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# **JUNE**, 2016

## **Victory for WASP Veterans**



In May, Congress approved legislation to continue to allow the ashes of World War II members of the Women's Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) to be interred at Arlington National Cemetery.

During World War II, thousands of women volunteered to serve as pilots for training and transport missions, so male pilots could serve overseas. About 1,100 WASPs served and 38 died during missions. The women were paid less than the men they replaced, and the program ended when the women were no longer needed. WASPs were denied veterans' benefits until 1977. In 2002, Arlington National Cemetery approved military honors and burial of ashes there for WASP veterans, but in 2015 the then Secretary of the Army decided that there was no longer room at Arlington. In This Issue Women Veterans Grantee News Zonta International Club Challenge June Meeting Committee Reports Minutes President's Message 2016-2017 Committees Upcoming Events Calendar

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## Think about It

Something that has puzzled me all my life is why, when I am in special need of help, the good deed is usually done by somebody on whom I have no claim.

~ William Feather

The family of a recently-deceased WASP pilot, Elaine Danforth Harmon, began a campaign to have her ashes interred at Arlington. Arizona's Republican Congressional Representative Martha McSally, the first woman U.S. Air Force pilot to fly combat missions, sponsored the House bill to overturn the Army's decision.

For more details, see the <u>Huffington Post</u>, the <u>Military</u> <u>Times</u> and the <u>Nonprofit Quarterly</u>.

#### **Business Cards**

Do you have your Zonta business cards yet? If not, contact Julie Bradley to let her know what information you want on them. She will mail them to you or bring them to a meeting.



#### Hands of the Carpenter Giveaway

Maria and her new Bravada

Nancy McWhirter, Cynthia Herndon, my husband Richard Edwards and I attended the Hands of the Carpenter car giveaway on May 7th. Held at Cherry Hills Christian Church in Highlands Ranch, this wonderful event featured the presentation of ten vehicles to deserving women and their families. Dan Georgeopoulos opened the program with an explanation of how it works. Vehicles are donated to Hands of the Carpenter. Hands then asks their associates (car dealerships and automotive shops) for help in updating and, in some cases, repairing the cars - getting them in shape to give away. Several non-profit organizations are then asked to recommend women to receive a vehicle.

Representatives from the car dealerships and automotive shops introduced the women they were giving the vehicle to and representatives from the non-profit organization that recommended them came up on stage with them. After the keys to their vehicles were given to them, each woman spoke, telling some of her story and thanking God and everyone who was involved in the process. After that the woman was escorted to her vehicle and she drove away in it.

Last year Hands gave away five vehicles; this year, ten. The cars were lined up in the parking lot of the church, each with a large bow on the hood. The money our club

donated to Hands of the Carpenter this year helped to finance the updating of one of those vehicles. This was a very inspiring event and our club members can be proud of their efforts to raise the money that made our gift to Hands possible.

~ Mary Lou

#### Thank you Zonta!

The vehicle Zonta helped sponsor made the news! Here is the script that was read about Maria and her new Bravada (Blue SUV) plus links to the news stories!

Hands is grateful to have received the donation of a 2002 Bravada from a single woman, which was then prepared for today by our team at Hands Automotive in partnership with Zonta Club of Denver for Maria to drive home. Most of the low-income single moms and widows, who come to Hands of the Carpenter, have their repairs done at Hands' own shop - Hands Automotive in Lakewood.

Maria was nominated to receive this car today by Sandra Coen, Founding Director of James Resource Network, located in Centennial. James Resource Network's mission is to provide single-parent families quick access to hope and supportive services and attainable housing to achieve family stability and self-sufficiency.

In nominating Maria, Sandra writes, "Owning a vehicle will make a difference in Maria and her children's life by helping to maintain work and school, transport children, and to search for an internship in the Event Industry, which could lead to a permanent position after graduation in 2017."

Maria is a single parent of three daughters and no longer owns a vehicle because her vehicle of 8 years became inoperable. She desperately needs a vehicle to continue her education and work-study at Metropolitan State University of Denver and ProStart (Culinary) activities.

Receiving her new 2002 Bravada will keep Maria and her children on the road to success. Please join Hands as we celebrate this day with Maria and her family.

Fox 31 News Story (including teasers) https://youtu.be/hNi3S0z6j94 K-LOVE Radio National Podcast http://files.emfcdn.com/downloads/audio/podcasts /klovenews\_podcast15735\_20160510.mp3 K-LOVE Radio National Web Story http://www.klove.com/news/2016/05/10/life-changing-transportation-for-ten-strugglingmoms.aspx

Dan Georgopulos, Founder/CEO Hands of The Carpenter

## **Zonta International**

#### Amelia Earhart Fellowship

Globally, women make up less than 30 percent of the workforce in physics, computer sciences and engineering, according to a 2014 U.S. News & World Report article.



In an effort to carry out its mission that women have access to all resources and are represented in decision-making positions on an equal basis with men, Zonta International offers the Amelia Earhart Fellowship.

The \$10,000 Amelia Earhart Fellowship was established in 1938 in honor of famed pilot and Zontian, Amelia Earhart. 35 Fellowships are awarded annually to women pursuing PhDs in aerospace-related sciences or aerospace-related engineering.

Since the program's inception, Zonta has awarded 1,508 Amelia Earhart Fellowships, totaling more than \$9.3 million, to 1,079 women representing 70 countries. Fellows have gone on to become astronauts, aerospace engineers, astronomers, professors, geologists, business owners, heads of companies, even Secretary of the US Air Force.

Click here (http://tinyurl.com/zncfry3) for links to a list of the 2016 Zonta International AE Fellows and their bios. More fellowships were awarded to Americans than any other nationality, but you may be surprised at some of the others! One 2016 Fellow is a CU student.

## What Does the Next Generation Want? How Does Zonta Deliver That?

On Wednesday April 20th I was happy to attend the Mile High Sales Pro Meeting. I would like to thank Linda Rhea for the invitation. The guest speaker was Sue Kardon, RN, MBA (in the photo, Sue is on the right, next to Linda). Sue gave fabulous insight about Gen Xers and Millennials, who they are, how to recruit them, how to keep them and what they want.

Who are they, these Gen Xers and Millennials? Gen Xers were born from 1965 to 1983 (33-51). Millennials were from 1984 to 2000 (32-16). How to recruit them? We recruit through quicker, updated information. These



folks want to be heard, appreciated, and know they matter. They want to have fun, to be interactive and engage in stimulating conversation. How do we keep them? We keep them by practicing all of the above and more. This includes a good use of time, participation of their peers, updated use of technology, a mix of old and new to make something new and better. If these folks are checking us out on social media you know they are interested in their communities and community service so we need to channel that right to Zonta by getting better at social media and quicker communication.

Since I am fortunate and happy to be on your board for the upcoming year I will go into detail on these ideas and more with the board in the upcoming year. With the right moves and strategies Zonta Club of Denver will continue to grow and thrive.

~ Mary B

## June Meeting

Meeting Details	
Date:	Thursday, June 9
Time:	5:30 p.m.
Location:	Fresh Fish Company 7800 East Hampden

Advocacy Moment:

Judy McNerny

Price:

menu prices

Reservations are essential so the restaurant can set the appropriate number of places.

Please contact Liz Stewart as soon as possible but no later than noon on Monday, June 6, at esavstew@yahoo.com to make reservations for yourself and your guests.

## **Committee Reports**

#### Service Committee

The service committee met on May 2 at Perkins. Debbie reported that she delivered the books and stuffed animals that were collected for DVI at the March meeting. DVI was thrilled about receiving such high quality items! We are going to plan to have a Christmas party with DVI on December 8 in lieu of our regular Zonta meeting. We will provide dinner and some gifts for 13 families.



CJ and Olette met with Vie from Making Choices. Our club is going to purchase and fill 10 backpacks with essential items needed for the women when they are released from prison. CJ and Olette will have a sign up at the June meeting. In addition, we would like to provide the refreshments for the graduates of the Making Choices program this fall.

The service committee would like to thank all the members who responded to the email send by Advocacy and who contacted their congresspersons to urge them to support the Ban the Box bill.

Mary Lou, Richard Edwards, Cynthia and Nancy braved the miserable weather and attended the Hands of the Carpenter Giveaway on May 7. (See Mary Lou's report and photos.)

The Delores dinner was on May 15. The women loved the Burrito Bar Bonanza that we served. Debbie brought colorful decorations to accentuate the Mexican meal. Thank you, Cynthia, Clare, Julie, Cathy C, Kathy H, Nancy, Helen, Debbie, and Debbie's sister, Theresa. The food was delicious!

The Jane M. Klausman scholarship applications were due on May 9. The committee members will be analyzing them and making a decision over the next few weeks. This year we received nine applications.

The Items of the Month for June are Matchbox or Hot Wheels cars, coloring or activity books, and stickers for Hands of the Carpenter.

Unless some pressing business arises, the next service meeting will be on Monday, August 1, at Perkins at 6:00 p.m.

~ Nancy

## Items of the Month:

Matchbox or Hot Wheels Cars, Coloring and Activity Books, and Stickers For Hands of the Carpenter Please bring to the June Zonta Meeting

#### **Fund Raising Committee**

From the old Fundraising Chair: The final total for the 2016 Day of Film is just under \$13,000 at \$12,951.55. (We'll be posting our final actual-to-budget spreadsheet in the members only section of the club website.)



I heard from Pramila (Zonta Club of Kathmandu) after we told her the funds collected for them at the 2015 Day of Film could be used as they see fit. She said that the District 25 Governor and other Zontians from Bangladesh were in Kathmandu to visit some of their ongoing projects and were highly pleased with the work they had done and are still doing for the earthquake survivors:

As for the funds kindly made by your club through the screening of the movie, Jhola, we still have not used the funds. We have decided to use it for the earthquake survivors whose plight is very sad. Many of them are living in temporary shelters and due to rape tape sim, the reconstruction work is moving at the pace of a snail. We are interested to rehabilitate them. So the money will be used for the earthquake survivors. There is a lot to do.

(I'm not sure what "due to rape tape sim" means.)

I have asked her to let us know if possible specifically how the funds were used. I hope they are able to do so.

~ Nikki

## THANK YOU TO OUR DAY OF FILM 2016 SPONSORS

Pension Trustee Advisors RBC Wealth Management-Schneebeck Hyams Investment Group Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, Attorneys at Law Sharkey, Howes & Javer, Financial Advisors Marcy Kaufman Institute for Women's Studies and Services, Metropolitan State University Mathias Lock and Key ANB Bank Consistent Values, Inc., Financial Advisors Kathy Hyzer, RHU, Medicare Consultant Harding & Hittesdorf, CPAs Howard W. Masini, CPA, P.C. Judith Allen and Richard Starlin United Nations Association of Denver A. Elaine Gilley, CPA Jim Medford Photography Curious Cork Drip Coffee Egan Printing Cockriel Insurance Dan Lander, Colorado Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Tattered Cover Bookstore King Soopers Trader Joe's

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As we all know, the historic Paris Agreement on Climate Change has been signed. As

The garage sale was a huge success. Our net sales were \$1400, and we only have to pay the advertising bill to the Denver Post.

Thanks to everyone who contributed, worked, bought and especially to Cynthia, who hosted once again. We could not do this sale without Cynthia's work.

The money that we earn at the sale goes into Club Service account, and is used to fund our \$1500 scholarship for our Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarship.

## **Advocacy Committee**

Here is some news from the 2016 Colorado legislative session, as reported by former Senator Betty Boyd on the AAUW Colorado website.

A total of six bills attacking a woman's ability to control her own reproductive healthcare and choices were killed.

Bills affecting women that passed included:

House Bill 16-1438, a bill to require modest workplace accommodations for pregnant workers passed both houses and will be signed by the governor.

House Bill 16-1227, a bill to exempt teen parents and victims of domestic violence from the requirement to provide father's names to the Child Support Enforcement agency as a condition of receipt of child support services passed both houses and has been signed by the governor.

Senate Bill 16-022, a bill to extend the child care assistance cliff effect pilot program to additional counties that wish to participate passed both houses and was signed into law by the governor.

House Bill 16-1260, a bill to extend the statute of limitations on reporting sexual abuse from 10 years to 20 years passed both houses and will most likely be signed by the governor.

In addition, the budget signed by the governor included \$2.5 million to fund a very successful LARC (Long Acting Removable Contraceptive) program in the Colorado Family Planning Initiative. This restores some of the funding cut from the 2015-2016 Budget.

~ Judy Mc

Remember the UNA Film Festival? Well, here is the positive outcome.

It was a success and UNA Denver was able to donate \$600 to the UN Foundation's Girl Up program: https://girlup.org The funds donated will support two comprehensive leadership trainings and the education of four refugee girls for a year.







with everything there is the trickledown effect. UNA Denver will be playing a part. UNA Denver in partnership with Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority has been awarded a grant from The Better World Foundation to host "train the trainer" workshops for teachers and youth leaders that will serve as a vehicle to educate on relevant climate change actions to promote increased engagement.

On Thursday, April 12, Denver became the 11th city in the US to launch a UNICEF Congressional Action Team (CAT). Supported and trained by US FUND for UNICEF staff, CAT members will engage with their members of Congress to cultivate champions for children.

~ Mary

## Membership Committee

The 2015-16 Membership Committee conducted its final meeting on May 25, 2016. We were pleased to note that we ended the year well ahead of our Net +1 goal for this year, at 36 members. We have two new members who will be inducted at the June 9 meeting, Clare Prohaska and Enid Brodsky.



The next Club meeting will be on June 9th at 5:30 p.m. at Fresh Fish Company, 7800 E. Hampden Ave. Our speaker will be Terrell and Victoria from The Delores Project.

There will be no club meeting in July. Instead, we will host an informal happy hour at 5:00 p.m. on July 14th at La Cour Bistro & Art Bar, 1643 S. Broadway. Please join us if you can, and feel free to bring a friend.

~ Marian

## **Minutes**

#### ZONTA CLUB OF DENVER May 12, 2016 Dinner Meeting

Call to Order: 6:04 p.m. Introduction of Guest:

- Maxine Curley (Nikki Headlee)
- Dorothy Wolf (Sheila Davis)
- Jeanette Scott (Sheila Davis)
- Deedee Boysen (Katie Wienecke) upcoming Lieutenant Governor

Advocacy Moment:

• Read "A Collect For Club Women" from the ZCD Handbook.

#### DINNER

Approval of Minutes April 14, 2016

• File as accepted.

Treasurer:

Filed for audit/ membership page

• Filed for audit. Available for review on ZCD member's page.

Committee Reports:

Judy Allen, President

Liz Stewart

Carin Paupore, Secretary

Service Committee:

Olette Stanberry

- Making Choices discussion: We gave a grant to Making Choices and the Service Committee has been asking them what types of support they need from us other than the money. They need support from the community on "Responsibility Re-Entry" campaign. It was struck down this year, but will be back next year. Contact your legislators and let them know that you support the measure and that they need to, too. See e-mail for Responsible Re-Entry information.
- They also need backpacks filled with supplies for program graduates. We will collect backpacks and supply them so that program graduates have something to leave with.
- We have 9 applications for the J.M. Klausman scholarship, and some from several different countries. It will be a hard decision. It is amazing that the money from the Garage Sale goes to help pay for this scholarship that could impact someone across the world.
- MaryLou Edwards will be taking over Dolores House organizing from Olette Stanberry after July.

Fundraising Committee

Nikki Headlee

- Annual Garage Sale on May 21- must bring items to Cynthia Holden's by 9:00 a.m. on Friday, May 20.
  - Items must be priced.
  - Call to let her know you have things to bring over and she will let you know what time to stop by.
  - Thank you for signing up to help out at the event. Look for reminder e-mail from sign-up genius to remind you of your shift. All shifts are covered at this point.
  - Lending Library discussion:
    - Do we want to sell the books of the library in the garage sale and disband the library?
      - Let's start over. We will sell what is left over tonight and in August everyone can bring a few books to replenish the library.

Old business:

Money for Trauma Center?

- Motion to release money collected at 2015 Day of Film to Zonta Nepal Club for best use (with encouraging that they will let us know how they use it).
- Second: Mary Lou Edwards
- No discussion
- Motion Approved by unanimous consent.

NewBusiness: Colorado The Road to Equal Pay in

• Katie Wienecke and Judy Allen are going to a panel on Equal Pay in Colorado. Please join in. See an e-mail from Judy McNerny with the details.

Roses and certificates were presented for year of service to May Birthdays:

- Linda Rhea (15 years)
- Dottie Jenkins (12 years)
- Cynthia Herndon (24 years)
- Judy McNerny (39 years)

Installation of Officers Dorothy Swindt & Deedee Boysen presented the spice ceremony (installation) of the following people as officers of ZCD 2016-2017:

• President: Katie Wienecke

- President Elect: Julie Bradley
- Vice President: Marian Lee
- Treasurer: Gwen Fornia
- Secretary: Carin Paupore
- Director: Liz Stewart
- Director: Mary Benoit
- Director: Kathy Hyzer
- Director: Nancy McWhirter
- Nominating Committee: Dorothy Swindt, Mary Lou Edwards, Judy Allen

50/50 Drawing: Linda Rhea won \$36.50 with \$36.50 going to ZCD. Adjournment: 8:02 p.m.

Dates to Remember:

Area 3 President's Meeting
Road to Equal Pay
Joint Board Meeting, Tavern Wash Park
Service Committee Perkin's
Zonta Club of Denver Meeting, Fresh Fish
Zonta Club of Denver Board TBD
Zonta International Convention, Nice

Respectfully submitted by Carin Paupore

## **President's Message**

Greetings, My Fellow Zontians!

I am so excited and thrilled to be leading this outstanding and diverse group of women through a new year of our club. As many of you know, I have been with this club in one way or another for over four years and feel honored for the opportunity to serve as your president. I hope, as we move forward into 2016 and 2017, we continue to celebrate the varying backgrounds, opinions and goals that each one of our members brings to our club. I am proud to be a part of a group of women that can put aside differences in politics,



religion, and everything else to work together to advance the status of women here in Denver and the global community.

I hope in the coming year we continue to find issues and programs that capture the hearts and spirits of our members. I am constantly impressed with the presence and awareness we have created around problems that affect women in our community, including our work around ending violence against women and helping women in the prison system. As we grow and move forward, I hope we continue to find concerns, and agencies working on those concerns, that speak to all of us, represent diverse populations in Denver, and further our desire to create an even more inclusive organization.

I want to thank each and every one of you for continuing your dedication to empowering women through Zonta. It is my personal goal to not only learn about each member, their wants and needs for our club, but to also help foster the space and opportunities for all our members to contribute to the work we do in ways that are meaningful to each of us as individuals. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with your ideas, your dreams, as well as your questions, concerns and constructive feedback. I am looking forward to another great year for Zonta Club of Denver.

#### Katie Wienecke, President

#### 2016-2017 Committees

#### **Elected Committee**

Nominating Committee: Judy Allen, Mary Lou Edwards, Dorothy Swindt

#### Standing Committees

Advocacy: Chair: Mary Benoit, Co Chair: Judy Allen Sheila Davis, Judy McNerny, Alexis Newton, Barb Pellegren, Julie Bradley (ex officio), Katie Wienecke (ex officio)

Fundraising: Chair: Kathy Hyzer Judy Allen, Gwen Fornia, Nikki Headlee, Cynthia Herndon, Katie Linscott, Claire Prohaska, Joetta Williams Julie Bradley (ex officio), Katie Wienecke (ex officio)

Membership: Chair: Liz Stewart Evie Ashmore, Enid Brodsky, Cathy Conley, Dottie Jenkins, Marian Lee, Carol Mangold, Dorothy Swindt, Julie Bradley (ex officio), Katie Wienecke (ex officio)

PR/Communications: Chair: Marian Lee Wendy Moraskie, Helen Mulhern, Carin Paupore, Linda Rhea, Julie Bradley (ex officio), Katie Wienecke (ex officio)

Service: Chair: Nancy McWhirter Judy Allen, Penny Burke, Mary Lou Edwards, Debbie Gridley, Robin Jennings, Lori Latham-DiSaia, CJ Long, Judy McNerny, Olette Stanberry, Julie Bradley (ex officio), Katie Wienecke (ex officio)

#### **Special Committees**

Archiving: Chair: Shelia Davis Nikki Headlee, Judy McNerny, Barb Pellegren, Katie Wienecke

Audit: Chair: Kathy Hyzer Liz Cameron, Gwen Fornia, Nikki Headlee, Julie Bradley (ex officio), Katie Wienecke (ex officio)

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Hershey Charitable Trust Metro Scholarship: Chair: Katie Wienecke Judy McNerny, Marian Lee, Carin Paupore, Julie Bradley

Long Range Planning: Chair: Katie Wienecke Julie Bradley, Gwen Fornia, Kathy Hyzer, Marian Lee, Nancy McWhirter, Carin Paupore, Liz Stewart

New Zee: Chair: Liz Stewart Sheila Davis, Nikki Headlee, Marian Lee

Parliamentarian: Judy McNerny

Zonta International Foundation: Julie Bradley

## **Upcoming Events**



# Registration is Open for Women Powering Change 2016!

A Celebration Connecting You to Colorado Women Creating Change Locally & Globally

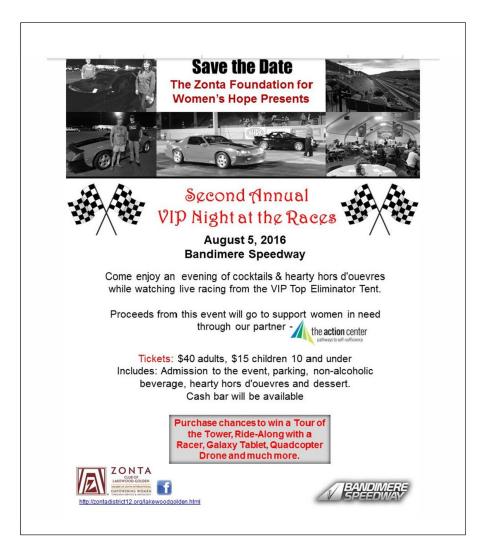
Join Women Powering Change on July 14 for an energetic and informative gathering of diverse nonprofits, innovative leaders, passionate philanthropists, and inspiring activists. **Registration is free!** 

> Thursday, July 14 4:00-8:00 p.m. Mile High Station 2027 Old West Colfax Ave. Denver, CO 80204

#### **REGISTER NOW**

https://www.wfco.org/womenpoweringchange2016





## Calendar

Date	Event	Time	Location	Details
June 9	Club meeting	5:30 pm	Fresh Fish Company 7800 East Hampden	Program: Delores Project
June 23	Club Board meeting	TBA	ТВА	
July 1-6	Zonta International Convention		Nice, France	
July 14	Women Powering Change	4 to 8 pm	Mile High Station 2027 Old W Colfax Ave Denver, CO 80204	See flyer above and note ZCD has a table at this event!!
July 14	Club happy hour	5 pm	La Cour Bistro & Art Bar 1643 S. Broadway	(No club meeting in July)
Aug 1	Service Committee meeting	5 pm	Perkins Colorado Blvd & Buchtel	
Aug 11	Club meeting	5:30 pm	ТВА	
Sept 8	Club meeting	5:30 pm	ТВА	

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