



Smoke Signal



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ZONTA CLUB OF DENVER

DISTRICT 12, AREA 3

JUNE 2004

Zonta International is a worldwide organization of executives in business and the professions working together to advance the status of women

June General Meeting

When: Thursday, June 10th

Where: The Salvation Army
Red Shield Center
2915 High Street, Denver
(see directions page 2)

Time: 5:30 p.m. social hour
5:45 p.m. dinner
6:30 p.m. entertainment & dessert
7:00 p.m. business meeting

Cost: \$23.00

Invocation: Kathy Hyzer



Please RSVP to Kathy Hyzer at 303-282-1062 (home) and leave a message. Remember—you must make your reservation by **Monday, June 7th at noon**. If you are on permanent reservation list you must call to cancel by noon Monday.

Menu

Fried Chicken Dinner prepared by the ladies at the Red Shield Center

Program:

Star Lite Drill team will perform for us. (This is one of the service projects that we funded, providing uniforms for the girls.)



Happy Birthday to our June Birthday Girls!

June 5th Carmen Teufel
June 9th Sue Anne Flaherty
June 9th Kathy Hyzer
June 10th Linda McBurney
June 10th Sandra Stemmler
June 14th Julie Bradley

Permanent Reservation list:

Judy Allen
Evie Ashmore
Mary Benoit
Julie Bradley
Nancy Bruner-Koontz
Cathy Conley
Sheila Davis
Sue Anne Flaherty
Nikki Headlee
Cynthia Herndon
Dottie Jenkins
Kate Linscott
Dolores Lowery
Judy McNerny
Marjorie Pickett
Linda Rhea
Carmen Teufel
Diane Twining
Joetta Williams

Zonta Club of Denver Has a **NEW ADDRESS:**

PO Box 2665
Denver, CO 80201



**Convention 2004
New York City
July 3-8, 2004
Marriott Marquis
in Times Square**

Zonta Club of Denver Delegates:
Evei Ashmore, Diane Twining
Alternates: Judy Allen, Linda Rhea



Mission Statement of Zonta Club of Denver:

The Members of Zonta Club of Denver are committed to the support and well-being of our community, our club, and ourselves, by improving the status of women and children and upholding the Objects of Zonta International.

President of Zonta Club of Denver: Diane Twining

Editor: Julie Bradley

Governor of District 12: Mary Benoit

President's Message for June . . .

Greetings to my fellow Zontians. I am honored to send you my first "President's Message" and am looking forward to the joys and challenges facing our Club through this next year.



As part of our commitment to the success of The Zonta Club of Denver and its mission, I ask all of you to take a few moments to honestly reassess the reasons why you initially joined Zonta. Has the Club fulfilled your needs? Where has it exceeded or fallen short of your expectations? Our Club can be most things to all members, but only if we are active and willing to give a bit of our time (our most precious commodity) and our voices to our mutual goals and ideals. In support of this thought, may I suggest that in this year, each of you volunteer for at least one off-site Opportunity in each of our primary committees; Service, Membership, Status of Women and Fund Raising. Not only will the recipients of your efforts be rewarded, the positive karma and feeling of accomplishment will revitalize your inner being.

Expanding on our local goals, the District is also growing and has several new activities coming up. The new Gillette, Wyoming Club will have it's Charter dinner on June 12, 2004. Past Governor, Mary Benoit, may have room if you're interested in carpooling. Additionally, the first ZAP Training Program for the District is scheduled for later this month. More information is contained in the District 12 "Outreach", which was just sent out this past week. And we certainly can't forget that the International Convention is quickly approaching in early July. If you have never attended a Zonta International Convention, I encourage you to make plans and participate in the fellowship and fun.

Your new Board is a fantastic blend of experienced and fairly new Zontians and I know they will represent your best interests as we create annual goals and a new, supporting budget. If you have suggestions, or wish to chat, please contact me at 303-271-1383, or www.dmcdt@earthlink.net, or any individual Board member. We would love to hear from you. We want to have the Club and its activities reflect and support your interests, but we can only do that if we receive input from you.

In closing, I thank all of your for your encouragement and support and hope that together we can make this coming year fun, exciting and revitalizing for all of us.

Yours in Zonta, *Diane*

June 10th Meeting Directions

The Salvation Army Red Shield Center where we are having our June meeting is located at 2915 High St in Denver.

From the south: take I-25 north to Colorado Blvd. Continue north on Colorado Blvd to 23rd St.. Take a left on 23rd and proceed 1.3 mi to High St, take a right to 2915 High. (.5 mi.)

From I-70, exit #275C "York/Josephine" south on York to 29th street, right (west) to High Street, the building is on the NW corner of 29th & High



**Zonta Club of Denver
2004-2005**

**Board of Directors
Monthly Meetings**

**Board Retreat
June 19th at**

**1370 Pennsylvania St
(The Salvation Army)**

Board will meet regularly on
the 4th Thursday of the
Month

at The Red Cross Building
444 Sherman St., Denver

July 22nd

August 26th

September 23rd

October 28th

November ??

December ??

January 27th

February 24th

March 24th

April 28th

May 26th

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**Smoke Signal Deadline for
the July issue is
June 20th**

UPCOMING SERVICE PROJECTS

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE DINNERS

The Ronald McDonald House in Denver provides a "home away from home" for families whose children are being treated at Children's Hospital. It's located at 1300 E. 21st Ave, Denver, CO 80203, just a couple of blocks from the hospital. Their phone number is 303-832-2667.



The Zonta Club of Denver serves dinner for approximately 30-35 people in a buffet style format the third Monday of each month. Volunteers are asked to arrive at 5:30pm for set up, and serving begins at 6:00pm.

One more volunteer is needed for June's dinner on June 21st. Signed-up so far are Kathy Hyzer, Linda McBurney, and Minnie Lundberg.

Denver Kids

The annual summer solstice golf marathon is scheduled for Monday, June 21st at 5:30 a.m. Zontians will be serving a continental breakfast to golfers as they check in at City Park Golf Course for a day of fundraising rounds of golf. Sign up sheets for food etc. will be at the June dinner meeting. Volunteers so far are Margaret Fomer, Judy Allen, Evie Ashmore, Sheila Davis, Linda Corssmit, and Barb Pellegren. For more information, please contact Mandy Ziegler.

Service Thank You's:

Day of Caring for Breast Cancer Awareness

This event was held on Saturday, May 8th, at the Merchandise Mart. Its purpose was to provide education, empowerment, and hope to all women and men interested in breast cancer. There were seminars, exhibits, a silent auction and boutique, and a luncheon/fashion show. Over 1000 people attended.

Many thanks to our Zontians who volunteered for this wonderful event! They included Nancy Bruner-Koontz, Cynthia Herndon, Sheila Davis, Shari Dorton, Judy Allen, Evie Ashmore, Diane Twining, and Linda Corssmit.

Denver Kids

The annual awards banquet was held Thursday, May 20th. This year, around 175 people attended. What a crowd! Thanks to all of the women who made food and helped serve at this most gratifying event!

Trivia Competition Fundraiser

Several members and spouses attended the Trivia Bowl in Castle Rock on May 1st to support the Douglas County Zonta Club's annual fundraiser. What a blast! If the event is held next year, more of us should attend for a fun night of competition and laughter.

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Thanks to Nikki Headlee and company, Evie and Jim Ashmore, Judy Allen and Richard Starlin, Cynthia Herndon and her brother, Linda Rhea, and Sheila Davis for participating in this fun event.

Mother's Day Baskets

Again this year, many Zontians donated items and time to prepare baskets for needy women in the Denver area. Sheila Davis, Barb Pellegren, Kathy Hyzer, Nikki Headlee, Evie Ashmore, and Mandy Ziegler congregated at Linda Rhea's home the morning of May 1st for this effort. After the baskets were assembled, they were delivered to Damen House and Joy House in time for Mother's Day. Both organizations support single mothers, and they were most appreciative of receiving the baskets.

May 21st

Thank You!

Thanks so much for you and the other members of Zonta who served the great refreshments at last evening's awards ceremony. Our Denver Kids, Inc families always love what you serve and it was good last evening to see not a crumb left. The event is a very special one for all of us at DKI because we are given the chance to show off our students who have done so well, often against tremendous odds.

We appreciate the continued support of Zonta. We are hoping that next fall we can sit down with representatives of Zonta to look at the future of the two organizations to ensure that we will both continually benefit from the sponsorship.

Again, our thanks for last evening's very nice reception.

Donna Hultin, Executive Director

Thank You for the Mother's Day Baskets!

- * Thank you for the wonderful mother's day packages for the women of Damen House. It is very affirming and supportive. Peace and all good. Executive Director Sister Elizabeth Fuhr
- * Thank you for the baskets, Cherri
- * Thank you for the beautiful baskets, Veronica
- * Thanks from all the Moms
- * Thank you for making our day nicer, Stephanie
- * Thank you so much for the gift basket!
- * Thank You, Emily



The Breast Cancer Site funded mammograms for over 1,800 women this year! By clicking on The Breast Cancer Site every day, you reach out to women less fortunate, giving them the vital help they need.

Your online efforts give The Breast Cancer Site its power. We appreciate every click, every purchase, and every email sent to friends and family telling them

how they can fund free mammograms at:
<http://www.thebreastcancersite.com>



This year, roughly 186,000 women will be diagnosed and 43,300 women will die from breast cancer in the U.S. Early detection is the key to survival, and mammograms are one of the best-known methods of early detection.

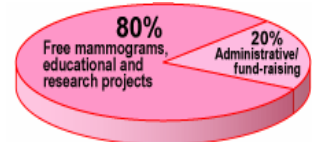
It only takes a moment to increase your impact and change a life forever. Please read on for a special message about the National Breast Cancer Foundation's work and how you can assist its efforts with a tax-deductible contribution.

*** INCREASE YOUR IMPACT WITH A GIFT OF HOPE ***

Please consider strengthening the fight against breast cancer with a tax-deductible gift to the National Breast Cancer Foundation: <http://www.nationalbreastcancer.org/contributeBCS.htm>

The National Breast Cancer Foundation (NBCF) mission is to save lives by increasing awareness of breast cancer through education and by providing mammograms for those in need. NBCF provides free to low-cost mammography screenings and educational programs for underserved women through grants to programs that assist homeless, battered, and low-income women.

Through its Web site, NBCF delivers the latest-breaking news on breast cancer and related breast cancer information. NBCF offers continuing education on the early detection of breast cancer to individuals, corporations, and organizations. It places a special emphasis on reaching low-income, minority, and working-poor women whose awareness of breast cancer and opportunity for help is often limited. To support NBCF's lifesaving work with a direct financial contribution, please click here: <http://www.nationalbreastcancer.org/contributeBCS.htm>





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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PRESIDENT

Jack Fox

Denver Kids, Inc.

Regular Program

21 graduates out of a class of 26 seniors **(81%)**

Teen Mom

25 graduates out of a class of 29 seniors **(86%)***

TOTAL

46 graduates out of 55 **(84%)**

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Scott Patrick

*Assumes 4 will graduate after summer classes

VICE-PRESIDENT

Kathleen MacDonald

Of the 21 DKI regular program graduates, **100% are enrolled in college** for next fall.

TREASURER

David Lee

4 Students have received a Daniels Foundation Scholarship

1 Student has been recruited to play football on a full Scholarship

Several students are candidates for Rotary Scholarships

SECRETARY

Nancy Bacon

Teen Mom Education Project—18 of 25 students will be going to college in the fall

7 have received full or partial scholarships

PAST PRESIDENT

Alexis Hertel

The following are some of the colleges the students will be attending:

MEMBERS

Geta Asfaw

John Baker

Michael Burn

Nancy Felker

Les Lee

Jim Mack

Jerry Middel

Dennis O'Brien

Mike O'Connell

Barbara Pellegren

Dave Puchi

Jim Richardson

Dean Stevinson

Stacy Swift

Chuck Townsend

Pete Wall

Xavier University—OH

Hampton University—VA

Skidmore—NY

University of Colorado—Boulder

University of Arizona

Clark University—GA

University of Santa Fe

Western State—CO

University of Colorado—Denver

Trinidad State College

Adams State—CO

Tucson Community College

Arapahoe, Aurora, Metro, and Red Rocks Community Colleges

EX-OFFICIO

Evie Ashmore

Craig Mills

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Donna Hultin

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ZONTA CLUB OF DENVER
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MAY 13, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 PM by President Evie Ashmore. *Invocation* was given by Minnie Lundberg.

Board members present: Sheila Davis, Kathy Hyzer, Cathy Conley, Judy Allen, Linda Rhea (late), Liz Cameron (late), Diane Twining, and Shari Dorton.

Introduction of guests Guests were Kay Ward, guest of Joetta Williams; Dorothy Swindt, guest of Minnie Lundberg; and our speaker, Lisa Curtis, of the Denver District Attorney's office.

Lisa Curtis spoke on "Identity Theft". Colorado ranks 4th in the nation in this crime. Ms. Curtis distributed a "test"; the score of which correlates to the likelihood of being a victim of identity theft. Ms. Curtis educated our members on a number of steps we can take to protect ourselves. She informed us that much of the identity theft is in conjunction with the increased use of methamphetamines. Her office is utilizing the Colorado Organized Crime Act (for racketeering) in order to prosecute these crimes. The cases of identify theft as a percent of total in The Denver DA's Economic Crime Unit have risen from five percent in 1998 to twenty five percent in 2003. She also brought up a new crime, "skimming", where an employee takes your credit card out of your possession, in order to "run it through the machine", but instead uses a small palm sized device to illegally copy your credit card information. This crime can occur at gas stations, restaurants, etc. Ms. Curtis also gave us a variety of phone numbers to "opt out" of credit card mailings, check our credit reports, and report fraud. She distributed closed pouches, which can be worn inside clothing to safely protect your cards and documents.

April Minutes - approved.

Treasurer's Report - Judy Allen mentioned we are "ok" in our dinner receipts/funds. Treasurer's report will be filed for auditing. We are losing several members who have or are moving away: Elizabeth Clinton, Shari Dorton, and Lydia Scherck.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership: Cathy Conley and Kathy Hyzer reported that June's meeting will be held at the Salvation Army's Red Shield Center, at 29th and High. We will be served a meal in the gymnasium, and then watch the drill team perform. The drill team was a recipient of one of our service grants.

Service: Sheila Davis reported eight volunteers helped at the "Day of Caring". Our club sponsored a financial resource center. Julie Bradley and Wendy Henry - Moraskie made inserts for our take along bags. Ronald McDonald was a success, with Nikki Headlee contributing the pork roast. Erin Lance, of the Rape Assistance and Awareness Program, hosted a free personal safety class for our club on Wednesday, April 21. This was held in part to thank us for our service grant award to them. Volunteers also helped at the Nine News Health Fair. Several club members attended the Douglas County "Trivia Night" fundraiser on May 1, which raised approximately \$3,000 for that club. Linda Rhea hosted a Mother's Day basket-making event at her home on May 1. Approximately 20 baskets were created; Sheila Davis delivered eleven to Joy House, and nine were delivered to Damon House. Mandy Ziegler, Sheila Davis, and Evie Ashmore attended a luncheon hosted by Samaritan House, as a thank you for our service grant award to them. Upcoming projects include serving at the Gathering Place on May 26, and the annual awards for Denver Kids on May 20, Thursday at Gove School at 7:00 PM. Food items are needed; contact Mandy Ziegler. Monday June 21 is breakfast serving for the Denver Kids Golf Tournament. Barb Pellegren will be Vice President at Denver Kids for the upcoming year.

Fundraising: Nancy Bruner-Koontz reported several choices for our theatre event fundraiser; Arvada Center for the Arts has "Rounding Third" playing; a dinner theatre will feature "42nd Street"; Denver Center for the Performing Arts offers "Dirty Story", and the Buell will have "Say Goodnight Gracie". Member input is sought regarding preferred choices. Diane Twining reported her committee would like suggestions from members of vendor names for the November 5th and 6th home party fundraiser.

Communications: Julie Bradley reported that due to a computer malfunction, she will be redesigning the web site.

Status of Women: Judy Allen reported that our Young Woman in Public Affairs award recipient is now competing at District.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Judy McNerny summarized the proposed by law changes for vote at the upcoming International Convention, some of which were:

Adding several new membership categories to better accommodate the diversity of members' career paths.

Clarification of disciplinary actions to mitigate recurrence of past events.

A majority of raised hands approved the proposed by law changes.

NEW BUSINESS

Evie Ashmore submitted the 2003/2004 Annual Report. The Golden Lakewood Club sent a thank you for our contribution to their Amelia Earhart dinner.

Kate Linscott performed the installation of new officers: President - Diane Twining; President Elect - Linda Rhea; Vice President - Sheila Davis; Secretary - Julie Bradley; Treasurer - July Allen; Directors for 2004-2005 - Kathy Hyzer and Linda Corsmitt; Directors for 2004-2006 - Linda McBurney and Nancy Bruner-Koontz. Nominating Committee members will be Jacki Sammons, Evie Ashmore, and Marjorie Pickett.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be a joint Board Meeting with high tea served on May 27 in the vicinity of 92nd and Raleigh. More details to follow from Diane Twining. Don't forget the Denver Kids Award Presentation on May 20, as well as their golf tournament on June 21.

Evie Ashmore thanked the Board members and the club members for a wonderful year. Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 P.M.



June Smoke Signal

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SMOKE SIGNAL

June 10th	General Membership Meeting @ The Salvation Army Red Shield	Sept 24-26	District 12 Conference in Lamar, CO
June 19th	New Board Retreat 9-12	Oct 14th	General Membership Meeting
June 21st	Denver Kids Golf Tournament	Oct 18th	Ronald McDonald dinner
June 21st	Ronald McDonald Dinner	Oct 28th	Board Meeting
July 2004	International Convention in New York City	November 5-6	"Let's Party" Fund Raiser!!
July 2004	No General Meeting	Nov 11th	General Membership Meeting
July 22nd	Board Meeting	Nov 15th	Ronald McDonald Dinner
August 12th	General Membership Meeting	Nov 25th	Thanksgiving
August 16th	Ronald McDonald Dinner	Dec 9th	Holiday Party
August 26th	Board Meeting	Dec 20th	Ronald McDonald Dinner
Sept 9th	General Membership Meeting	Dec 25th	Christmas
Sept 20th	Ronald McDonald	January	Amelia Earhart Dinner (Area 3)
Sept 23rd	Board Meeting	Jan 13th	General Membership Meeting
		Jan 17th	Ronald McDonald
		Jan 27th	Board Meeting