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Special Points of Interest this month!

- **Denver II Golf Tournament Invitation**
- **Women with Wings fundraiser**

EMAIL USAGE...

There was an article in the Post recently about drowning in e-mail and that there is a new term, "e-mail bankruptcy." That means that in light of an unmanageable number of messages, individuals are either deleting everything they have and starting over or declaring they are not using e-mails. I would like every member of our club to consciously think every time they answer an e-mail from a club member whether or not a reply to all is necessary. We don't always need to let everyone know that we responded. Please, please, please limit reply to all only when your reply is vital to everyone. And, if only two of those listed really need to know your reply, then reply to only those two and not the other ten.

Nikki Headlee, President

ZONTA INTERNATIONAL NETWORKING DIRECTORY...

Zonta Int'l is encouraging members to use the Networking Directory under member resources. on the Zonta website. Members can register on this and provide as much information as they wish to be published. They could give their names, club and country or go further and give their email, telephone number, mailing address, language spoken and profession. This would be an excellent opportunity to exchange ideas regarding cultures or increase one's knowledge of members profession. Very few Zontians have to date registered on the Directory.



OPENING CEREMONY KEYNOTE SPEAKER CONFIRMED

Professor Akua Kuenyehia, First Vice President of the International Criminal Court will make the keynote address at the 2008 Convention Opening Ceremony.



Prior to her election as judge of the International Criminal Court Professor Kuenyehia was Dean, Faculty of Law of the University of Ghana. During her time at the University, she taught criminal law, gender and the law, international human rights law and public international law.

She was co-coordinator of a research project entitled "Women and Law in Anglophone West Africa," which covered Ghana, Nigeria, Sierra Leone and The Gambia. She has written three books and numerous academic publications on gender and the law, family law and international human rights.

Judge Kuenyehia is a Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Ghana.

President Nikki's June Message...

What huge shoes to fill! Thank you, Sheila, for a year of your gracious and excellent guidance. Under her leadership, our club has thrived. We'll know next week how close we came to reaching our NET 7777 goal!

Thank you for the honor of being the first past-president to repeat. My theme all those many years ago was "A Kinder Gentler Zonta." Over the years, I truly believe we have worked hard to achieve that ideal. This go round I know we will continue that kinder gentler Zonta theme. Barack Obama has a wonderful quote in his last book that I believe so applies to our organization: "And we will need to remind ourselves, despite all our differences, just how much we share; common hopes, common dreams, a bond that will not break."

I think Sheila had three excellent goals last year. The goals I have are simply a variation of hers. Thanks, Sheila, for making my job easier. In order to achieve those goals, though, you have to "buy into" them.

1. Last year we significantly increased our membership with many new members. New members always bring new ideas (sometimes we who have belonged for many years get tunnel vision) and energy and enthusiasm. I would like to continue increasing membership but not to the same degree although I would like the goal quantified. I would like our energy (all of us and not just membership) to be focused on retention, both of new members and longer-term members.

2. One of the reasons many join Zonta is to do hands-on service. It has been

proven that quantified goals are often achieved. I would like the number of hands-on service projects quantified and qualified so that we have a variety to choose from and to allow our members access to the level of participation each chooses.

3. Have fun! If we can't have fun along with doing good deeds, what's the reason to join?

I want us always to remember that we are a volunteer organization and that we do the best we can with whatever time we have to give. And, just as we are always personally trying to evolve and make our lives better and conquer our weaknesses, so is our club. You have a wonderful and excited board ready to meet those challenges. Those challenges, however, cannot be met without everyone's participation. Each of you is responsible for contributing to and making this club a place for all of us to want to stay forever – kind of like Bobbie Razez.

Nikki

Member Resignation Nancy Wong

"I have decided to stop my Zonta membership. It was a really difficult decision. As the kids get older, I want to restructure my work and community involvement to the day time; saving my evenings and weekends to focus on my family. Through the last 6 months, I've become a lot more knowledgeable about women's issues both nationally and internationally. It was an incredible experience being with such a diverse group of women!"



Board of Directors Meetings:

**Zonta Club of Denver
2007-2008**

Board of Directors
(rotating at various board members' homes)

**June 2—Board Retreat
July 26**

**Judy McNerny's house
August 23**

September 27

October 25

November 15

December 27

January 24

February 21

March 20

April 24

May 22

**Happy Birthday to
our June birthday
girls**

**Sue Anne Flaherty—
9th**

Kathy Hyzer—9th

Julie Bradley—14th

***No Regular June Meeting
All Member Retreat in place of
meeting June 2nd at
Nikki Headlee's home.***

**UPDATE YOUR STATUS
ON THE LIST!**

- Please check the information on this page for the Permanent Reservation List.
- Those who are on the permanent reservation list do not have to call to make their reservation for the dinner meetings.
- If you plan on coming to every meeting—why not add your name if it is not on the list?
- Be sure to call Judy McNerny the Member-ship chair with your request to be added!

MEMBERSHIP

DIRECTORY REMINDER

Please be thinking of finding a picture for the membership directory in digital format (preferred). If you have a picture that you want updated in the current directory—now is the time to take it or look for it! Directories come out in Sept.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER:

Jennifer Koeller

Development Director
Work Options for Women
1200 Federal Blvd, Denver, CO 80204
720-944-1917 fax 720-944-1915
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303-404-0133
Email: jssmarr@yahoo.com
Birthday: March 2nd
Spouse: Adam
Sponsor: Nikki Headlee

**Member Comments &
Updates!**

"Thanks to all of you for your cards and good wishes when Aunt Siddle died. She was such a great part of my life and far more than 'just an aunt.' Your support meant so much to me and helped ease the pain."

Nikki Headlee

Cynthia Herndon would like to thank the club for the wonderful items for the children in Haiti. She was able to ship a box of over 30 children's over the counter medical supplies brought by members of the club to the May meeting. Any-time you wish to bring additional items (children's Tylenol, children's Advil, etc vitamins and the like) she will add them to her regular shipment of supplies.

Please be thinking of ***Evie Ashmore*** who had surgery this week for an infection in her elbow that was not going away. As of this weekend (May 31st) she was in Rose Medical Facility Rm 267. I am sure cards directed to her home would be greatly appreciated.

Wanted: Club librarian.

- Duties include wheeling a small suitcase to meetings and periodically purging its contents.
- Benefits: first choice of new books!

Contact Judy McNerny if you are interested.

***Permanent
Reservation list***
Should your name be listed here?

- Carroll Allen
- Judy Allen
- Evie Ashmore
- Mary Benoit
- Cathy Conley
- Linda Corssmit
- Sheila Davis
- Pam Dumonceau
- Robin Forti
- Nikki Headlee
- Deb Heckart
- Cynthia Herndon
- Dottie Jenkins
- Kate Linscott
- Nancy Long
- Judy McNerny
- Beth Mundell
- Marjorie Pickett
- Linda Rhea
- Robin Smith
- Dorothy Swindt
- Diane Twining
- Joetta Williams

Membership Committee

- The Membership Committee requests your ideas and suggestions. If you are unhappy with something the club has been doing that is the responsibility of our committee (programs, meeting arrangements, and membership recruitment and retention), please tell us. Specific suggestions would be especially welcomed. Do you have an idea for a program? Is there a hotel or restaurant that you think would be perfect for our meetings, or for our Christmas party? Do you know someone you think would be a good Zontian? Do you know a trick we haven't tried that would get new members involved quickly? Let us know!
- Also, we need volunteers to be greeters at meetings, to do the invocation or inspirational moment, and to serve as mentors for new members. Please volunteer!
- We hope to get input at the June 2 meeting so the committee can consider your ideas early in the club year. If you can't attend the meeting, please call or e-mail either of us.

Judy McNerny
Joetta Williams

Service Committee

Imagination Library

We have received 30 survey's from parents of children enrolled in the program through Head Start. A full report will be presented at the August meeting.

Teen Mom's

The graduation party was a great success. Along with all the great presents the girls received, each child was enrolled in Imagination Library for one year.



Zonta Club of Denver II Invites you to their 8th Invitational Golf Tournament

Friday, June 29th
Buffalo Run Golf Course
5 player Scramble Format
7:30 am Shotgun Start
Individual Player \$150
Foursome \$600

For Registration or more information contact:

Candy Meininger, 303-322-9086

zontadII@prodigy.net

After June 15th, call for availability

Women With Wings

Ultra runner Essie Garrett and Women With Wings will travel 600 miles pushing and pulling a 300-pound Ed Link Trainer Simulator to raise money for women in aeronautics.



July 2, 2007 8:45 a.m.

Women With Wings will leave Atchison, KS, birthplace of Amelia Earhart

July 22, 2007 4 p.m.

Women With Wings scheduled to arrive at Front Range Airport Main Terminal in Watkins, CO

Donations can be made to: Women With Wings, 1250 Welton St., Denver, CO 80204. 100% of donations go to women in aeronautics.

For more information, call Katrina Wert 720-423-4775 or 303-757-4986

"... women should do for themselves what men have already done - occasionally what men have not done - ... perhaps encouraging other women toward greater independence of thought and action ..."
-- Amelia Earhart

2007-2008

STANDING COMMITTEES

Leave of Absence – Judy Allen, Sue Anne Flaherty

MEMBERSHIP: 35% (11) Co-Chairs: Judy McNerny & Joetta Williams

Evie Ashmore	Mary Benoit	Cathy Conley	Sheila Davis	Carol Glenn
Dottie Jenkins	Nancy Long	Beth Mundell	Dorothy Swindt	

SERVICE/STATUS OF WOMEN: 25% (8) Co-Chairs: Robin Forti & Linda Corssmit

Carroll Allen	Kathy Hyzer	Kate Linscott	Dolores Lowery	Amanda Megill
Linda Rhea	Robin Smith			

FUNDRAISING: 30% (10) Co-Chairs: Jacki Sammons & Donna Hultin

Liz Cameron	Cynthia Herndon	Minnie Lundberg	Barb Pellegren	Marjorie Pickett
Diane Twining	Mandy Ziegler	Deb Heckart		

PR/COMMUNICATIONS: 10% Chair: Wendy Henry-Moraskie

Myrna Rivera Julie Bradley

NEW ZEE: (not yet finalized) Chair: Mary Benoit

Mindy Craig	Pam Dumonceau	Essie Garrett	Jennifer Koeller	Susan Leibsly
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ELECTED COMMITTEE

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Sheila Davis	Liz Cameron	Kathy Hyzer
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SPECIAL COMMITTEES

AUDIT: Chair: Jacki Sammon

Sheila Davis	Nikki Headlee	Mandy Ziegler
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BYLAWS & PROCEDURES Chair: Judy McNerny

Mary Benoit	Jacki Sammons	Joetta Williams
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LONG RANGE PLANNING: Chair: Diane Twining

Evie Ashmore	Mary Benoit	Cathy Conley	Linda Corssmit	Sheila Davis
Judy McNerny	Jacki Sammons			

ZONTA DENVER SERVICE INC

<i>PRESIDENT</i>	<i>Nikki Headlee</i>
<i>VICE PRESIDENT</i>	<i>Linda Corssmit</i>
<i>SECRETARY/TREASURER</i>	<i>Mandy Ziegler</i>
<i>EX-OFFICIO/CLUB ATTORNEY</i>	<i>Judy McNerny</i>
<i>EX-OFFICIO/PRESIDENT-ELECT</i>	<i>Judy McNerny</i>
<i>TRUSTEES</i>	<i>Sheila Davis 2007-2010</i>
	<i>Diane Twining 2005-2008</i>
	<i>Cynthia Herndon 2006-2009</i>
	<i>Evie Ashmore 2006-2009</i>

HERSHEY CHARITABLE TRUST Chair: Judy McNerny Cynthia Herndon Dolores Lowery

UN OFFICER: Mary Benoit

HISTORIAN: Marjorie Pickett

PARLIAMENTARIAN: Judy McNerny

CLUB ACCOUNTANT: Elaine Gilley

ADVOCACY : Linda Rhea

ARCHIVING: Sheila Davis & Jacki Sammons

Did you miss the all member retreat? If so, listed below is a survey that was given at the meeting for members. Please fill out and mail in to Nikki Headlee to make sure we have everyone's responses....It only takes 5 minutes! You can call Nikki and give her your answers, fax the answers email the answers whatever is easiest for you!
P: 303-367-2401 **F:** 303-366-1208
email: nheadlee@solucian.com
Address: 35296 E 10th Ave Watkins, CO 80137

SURVEY/QUESTIONNAIRE
ZONTA CLUB OF DENVER

June 2, 2007

1. Would you be in favor of our non-event fundraiser (Yellow Rose Ball) being continued for another year?

Yes _____ No _____

2. Do you feel we have enough hands-on service projects? Yes _____ No _____

If no, do you have suggestions for hands-on service?

3. Regarding programs, do you like the balance between women-oriented programs and other programs presented this past year?

Yes _____ No _____

If no, please briefly explain why.

4. Should we plan more events strictly for the purpose of fellowship?

Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please give us some ideas, i.e., a specific type or perhaps having the social hour prior to our monthly meeting start earlier.

5. What time would you like our monthly meetings to end?

Thought for the Day from <http://www.hazelden.org>

Men (Mankind) will find that they can prepare with mutual aid far more easily what they need and avoid far more easily the perils which beset them on all sides, by united forces. --Baruch Spinoza

Three travelers stopped in a small town on their way to the city. They had tents to sleep in, but no food or money. They knocked on doors asking for a little food, but the people were poor, with little to eat and nothing to spare.

Cheerfully, they returned to their camp and built a fire. "What are you doing?" asked a bystander, "Building a fire with nothing to cook?"

"But we do have something to cook!" they said. "Our favorite dish, stone soup. We only need a pot."

"I think I can find one," said one of the bystanders, and she ran home to fetch it.

When she returned, the travelers filled the pot with water and placed two large stones in it. "This will be the finest soup we've ever made!" said the first traveler. "I agree," said the second, "but don't you think it would taste better with a cabbage in it?"

"I think I can find one," said another bystander. And so it went the whole afternoon until, by evening, the travelers had a hearty, fragrant feast, which they shared with the hungry townspeople.

What can I do with help today, that I couldn't do alone?

Zonta International works to overcome barriers:

FAST FACTS:

- 70% of the 1.3 billion poor are women
- 2/3 of illiterate adults are women
- 2/3 of children not in school are girls
- 60 million women are "missing" because of gender-based violence
- Every year an estimated 4 million women and girls are bought and sold worldwide
- Today, 7,000 women and girls will contract HIV

Zonta Club of Denver; General Meeting Minutes; May 10, 2007

President Sheila Davis called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Guests: Guests were Suzanna Spears, Marcy Kaufman, Dave Tourtelot, and Area 3 Director Kay Meyer. Susan Leibsly and Essie Garrett, new members to be inducted, also attended.

Inspirational Moment: Beth Mundell read a passage from Reflections by Sandra Stemmler.

Status of Women Moment: *Nancy Long spoke about the World Health Organization. She noted that psychiatric disorders occur at the same rate in men and women, although unipolar depression is more common in women. Men are more than twice as likely to suffer from alcoholism. Among the elderly, organic brain disorders and depression are common problems.*

Member Moment: *Evie Ashmore profiled Nancy Wong, who emigrated from Hong Kong to the United States at the age of 16. Nancy came to Colorado in 1994 and has two girls, ages four and seven. As the president of Accel Consulting, Inc., she advises businesses on growth issues. Nancy also chairs the board of Emily Griffith Opportunity School.*

Program: Cynthia Herndon spoke about culture and health care in Haiti, a country of 8 million people in 1/10th the area of Colorado. She described Haiti as a violent, corrupt country, where the average per capita income is \$450, the literacy rate is 53 percent, electricity is intermittent, and 5.6 percent of the population is HIV positive. Haitians themselves are sweet people with an offbeat sense on humor like her own. Cynthia shared slides of her experiences in a primitive clinic and a newly built hospital.

Minutes: The April minutes were approved with correction of a typographical error.

Treasurer: Judy Allen reported that members are sending in dues, and noted that a penalty is assessed after May 15th. She asked that requests for expense reimbursement be submitted within the week.

Membership: Nikki Headlee and Cathy Conley thanked the committee and the club for their efforts over the past year, which resulted in a membership increase of approximately 20 percent. Sheila thanked Cathy for her work on the monthly dinners.

Service/Status of Women: Mary Benoit circulated sign-up sheets for the Teen Moms graduation party.

Fundraising: Dottie Jenkins thanked committee members for their work, and the club for its support. Zonta aprons are still for sale. Tickets for the Rockies game will be held at will-call. Tickets for Seven Brides for Seven Brothers should be paid before the end of May so they can be included in this year's fundraising total. To date, \$6,298.52 has been raised, with more expected from ticket sales and the non-event fundraiser. This compares with a goal of \$5,900.

New Business: Dorothy Swindt conducted the installation of new Officers, Directors and Nominating Committee. Incoming President Nikki Headlee assumed her duties for the remainder of the meeting. Kay Meyer conducted the installation of new members Essie Garrett, sponsored by Sheila Davis; and Susan Leibsly, sponsored by Nikki Headlee.

Essie talked about the upcoming Women With Wings run honoring Amelia Earhart. Essie and Women With Wings will push/pull a 300 lb. training simulator 600 miles from Kansas to Colorado to raise money for women in aeronautics.

Door Prize: Susan Leibsly won the door prize.

Upcoming Events:

- Rockies Baseball Game, ZCD, May 19th at Coors Field
- Teen Moms Graduation Party, ZCD, May 20th at the King house.
- ZCD All Member Retreat, June 2nd at Nikki Headlee's house
- North American Inter-District Seminar, June 22-24th in Ann Arbor, Michigan
- Invitational Golf Tournament, hosted by Zonta Denver II, June 29th at Buffalo Run
- Women With Wings, July 2nd to July 22nd, Atchison, Kansas to Front Range Airport, Watkins, Colorado.

Seven Brides for Seven Brothers, ZCD, July 15th at the Country Dinner Playhouse.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Corssmit, Secretary

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Upcoming Calendar Events
Save the date!

June 2	9-11:30 a.m.: All Member retreat (replaces June General Meeting)	Dec 13	Holiday Party (tentative date)
June 22-24	North American Inter-District Seminar; Ann Arbor, Michigan	Dec 27	Board Meeting
June 29	Zonta Club of Denver II 8th Annual Invitational Golf Tournament at Buffalo Run Golf Course	Jan 10	General Meeting at Four Points Hotel 5:30 pm
July 2—22	Women with Wings walk	Jan 24	Board Meeting
July 12	General Meeting at Four Points Hotel 5:30 pm	Feb 14	General Meeting at Four Points Hotel 5:30 pm
July 26	Board Meeting	Feb 21	Board Meeting
Aug 9	General Meeting at Four Points Hotel 5:30 pm	Mar 13	General Meeting at Four Points Hotel 5:30 pm
Aug 23	Board Meeting	Mar 20	Board Meeting
Sept 13	General Meeting at Four Points Hotel 5:30 pm	Apr 10	General Meeting at Four Points Hotel 5:30 pm
Sept 27	Board Meeting	Apr 24	Board Meeting
Oct 11	General Meeting at Four Points Hotel 5:30 pm	May 8	General Meeting at Four Points Hotel 5:30 pm
Oct 25	Board Meeting	May 22	Joint Board Meeting (old & new)
Nov 8	General Meeting at Four Points Hotel 5:30 pm		
Nov 15	Board Meeting		