

Smoke Signal

ZONTA CLUB OF DENVER

THE ZONTA ZINGER WANTS TO KNOW—
how many times is Liz Cameron mentioned in this issue and why?

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Bees have been pollinating the Earth for 174 million years (give or take a few million years, depending on who you talk to!) There are three kinds of bees: the Queen (only bee allowed to lay eggs), the Worker (all females, of course) and the Drone...the males (are you chuckling...even just a little?)



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First, I want to thank Kathy Hyzer for opening her beautiful new home for our June meeting space. I had such a great time watching everyone visit, take the house “tour,” adore Dolores Lowery’s grandbaby Heidi, and enjoyed that wonderful “Naked Burrito” buffet from Qdoba’s. It was truly hard to start “banging” the gavel and move into a Business Meeting. As I have said, it would be great fun to only have social meetings this year...but that would be wrong!

It has been exciting to see all the Committee Chairs/Co-chairs and/or Board Members take flight into the new Zonta Year. I know I am asking a lot, or at least a lot different, from all the committees, but after attending the Board Retreat and a few smaller committee meetings, I am enthusiastic about how plans are forming for the service we can offer our community, and how the District Conference is coming together so well under the

guidance of Sheila Davis, et al. I know all the meetings required to get the ball rolling are numerous...thank you to everyone for making time to do TCB.

I had the honor of having lunch one day at the Belmar Elephant Bar with Jacki Sammons, Dorothy Swindt and Delores Lowery (Minnie tried to join us too, but got caught up with some projects at work). I always learn so much from our conversations ladies...thank you for your time, expertise, history and humor, and reminding me to not lose my sense of humor. And, thank you for offering to help where help is needed. I would encourage you all to speak up if you see something that needs to be taken care of that I might not be aware of.

Here we are in July, and I know vacations, gardens, visits from loved ones, and Rockies games often take our focus and time. I would encourage you all to come to the July

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meeting at the Doubletree as we are aiming to induct our new member Alice Borodkin. If you have not had the chance to meet and visit with Alice, please come join the fun...she is terrific and will be a wonderful addition to Zonta Denver. Also, as a bonus, the speakers will be focusing on some of the new technology that may help us recruit new members, communicate, and publicize our events in a much more efficient manner. At the very least, you will be able to discuss "tweeting" with some "young pup" without even batting a well mascara'd eye. (The dinner will be \$30; the air conditioning will be included in the cost.)



August, remember we are meeting in the gorgeous garden of Liz Cameron's home...an annual event I know we all enjoy. The Membership Committee will be working on arranging the details; drinks, etc. but as it will be pot luck, start thinking about the goodies you

will want to bring. One caveat, however, is that whatever we bring to Liz's, we MUST take with us when the evening ends, as Liz and Jim are leaving on vacation the next morning and we can't leave leftovers, plates, trays, etc. Liz, I live vicariously through you on your upcoming vacation...ask her where she is going...you will too.

Finally, I know we are moving into the lazy, hazy days of summer...or will be if it ever quits raining...but don't forget we have some work to do as we move into the autumn months. We will be designing meetings to help with the District Conference as well as maintain our regular goals of service, service grants, recruiting and developing the upcoming Film Event...but, I have a sneaking feeling it will "bee fun".

...Beth

COMMITTEE NEWS

SERVICE

...and WE HAVE A WINNER

By Mary Benoit, Chair

I am proud to announce the Zonta Club of Denver has a winner of the Jane Klausman Women in Business Scholarship. Her name is Porsha Rija. She is currently attending Regis University. She is a single mom with 2 children, a job and her own small business. Porsha's application has been submitted to District 12 Scholarship Chairman. If she is a district winner her application will be submitted to Zonta International Scholarship Committee. If all goes well Porsha will be attending a club meeting soon.

I would like to thank Kathy Hyzer and Beth Mundell for working so hard as co-chairs of the service committee for the past year. They led the way on the Klausman Scholarship and other great service endeavors.

MEMBERSHIP

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The Membership Committee will meet at Dottie Jenkins home on Monday, August 3rd, at 6:00 p.m.

The August club meeting will be Thursday, August 13 at Liz Cameron's home.

FUNDRAISING

UPCOMING FUNDRAISER

Wednesday, July 15th

Wine Tasting at Solera Restaurant

5410 East Colfax Avenue (Colfax at Grape Street)

\$20 for wine and tapas

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July General Meeting

- When:** Thursday, July 9, 2009
 5:15pm – Social Hour
 5:45pm – Dinner
- Where:** Doubletree Hotel Denver
 3203 Quebec Street
 Denver, CO 80207
 Crystal I Room
- Menu:** Chef's Choice
 Vegetarian available (if you tell Kate)
 Salad & Dessert
- Cost:** \$30
- Cocktails:** Can be purchased in the bar near the meeting room

RESERVATIONS:

Please RSVP to Kate Linscott, at 303-520-8136 (cell) or clinscott14@msn.com by Monday, July 6th at noon.

JULY PROGRAM: *CAN ZONTA TWEET?* Andrea Burns and Todd Cutler

Learn more about the “new media” and how Zonta and Zontians can use tools like Facebook and Twitter. Andrea is the community relations manager for the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, where she oversees the department's Web site, its social media outlets, annual report, educational materials and special events. Todd is the online marketing manager for the National MS Society and Andrea's husband.



Permanent Reservations

Should your name be listed here?

- Carroll Allen
 Evie Ashmore
 Judy Bederman
 Mary Benoit
 Cathy Conley
 Sheila Davis
 Pam Dumonceau
 Nikki Headlee
 Cynthia Herndon
 Kathy Hyzer
 Dottie Jenkins
 Jennifer Koeller
 Kate Linscott
 Judy McNerny
 Wendy Moraskie
 Beth Mundell
 Linda Rhea
 Dorothy Swindt
 Joetta Williams

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

Reservations

- For each general dinner meeting, please remember to call if you aren't on the permanent reservation list. Because we are charged for the number we guarantee, we have to bill anyone who makes a reservation (or forgets to cancel a permanent reservation) but doesn't come to the meeting.
- If you plan on coming to every meeting—why not add your name to the permanent reservations list?
- If you are on the permanent list but tend to forget to call and cancel—why not take your name off the list?
- Please call Kate Linscott or Dottie Jenkins, Membership Co-Chairs, with your request to be added or deleted!

Happy Birthday to July babies

- Ringo Starr – July 7
 Linda Rhea – July 16
 Amelia Earhart – July 24
 Judy Allen – July 29

Other member news—

Carroll Allen has had surgery to repair a broken ankle. She will be off work recuperating until at least the end of July. Cards, phone calls and an occasional visit would surely be welcome.

ZONTA INTERNATIONAL

NORTH AMERICAN SUMMIT June 2009

By Mary Benoit

Why get on a plane and travel to Cleveland, Ohio to learn more about Zonta? We have Zonta right here at home and we are doing just great.

But because I needed a Zonta fix, my good friend and sister Zontian, Betty Edwards, and I made the trip. We learned a lot. I would like to share some of what we learned here and I hope to share more in future months.

There were many breakout sessions, including *Creativity*, *Generational Diversity*, and *New Social Media*. I wanted to go to all of them. I will share information from other sessions in the future, but for now I'll tell you about the general session titled *The Future of Zonta*.

Directors Lynn Goodhue and Kerry Dixon-Fox, Treasurer Gloria Stootman Wristen, and President Elect Dianne Curtis each made a presentation on their position, job assignments, current issues and the future. And they took questions, which was great.

I feel the biggest concern of Zontians at the club level is the

Zonta International Foundation. What happened so there is now just one board of directors for both ZI and ZIF? There is concern about the security of money you and your club have donated. I know that several of you have visited the ZI Headquarters in Chicago. It is a beautiful, historic and very old building. It was a wise investment at the time it was purchased. But like many things it is a victim of time and change. What worked well for a long time is not a viable option now. This is not only true in Zonta but in all of our lives.

As I move through this narrative you need to realize that there are things that members of the International Board are legally bound not to talk about.

Dianne Curtis took us through the events that shook our organization to the core. She was very candid. She never thought that holding office would bring her to the places she has been. Dianne is very concerned about the anger our members have. Complacency on the part of everyone concerned has brought us to this point. As of

right now the old ZI Headquarters has been sold, an office condo was purchased by ZIF and is now on the market, and Headquarters has relocated to Oak Park, Illinois. The purchase of the office condo was the event that brought a bad situation to a head and caused the dismissal of the ZIF Board. The ZI Board feels that the Oak Park location is ideal for ZI.

Gloria Wristen explained many things that Zonta is doing to save money. There was a hiring and salary freeze instituted in 2007. ZI has hired a new outsourcing company to do the many accounting and admin jobs that the previous one did. The new company is cheaper and all work is done in the US. The new location is saving a lot of money in terms of technology. Short shuttle rides away from Headquarters are a Marriott Hotel and restaurants in a large shopping center. This saves a tremendous amount of money in hotels, taxis, and meals since ZI has negotiated with the Marriott on both meal and room charges.

Lynn Goodhue is an IT professional and extremely

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November 8, 2009
90th anniversary of Zonta International

**ZONTA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
DISTRICT 10—2010
YA'LL COME!
JUNE 25-30, 2010**



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knowledgeable. Everything related to technology at the old ZI Headquarters on Randolph was a nightmare because of the age of the building. With the move to Oak Park complete upgrades were possible and very cost-effective. Each member of the Zonta staff now has a new Dell computer. There is a new phone system that is currently hard wired but can be easily converted to VOIP (phone over the Internet). The new and very much improved Zonta International web site should be up and running in November.

Kerry Dixon-Fox is an architect and was assigned to

evaluate the feasibility of the office condo that was purchased. It was decided it was not user friendly or Zonta friendly. If ZI had moved to the condo there was no room for the current furnishings, art, and archives. It took 7 semis to move to Oak Park. Kerry helped in the choice of the Oak Park location and its design and décor.

This is a condensed version of my notes from the meeting. If you have further questions or concerns I will do my very best to help.

Please let me know.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE ZONTA INTERNATIONAL WEBSITE

IS YOUR INTEREST PIQUED BY MARY'S ARTICLE? See Beryl Sten's President's Message about overlapping officers and directors in the boards of Zonta International and the Zonta International Foundation, starting on the ZI home page.

PASSING OF HELVI SIPILÄ (1915-2009) Helvi Sipilä of Finland was a formidable advocate for women's rights. She was the 38th Finnish woman to become a lawyer, the first woman appointed as Assistant Secretary General of the United Nations, as well as a Past International President of Zonta International. By her own admission she "started out as a female lawyer, but soon turned into a promoter of women's rights. This was primarily due to my practical

experience of the weaker position of women in society rather than any sentimental position" (Interview in *Norden Newspaper*, March 2, 2008). Read more at http://www.zonta.org/site/DocServer/Obituary_Helvi_Sipil_.pdf?docID=26484.

NEW ZI APPOINTMENTS On May 7, the ZI Board appointed Maureen Powers as the new Executive Director of Zonta International and Jason Friske, as Deputy Executive Director. Maureen has been with ZI since 2001 and has served as Deputy Executive Director since November 2008. Jason joined the staff in January 2007 as Director of Member Records. Read more on the ZI home page.



Get the Zonta Buzz!

Great News!...

**We now have our Hotel for the
2009 District 12 Conference!**

The conference will be held at:

Red Lion Denver Central (@ Stapleton)

- Entire hotel newly remodeled in 2008
- Small size property; we'll be the only conference there
- Easy freeway access at I-70 & Quebec
- Free shuttle to Northfield Stapleton and Quebec Square shopping & entertainment areas



Friday, October 30-Sunday, November 1, 2009

ZCD'S INCOMING AND OUTGOING BOARDS AT WORK



ODDS AND ENDS

DOWNSIZING, P.R., RECYCLING ZONTA BAGS

By Mary Benoit

How many times have you wondered what on earth you are going to do with another Zonta Bag? You know, those wonderful Zonta bags from District Conferences and International Conventions. Well, here is your answer.

While I was at the North American Summit in Cleveland I saw my friend Nola Theiss. Nola is from Sanibel, Florida, and is an expert on human trafficking. Nola has started her own non-profit, Human Trafficking Awareness. Her non-profit has a service partner in Guatemala that does workshops for women teachers to encourage young girls to stay in school and think about careers. The partner is also

doing leadership workshops. The workshops are being held in some of the poorest regions of Guatemala where most of the trafficking victims come from. In each center where these workshops are held is a Zonta Center with learning materials, etc. Nola would like to have a bag for each teacher to carry his or her materials in. Of course as they teach each other they will all need bags for their materials.

If you get your Z Bags to me I will be more than happy to send them to Nola, or you can send them to Nola. Here is the information:

Mary Benoit
7566 Union Ct.
Arvada, CO 80005

Nola Theiss
P O Box 1113
Sanibel, FL 33957

ZONTIANS IN THE KITCHEN

Linda Corssmit's Pizza Heaven

3 c. all-purpose flour
1/2 tsp. salt
2 tsp. sugar
1 pkg quick-rise yeast

Combine ingredients in food processor with metal blade, turn on 5 seconds to blend.

With machine running, pour about 1 c. very hot tap water slowly through feed tube until a ball forms and circles the bowl. Process 1 minute to knead.

Cover and let rise in a warm place about 1 hour. (Or simply wrap the food processor with the dough in it in a heavy tablecloth and let it sit for an hour.)

Spray pizza pan with cooking spray, spread dough to pan edges by rocking the palms of your hands on it. Don't get fancy and try to toss the dough in the air!

Spread dough with spaghetti sauce, sprinkle on cheese, add toppings as desired. Bake 400 degrees for about 15 minutes. For a crispy crust, slide the pizza onto the oven rack for the last 5 minutes.



Thursday, August 6, 2009

Infinity Park
4400 East Kentucky
Glendale, CO 80246

6:00 Reception & Silent
Auction

7:00 Dinner & Program

RSVP by July 24, 2009

Live music by The Tripping Griswolds
Dancing to follow
Cocktail attire
Beer and wine provided

Ticket and sponsorship information at
womensbeanproject.com

Other news from the Women's Bean Project—

In September we will launch a jewelry business. Expanding into this new business will allow us to employ more women ... We're excited to unveil the line for this year and get your feedback. More to come!

Zonta Club of Denver June Dinner Meeting Kathy Hyzer's Home 6/11/09

Social time and dinner was followed by the **Call to Order** and the **Inspirational Moment** at 6:45 p.m. by President Beth Mundell.

Introduction of Guests – Janelle Will attended with new daughter, Heidi Rose. Janelle is a former club member and daughter of current member Dolores Lowery. Susan Davenport attended as a guest of Kathy Hyzer.

Jennifer Koeller announced club members celebrating June birthdays as Kathy on the 9th and Julie Bradley on the 14th.

Beth asked for approval of the May minutes as published and all approved.

Finance – Beth requested a copy of the Trustee's minutes. Nikki had no report as the "books" are just being transferred from Barb Pellegren to Nikki.

Membership – Kate Linscott reported 25 attendees at this meeting including two guests. The new membership committee hasn't met yet but will be doing so soon.

Fundraising – Kathy Hyzer reported having a meeting with Starz regarding a film festival in the fall. There will be a wine tasting with appetizers July 15th on the patio of the Solera Restaurant at 5:30 – address is 5410 E. Colfax Ave. The cost is \$20 of which \$5 will be given to the club. Mayfair Liquors provides the wine and advertises the event. Solera provides the food. All club members are encouraged to attend and to encourage all friends to attend, also.

Service – May Benoit sent a sign up sheet around for volunteer cooks for the Delores Project dinner on Father's Day, 6/21. She reported that the final tally of service hours for this last year resulted in 1,336 volunteer hours. There is one qualified applicant for the Jane Klausman Award. The new service committee will have their first meeting soon.

PR – Wendy Moraskie indicated this committee will have a first meeting next week. Watch the *Smoke Signal* for more information. Judy McNerny will be taking over the publishing of the *Smoke Signal* from Julie Bradley. Please, send Judy items you want included.

Work on a new club directory will be starting soon. Send new photos to Judy.

District Conference – Sheila Davis reported on this conference that our club is hosting Halloween weekend. Theme is "Get the Zonta Buzz". Speakers are lined up. There may be a service project during the conference – assembly of birthing kits. A session on advocacy is being planned. Eileen Sharkey of Sharkey, Howes & Javar, Inc. has underwritten the entertainment one of the evenings which will be the Legendary Ladies. Also, the committee is working on putting together goodie bags.

Advocacy – Diane Twining reported she and Alice Borodkin had their first meeting last Friday. Advocacy in the past has been done on the district level rather than the club level. Area 3 is the only one doing advocacy on the club level.

The Program for this meeting was a discussion led by Beth about what she is tentatively planning for this new year. She has already published some of her ideas in the June Smoke Signal. She asked members to think about what each of us can do for the club. July and September monthly dinner meetings will be at the Doubletree Hotel and she would like to have other meetings at other locations mixed with service projects. The biggest fundraiser this year will be the Film Festival. She would like to see the club use new technology to help us with communication, marketing and PR. Most members join the club for the service aspect. So we are planning to do more and more service. Beth would like for us all to listen to long-time members as they have the history of ZI plus our own club which is invaluable. We have to listen to our new members, too, so we can keep our club new and fresh.

New Business – The nominating committee made a motion that Wendy Moraskie be on the Board. Beth called for a vote – all voted in the affirmative. Beth asked if anyone would like to step forward to be Parliamentarian. Judy Allen offered to take that position.

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June Meeting Minutes (continued)

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Old Business – Judy and Nikki will continue to check the P. O. Box. The club received a thank you note from the Women's Bean Project for the \$185 donation. We, also, received a thank you note from Metro for our member's attendance at their annual scholarship dinner.

Announcements – Beth presented Wendy with a Z-bee'd Award for stepping up to be on the board. And one went to Jacki Sammons for the longest drive to the meeting. Jennifer bestowed the Zonta Rocks Award to Beth. Jennifer brought the door prize and Judy McNerny was the winner. Joetta Williams thanked one and all for helping during her recent hospitalization and recovery.

The closing quote was followed by the close of the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Upcoming Events –

June 12th and 13th – Garage Sale at Kate Linscott's starting at 9 a.m.

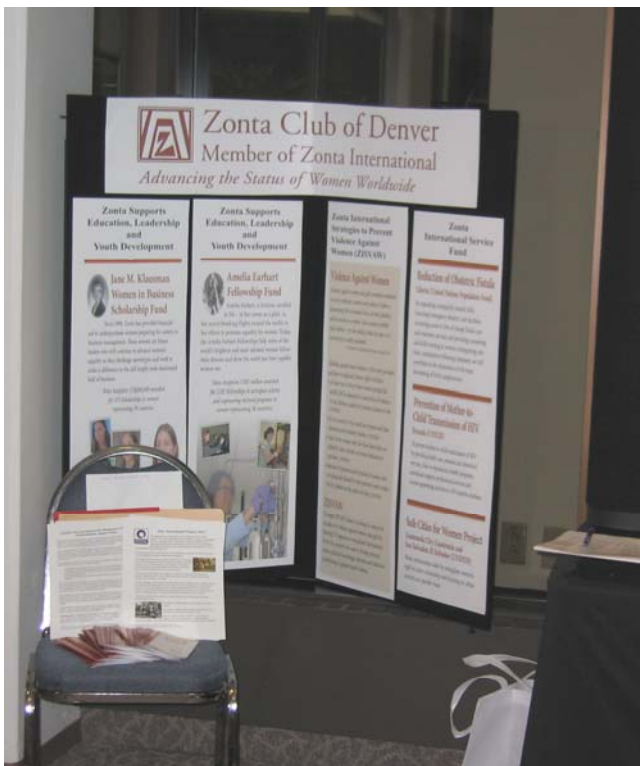
June 19th and 20th – Garage Sale – Denver Zonta II Club

July 15th – Wine Tasting at Solera – fundraiser for our club

July 23rd – Project Cure 1st Ladies Luncheon (Diane Twining) – Cynthia Herndon will be volunteering on two trips for Project Cure this summer.

Respectfully submitted by Carroll Allen, Secretary

MORE COMMITTEE NEWS



Right next door, I set up the Zonta exhibit that we displayed at the film event, with an updated poster or two, to show off our club's activities and Zonta in general. I fielded lots of inquiries and I must have handed out 30 brochures. If you have an opportunity to show off the Zonta Club of Denver this way, please let me know and I'll get you a display.

PR/COMMUNICATIONS

Zonta Club of Denver Hosts Exhibit at Federal Women's Professional Development Day

By Wendy Moraskie, Chair

The Zonta Club of Denver was a featured exhibit at the Federal Women's Annual Professional Development Day on May 21. Along with more than 20 other exhibitors, including the University of Denver Women's College, several investment firms, retirement counselors, health care companies and the US Mint, the Zonta Club of Denver showed its opportunities for women to connect with their communities and make a difference in women's lives.

I was at this event as one of about 200 participants, and as an exhibitor for my office, USDA's Food and Nutrition Service. My exhibit explained about the agency's 15 nutrition assistance programs, including the WIC program, School lunch and breakfast and SNAP (formerly known as the Food Stamp program).

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

Community Service

Professional Service

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 VanMale–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 |
| Marjorie 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 | Minnie Lundberg–2008 |

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 Denver Zoo, for example. Please take the time to consider who you would like to honor as Zontian of the Year and phone or email Judy McNerny, Beth Mundell or Jennifer Koeller ASAP!



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Upcoming Calendar Events—Save the Date!

July 9th	General Meeting at Doubletree Hotel Denver
July 15th	Wine Tasting Fundraiser at Solera Restaurant 5410 E Colfax
July 16th	Linda Rhea's Birthday
July 23rd	First Ladies Luncheon for Project Cure
July 29th	Judy Allen's Birthday
August 3rd	Membership Committee meeting at Dottie Jenkins' home
August 13th	General Meeting—Potluck in Liz Cameron's garden
Sept 10th	General Meeting
Oct 8th	General Meeting
Oct 30—Nov 1	District Conference in Denver!
Nov 12th	General Meeting

Nov 26th	Thanksgiving
Dec 10th	Holiday Party/General Meeting
Dec 25th	Christmas
Jan 24th (tentative date)	Amelia Earhart Brunch
Jan 14th	General Meeting
Feb 11th	General Meeting
Mar 11th	General Meeting
April 8th	General Meeting
April 10th (tentative date)	Area 3 Meeting
May 13th	General Meeting
June 25th—30th	International Convention