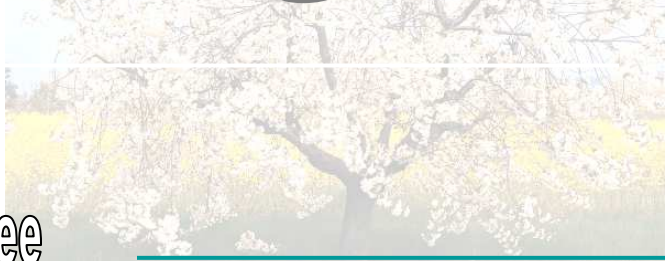


# Smoke Signal



## Membership Committee

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We are up to a fantastic 40 members! Great job! With our six new members this year, we are short 14% (one new member) of achieving the goal of 7. That is such a doable goal!

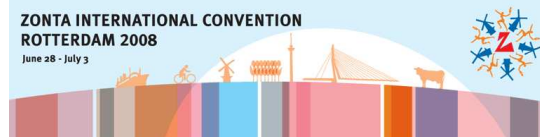
Remember, we will not officially bring any new members in until June 1, the beginning of our fiscal year. That doesn't mean that you can't ask someone to be a member. Our rationale for not officially bringing new members in until June 1 is to avoid paying new member dues in March or April and immediately receiving a bill in April for our next year's dues. That just doesn't feel good. Our process would be to invite them to membership, ask them to acknowledge their acceptance, and forward their check with the understanding that the check would not be cashed until May. They would be inducted into the club in June.

You all are doing your job as last month we had five guests. Sheila, Beth, Kate, and Nikki all had guests. Wouldn't it be wonderful if those five, diverse and interesting women would join with us in our quest to improve the status of women. That would bring our total number of members to 45 and would more than meet our goal of NET 7!

President:: Sheila Davis  
Editor: Julie Bradley

Area 3 Director: Kay Meyer  
Area 3 Vice Director: Diane Twining

Governor Dist 12: Bev Morrow



#### Convention theme:

##### "Global empowerment through local action"

This will be the theme of the Rotterdam Convention. Under the presidency of International President 2006-2008 Olivia Ferry, Zontians from 32 Districts will discuss goals and tactics that will inspire the participants to advance the status of women worldwide through service and advocacy, focusing on local action.

#### The Zonta International Convention Rotterdam 2008 Committee:

- Chair: [Ingeborg van 't Hoogerhuijs](#)
- Co-chair: Mimi Loorbach (responsible for Business sessions and Protocol)
- Co-chair: Caja Schuurman (responsible for Social and Special events)
- Secretary: Iesje Vermeulen
- Treasurer: Ida Koutstaal
- Coördinator Social and Special events and Legal Adviser: Judith Eltenberg



From left to right: Ingeborg, Caja, Mimi, Ida, Olivia and Heleen (president Zontaclub Rotterdam) in Rotterdam, April 2006

#### Special Points of Interest this month:

Area 3 Meeting—Save the date!

General election slate of officers—page 3

## President Sheila's March Message...

As I look out the window of my home-office today, guess what I see? Snow! It's only an inch however, but the usual weekend snowstorm has come again. The good news is, it covers up the dog poop. The other morning I was looking out the kitchen window and I saw two squirrels chasing each other around and around in circles down a big tree in the back yard. It reminded me of some of the projects in Zonta where sometimes we go in circles for a while. As many of you know, our club won the district service award last September at the District Conference. This award is given for the most outstanding service done by a club during the previous year (2005-2006). The actual physical award is passed from club to club each year. The previous winner, Spearfish I think, had misplaced the award, which seems hard to believe because it is an approximately four foot long wooden base with small flags representing each Zonta country stuck in it. It comes in a large cardboard box – hard to miss. A lot of calling around and emailing was done to find the award and finally get it to us last month. Basically a lot of going around and around in circles until the award was found. I was persistent however, in chasing it down because I thought it was very important to recognize our service committee last year, co-chaired by Linda Corssmit and Beth Mundell, by displaying the flags at each dinner meeting. They were there last month, but I forgot to point them out. Please notice them this month and congratulate last year's service committee members too. They were Evie Ashmore, Robin Forti, Nikki Headlee, Donna Hultin, Kathy Hyzer, Dolores Lowery, and Myrna Rivera.

Back to the squirrels, I could tell they

were thinking about making babies too. It is almost spring. On the subject of babies, there is apparently a good supply of baby blankets on hand at Denver Kids made by our club members during the past year, so there was no need to have a blanket making party this year. It's one of our favorite events, and I know we will need to have one again next year. I'm also thrilled that the New Zee committee is planning a Teen Mom event on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at Hope Church, the same place that we held the cooking demonstration that was such a bit hit last November. We should all feel very good about the worthwhile and meaningful service projects we're doing this year.

I can finally see my yard again, now if Steve would just get the Christmas lights down!

Yours in Zonta,

Sheila

### Board of Directors Meetings:

**Zonta Club of Denver  
2006-2007**

**Board of Director's  
Meetings at Sheila Davis's**

**House 5:30 pm**

March 22<sup>nd</sup>

April 26<sup>th</sup>

May 24<sup>th</sup>

**(Joint Old & New)**



## Save the Date

April 14<sup>th</sup>—at Nikki Headlee's House, a baby shower for member Robin Forti. Time: 12:00—2:30, Invitations to follow!

June 2<sup>nd</sup>—at Nikki Headlee's House an all member Retreat 9-11:30. Following the retreat will be a Board member



## *March Dinner Meeting*

**When:** Thursday, March 8th, 2007

5:30 pm. Cocktails

6:00 p.m. dinner

**Invocation:**

**Greeters:** Evie Ashmore

Mary Benoit

**Where:** Four Points Sheraton

I-25 & Hampden

**Cost:** \$ 30.00

**Please RSVP to: Cathy Conley at 303-691-6926** and leave a message. Remember—you must make your reservation by **Monday, March 5th at noon.**

**Program presented by the Status of Women Committee:**

**Gina Trammel**

Gina is a consultant and works for Non-profits. She is also a standup comedian. Gina will talk about the many obstacles that she has faced to get where she is now—through humor! This show be a fun and enlightening program.

**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 2007-2008 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**—Nikki Headlee—elected in 2006

**President-Elect**—Judy McNerny

**Vice President**—Linda Corssmit

**Secretary**—Carroll Allen

**Treasurer**—Mandy Ziegler

**Directors**

Joetta Williams—2-year term 2007-2009

Wendy Morsakie—2-year term 2007-2009

Robin Forti—Elected in 2006 for 2-year term 2006-2008

Donna Hultin—Appointed in 2007 to fill the 2-year term 2006-2008

*Submitted by the Nominating Committee 2007: Diane Twining, Linda Rhea, and Joetta Williams. Thanks to all of them for their hard work.*

**FYI:** Thank you all for the wonderful time I had creating the Smoke Signal, web site, etc these past 13 years. I have accepted a job with the Territorial Headquarters at The Salvation Army in Long Beach, CA and will be traveling extensively for the next few months. I have decided to go on leave for the rest of this year and will try to make it to the meetings when I am in town. (I am not moving, will be working out of a home office. Thanks! Julie Bradley

Next month, welcome Wendy Morsakie as editor.

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

*If so, call Cathy*

Carroll Allen

Judy Allen

Evie Ashmore

Mary Benoit

Cathy Conley

Linda Corssmit

Sheila Davis

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

**Zonta Club of Douglas County**

**4th Annual TRIVIA BOWL**

Presenting sponsor 


April 21st, 2007 6:00 - 10:00 PM

Kirk Hall @ Douglas County Fairgrounds

**Team Tables up to 6 players - \$180 per table**

CASH PRIZES ! - Silent & Live Auction - Dinner provided by Angie's Restaurant - Beverages

An exciting and fun event to benefit the Douglas County Victim's Advocates: Douglas/Elbert Task Force; the Women's Crisis and Family Outreach Center and provides local scholarships



For reservations or information contact  
Nani Lindig 720-939-1011 (cell) or  
Lindign720@aol.com

Mail to: Zonta Trivia, P. O. Box 928,  
Castle Rock, CO 80104

There will be a limited number of seats and dinners available for observers at \$30 each. Reservations and payment should be made in advance.

**Service & Status of Women Committee  
Imagination Library**

The review of all children's address that are enrolled through head start has been completed. Five addresses were updated. Another audit will be complete in May before the children are release for the summer.

**Rose Day**

Zonta Rose Day is March 8<sup>th</sup> and we are still accepting nominations for women who should receive a rose. Please email suggestions to Robin Forti at raforti@msn.com/

**Fund-Raising Committee**

The fundraising opera day was a great success. Everyone enjoyed the afternoon. The nest event will be a Rockies baseball game in May, so stay alert for more information. This summer we will be offering tickets for Seven Brides for Seven Brothers at the Country Dinner Playhouse.

The Non-fundraiser Fundraiser is going well. We ask that all donations be turned in by the middle of May if not before. Thanks for all the support. It is much appreciated.

We will be offering the Zonta aprons again this year for any of you who would like to purchase them. They are still \$10.00. We will have 2 sample sizes for you to look at and order at the next couple of meetings.

**Long Range Planning Committee Report**

Are you tired of doing the same things the same way? Well, your Long Range Planning Committee decided to take a fresh and different approach to the job and issues facing the Committee and our Club.

You'll be hearing of new ideas and suggestions in the next few months and we want to encourage your active participation and contribution to the future success of ZCD. We're looking forward to a "Goals" oriented focus and in early June we'll be asking you to keep an open mind and a fun spirit!

Have I got your interest yet? I hope so, and look forward to all of those creative minds coming together for the common good. See you soon.

**Area 3 Meeting**

**SAVE THE DATE:**

**Saturday, March 31, 2007**

**8 am—1 pm**

**for the**

**Area 3 Annual Meeting**

**at the Excelsior Youth Center Campus in Southeast Denver**

**Hosted by Zonta Club of Denver**

**Help your club advance by**

**-Leadership smarts-Planning & Communication**

**-Fiscal smarts-\$\$ Management, Investments, etc.**

**-Organizational smarts-Bylaws & Policies**

**"Taking it up a Level"**

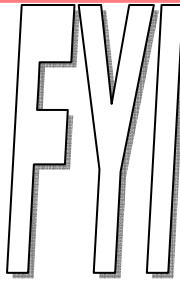
- ⇒ **Panel addressing Issues of concern to women in Colorado**
- ⇒ **Presentation by Excelsior Youth Center Staff & Tour of campus**



**DON'T MISS IT!  
Wit & With it**

### *Excelsior Wish List*

- ⇒ Towels & bedding
- ⇒ Pots and pans for transitional units
- ⇒ Alarm clocks
- ⇒ Gift certificates
- ⇒ Pajamas, robes & slippers
- ⇒ Suitcases
- ⇒ Radios
- ⇒ DVD players
- ⇒ Personal day planners
- ⇒ Computers
- ⇒ Gender specific and culturally diverse art work
- ⇒ A new stove
- ⇒ Art supplies
- ⇒ Cookware
- ⇒ Entertainment center for basement
- ⇒ Television
- ⇒ Socks, underwear, gloves, hats
- ⇒ Board games
- ⇒ Bathrobes
- ⇒ Hygiene supplies (toothbrushes, combs, brushes)
- ⇒ Craft supplies (paint, markers, paper, etc)
- ⇒ Bean bags, pillows for couch
- ⇒ Nightlights with no bulbs
- ⇒ School supplies (binders, notebooks, spirals, pens), educational videos & DVD's
- ⇒ Digital camera
- ⇒ Disposable cameras
- ⇒ Decorative items for couches such as fun pillows
- ⇒ Magazine subscriptions (i.e. O magazine, Teen People, Seventeen, etc.)
- ⇒ Books appropriate for all reading levels
- ⇒ Netflix DVD subscription
- ⇒ Entertainment center shelving to hold TV, DVD/VCR, and videos
- ⇒ Sports equipment
- ⇒ Digital alarm clocks
- ⇒ Fun slippers
- ⇒ Fun hygiene products
- ⇒ Sweatsuits
- ⇒ Body washes
- ⇒ Jewelry making kits
- ⇒ Karaoke machines
- ⇒ Puzzles
- ⇒ Twin Bed-in-a-Bag- Comforters for Comfort



### Correction to last month's Smoke Signal:

Nikki Headlee is not retired. Her work load went from 120% to 60% with the merger of her company. Hopefully true retirement will happen at the end of the year.

In the meantime, home and cell are the way to reach her.

- **Bobbie Razee was hospitalized Sunday the 11th and came under Hospice care on Sunday the 18th.** (She took a bad fall and hit her head) She then came down with Pneumonia which is under control. Cards may be sent to her at 111 Emerson Street, #325, Denver 80218-3792. Flowers have been sent from the club and Nikki and Sheila have visited her.
- Don't forget about our 'Zonta Lending Library' Look for the suitcase Judy McNerny hauls around to each meeting with books for all of us to share and borrow. She will have the suitcase on the table with literature, so look for it and take advantage of our very own library.

February 12, 2007

Dear Zontians,

"Scholarships open doors because you can do so much more with a college degree than with a high school diploma. It's a wonderful cycle. Others give to us and then we give back to the community." - Anna Lokshire, Metropolitan State College of Denver Scholarship Recipient.

As one of the pre-eminent urban baccalaureate colleges in the nation, Metro State's student-centered learning environment offers students an education best suited to their individual needs, and prepares them to succeed in school, career and life. Yet without the generosity of scholarship donors, many students would not have access to this life changing opportunity. Your support for Metro State's students allows them to achieve their goals and aspirations, and then, as Anna describes, help others in return.

It is my pleasure to provide you with information detailing the academic process of the student at Metro State supported by the Zonta Club of Endowed Scholarship.

- Cristela Soto is majoring in Behavioral Sciences, Cristela finished the semester with a term GPA of 3.0 and a cumulative GPA of 2.95. She earned 12 hours this fall and has accumulated a total of 78 credit hours.

Please contact me with any questions or if you need further information. I can be reached at 303.556.6819 or drein@mscd.edu. I would also be happy to meet with you to discuss any inquiries you may have regarding Metro State or the Zonta Club Endowed Scholarship or to arrange a meeting between you and the student you support.

On behalf of the college and its students I would like to thank you once again for helping Metro State offer motivated and aspiring students access to a rewarding and personalized education.

Sincerely,

David A Rein, Interim Assistant Vice President in Development



# Committee Preference Form



The names of committee Chairmen and committee members must be submitted to the new Board for approval at the May Board Meeting. It would be appreciated if you would give some indication of your committee preference on this form and return it to Nikki Headlee at the April Business Meeting.

The chairman of each committee is responsible to the President for all aspects of her committee's work. Each committee has responsibilities outlined in the by-laws. Each committee will also decide how these responsibilities will be managed (committee of the whole, sub committees, etc.)

If you have been a member of the same committee for two or more years you are urged to consider serving on a different committee. Varied committee experience should mean a richer more satisfying realization of the potentials of our organization and also a challenge to your own potentials.

Please check 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice

1. \_\_\_\_\_ **Membership and Membership Services.**

Responsible for Program, Arrangements, Directory, Recruitment, Retention  
(approx. 35% of the membership.)

2. \_\_\_\_\_ **Service/ Status of Women**

Responsible for Literacy, Grant & Service funding and Project recommendations.  
Responsible for Young Woman in Public Affairs Award, Community and International relations,  
United Nations and inter-city relations (approx. 30% of the membership.)

3. \_\_\_\_\_ **Fund Raising**

Responsible for executing fund raising plans  
(approx. 25% of the membership.)

4. \_\_\_\_\_ **Communications**

Public Relations Chair, Historian, responsible for press releases, archives and files,  
scrapbooks (10% of membership.)  
Smoke Signal Editor/Web Site—currently one person outside of committee

Remember: All members of the Board membership will be chairs of the committees and you will only be on one committee....

In checking any of the above, if you have a particular area within a given committee you would like to work, please indicate it. The President will consider your wishes in making committee assignments; however, it may be necessary to assign members to a committee not indicated by said member in an effort to attain proper representation on all committees.

Comments:

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Please Print Name:

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## *Zonta Club of Denver General Meeting Minutes February 8, 2007*

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

**Guests:** Attending as guests were grant recipients Vickie Puchi for Denver Kids Teen Moms, Jennifer Keller of Work Options for Women, Crystal Middlestadt of RAAP, Jill McFadden of RAAP, Bob McDonald of the Women's Bean Project, Suzi Karrer of the Delores Project, Carol Gianfrancisco of Excelsior, Betsy Boudreau of Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic, and Bernie Klingsmith of Providence Network/Joy House. In addition, Sheila Davis hosted Marge Elinoff, Nikki Headlee hosted Susan Leibsley, Kate Linscott hosted Sandi Ross, Beth Mundell hosted Pat Woodin, and Essie Garrett attended as a guest of the club.

**Inspirational Moment:** Nancy Wong read a passage from Reflections by Sandra Stemmler.

**Status of Women Moment:** *Nancy Long spoke about women in the legislature and work force. She noted that women comprise only 17% of US legislators, and that 71 countries have a higher percentage. Women represent 47% of the work force, and still earn less than men, although younger women earn more compared to men than do older women.*

**Member Moment:** *Liz Cameron profiled Robin Forti, who was born in El Paso, TX and has lived in the Denver area for seven years. Robin has an undergraduate degree in finance, and is currently working on a Master's. She sits on the boards of her Home Owner's Association; Denver Kids, Inc.; and ZCD. Robin is expecting a baby girl in May.*

**Program:** Service grant awards were distributed, with the following nonprofits receiving grant money: Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic, Work Options for Women, Joy House, RAAP, Denver Kids Teen Moms, Women's Bean Project, the Delores Project, and Excelsior Youth Center. Each guest accepting an award check gave a short description of his or her nonprofit and its work.

**New Member Induction:** New members Pam Dumonceau, sponsored by Nikki Headlee, and Deborah Heckart, sponsored by Carroll Allen, were inducted in a ceremony led by Sheila Davis.

**Service/Status of Women:** Kathy Hyzer asked members to bring items to the March and April meetings for Mother's Day baskets. Baskets will be donated this year to women at the Delores Project.

**Fundraising:** Invitations to the Yellow Rose Ball are being sent to club members as well as previous members and vendors. Upcoming events include a May Rockies game, and the July 7<sup>th</sup> production of Seven Brides for Seven Brothers at the Country Dinner Playhouse.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- Area 3 Meeting, hosted by ZCD, March 31<sup>st</sup> at Excelsior.

Woman to Woman Tea, hosted by the Boulder County Club, May 5<sup>th</sup> in Boulder.

**Door Prize:** Cathy Conley won the door prize.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Corssmit, Secretary

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

|            |   |            |  |
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| March 8th  | International Women's Day and Zonta Rose Day                                      | April 26th | Board Meeting at Sheila Davis's house  |
| March 8th  | General Membership Meeting at Four Points Sheraton Hotel                          | April 27th | Smoke Signal Deadline  |
| March 22nd | Board Meeting at Sheila Davis's house   | May 10th   | General Membership Meeting at Four Points Sheraton Hotel installation of new officers        |
| Mar 23rd   | Smoke Signal Deadline   | May        | Colorado Rockies Fundraiser Game in May—date TBA   |
| March 31st | Area 3 Meeting—Denver hosting at Excelsior!                                       | May 24th   | Joint Board Meeting  |
| April 12th | General Membership Meeting at Four Points Sheraton Hotel—election of new officers | June 2nd   | All Member retreat from 9—11:30 at Nikki's house followed by a board retreat from 11:30—2:30 |
| April 14th | Baby shower for Robin Forti at Nikki's house from 12:00—2:30.                     | July 7th   | Seven Brides for Seven Brothers @ the Country Dinner Playhouse—fundraiser                    |
| Apr 21st   | Teen Mom event at Hope Church   |            |  |