

JULY 2016 Smoke Signal

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JULY HAPPY HOUR

There will be no club meeting in July. Instead, we will host an informal happy hour at 5:00 p.m. on July 14th at La Cour Bistro & Art Bar, 1643 S. Broadway.

Please join us if you can, and feel free to bring a friend.

~ Liz Stewart, Membership Committee

WOMEN POWERING CHANGE

Our club will have a table at this event. Please stop in!



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Registration is Open for Women Powering Change 2016!

A Celebration Connecting You to Colorado Women Creating Change Locally & Globally

Join Women Powering Change on July 14 for an energetic and informative gathering of diverse nonprofits, innovative leaders, passionate philanthropists, and inspiring activists.

Registration is free!

Thursday, July 14
4:00-8:00 p.m.
Mile High Station
2027 Old West Colfax Ave.
Denver, CO 80204

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ZCD JANE M. KLAUSMAN WINNER

The service committee is pleased to announce that Brenda Lucero is our 2016 Jane M. Klausman scholarship recipient.

Growing up as a low-income student in the metro Denver area,



Brenda was ambitious and had high expectations for herself. Her parents always stressed the importance and the power of education. Brenda excelled in high school. Even though her family did not have the means to pay for college, through the guidance and support from numerous women educators at her school, Brenda applied for and received the Gates Millenium Scholarship and was able to attend the University of Denver. Brenda graduated in 2010 with Cum Laude Honors majoring in Finance with a minor

in Spanish.

Since graduating from DU, Brenda has been involved with organizations that promote equal access to education and resources for Denver Public Schools students and higher education for low-income communities in Colorado. Brenda is mentoring a young woman who is a Latin American Educational Foundation scholar and is pursuing a Business Management degree.

Currently, Brenda is serving as an Operations and Budget Manager for the Denver Public Schools. Her dream is to continue on an operational career path with DPS and to one day serve as the Chief Operating Officer. To help achieve this goal, Brenda is presently enrolled as a graduate student at Regis University in the M.S. Organizational Leadership and Management program. Through this career path Brenda aims to improve the quality of resources and support services provided to students and schools. She hopes to further her skills and knowledge by obtaining a deeper understanding and commitment to organizational process excellence, collaborative leadership, and forward-thinking change management. These are all qualities that will assist Brenda in becoming an effective leader with DPS and today's society.

Brenda appreciates all the women who were her mentors and who have helped her define and achieve her goals. She wants to pay it forward and hopes to positively influence young women who desire to be successful businesswomen in the same way that the women in her network encouraged her. Brenda believes that it is crucial that we, as women, lift each other up and encourage one another to believe in our value and to lead with passion within our fields of interest.

~ Nancy

COMMITTEE REPORTS



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The August 11 club meeting will be at Spero Winery, located at 3316 W. 64th Ave Denver, CO, which is between Federal and Julian Street. The club met here a few years ago and many members raved about it. Our speaker will be Paula Mitchell, author of *Exploring Colorado Wineries*. She has traveled all around Colorado, conducted "wine exploring" presentations, attended numerous wine festivals and earned her Level 2 Sommelier certification...and along the way enjoyed some delicious Colorado wines! She will tell us about Colorado's six distinct wine regions and the wines from each region, and will have copies of her book available for purchase.

The cost per member for appetizers, wine tasting of up to 22 different wines, antipasto, a main course and wine with dinner, dessert, and coffee or iced tea will be \$26.00. The Membership Committee will collect members' payments at the door by cash or check.

We look forward to a great turnout for this fun late summer event!

~ Liz



SERVICE COMMITTEE

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As reported above, the Jane M. Klausman scholarship committee has made their selection of Brenda Lucero as our 2016 scholarship recipient. Thank you, CJ, Robin, Olette, and Nancy for serving on the scholarship committee. Brenda will receive her award at the September Zonta meeting.

The Delores sloppy joe dinner was on Father's Day, June 19. The food was provided by Linda, Liz, Cynthia, Helen, Katie, Julie, and Nikki. Thank you!

The next service meeting will be on August 1, 6:00 p.m. at Perkins.

~ Nancy

"THE HUNTING GROUND" FOLLOW-UP

Zonta's 2016 Day of Film featured *The Hunting Ground*, a documentary about the epidemic of sexual assault on college campuses.

On June 23 Brandon Vandenburg, a former Vanderbilt University football player, was convicted of the rape in his dormitory room three years ago of an unconscious woman he had been dating. He was convicted in 2015 along with a fellow classmate but both guilty verdicts in that case were thrown out because of juror misconduct. Vandenburg is the first of the two to be retried. After four hours of deliberation, the jury in the second trial found Vandenberg guilty on five counts of aggravated rape, two counts of aggravated sexual battery, and unlawful photography. He faces a prison sentence of 15-25 years.

Vandenburg's attorneys had argued that he was too drunk to form the necessary intent to direct or encourage players he didn't even know to commit the crime. Before ending her closing arguments the prosecuting attorney, Jan Norman, played the 49-second video clip Vandenburg shot on his iPhone, showing the victim being raped by other former Vanderbilt football players. "He brought her there, he served her up to three strangers; for whatever reason, it doesn't matter, it's that he did it," Norman said. After the verdict Norman said of the victim, "She is one of the strongest people that I know. She has incredible courage."

Vanderbilt University released a statement following the verdict that said, in part. "Our first thoughts are with the victim who has shown incredible strength and fortitude as she has endured another retrial. It is our sincere hope that today's verdict strongly sends the message to victims and to perpetrators that sexual assault will not be tolerated in our communities."

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