

# Smoke Signal



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## News and Information:

### **Wanted: Flip-flops for women and girls in Afghanistan!**

Toni Lorgan from Foothills Boulder Club has a family member in the military in Afghanistan. One of the things that the people in that country need are Flip-flops! The bad thing is the MEN get all the first choices, next come boys and if there are any leftover the women and girls get what is left. Toni is collecting cute feminine flip-flops to send that hopefully the men would not like to wear.

Zonta Club of Denver Board has suggested that our members help with the collection. If you get a chance to pick up any flip-flops (Wal-Mart/Target??) please pick them up and bring them to the May meeting.

### **Books for the New Orleans Library!**

Want to help out with the library in New Orleans? The library was wiped out. Foothills Boulder Club is also collecting any used books. Fiction, Non-fiction, Adult and Children's books, etc.

## Fund Raising Committee

### **Garage Sale**

The garage sale was held on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Over one-half of the women in the club participated in one way or another. Proceeds from the event were \$928. This amount was less than last year, but very good considering not many folks were buying the big stuff. The dolls that Mandy donated will be placed in a consignment center so additional money can be made from them.

### **Aprons**

Dottie is continuing her quest to reclaim and sell aprons. Please contact her if you have an apron you would like to purchase, or have one to turn in for general use.

### **Final Figures**

The committee raised over \$5,900 this year. Congratulations to a fabulous group of dedicated women!

### Special Points of Interest this month:

- Committees for upcoming year!
- Service Updates! Imagination Library report.
- Fund Raising Update!

## President Sheila's June Message...

As I look out the window of my home-office today, I am glad to see the flowers are blooming and the grass is green. The birds are singing, and the dogs are taking a sunbath. It's good to see spring (summer??) come again. This is a time of new beginnings and growth for me too - becoming president of this club. I am honored to serve in this capacity, and I look forward to an exciting, productive time.

- I have three main goals for the year. The first is to significantly increase membership. We are down to 34 members currently, which is quite low. The membership committee is working on a plan to attract new members beginning this summer and then throughout the year. I know we can all bring women and men we think would be good Zontians to dinner meetings and other events during the year.
- My second goal is to do valuable service projects. We may need some new ones, and we may need to let some go.
- My third goal is to have fun! We are a club, not a workplace, and one of the reasons we all joined was to enjoy ourselves. Sometimes I forget this, with all the annual reports, budgets, emails, and manuals to review, but be sure to remind me of this goal if I forget once in awhile.

The 2006-2007 board is an excellent group of women, who will work very hard for all of us. I will be having a board retreat on Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, at Nikki Headlee's home, to plan the year ahead.

The committee assignments are published in this month's Smoke Signal. I tried to put everyone on the committee they requested. Please let me know if you have any concerns or questions with the committees.

I know this will be a great year, and we will accomplish many things together!

Sheila



Board of Directors Meetings:

Zonta Club of Denver  
2006-2007

Board of Director's  
Meetings  
(Tentative Schedule  
pending approval)

June 4<sup>th</sup>—Board  
Retreat at Nikki  
Headlee's house

July 27<sup>th</sup>  
August 24<sup>th</sup>  
September 28<sup>th</sup>  
October 26<sup>th</sup>

November 16<sup>th</sup>  
December 28<sup>th</sup>

January 25<sup>th</sup>  
February 22<sup>nd</sup>  
March 22<sup>nd</sup>  
April 26<sup>th</sup>  
May 24<sup>th</sup>

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Registration**



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**OUR GOAL**  
9,013  
Members Registered

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Not Registered on the web? Contact a board member!

*June General Meeting*

**When:** Thursday, June 8th

5:30 pm. cocktails

6:00 p.m. dinner

**Invocation:**

**Greeters:**

**Where:** Four Points Sheraton Hotel  
I-25 & Hampden Ave.

**Cost:** \$ 30.00

**Please RSVP to Cathy Conley at 303-691-6926 (home) or 720-249-5889 (work)**

and leave a message. Remember—you must make your reservation by **Monday, June 5th at noon. If you are on permanent reservation list you must call to cancel by noon Monday.**

**Program:**

- **Beth Mundell talks about her experiences in Africa**

**Menu:**

Chef's Choice of Soup

Salad Buffet featuring: House Salad

Tuna Salad & Pasta Salad

Assortment of Breads

Coffee & Tea

Assorted Dessert Tray

**Once again the time has come for updating Membership information to be included in the Membership Directory.**

- Do you have changes in info?
- Do you need a new picture?
- Please contact Julie at 720-890-0125 or [julieqbradley@comcast.net](mailto:julieqbradley@comcast.net)

Dear Zontians,

My baby boy, Azim, was born May 2nd.

I had no clue whatsoever how much my life would be changed. I have been overwhelmed! But, I want all of you to know how very much I appreciated the baby shower you threw for me. I know you all went to a lot of effort and I truly do appreciate that. I've been negligent in getting thank you notes out but hope to do so in the future.

Thanks to all of you, I've had to buy very few items. I am honored that you went to the effort that you did. Thanks to all of you.

*Myrna Rivera*



*June Birthdays*

*June 9th*

*Kathy Hyzer*

*Sue Anne Flaherty*

*June 14th*

*Julie Bradley*

*Permanent Reservation list— Should your name be listed here?? If so, call Cathy.*

Carroll Allen

Judy Allen

Evie Ashmore

Mary Benoit

Julie Bradley

Cathy Conley

Linda Corssmit

Sheila Davis

Robin Forti

Nikki Headlee

Cynthia Herndon

Dottie Jenkins

Kate Linscott

Nancy Long

Judy McNerny

Beth Mundell

Marjorie Pickett

Linda Rhea

Dorothy Swindt

Diane Twining

Joetta Williams

# Service & Status of Women Committee

## ***VOLUNTEERING IN 2006!***

Time to enjoy some well deserved “downtime”

As we head into summer months and the new Service and Status of Women Committee forms, I wanted to thank everyone who worked so hard this past year on all the service projects...and there were many! I look forward to working with the new committee and new President Sheila to design a year of volunteer opportunities that will enhance our mission and spread the word about this great organization called “Zonta Club of Denver”.

### **Updates:**

#### **Teen Mom Graduation Party**

Thank you to everyone who helped with this. Please send Beth an email if you wish to share constructive thoughts for what we might do better or differently next year!

#### **25th Annual Day Of Caring**

Wow – what an amazing day! Everyone who gave their time to support breast cancer survivors and their families were sprinkled with “angel dust” that day. It will be interesting to see how the event next year will take shape under the new direction of “CURE” Magazine.

#### **Garage Sale**

We again managed to hold our garage sale on the first HOT day of the season. But, I think all who volunteered that day would agree that it was a fun day and a successful day at that. Thank you Cynthia for hosting again!

**Volunteers still needed:**

**RONALD McDONALD HOUSE**



Volunteers needed for all three dates:

June 19<sup>th</sup>

July 17<sup>th</sup>

August 21<sup>st</sup>



**BONFILS - Give the generous gift of life!**

Please remember that our Zonta Club of Denver is registered with the Bonfils Blood Center as a donor group. We will get recognition in the Bonfils printed list of donors. Please give our registration number 5675 or mention Zonta when asked if we are donating in the name of a group.

Bonfils website ([www.bonfils.org](http://www.bonfils.org)) has information about blood drives, donor centers, eligibility, recipient stories and how to make appointments. If you have questions about eligibility, please call 303/363-2202.

*(Personal note from Beth: I was recently able to give for the first time in 10 years, and it was so easy to give our registration number and leave feeling I'd helped those who need Type A+ AND Zonta! – and let us not forget that there are FREE SNACKS!)*



Once again this year, Cathy Conley will be participating in the 16th annual Fat Tire Classic for the American Red Cross. The walk/bike race is to be held on June 23rd—25th at Winter Park. If you would like to sponsor Cathy, please see her at the meeting in June to sign up as a sponsor!

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.

**ZONTA CLUB OF DENVER MISSION STATEMENT**  
(Adopted Nov, 13, 1997)

Dear Friends:

I would like to say to all members of ZCD in the Smoke Signal how much I've enjoyed being part of Zonta Club of Denver.

I've truly learned so much about structure, dedication, and trying to do the right thing with a definite mission in mind. You are all special, authentic people in your own right, and come to ZCD with so much knowledge, and heart and soul. I will miss you ladies, but I know you aren't far, and neither am I! Let's stay in touch, and keep up on each others trials, tribulations, - and triumphs!

Best of Luck & Much Love and Respect,

Nancy Koontz

PS. Most of all I will miss getting my hugs from Marjorie, Dorothy and Minnie...

## IMAGINATION LIBRARY UPDATE

It's been a bit more than a year since our club approved the Imagination Library Project. As is the case with any new project, sometimes they get off to a slower start than those of us involved would have liked. We were honored to partner with the Mayor's Office for Education and Children and specifically the Head Start programs in the 80205 zip code, which includes Five Points. We started enrolling kids in August of 2005 but the first books didn't actually go out until December.

- Of the 350 kids in the Head Start programs 275 were enrolled.
- Of the 275 enrolled kids, 90 will turn five by September and because the books only go to age five, those kids will not receive additional books.
- The remaining 185 children will continue to receive books through December, 2006, so that they will have a full year of books.
- We have a modest start to our fund raising efforts. Nine children have been enrolled by proud aunts or grandparents. Of the \$40 per child in this category, \$13 is pure profit as the cost of the books is \$27 per year. We've raised \$117 through this endeavor.

In addition, we've had \$81 in pure donations for our cause.

We are in the process of evaluating the project with the Administrator of the Head Start Programs.

If you have a niece or nephew, a grandchild, or know of an individual who would like to participate in the program, a copy of the application is included in this Smoke Signal.

Our committee has truly enjoyed this project and fully believe that education, of both boys and girls, helps improve the status of women by enhancing the chance for the girl child to improve her earning ability and economic status above the level achieved by her parents. Better educated boys will help their family members, be they wives or children, to reach for more.



Presentation of Check to Metro State Foundation Board for Endowment for Scholarships for Single Women.

**COMMITTEES****2006-2007****STANDING COMMITTEES****(33 Members)**MEMBERSHIP: 35%

Co-Chairs: Cathy Conley &amp; Nikki Headlee

Evie Ashmore  
 Julie Bradley  
 Liz Cameron  
 Sue Anne Flaherty  
 Carol Glenn  
 Nancy Long  
 Judy McNerny  
 Marjorie Pickett  
 Bobbie Razee  
 Diane Twining

SERVICE/STATUS OF WOMEN: 25%

Co-Chairs: Beth Mundell &amp; Robin Forti

Carroll Allen  
 Mary Benoit  
 Donna Hultin  
 Kathy Hyzer  
 Linda Rhea  
 Myrna Rivera

FUNDRAISING: 30%

Co-Chairs: Dottie Jenkins &amp; Joetta Williams

Judy Allen  
 Cynthia Herndon  
 Kate Linscott  
 Minnie Lundberg  
 Barb Pellegren  
 Dorothy Swindt  
 Mandy Ziegler

PR/COMMUNICATIONS: 10%

Chair: Julie Bradley

Wendy Henry-Moraskie  
 Joetta Williams as needed  
 Linda Rhea as needed

**ELECTED COMMITTEE**NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Linda Rhea  
 Diane Twining  
 Joetta Williams

**SPECIAL COMMITTEES**AUDIT

Chair: Jacki Sammons  
 Nikki Headlee  
 Linda Rhea  
 Mandy Ziegler

BYLAWS & PROCEDURES

Chair: Judy McNerny

Judy Allen  
 Mary Benoit  
 Jacki Sammons  
 Dorothy Swindt

LONG RANGE PLANNING

Chair: Diane Twining

Evie Ashmore  
 Mary Benoit  
 Cathy Conley  
 Linda Corssmit  
 Jacki Sammons

ZONTA DENVER SERVICE INC.**PRESIDENT**

Sheila Davis

**VICE PRESIDENT**

Cathy Conley

**SECRETARY/TREASURER**

Judy Allen

**EX-OFFICIO/CLUB ATTORNEY**

Judy McNerny

**EX-OFFICIO/PRESIDENT-ELECT**

Nikki Headlee

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 Cynthia Herndon 2006-2009  
 Evie Ashmore 2006-2009

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Judy Allen

CLUB ACCOUNTANT

Elaine Gilley

## *Zonta Club of Denver General Meeting Minutes May 11, 2006*

The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm.

**Invocation:** Julie Bradley provided the invocation.

**Guests:** *Sheila Davis's guests were her husband and daughter Steve and Laura Davis, and her sister Jan Banta. Nancy Long's guest was Renée Troppe from Zonta Club of the Pikes Peak Area.*

**Program:** Kendra Brooks, Director of Development at Metropolitan State College thanked club members for the April 26<sup>th</sup> check of \$31,163 to the Zonta scholarship fund and for previous gifts. She noted that Metro granted scholarships totaling over \$1.2 million to 520 students, but had over 2,000 applicants, so the need is great. Metro currently enrolls a large number of single parents and the highest number of first generation college students in the state. Twenty-four percent of the students are minorities, also the highest in the state.

**Bylaws:** Judy McNerny reviewed bylaws changes proposed by the 2005-2006 Zonta International Bylaws and Resolutions Committee. There was discussion on two items that would change employment requirements for new members, who currently must be actively engaged in a decision-making position. Judy Allen made a motion that the club accept items numbered 16 and 17, which would allow new members who have experience but are not actively engaged. The motion was seconded and passed. Proposed changes will be voted on at the June convention in Melbourne Australia.

**Minutes:** April minutes were approved with the corrected spelling of Mirna Villalobos' first name.

**Treasurer:** Judy Allen asked that all requests for reimbursement of expenses be turn in to her by May 15th. She should have financial statement by next month.

**Service/Status of Women:** Beth Mundell thanked those who participated in a successful graduation party for the teen moms. Day of Caring is Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. All Zonta volunteers will be seated at the luncheon. The club will serve punch and cookies at the upcoming Denver Kids Achievement Awards.

**Membership:** June's general meeting will feature a salad buffet and surprise program. The committee welcomes ideas about attracting new members.

**Fundraising:** Sheila Davis gave a reminder about the garage sale, including setup on May 19<sup>th</sup> and sale on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Sales at the Area 3 meeting in April generated \$185. A total of \$6100 has been raised in 2005-06. Sheila thanked the committee for their hard work. Dottie Jenkins asked that aprons be turned in to her or purchased for \$10. The club has fabric to make more.

**Public Relations:** Pictures were taken at the April donation of scholarship money to Metro, and were distributed with a press release to approximately 15 publications.

**Old Business:** Julie Bradley and Cathy Conley presided at the induction of new member Nancy Long.

**New Business:** Dorothy Swindt, assisted by Minnie Lundberg, conducted the installation of Officers, Directors and the Nominating Committee for 2006-07. She thanked the outgoing Officers, Directors and Nominating Committee for their service. Judy McNerny encouraged discussion about diversity in the club and a focus on inclusiveness in recruiting new members.

### **Announcements:**

- Day of Caring for Breast Cancer Awareness is May 13<sup>th</sup>.
- The garage sale is May 20<sup>th</sup>.
- All are welcome to a brunch and work session at Linda Rhea's on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Those attending will assemble rose pens for International.
- The Zonta Foothills Club of Boulder is collecting women's and children's flip-flops for Afghanistan and books for New Orleans libraries.
- Cathy Conley will walk in the Fat Tire Classic to benefit the American Red Cross. She welcomes pledges.
- Linda Rhea seeks team members and pledges for the August Tri for the Cure, to benefit the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

Kathy Hyzer's daughter Sara welcomes pledges for Relay for Life to support the American Cancer Society.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm. Respectfully submitted, Linda Corssmit, Secretary

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## *Calendar Events upcoming.....save the date!*

|                    |  |                |                            |
|--------------------|--|----------------|----------------------------|
| June 4th           | Board Retreat at Nikki Headlee's home                      | September 28th | Board Meeting              |
| June 8th           | General Membership Meeting                                 | October 12th   | General Membership Meeting |
| June 13th          | Membership Committee Meeting—                              | October 26th   | Board Meeting              |
| June 19th          | Ronald McDonald House                                      | November 9th   | General Membership Meeting |
| June 22nd          | Zonta Board Meeting  | November 16th  | Board Meeting              |
| June 24th—<br>29th | Zonta International Convention in Melbourne Australia      | December 14th  | Holiday Party              |
| July               | No General Membership Meeting                              | December 28th  | Board Meeting              |
| July 17th          | Ronald McDonald House                                      | January 11th   | General Membership Meeting |
| July 27th          | Board Meeting  | January 25th   | Board Meeting              |
| August 10th        | General Membership meeting/Picnic<br>At Liz Cameron's home | February 8th   | General Membership Meeting |
| August 21st        | Ronald McDonald House                                      | February 22nd  | Board Meeting              |
| August 24th        | Board Meeting  | March 8th      | General Membership Meeting |
| September          | General Meeting  | March 22nd     | Board Meeting              |
|                    |  | April 12th     | General Membership Meeting |
|                    |  | April 26th     | Board Meeting              |
|                    |  | May 10th       | General Membership Meeting |
|                    |  | May 24th       | Joint Board Meeting        |