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DENVER  
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## Smoke Signal - July 2018

### **2018-2019 Zonta Club of Denver**

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From left, newly-installed Club Board members Jeanette Scotland, Marian Lee, Evie Ashmore, Mary Lou Edwards, CJ Long and Tricia McNerny, with Area 3 Director Michelle Médal

### **July Not-a-Meeting**

Date: Thursday, July 12th  
Event: Happy Hour!  
Time: 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.  
Place: Coperta's Restaurant  
400 E 20<sup>th</sup> Ave, Denver

RSVP to **Liz Savage** at  
[esavage2017@gmail.com](mailto:esavage2017@gmail.com) or by text by  
noon on Wednesday, July 11.

## Minutes of June Meeting

Go [here](#) to read the minutes of the June 14, 2018, club meeting.

## News from Zonta International Convention



The Convention has elected Sharon Langenbeck (pictured), Santa Clarita Valley, CA, as Zonta International President-Elect; Ute Scholz, Verden, Germany, as Vice President; and Mari McKenzie, Saginaw, MI, as Treasurer.

As an engineering student, Sharon was twice awarded an Amelia Earhart Scholarship and, as the International Board liaison to District 12, she has presented that award to a number of fellows at Area 3 Amelia Earhart luncheons. Those in District 12 who have met Sharon are cheering that she is moving up to be International president!

Linda Rhea reported that "our District 12 star Kay Meyers hit a home run with her International Director candidate speech - she reminded us all why we joined Zonta with a very touching story and inspired us to keep on for the cause into the future." There were seven directors to be elected; unfortunately Kay was 25 votes behind number seven.

Go [here for photos from Yokohama](#) that will give you a feel for the excitement of an International Convention.



Evie Ashmore and Liz Stewart following their installation of new member Pamela Staves, right

## On the Democracy Front

A record number of women candidates are running this year for state or federal offices, reaching over 500 women with nearly 75% running on Democratic tickets. According to Rutgers University's Center for American Women and Politics (CAWP), 73 women are expected to appear on gubernatorial ballots this year, more than doubling the high of 34 in 1994. Read some details [here](#).

~ Dawn Bali

## Jane M. Klausman Women in Business



The Service Committee is delighted to announce our 2018 Jane M. Klausman Women in Business scholarship winner, Holly Brouwer, pictured above. Holly just graduated from DU with a Bachelor of Science in Finance and Business Information and Analytics. This fall Holly will continue her education at DU and begin her M.S. program in Applied Quantitative Finance.

Holly will come to the September Zonta meeting to receive her award.

This year we received nine very competitive applications. There were three candidates from China, one from Vietnam, two from India, one from Venezuela, and two from the US.

Olette, Debbie, and I served as judges this year.

~ Nancy McWhirter



## A Word from the Treasurer

Zonta International has just informed us that the Zonta Club of Denver is a club in GOOD STANDING because we have paid our dues. What does this mean? Our delegates to Zonta International Convention just held in Japan were able to vote and we are allowed all privileges granted to clubs. Thank you, members, for paying your dues on time. We now have a total of 40 members!

~ Evie Ashmore



## Committee Reports

### MEMBERSHIP

Our July 12 meeting will be held at Coperta's Restaurant at 400 E 20<sup>th</sup> Ave, Denver, from 4:30 to 6:30 for happy hour. This gathering will be purely social and we look forward to the change in format to get additional visiting needs satisfied!

Our August 9 meeting will be held at Spero Winery, 5 -7:30 pm. Please RSVP by mailing your check for \$30 payable to the Zonta Club of Denver to Evie Ashmore at 5795 S Danube Circle, Centennial 80015 by August 1. Wine tasting and a delicious Italian dinner are in store here, with a short update on the Convention.

Optional quarterly social outings are the Membership Committee's new goal this year, in addition to our regular meetings on the second Thursday of each month. We look forward to additional time to socialize and check out fun things to do in the Denver area.

~ Veronica Hoegler





## ADVOCACY

Happy Summer! Carol Mangold and I look forward to giving a boost to advocacy in the next year. While keeping to Zonta International guidelines and strategy, over the next year we hope to generate momentum and enthusiasm for empowering women locally, nationally, and internationally. I have a passion for women's role in democracy and as Carol's co-chair and local representative, we will be looking for ways for Zontians to engage, partner, and ultimately affect meaningful change in women's lives. Over the next few months, we will be presenting a strategy of how we hope to brand Zonta Club of Denver as a community advocate for women, but also how we can roll up our sleeves and get some empowering work done!

~ Carol Mangold & Dawn Bali

## SERVICE

The Service Committee is looking forward to a busy year! The Grant Applications have been updated for any organization that may want to get an early start on completing one. If you know of any such agencies, please let them know. I will be sending a message regarding "Items of the Month" for August as we get closer. Unfortunately, we were not able to schedule a picnic with the Haven this summer due to the change in Executive Director. However, I am looking forward to seeing everyone at Happy Hour on the 12th!!

~ CJ Long



## FUNDRAISING

The first meeting of the year will be on Monday evening, July 16, 2018 at my home at 5:30 pm. Bring an ingredient to add to a tossed salad. The address is 3350 S Clermont Denver 80222. Please let me know if you plan to attend. [jscotland@gmail.com](mailto:jscotland@gmail.com). See you there!

~ Jeanette Scotland

# PUBLIC RELATIONS



As this issue of the Smoke Signal comes together (thanks to Judy Mc's magic), several members, including our fearless leaders, are exploring the array of Zonta's projects and accomplishments at the international meeting in Japan. More significantly, they are helping to draw a path for us for the biennium ahead.

How do we translate that here? In the PR committee, we'll set out a plan that supports the club activities and shares our mission with a wide audience. We'll hope to attract attendees to our dinners and fundraisers. Perhaps they'll become potential members and "Friends of Zonta."

Are you interested in helping get the word out about the grants, Day of Film? Next Spring's Yard Sale? Learning how the Smoke Signal is published? Helping to update the club brochure? Please let me or President Marian know if you'd like to help on the PR committee.

~ Wendy Moraskie

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## Club Calendar

### Club Meetings

**August 9, 2018**

5:00 p.m.

Spero Winery

3316 W 64th Ave.

Denver, CO 80221

**September 13, 2018**

5:00 p.m.

Fresh Fish Company

7800 E Hampden

**October 11, 2018**

5:00 p.m.

Fresh Fish Company

7800 E Hampden

## Special Events

### **Club Happy Hour**

**July 12, 2018**

Coperta's Restaurant

400 E 20th Ave, Denver

### **District 12 Governor's Seminar**

**October 5-6, 2018**

Lamar, Colorado

## **Committee Meetings**

### **Fundraising Committee**

**July 16, 2018**

5:30 p.m.

3350 S Clermont



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**Zonta Club of Denver**  
**Minutes of June 14, 2018 Meeting**

Meeting called to order at 5:32pm

**Introduction of guests**

**Approval of the Minutes**

May meeting minutes were approved as published in the Smoke Signal.

**Treasurer's Report:** Evie reported that the total garage sale proceeds were \$1045.

**Advocacy Moment:** Dawn talked about the NY Times article on the Trouble with Hollywood's Gender Flips.

**Address by Metro Scholarship winner Meredith Nation** describing her work, studies, and research.

**Presentation on Travel in Japan with Linda Rhea and Pam Dumonceau**

**Linda Rhea gave tips on culture, language, and ways to make travel in Japan easier. Some highlights from her talk were:**

- It is polite to bow, but not deeply. A small bow of the head is enough.
- When presenting a business card, hold it in both hands upright, facing the recipient and give a slight head bow.
- A wet cloth is for hands only - do not use it to wash your face, this is impolite in public.
- Beverages: wait for the host to drink. They will make a toast.
- Chopsticks: get a child's holder before you leave; do not stand chopsticks upright in rice; soy sauce makes rice unsticky and hard to eat with chopsticks.
- Restaurant types:
  - Kaiseki - fine dining
  - Izakaya - pub, think Sushi Den or Izakaya on Pearl St.
- Ramen - it is polite to slurp while you eat, it is taken as a compliment.
- No tipping. If you really want to tip, put the money in an envelope to be polite.
- Shoes & slippers: Only remove your shoes inside if there is a tray at the door with slippers. In a hotel you will have two pairs of slippers, one is for the bathroom, one is for the rest of the room.
- The Japanese are formal, very polite, and very private. If you are drinking from a water bottle you will turn to the wall to drink. Blow your nose in private, not in public.
- The Japanese treat foreigners as honored guests. You will find them to be very willing to help you if you ask. If they want to practice their English let them. Hotel staff around the convention may not want to as much as in other areas.
- Some common words:
  - Konnichiwa - Hello
  - Snesoji - Tokyo
  - Kanpai - Cheers
  - Itadakimas - I will receive

- OyshiKatta - That was delicious
- Gochiso Sama oleshita - Real feast
- Omiyagi - gift
- Try downloading an Apple language app

**Pam Domonceau's packing tips for travel to international conventions:**

- Wear your bulkiest clothing on the plane, but also comfortable clothes you can fold up on the plane with.
- Bring 3 pairs of shoes max (wear bulkiest pair)
- Medicine and night gown on top of luggage - you will be tired when you arrive so make things you will need easily accessible.
- Papers (documents, info for travel) in the exterior of suitcase - easily accessible.
- Wake up at the local morning time no matter what to get adjusted to time change.
- Shoes packed into corner of suitcase, heel in the corner.
- A few camis in diff colors
- A few light pullovers
- A couple skirts
- A couple pairs of leggings
- A couple of sparkly wrinkle resistant tops for gala dinners
- All clothing is light and can be washed in the hotel sink to re-wear
- Value light clothing over perfectly fashionable
- A little sparkle dresses things up
- A couple of scarves to accent, can be used to cover up a little
- The Japanese are more demure, you don't want to show too much skin.
- Bring minimal makeup
- Extra pair of sunglasses and readers, just in case.
- Two purses - decoy purse with just one card and small bills and phone
- Belt with hidden money and more cards under clothes where it cannot be easily stolen
- Backpack with common comforts snacks, noise cancelling headphones (or earbuds)

**Judy McNerny went over proposed bylaws changes:**

- International dues will permanently be reduced for members under 30 by 50%
- Reduce international directors from 7 to 5 (cost saving measure) (District 12 recommends No)
- Reduce # of nominees for international directors from 14 to 10 (D12 - N)
- 2 candidates for each director position (D12 - Y)
- Int'l nominating committee - 1 person from Europe & Africa on the committee (D12 - N)
- Lump Europe/Africa in one group for the nominating committee (D12 - N)
- D12 proposed a few:
- Int'l nominating committee is independent of board
- Removing Jane M Klausman from the women & business scholarship, but will still mention her in materials

- Change the name of the YWP Award (Young Women in Public Affairs) - to Young Women Leaders in Service Award
- Allow debate and voting on amendments to be done online prior to convention
- Give Int'l Bylaws Committee the power to review proposed amendments and give a recommendation to the international board. (D12 - No - vote at convention)
- Zonta to undertake programs for climate change and consequences of stem cell research
- Allowing an individual to serve on international committees without membership in a local club
- Increase international dues from \$80 to \$88
- Increase international new member fee from \$15 to \$25

**Sheila made a motion that we recommend that the delegates vote to the best of their ability and knowledge based on discussion.** Wendy seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

50/50 drawing - our guest speaker Pam Dumonceau won and donated her winnings to the Zonta Club of Denver.

June birthdays were recognized

Details for the July meeting have not been finalized as of meeting but should be in newsletter.

The August meeting will be at Spero Winery on August 9th - the cost is \$30, info on who to send money to will be available soon. (Note: this has been announced please send to Evie).

The meeting adjourned at 7:21pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Trish McNerny, Secretary

# Zonta International Convention 2018

Yokohama, Japan

# Incoming and Outgoing



From left, outgoing and incoming District 12 Governors Renée Coppock (Billings, MT) and Deedee Boysen (Laramie, WY) and outgoing and incoming Zonta International Presidents Sonja Hönig Schough (Kungsbacka, Sweden) and Susanne von Bassewitz (Dusseldorf II, Germany)



# Being Tourists in Yokohama



Cynthia and I found a Yokohama bookstore with a Starbucks. These three baristas were so engaging!

We were all giggling and trying to communicate. ~Nikki

# Being Tourists in Yokohama



A small Japanese parade

# Friday Dinner Cruise





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# Opening Ceremony



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# Delegates Vote



# Past District 12 Governor/International Director candidate Kay Meyer at Candidate Meet and Greet





# Zontians from Thailand





# Zontians from Ghana



## On the Democracy Front

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The most stunning upset falls to Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez. This 28-year-old activist upset a 10-term and ranking male incumbent for New York's 14<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. [2] If elected she would be the youngest person ever to be elected to the House and would represent the more liberal contingent of the Democratic Party as a Democratic Socialist.

In Colorado:

- Jena Griswold won the Democratic primary for Secretary of State
- Diana L. DeGette won the Democratic primary for Congressional District 1.
- Dianne E. Mitsch Bush won the Democratic primary for the Congressional District 3.
- Karen A. McCormick won the Democratic primary for the Congressional District 4.
- Stephany Rose Spaulding won the Democratic primary for the Congressional District 5.

Candidates to watch: [3] [4]

- Stacey Abrams won Georgia's Democratic Gubernatorial primary on May 22, 2018, becoming the first black woman to win a major party's nomination for governor.
- Representative Marsha Blackburn is likely to win the Tennessee Republican primary to replace Senator Bob Corker.
- Democrat Debra Haaland is poised to become the first Native American woman sent to Congress in New Mexico's 1<sup>st</sup> District.
- Gina Ortiz Jones, an Air Force veteran and former Obama administration official, easily won the Democratic primary runoff for Texas' 23rd Congressional District. If elected, she would become the first lesbian and Filipina-American to represent Texas in Congress.
- Marine Corps veteran Amy McGrath won the Democratic primary for Kentucky's 6th Congressional District. She was the first female Marine to fly in an F/A-18 on a combat mission.
- Arizona could elect two Republican women to the U.S. Senate, Representative Martha McSally and former state legislator Kelli Ward.
- Lupe Valdez, a former sheriff, won the Democratic primary for Texas governor. She becomes the first openly gay person and Hispanic woman to win a major party's nomination for governor of Texas.

[1] <https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/politics-news/women-candidates-clean-biggest-primary-night-2018-n880521>

[2] <https://www.bloomberg.com/graphics/2018-women-congress-tracker/>

[3] <http://cawp.rutgers.edu/potential-candidate-summary-2018>

[4] <https://www.genderwatch2018.org/primary-results-june-5/>