 1988       | Grace Ogle – 1989        | Dorothy Swindt – 1990  |
| Marjoire Pickett – 1991        | Barbara Pellegren – 1992    | Judy Allen – 1994        | Phyllis Jacques – 1996 |
| Jacki Sammons – 1997           | Judy McNerny – 1998         | Jennifer Lamb – 1999     | Nikki Headlee – 2000   |
| Jacqueline Freudenstein – 2001 | Julie Bradley – 2002        | Elizabeth Clinton – 2003 | Cynthia Herndon – 2004 |
| Evie Ashmore – 2005            | Mary Benoit – 2006          | Diane Twining – 2007     |                        |

As you can see the individuals listed have many things in common and many differences in achievement – serving in Area, District and International capacities as well as a variety of service interests both with Zonta, i.e. Literacy, UNIFEM, etc., and outside – the Zoo, etc. Please take the time to consider who you would like to honor as Zontian of the Year and phone or email Nikki Headlee, Judy McNerny or Beth Mundell ASAP!