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ADVOCACY DAY AT THE US CAPITOL



Dozens of North American Zontians attended the North American Inter-District Meeting near Washington, D.C., in early June. Many of the American Zontians participated in Advocacy Day by visiting with the staffs of their Senators and Congressional Representatives on Capitol Hill. Bobbee Cardillo of the Zonta International Advocacy Committee reported to the attendees (see photo below) that "three Senators we visited on 6/2/17 have recently signed on as co-sponsors of the ERA ratification amendment we championed SJ Res 5: Gary Peters, MI, Brian Schatz, HI and Maria Cantwell, WA. And two new Senators that you visited have co-sponsored the Campus Accountability and Safety Act, S.856, this month: Al Franken, MN and Diane Feinstein, CA."

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Is this not an exciting and unsettling time in the United States? I know people are becoming polarized in this country over issues and feelings about those issues. The North American Inter-District Meeting which I and five other members of our club were lucky enough to attend in the beginning of June pushed that thought to the forefront in our minds.

We, as members of Zonta, are in a great position to help advocate for causes that WE are interested in. When we were in DC we learned how to talk to our representatives in the Senate and Congress along with their aides to put issues in front of their consciousness and help make a difference in the world today. Our club members can do the same even in the local area as well.

Zonta Club of Denver is an organization that helps others but should also be an organization of individuals coming together to help themselves as well. This year I would like to address ways to advocate for our club thru social media and to help us come together to fundraise for others. There are many exciting ways that we are planning to look at ways of doing things and taking advantage of all the resources that Zonta International has at our disposal on the web site!

The board met last Thursday and we talked about ways to expand, and stretch ourselves in all that we do. We can look at the way we do things and stretch our minds to be open to

the possibilities of new, different or better ways to do things in our Zonta Club. We have added four new members in just the past few weeks and it looks like there are perhaps three or four more individuals that would like to become involved in our mission to help others! Let's have a great year, encouraging members in their journey no matter what role they play in Zonta. We are one club and part of the whole of Zonta International!

Enjoy the summer, hope to see you at the mini-golf gathering at Kennedy Golf course next week for a fun and relaxing time as well as the 90th birthday party in August at Gwen's home!

~ Julie Bradley
President

WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP CIRCLES



The Colorado Women's Leadership Circles of Influence is dedicated to the identification and organization of women in Colorado for the purposes of promoting change in public policy that benefits women, families and society at large. The WLC is just one of the many organizations we can collaborate with to make our voices heard in Colorado. I was inspired and encouraged by the accomplished women who spoke at the 2017 WLC Conference & Resource Fair Program in Aurora on June 24th. Colorado has a powerhouse of incredible women working to make our state a more equitable place for women and all people. During this information packed day, we heard from such familiar names as Congresswoman, Diane DeGette; Colorado Gubernatorial Candidate, Cary Kennedy; former Speaker of the Colorado House, Dickie Lee Hullinghorst; former Colorado State Senator, Linda Newell and many others including a Colorado National Guard Brigadier General, Laura Clellan.

Recurrent themes throughout the day were the need for everyone to get involved according to their particular strengths and to encourage more women to run for office at all levels.

More information about the Women's Leadership Circles can be found at www.circleswomens.us.

~ Carol Mangold

2017 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Passed:

HB17-1035 - *Sex Assault And Stalking Victims May Break Leases* was signed into law by Governor Hickenlooper on June 1, 2017. Under this law, a tenant may terminate the lease agreement with minimal remaining obligation if he or she is the victim of domestic violence or abuse, provides evidence of a police report and valid protection order and wishes to vacate the premises due to fear of imminent danger for self or children. This bill extends to victims of unlawful sexual behavior and stalking. The bill also prohibits landlords from disclosing the new address of the victim without consent.

HB17-1040 - *Interception of Human Trafficking Communications* was signed into law on March 23, 2017. This bill adds human trafficking for involuntary servitude and sexual servitude to the list of crimes that a judge may order interception of certain communications if there is probable cause of evidence of a crime.

HB17-1072 - *Human Trafficking Sexual Servitude* was signed into law on May 25, 2017. The language defining the crime of human trafficking for sexual servitude now includes persons who knowingly advertise, offer to sell or sell travel services that facilitate human trafficking of a minor for sexual servitude.

HB17-1109 - *Child Sex Assault Pattern Offense Place of Trial* was signed into law on April 4, 2017. A prosecutor may now charge and bring a "pattern-offense case" for all assaults in any of the jurisdictions where one of the acts occurred rather than a district attorney in each jurisdiction prosecuting only the incident(s) that occurred in his/her jurisdiction.

HB17-1172 - *Penalties For Child Sex Traffickers*. This bill was signed into law on April 28, 2017. A court is now required to sentence a person convicted of trafficking a minor for sexual servitude to the department of corrections for a minimum of eight years. This is a class 2 felony.

Not passed:

HB17-1175 - *Domestic Violence Awareness Barbers Cosmetologists*. The bill would have required domestic violence awareness training for barbers, hairstylists, cosmetologists, estheticians and nail technicians under the Barber and Cosmetologist Act.

~ Carol Mangold

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT CHANGES

Please note the following changes from the committee assignments as published in the June *Smoke Signal*:

Fund Raising Committee

Olette Stanberry is not on this committee

Membership Committee

Jeanette Scotland is not on this committee

PR Committee

Helen Mulhern is on this committee

Hershey Charitable Trust Committee

Dottie Jenkins is on this committee

JULY MEETING



Meeting Details

Date: Thursday, July 13

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Location: Kennedy Golf Course, 10500 E. Hampden

Prices: Putt putt golf - \$5.00 per child, \$7.00 per adult

Food - Menu prices

Please let Liz Savage know if you plan to attend when you receive a SignUp Genius invitation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS



FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

The Fundraising Committee will have our first meeting in August - at Gwen Fornia's home.

~ Mary Lou Edwards
Fund Raising Chair



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The Membership Committee hopes to see everyone at the Kennedy Golf Course putt-putt golf outing on Thursday July 13 beginning at 5 pm. Feel free to bring friends, spouses/significant others and friends! The cost is \$7, and there is a snack bar and sit down restaurant as well. The address is 10500 E. Hampden Avenue. Let's go have some summer fun - see you there!

The Membership Committee's next meeting is on Wednesday July 19 at 5:30 pm at Citron Bistro (southwest corner of Hampden and Yosemite. Hope to see as many of you there as possible!

~Liz Savage
Membership Chair



PR COMMITTEE

What's a Zonta?

A co-worker asked me that last April when I put up a flyer about our Day of Film in our break room. Our goal in PR for 2017 – 18 is to try and make sure no one ever asks that question again. Or, if they do, a ZCD member has a quick, thorough answer. What would you say if someone asked you that while you're in an elevator? You just have a few seconds until it stops on their floor! Here's a start:

Zonta is a club in Denver where professionals have been combining our efforts to improve opportunities and resources for at-risk women, locally and around the world, as part of Zonta International, for 90 years.

What does your "elevator speech" sound like?

How many people shrink a little when someone mentions "social media?" Don't. You're all part of it, if you've ever read an email, seen baby pictures on Facebook, signed up for yard sale or Day of Film tasks on MeetUp or heard about Twitter, Instagram and SnapChat.

Where we used to have a few expensive ways to share messages, we now have lots of 'channels' that are mostly free. And that we can have more control over, in some ways.

What does ZCD need you to do? Just a little, here and there. Friend our club's Facebook

page. 'Like' and 'Share' information about our posts and events when you see them, so your FB 'friends' see them too.

If you're a Twitter, Instagram or SnapChat whiz, we'll be talking more about how you can be an occasional part of the PR committee.

Share the word! Zonta Club of Denver is doing cool stuff!

~ Wendy Moraskie
PR Chair



SERVICE COMMITTEE

As we begin another exciting year of service I would like to invite all of you to participate. Over time all of us have come across organizations that we thought would be a good Zonta fit. Now is the time to take action. You as a member of the Zonta Club of Denver can approach these individuals or organizations and encourage them to apply for a grant. The organization must be a 501(c)(3). They must have a special project to empower women through service or advocacy. Considering these parameters, have them go to our website www.denver-zonta.org, click on Service Grants & Projects, download and print the application. It is due mid-September so there is plenty of time as long as they don't procrastinate. Please refer anyone with questions to me.

As we begin our year I want to reassure you that monthly collections will continue along with the pursuit of both hands on service projects and advocacy projects for all grant recipients. If you have any ideas or comments about service please let me know, all ideas are welcome. If you are interested in joining the committee let me know.

Last but not least I want to give a shout out to Nancy McWhirter for the fabulous job she did as service chair. Her shoes are impossible to fill so I won't even go there.

~ Mary Benoit
Service Chair



MINUTES

Zonta June Meeting

Call to Order

Julie Bradley called the meeting to order at 6:13 PM

Introduction of Guests

Mary Benoit introduced Deb Bittner

Judy McNerny introduced Jessica Carter, a recipient of the Metro Scholarship.

Advocacy Moment – Mary Benoit

- Mary Benoit provided an overview of the Zonta Inter-district Meeting in Washington D.C. This meeting is held in the off years from the convention.
- Julie Bradley, Marian Lee, Shelia Davis, Judy Allen, Olette Stansbury, and Mary Benoit attended from the Zonta Club of Denver.
- A highlight of the meeting was the Advocacy Day in Washington DC, where 250 Zontians participated in discussions with Congressional staffers from their States regarding issues important to Zonta. Zonta provided an overview on how to have discussions with politicians – highlighting that the most important principles are patience, persistence, and passion. The primary points of discussion included the Equal Rights and Accountability Act (ERA), the Campus Accountability and Safety Act, and the Bi-Partisan Anti-Discrimination and Accountability Act. Colorado Zontians were able to meet with staffers from both Senator Corey Gardner's office and Michael Bennett's office, as well as, Congresswoman Diana DeGette's office.

Approval of the Minutes

The minutes were approved with corrections. Cathy Conley's name has been corrected.

Treasurer Report – Gwen Fornia

The discussion regarding the streamlining of Zonta Service Account and Foundation Account was discussed at the Trustee Meeting. The discussion resulted in recognition that a lawyer may be hired to ensure 501c3 status is intact.

Gwen Fornia has been invited to go to Tanzania and work for the health care extension with the Peace Corps. Gwen will be leaving on February 4, 2017. Julie Bradley mentioned that the Nominating Committee is working on identifying a replacement.

Bookkeeper Transition – The bookkeeper transition to MiCasa is underway. The reports will be provided by the 10th or 12th of every month.

New Business

Julie Bradley highlighted that Zonta Club of Denver received a note of gratitude from Kay Meyer from Zonta District 12 for the Club's commitment to Zonta International and the Zonta International Foundation.

Julie Bradley then highlighted that the Zonta Club of Denver Committee Chairs have been finalized and committee assignments have been made. The chair list is as follows:

- **Advocacy Committee***
 - Carol Mangold, Chairwoman
- **Fundraising Committee***
 - Mary Lou Edwards, Chairwoman
- **Membership Committee***
 - Liz Savage, Chairwoman
- **PR Committee***
 - Wendy Henry-Moraskie, Chairwoman
- **Service Committee***
 - Mary Benoit, Chairwoman
 - *Julie Bradley & Marian Lee, ex-officio

Please review the June Smoke Signal to see Zonta Committee assignments.

Program: Deb Bittner from Zonta Grantee Family Tree provided an overview of the services they provide to women and children who are victims of domestic violence. In addition to crisis services, Family Tree is also educating high school students about domestic violence.

Membership – Liz Savage

A reservation has been made at Kennedy Mini-Golf Course on Thursday, July 13, 2017. This will be a fun event and Zonta members are encouraged to bring friends and family. There are \$5.00 put-put rounds plus food and drink.

Service – Mary Benoit

Mary Benoit encouraged members to consider having more than one committee.

Advocacy - Carol Mangold

A group of women in the highlands of Guatemala make items for purchase. They make headbands, backpacks, scarfs, a cell phone carrier/passport and a percentage of each item bought that goes directly to the women. Carol Mangold had items with her for purchase and will bring items to the August meeting, as well.

Fundraising – Mary Lou Edwards

Kathy Hyzer is in the process of bringing her up to speed. There are three films under consideration for the Zonta Day of Film. The first committee meeting will be in August.

Public Relations – Wendy Henry- Moraskie

- A future goal for the Zonta Club of Denver and the Public Relations Committee will be to become more active on social media.

Old business

Zonta Club of Denver 90th Birthday

- The past Presidents will be having a meeting to work out all details. As a reminder, the August meeting will be at Gwen's house and will include a caterer.

Name Tags

- Nancy McWhirter is ordering nametags so if members are in need of one, please get in touch with Nancy.

Installation of 2017 Officers - Shelia Davis

- The official installation took place for Julie Bradley as President and Gwen Fornia as Treasurer.

New Member Installation

- Liz Savage and Marian Lee then did the installation of new members – Sara Ball, sponsored by Cathy Conley, Abby Hussein, and transfer Veronica Hoegler .

Birthday Recognition

- Alexis Newton for 3 years of service
- Kathy Hyzer for 25 years of service
- Julie Bradley for 25 years of years of service
- Tricia McNerny for 1 month of service
- Carol Mangold for 1 year of service with Denver and 2 years with Douglas
- Helen Mulhern for 6 years of service
- CJ Long for 2 years of service

Julie Bradley won the drawing and \$28.00 was donated to Zonta Club of Denver

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Penny Burke
Secretary

UPCOMING EVENTS



Michelle Obama is coming to Denver.

The Women's Foundation of Colorado is sponsoring ***Together: A Celebration Featuring a Conversation with Former First Lady Michelle Obama*** at the Pepsi Center on Tuesday, July 25, 2017. The WFCO fundraising event is open to the public and tickets are available through Altitude Tickets or by phone at 866-461-6556. This event is a non-partisan, non-political celebration for the Women's Foundation of Colorado. The WFCO was organized in 1987 to advance and accelerate economic opportunities for Colorado women and their families. The organization is working towards prosperity for Colorado women and girls regardless of background or identity. More information about the Women's Foundation of Colorado can be found at wfco.org.

CALENDAR

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| July 13 | Mini-golf outing for members, family and friends Kennedy Golf Course, 5:00 pm |
| July 19 | Membership Committee meeting Citron Bistro, 3535 S. Yosemite St., 5:30 pm |
| August 10 | 90th anniversary of Zonta Club of Denver chartering Gwen's home Other details to be announced |
| Sept 22-24 | District 12 Conference, Double Tree by Hilton Greeley Save the date and watch for the Call to Conference |
| June 29 - July 2, 2018 | 64th Zonta International Convention, Yokohama, Japan Start saving money now! |



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