

Smoke Signal



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"International Understanding, Justice and Peace"



As Convention Chairman and on behalf of International President, Mary Ellen Bittner, I invite you to join us for Convention 2006. The Convention Committee is working hard to create a professional, challenging, yet relaxing experience that provides you with the opportunity to share in Zonta fellowship, conduct the business of the organization, and be inspired to continue our work together to advance the status of women worldwide.

Melbourne is a vibrant, friendly city. Come and enjoy the sparkling ambience of the Southbank river sidewalk close to the Melbourne Exhibition Centre, gourmet restaurants, shops, hotels and entertainment.

As you know, the business of

the Convention is to acknowledge the achievements of the last few years, to elect our international office bearers and to hear the plans and directions for the coming biennium. Every Zontian can be fully involved in the Convention. We invite you to bring your business card to the featured luncheon, to submit a club entry to the photographic exhibition and contribute your ideas to the workshops and business sessions.

In addition we will have outstanding speakers who will inspire you as we focus on our mission.

For Zontians, family and friends, the trip to Australia will be an experience of a lifetime. Zontians from Australia and New Zealand look forward to welcoming you.

Naomi Arnold
Convention Chairman

In Memory:

It was a great shock to find that we lost current member Sandra Stemmler this past Saturday, Feb 18t to lung cancer. Her quick wit and passion for women's history will be greatly missed in our club. Cards may be sent to her son Peter at her home address: 7117 S Lafayette Way; Littleton, CO 80122

There was no funeral.



- Special Points of Interest this month:
- Nominations for officers and board fro 2006-2007
- Area 3 Meeting
- Vote for Fund-Raising Projects

President Linda's March Message...

March signals the coming of spring, a welcome awakening at the end of winter. Minds begin to think of new growth and all that is possible. March also brings Zonta Rose Day and International Women's Day on March 8, a day to reflect on all that is possible for women, all that has been accomplished by and for women and all the women that still live in oppression.

Our service committee has come up with a very fitting way to celebrate women in need on Zonta Rose Day. Bouquets of flowers will be delivered to The Gathering Place and Safe House for Women. The hope is the flowers will bring brightness and hope to the women who find themselves in need of services at these 2 wonderful charities.

Jody Gostas, President of the Zonta Club of Cheyenne has done some great research into International Women's Day. The following is a summary of her research. The most famous IWD was organized Klara Zetkin and Aleksandra Kollontai – the March 8 1917 strike “for bread and peace” Russian women participated in this event in St. Petersburg. IWD was commemorated in the US from around 1910 through the 1920s. It was revived during the women's movement in the 1960s. The United Nations began sponsoring International Women's Day in 1875.

There are many issues women are still concerned with around the world including:

- About 25,000 brides are burned to death each year in India because of insufficient dowries
- In many countries, women who have been raped are sometimes killed by their own families to preserve the families honor
- Some form of female genital mutilation has been imposed on 85 million to 115 million girls and women
- Rape as a weapon of war has been

used in Chiapas (Mexico), Rwanda, Kuwait, Haiti, Columbia and the former Yugoslavia.

These are just a few of the atrocities and we all know the list is much longer. I urge you all to mark your calendars for March 8 and be sure to spend time reflecting on women around the world. Your reflections might include:

- Gratitude for all the gifts you have been given including such basics as freedom, clean water, enough food to eat, and the right to work. Spend a few minutes or more writing your list. Wayne Dyer recommends this is a great way to start every day!
- Celebrate wisdom of the crones! We tend to discount our older women in this country. Wouldn't it be wonderful to tap into the wisdom that is all around us?
- Think of all the women around the world that are not as fortunate as we are. Send healing energy to them and their oppressors. David Hawkins tells us in the book *Power vs. Force* that we are all connected. Sending this energy does make an impact in the world.

Lastly, ask yourself what on new action you can take on a regular basis to begin to make a difference in the world. Whether is to make a donation to a cause that advances the status of women, to volunteer for a women's lobbying group, bring another woman to Zonta to further our good works or sign up for one more Zonta Service Project each month vow today to take a new step toward our Zonta mission to advance the status of women.

March, the month of new beginnings and growth is here. May your March be a month of many new blessings for you and those you impact, knowingly and unknowingly.

“The more you praise and celebrate life, the more in life there is to praise and celebrate!”

Oprah Winfrey



Board of Directors Meetings:

Zonta Club of Denver

2005-2006

Board of Director's Meetings

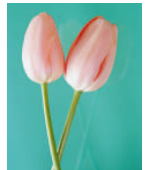
The board will be meeting at President Linda Rhea's home on the 4th Thursday of each month.

March 23rd

April 27th

May 25th

March Birthdays



March 9th

Beth Mundell

March 22nd

Nancy Koontz

Oops! We missed our new member's

birthday: Feb 5th

Carroll Allen, please wish her a happy BD!

March General Meeting

When: Thursday, March 9th

5:30 pm. cocktails

6:00 p.m. dinner

Invocation: Mary Benoit

Greeter: Cynthia Herndon

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, March 6th at noon. If you are on permanent reservation list you must call to cancel by noon Monday.

Program: Status of Women present:

Josett Sandoval from Work Options for Women & Gathering Place talks of opportunities for her as a woman because of Zonta's help to those organizations.

Menu

Baby Spinach Salad with Chopped Egg, Sweet Onions & Raspberry Vinaigrette Dressing

Pan Roasted Marinated Chicken with Fresh Herb Beurre Blanc Sauce

Chef's Choice of Starch & Vegetables

Triple Chocolate Mousse Pie
with Raspberry Coulis

Nominations for Officers & Board for 2006-2007 Fiscal Year are submitted by the nominating committee. Additional nominations will be entertained from the floor on the night of March General Meeting. Elections will be held at our April Meeting.

President—Sheila Davis—elected in 2005

President-Elect—Nikki Headlee

Vice President—Cathy Conley

Secretary—Linda Corssmit

Treasurer—Judy Allen

Directors

Julie Bradley—Elected in 2005 for 2-year term 2005-2007

Dottie Jenkins—Elected in 2005 for 2-year term 2005-2007

Robin Forti—2-year term 2006-2008

Beth Mundell—2-year term 2006-2008

Nominating Committee:

Joetta Williams

Diane Twining

Linda Rhea

Submitted by the Nominating Committee 2006: Evie Ashmore, Cynthia Herndon and Jacki Sammons.

Thanks to all of them for their hard work.

*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

Nancy Koontz

Kate Linscott

Dolores Lowery

Judy McNerny

Beth Mundell

Marjorie Pickett

Linda Rhea

Dorothy Swindt

Diane Twining

Joetta Williams

Service & Status of Women Committee

VOLUNTEERING IN 2006!

Don't miss this March meeting...it is STATUS OF WOMEN meeting and you will hear from women who have been involved and benefited from Zonta Club of Denver. It will be inspiring for all and FUN!

February Ronald McDonald House dinner was "taken over" by 4 eighth-grade students (and 2 moms) from Our Lady of Lourdes who were completing their own "service to community" volunteer hours for their Confirmations in May 2006. These terrific teens, planned, shopped, cooked, served and cleaned up a wonderful dinner for a full house of families at the Ronald McDonald House. They all said they would like to do it again sometime and maybe they would bring more of their friends who needed to see how good volunteering felt!

RONALD McDONALD HOUSE

Volunteers needed for all three dates!

March 20th

April 18th

May 16th



Yellow Rose Day – March 8th

Evie Ashmore and Nikki Headlee will commandeer this special day delivering roses to special women in our community.

Teen Mom Graduation Party in May – last year's party was so successful, we want to continue the opportunity in 2006. More information coming in the near future!

MORE OPPORTUNTIES !!

25th ANNUAL DAY of CARING

Friday, May 12th and Saturday May 13th

Volunteers are needed at this wonderful opportunity. Day of Caring is one of our grant recipients and is extremely important for all women in our society. Volunteers are needed to help set up and stuff goodie bags on Friday between 1 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. and then on Saturday to help person Booths, work in the Silent Auction are, etc. Bilingual Volunteers needed also!!!



IMAGINATION LIBRARY

Effort is being focused on fund raising for Imagination Library. Many great ideas were discussed and a full detailed report will be presented at the March 9th membership meeting.

BONFILS BLOOD CENTER

BONFILS - Start your 2006 with a 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) 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

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)

Top 10 reasons to attend the Area 3 Meeting!

10. Win a nutty door prize!
9. Plan your Renaissance Festival route early
8. Celebrate the end of tax season
7. Count the Starbucks on your route
6. Start Christmas Shopping early at the Castle Rock Outlet Stores
5. Hobnob with the District Brass
4. **Eat**, Drink and Be Merry
3. You never want to miss a **Zonta** Party
2. If you don't come—everyone else will talk about you and wonder if something is wrong.
1. The Club with the lowest percentage of members attending will host NEXT year!

Seriously—it is a lot of fun and you will enjoy meeting new friends and learning interesting STUFF!

Area 3 Meeting Coming Soon!

Host: Zonta Club of Douglas County

Date: Saturday, April 22nd

Location: Perry Park Country Club in Larkspur, CO

Leadership Training:

7:30—9:00 am, full breakfast, for anyone who is interested in leadership training by our District Board and Past Governor Mary Benoit

Time: Regular Meeting with continental breakfast 8:30am to 1:00 pm

Cost: Approximately \$35 (actual cost will be on the invitation that will be out in the mail shortly.

Breakfast:

Coffee and Juice Bar, Fresh Fruit Platter, Danish & Muffin Platter

Lunch:

Rolls & Butter, Spinach Salad with warm bacon vinaigrette & spicy nuts; roasted chicken breast with lemon caper demi glace, sofrito rice & olives cilantro & chorizo sausage, haricot vert bundles, & chocolate lava cake for dessert! YUM. (vegetarian selection not announced as yet.

Program:

Human Trafficking presented by the Polaris Project with concrete ways for us to volunteer and help with the project. Also a short presentation from a woman who operates a school in Thailand for children rescued from the sex trafficking trade.

Fund Raising Committee



Theater Event – Odd Couple – Female

Version Forty five tickets were sold for this event which played at the Littleton Town Arts Center on Sunday, February 12th. Proceeds for the club were \$490. Unfortunately, the Melting Pot could not accommodate the 30 people who signed up to go to dinner after the play. A fundraising event will be planned there at a future time.

Cookie Mix Sales All of the cookie mix jars were sold at the February dinner for a total of \$90. These proceeds will go towards future service grants.

Garage Sale The garage sale is planned for Saturday, May 20th at Cynthia Herndon's house. No clothing will be accepted, as it doesn't sell very well. Items can be taken over to Cynthia's beginning May 1st.



Fall Shopping Spree 2006

The following options for the annual large fundraising event were discussed at the February dinner meeting. A written ballot was then sent out to the membership via email and US mail the week of February 13th, with a request to vote for one of the options and return the ballot to Sheila Davis by March 7th.

Do a non-fundraiser in September. Each member will be asked to write a check as a donation. Suggestions for the amount of the donation:

- * *equivalent to the amount of purchases she might have made at the shopping spree*
- * *amount of pay she might have given up if taken off work to help at the fundraiser event*
- * *some subset of wages she might have made for hours worked on the fundraiser based on pay at her regular job*

Or

Do the Fall Shopping Spree again with ALL MEMBERS assigned to a sub-committee before and all members present during the fundraiser.

And

Continue to do the Theater Events and Garage Sales

As of February 24th, there have been 8 votes for the non-fundraiser, 2 votes for the fall shopping spree and 1 abstention. A final vote will be taken at the March dinner meeting for those members who have not yet voted. The results will also be presented at that meeting.



Welcome to New Member

Carroll Allen

inducted into our Club at our February Meeting!

Carroll Allen

Events Facilities Coordinator at

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Business Fax:

(303) 365-8822

Home:

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Centennial, Colorado 80121

Home (303) 773-9386

E-mail address:

carroll.allen@cccs.edu

Interests.: cooking, baking, volunteering, fitness, hiking, biking

Birthday February 5th

Sponsor: Kathy Hyzer

Zonta Club of Denver General Meeting Minutes February 9, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 6:15pm. **Invocation:** Dolores Lowery gave the invocation.

Guests: *Marilyn Hampton was the guest of Sheila Davis; Nancy Long attended as the guest of Cathy Conley; Carrie Pena was the guest of Linda Corssmit; Sunny Marsh was Linda Rhea's guest. Grant recipients attended as guests of the club: Bob McDonald of the Women's Bean Project, Jean Tutolo of Work Options for Women, Carol Gianfrancisco and Joan Gabrielson of Excelsior Youth Center, Elise Spain and Nancy Deardorff of Day of Caring, Donna Hultin of Denver Kids, Inc. (DKI) and Robin Smith of the DKI Teen Mother Education Project. Linda Corssmit represented Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic in place of Betsy Boudreau.*

Minutes: January minutes were approved as printed in the Smoke Signal.

Treasurer: Judy Allen has made appropriate transfers to cover grant checks. February marks the end of the 3rd fiscal quarter, and Judy will e-mail quarterly reports when they become available.

Program: Beth Mundell introduced the grant recipients and presented checks. The following organizations and projects received support:

Day of Caring: \$5,000 for sponsorship of the 2006 Annual Day of Caring for Breast Cancer Awareness Conference.

- Denver Kids, Inc.: \$3,000 in discretionary funds.
- DKI Teen Mother Education Project: \$5,000 for the education project.
- Excelsior Youth Center: \$4440 to support the Aftercare Program for Emancipating Teens.
- Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic: \$2,000 to underwrite the recording of a book to be chosen by ZCD.
- Women's Bean Project: \$6,000 as partial funding for a 3-month externship program for 6 women graduating from Phase II of the WBP.
- Work Options for Women: \$4,300 to train women and assist them in finding work in food service.

Service/Status of Women: Robin Forti has arranged an on-line survey concerning service projects. Members are asked to express their preferences and opinions. The Imagination Library currently has 290 children enrolled. Additional sign-up sheets for family and friends will be e-mailed and available at the next general meeting.

Membership: Cathy Conley and Julie Bradley distributed a list of possible meeting places, with descriptions, costs and other considerations noted. More than half the ballots cast indicated a desire to continue to meet at the Sheraton. The cost of dinner will be \$30.

Fundraising: Sheila Davis reported that the club raised \$338 at the Amelia Earhart dinner, and tickets for The Female Odd Couple brought in \$490. Jarred cookie mixes left from the Fall Shopping Spree are on sale for \$4. Two fundraising possibilities are under consideration for '06-'07. One would be a non-event, with members asked to write a check, the other would be to continue with the Fall Shopping Spree. Sheila noted that the shopping spree required a great many hours of work for a moderate return, but that yearly events such as this generally build a following when they become established. She will e-mail members a survey form. Either of the two options would be combined with a raffle, garage sale and theater productions. There was discussion about the desirability of tying the raffle to an event. Options included just the raffle, a wine and cheese party with optional theater, or some other type of event.

Communications/Public Relations: Nancy Koontz noted that small local papers would be good targets for news articles about Zonta service projects, especially joint projects with other organizations. She welcomes suggestions from members.

Nominating Committee: Committee members Evie Ashmore, Cynthia Herndon, and Diane Twining asked for officer and director nominations by the end of February. Candidates are especially needed for president-elect and two director openings.

New Business: Carroll Allen, sponsored by Kathy Hyzer, was welcomed as the newest member of Zonta Club of Denver. Julie Bradley read the significance of the Zonta symbol, and Mary Benoit conducted the induction.

Announcements: Area 3 meetings will be held Saturday, April 22, from 9:00-1:00 at Perry Park Country Club near Larkspur. Leadership breakfast begins at 7:00am. This year's theme will be Trafficking.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

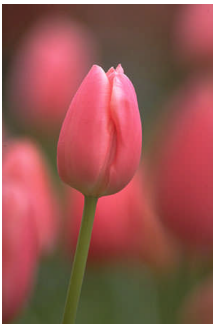
Respectfully submitted, Linda Corssmit, Secretary

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

Mar 8th	Zonta Rose Day & International Women's Day	Apr 27th	Zonta Board Meeting
Mar 9th	General Membership Meeting at Four Points Sheraton Hotel	Apr 28th	Smoke Signal Deadline
Mar 20th	Ronald McDonald House Dinner	May 11th	Annual Meeting—installation of officers
Mar 23rd	Zonta Board Meeting	May 13th	Day of Caring for Breast Cancer Awareness
Mar 24th	Smoke Signal Deadline	May 15th	Ronald McDonald House Dinner
Apr 1st	Zonta Club of Douglas County Trivia Night	May 25th	Joint Board Meeting
Apr 8th	Zonta Club of Foothills/Boulder—Annual Women's Authors Luncheon at Folsom Sta-	May 26th	Smoke Signal Deadline
Apr 13th	Zonta Regular Meeting—elections	June 8th	General Membership Meeting
Apr 17th	Ronald McDonald House Dinner	June 19th	Ronald McDonald House
April 22nd	Area 3 Meeting—hosted by Zonta Club of Douglas County—featuring additional information re: trafficking and information on service opportunities @ Perry Park Country Club in Larkspur	June 22nd	Zonta Board Meeting
		June 24th—29th	Zonta International Convention in Melbourne Australia