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2019-2020 Zonta Club of Denver

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**Have a Happy Fourth of July
Holiday!!!**

July Meeting

Date: Thursday, July 11th

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: Upstairs Circus
5370 Greenwood Plaza
Blvd. #106

Program: Crafts and drinks

Please RSVP to Veronica Hoegler
by July 8th. You can call or text her
at 303-424- 2811, or email her
at vehoegler@comcast.net.

June club meeting minutes.

In Memoriam - Barb Pellegren



Barb Pellegren, a beloved ZCD member since 1986, passed away on June 15, 2019 after battling breast cancer. She is survived by her children Rob, Nancy, Steve, and Jean. Barb served as ZCD President from 1989 to 1990, as District 12 Secretary from 1994 to 1996; as ZCD Treasurer from 2008 to 2009; and as District 12 Archivist/Historian from

2012 to 2013. She also served the club in many other ways - as a member of every committee, particularly Archiving; by writing materials for New Member Training; and as the club's unofficial historian. She loved writing articles and essays that brought the club's history to life.

President Mary Lou will deliver a more detailed tribute to Barb at her memorial service, which has not yet been scheduled. Barb's thoughtful, positive presence will be sorely missed by all of us.

Message from our President



Nice warm weather is finally here. I hope all of you are relaxing a bit, planning trips and generally enjoying our Summer. All of our committees are up and running – no slow down there thanks to our great committee chairs. There have been a few changes to the committees, so a new list is attached [here](#).

Membership has been busy planning fun events for June and July and finding a new venue for us to try in August. The Bylaws Committee has finalized its recommendations for changes to our Bylaws, and the club will be voting on those changes in August. Service has already named our next Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship winner, Fundraising is looking for our next film, PR is making plans to update our website and is producing our monthly newsletter, and Advocacy is working on celebrations to honor Zonta's 100 years.

As most of you know, Dottie Jenkins had to step down as Treasurer for health reasons. We thank Julie Bradley so much for taking the job on – she's doing great already! Thank you Evie Ashmore for making the transition as easy as possible.

Barbara Pellegren's celebration of life is being planned by her family. They will let us know where and when the celebration will take place, and we will pass that information along as soon as they do. We are planning to honor Barb with the Zonta Yellow Rose Ceremony at that memorial and hope that many of you will be able to attend and participate. Barb will also be honored at the District 12 conference in September.

If you haven't voted on your choice for Zontian of the Year yet, please get your vote to Marian, Gwen or I soon. All of us work hard for Zonta's cause because we believe in it, but there are a

few who go the extra mile all of the time and we want to honor their commitment.

Some of our members have health issues – Linda Rhea is now struggling with Wegner’s Vasculitis, and Helen Mulhern is still healing from her operation. Please remember them and try to make their lives easier as you can. This will be a difficult year for those of us who have strong political opinions. We need to remember that Zonta is apolitical and respect each other.

Our goal is to make this Zonta year as special as possible. If there is any way we can make it better for you, please let us know.

~ Mary Lou Edwards

A Word from the Treasurer

Hello!

I am the new Treasurer of our club, elected as Dottie's replacement in June. I'm just getting a handle on the club finances and the multiple accounts we place our money in to effectuate ZCD's mission to help women. All accounts have been transferred to the new officers, and I was able to get access to the online accounts today.

I will be updating you in the next few months on any financial news. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

~Julie Bradley





North American Inter-District Meeting Report

by Julie Bradley

I attended the NAID in Dallas, Texas on June 7-9, 2019, which was my second Inter-district meeting. Since I was the only member of our club to attend, I wanted to update you on a few of the highlights of this North American meeting of Zonta Clubs.

The NAID brings together clubs from all over the United States and Canada to learn about each other and share ideas and knowledge. Over 200 participants from all over the world attended, and the ZI Board met after the conference. Because they met at the conference hotel, we had the exciting opportunity to meet several board members from International. If you'd like to see any of the presentations given at the conference, go to the District 10 website, found [here](#).

One excellent program dealt with educating members on how to train others. This was taught by Jacquie Gudmundsen from Pontiac North Oakland Club, with the help of several Zontains throughout North America. There was also a Treasurers' training, Centennial Anniversary Endowment Meetings, and a discussion on Ending Early Marriage in North America.

I attended the Ending Early Marriage session and was blown away by the depth of the problem in the United States. The class was lead by Fraidy Reiss, who founded [Unchained at Last](#), and [Samra Zafar](#), a noted speaker, author and advocate for women. This powerful class pointed out the scope of this problem and identified troubling sectors of our country's population who actually promote marrying children to adults.

If you have never thought of going to a North American meeting before, you should mark your calendar for the June 2021 meeting in Cincinnati, OH. The Anchorage, Alaska district has already asked to host the 2023 meeting. This is a wonderful chance to meet Zontians from throughout our continent. It is a much more intimate type of meeting than ZI Convention, so you can talk to and connect with others much more effectively and understand the scope of Zonta's reach throughout the world!

Committee Reports



MEMBERSHIP

Many of us enjoyed our June meeting shopping at the Angel Concept in Littleton, a non-profit that trains women in retail job skills and donates part of their sales proceeds to other non-profits that serve women. Some of us got together at the View House to continue the party after shopping!

By popular vote, the July 11 meeting will be held at Upstairs Circus, 5370 Greenwood Plaza Blvd #106, at 6:30 pm. Projects may be previewed on their [website](#) (see Project Menu). If you visit the website, **please do not register online**, just RSVP to Veronica. Projects vary in length of time to complete and include many styles of jewelry, concrete coasters, pet collar, passport wallet, wristlet clutch, jewelry hanger, fabric wall art, butcher board, or stone serving tray. Outside food is allowed, but beverages may only be purchased there. Please feel free to bring a snack to share. The start time of 6:30 is set by management. The project fee is \$37, and second projects may be purchased for \$19, if desired. You may customize your projects with your color and materials choices once you arrive. Please be aware Upstairs Circus includes an 18% gratuity in

your bill. RSVP to Veronica at 303-424-2811 or vehogler@comcast.net by July 8.

Our August meeting will be held at C B & Potts, Greenwood Village location, for a change of pace. The meal and room fee, including tax and tip, will be \$24 per person, payable to Zonta Club of Denver at the door. If you aren't planning to eat and are just attending the meeting, the fee is \$4 for your contribution to the room fee. We understand that this is a different pricing structure from our meetings at Fresh Fish Co in recent years, but we hope our membership will be patient and give it a try. We had a fixed price structure in past years, and it worked well for many people. Future meeting locations will be decided by a vote between several locations, which will be put out after the August meeting. Please keep in mind Zonta's mission, which we share, despite our different preferences as to location, fare and cost.

Our passion for Zonta's mission will be enhanced by Our August speaker, Katie Green, who teaches self-defense to women and girls in Nepal to prevent human trafficking. I expect we will all be inspired and grateful to her for her work. We also hope to hear from our scholarship recipient, Maria Coppersmith-Buschman, at that meeting.

Just a reminder that a Z-club may be formed in the near future by those interested in helping. We would like to nurture the next generation of young women to serve other women and girls through Zonta.

We hope you are enjoying your summer!

~ Veronica Hoegler

FUNDRAISING

Fundraising has been quiet this last month, as we are catching our breath for next year. We are looking for films, especially those that emphasize Women and the Vote. We are also searching for good films on Ending Childhood Marriage or the ERA. All of those issues are important to Zontians. Just in



case you are wondering what day to set aside for Day of Film, it's March 28, 2020.

After the Garage Sale, we ended up with some jewelry that we are donating to Dress for Success. We also had a Pack and Play in very good condition that will be donated to the Haven. Thanks to your generous donations, we continue to help to empower women.

Our next committee meeting is August 14 at 5:30 pm at the home of Jeanette Scotland. Please bring some food to share or a bottle of wine as we begin our work for the coming year.

~ Jeanette Scotland



SERVICE

The Service Committee met last Thursday and reviewed upcoming events. We will be providing lunch for a Mentor Training that Making Choices is giving on August 10th. More details will be shared as the time approaches.

There is no requested donation for the upcoming club meeting on July 11th. Thanks to all who contributed gift cards for Making Choices last month!

~ CJ Long

PUBLIC RELATIONS

I'm pleased to be serving as Chair of the PR Committee this year. Judy McNerny is putting together the club directory, so please review your entry (attached to Judy's recent email) if you haven't already, and confirm whether you'd like any changes or updates.

At our initial meeting, we discussed that updating the club website will be one of our goals for this year. We also plan to



use Meetup and other social media to get the word out about our club.

~ Kathy Hyzer



New Member Spotlight:

Michelle Haggerty

Michelle was born in Oshkosh, Wisconsin and is a hairstylist at Salon and Spa on the Boulevard. She attended the University of Wyoming and has a son, Reese (14), stepdaughter, Brandy (19) and a fiancé, Cody.

Zonta is attractive to Michelle as a way to support others and to enjoy the company of like-minded women. She looks forward to learning how she may contribute to Zonta, but is initially most drawn to advocacy and assisting our Z Club, if one is formed.

Michelle looks forward to learning how to improve her supportive efforts toward others and cites Oprah and Marianne Williamson as the women who most inspired her. Welcome, Michelle! We are delighted to have you with us. By the way, the secret pass phrase for this month is "honor and empower." The first member to email Marian with this phrase will win a \$10 Starbucks gift card.



District 12 Centennial Book Drive

I'd like to thank everyone who participated in the Zonta Club of Denver's Centennial Anniversary Book Drive for The Denver Children's Home. All of your efforts made it a great success! Here are the stats on what we did: We received over \$400 in donations from six members to purchase books. Another 18 members and two friends of Zonta donated 145 books, valued at a total of \$1700. The children and their teachers were thrilled. The note pictured below is just one of the many thank you's we received. It was both exciting and humbling to deliver the books to such appreciative recipients.

Again, thank you! This is why Zonta holds a very special place in my heart.

~ Mary Benoit



Club Calendar

Club Meetings

July 11, 2019

6:30 pm

Upstairs Circus

Crafts and drinks

5370 Greenwood Plaza Blvd #106

August 8, 2019

5:00 pm

C.B. & Potts

6575 Greenwood Plaza Blvd.

Englewood, CO 80111

\$24 per person

Special Events

District 12 Conference

September 21-22, 2019

Billings, Montana

International Director Sigrid Duden,
Zonta Club of Heidelberg, Germany,
will attend.

Zonta International Convention

July 4-8, 2020

Chicago, Illinois

Save the dates!

Registration will open later this year.

Zonta Club of Denver

General Meeting MINUTES

June 13, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

President Mary Lou called the meeting to order at approximately 7:30 p.m. at the View House in Littleton.

NEW BUSINESS

Because Dottie Jenkins resigned from her post as Treasurer for health reasons, the Nominating Committee was asked to find a replacement and has nominated Julie Bradley to serve in Dottie's place. Julie's nomination was approved by the unanimous consent of all present.

ADJOURNED at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Judy McNerny for

Sara Ball, Secretary

ZONTA CLUB OF DENVER
2019-20 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

MEMBERSHIP – Veronica Hoegler Chair (need 25% or 10 people)

Sheila Davis	Evie Ashmore
Linda Rhea	Joetta Williams
Elizabeth Savage	Bev Myers
Misty Fauchaux	

SERVICE – CJ Long Chair (need 20% or 8 people)

Nancy McWhirter	Pam Staves
Olette Stanberry	Judy Allen
Penny Burke	

FUNDRAISING – Jeanette Scotland Chair (need 30% or 12 people)

Julie Bradley	Liz Cameron
Sara Ball	Nikki Headlee
Cathy Conley	Cynthia Herndon
Katie Wienecke	Pam Dumonceau

PUBLIC RELATIONS – Kathy Hyzer Chair (need 10% or 4 people)

Judy McNerny	Wendy Moraskie
Julie Bradley	Marian Lee

ADVOCACY – Dawn Bali Chair (need 15% or 6 people)

Lorie DiSaia

Alexis Newton

Mary Benoit

Michelle Haggerty

Bev Myers

NOMINATING COMMITTEE - elected

Marian Lee, Joetta Williams, Nancy McWhirter

Appointed by President/approved by Board:

ARCHIVING – Marian Lee Chair

Nikki Headlee, Judy McNerny, Joetta Williams

AUDIT/FINANCE – Nikki Headlee Chair

Liz Cameron, Kathy Hyzer, Gwen Fornia

BYLAWS – Judy McNerny Chair

Julie Bradley	Marian Lee
Sheila Davis	Judy Allen

HERSHEY TRUST – Judy Allen Chair

Nikki Headlee	Kathy Hyzer
Cynthia Herndon	

PARLIAMENTARIAN – Judy McNerny

ZI Foundation Liaison – Gwen Fornia

ZCD FOUNDATION – Mary Lou Edwards – President - Chair

Gwen Fornia – President-Elect

Jeanette Scotland – Vice-President

Julie Bradley - Secretary/Treasurer

Judy McNerny – Trustee 2018-2021

Nikki Headlee – Trustee 2018-2021

Kathy Hyzer – Trustee 2016-2019

Pam Dumonceau – Trustee 2016-2020

LONG-RANGE PLANNING

Formed as needed