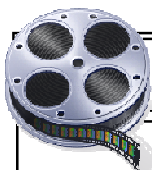


# Smoke Signal



## Fund Raising Committee

Lights! Camera! Curtains! We are in the final stages of pulling together our first film event and as February 26<sup>th</sup> we have a total of 62 reservations. We hope to sell all 160 seats so make sure you extend invitations to all your friends and family.

This event will be on March 8, 2009 from 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm at the Starz Film Center at the Tivoli at the Auraria campus. We set this date to be in conjunction with the celebration of International Women’s Day and we will be showing the award winning film “A Walk to Beautiful”. This film is an uplifting story of five women who experience triumph after suffering from the devastating results of childbirth injuries known as Fistula. The film’s producer, Allison Shigo, has agreed to fly here from New York to be with us for this event. To learn more about the film see <http://www.walktobeautiful.com/>

Reservations to the event can be made through Black Tie Colorado which has the ability to take credit card and e-check payments, or contact Krystie Rose Millich who has paper tickets for sale and that saves us processing fees. The ticket price is \$35 and will include the film, a reception with appetizers, and drinks, plus, a question and answer session with Allison Shigo, following the screening of the film. Parking at the Tivoli is free but you will need to bring your parking ticket into the theatre for validation. For details on Black Tie Colorado see <http://www.blacktie-colorado.com/join/contracts/COwhyjoinbt.doc>

*The fundraising committee could use help with hosting the event on Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup>. If you can help us with the reception room set-up, clean-up, stamping parking tickets, selling ZCD Zonta Ladies handbags, etc. it would be very much appreciated. Please contact Deb Heckart at [Gdeb701@aol.com](mailto:Gdeb701@aol.com).*

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## President Judy's March Message

This month we will take a break from figuring out how to become wise and tackle something more manageable—the future of the Zonta Club of Denver.



Elsewhere in this issue you will see the report of the Nominating Committee and you will find that the Committee was unable to identify a member willing to take on the job of President-Elect, with its accompanying commitment to move up to the presidency the following year.

In terms of the short-term issue, if the Nominating Committee made an incorrect assumption that you don't want the honor of serving as president-elect and president (or serving again) and didn't ask you, please let me, Beth, Nikki, Minnie or Cathy know! It is *okay* to nominate yourself!

Each member who was approached for and declined the position had a different reason for her response, I'm sure. I'm also sure that every reason given was true and completely valid. However, I suspect that the common factor underlying the negative answers was the idea that being president of our club is a huge undertaking that can't be combined with a job, family responsibilities, or other community involvements.

This is a problem that extends beyond the question of who will succeed Beth. If the president's job is that overwhelming, almost no member has the time for it. A member volunteering today to fill that spot on the 2009-2010 slate of officers is only a stopgap measure.

What are long-term solutions? (There is no one "right" answer in spite of what my teachers taught me in grade school.)

I'm going to share with you some of the ideas that have occurred to me so far, in brainstorming fashion,\* and challenge you to come up with others for discussion at the March meeting.

1. Shut down the club.
2. Eliminate the president position. Let the committees do club business and have club officers take turns presiding at membership and board meetings.
3. Have co-presidents.
4. Eliminate term limits and appoint me president for life!
5. Free the president-elect from the obligation to chair a committee and instead make that position assistant to the president.
7. Merge our club with Denver II.

Maybe a variation or combination of some of these ideas would work.

Full disclosure requires admitting that being president is a big job. While I don't agree that it is an overwhelming job, I have concluded that the time has come to at least pare it down, somehow.

We can't afford to accept the way things are. We care deeply about Zonta and its mission. We are intelligent women. We are great problem-solvers (at least when it's someone else's problem!) Let's think outside the box and solve this one.

See you in March!

\* No criticism allowed until all ideas are on the table; be silly; combining, modifying and building on other ideas are all good.

*Judy McNerny*

## Hotel location for March Meeting:

FROM SOUTHEAST DENVER:

Go north on Quebec St, through the intersection with Martin Luther King Blvd. Keep right and take the fork to the right (the other lanes start downhill to go under the railroad tracks) just after 36th Ave as shown on the map. Go just past Smith Rd, and take a right just after the tracks. The street is not marked (it shows as Sandown Rd on the Google map). Go left past the Eagle Legacy Credit Union. The hotel will be on your right

FROM I-70 WESTBOUND:

Take I-70W to Northfield Quebec St (exit 278) and make a left (south) on Northfield Quebec St. Get in the far right lane and take the Smith Rd exit. Make the immediate next left on 40th Ave (Sandown Rd on map) It will be just before the railroad tracks. At the stop sign, go through the intersection, turn left past the Eagle Legacy Credit Union. The hotel will be on your right.

FROM I-70 EASTBOUND:

Take exit 278 Quebec St, and then take the Smith Road exit. Make the immediate next left on 40th Ave (Sandown Rd on map). It will be just before the railroad tracks. At the stop sign, go through the intersection, turn left past the Eagle Legacy Credit Union. The hotel will be on your right.

# March General Meeting

We are trying a new hotel for dinner this month. This is just a trial. Please let us know what you think. We are in search of a new permanent place to have our monthly dinners, and would like to try various places before making a decision.

*When: Thursday, March 12, 2009*

5:30pm – Social Hour

6:00pm – Dinner

*Where: Red Lion Hotel Denver Central*

4040 Quebec Street

Denver CO 80216

*Menu: Chef's Choice*

Vegetarian available – please let Sheila know

Salad & Dessert

*Cost: \$30*

*Cocktails:* Can be purchased in the bar very close to the meeting room

### RESERVATIONS:

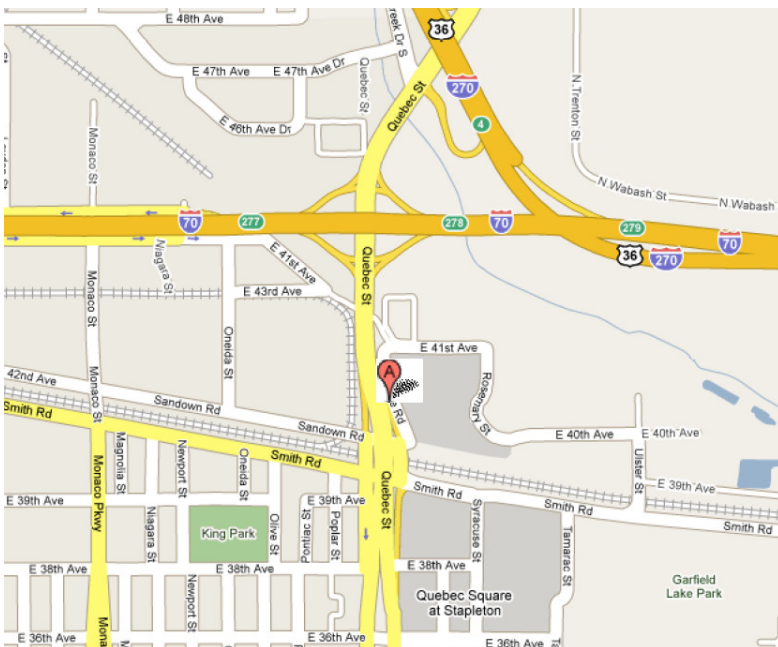
Please RSVP to [Sheila Davis at \(H\) 303-721-9325 or shedavis@comcast.net](mailto:Sheila Davis at (H) 303-721-9325 or shedavis@comcast.net)

by **Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at noon.**

### MARCH PROGRAM:

Alice Borodkin will speak on Women, Peace, and Security – What the UN is Doing. Alice is a former state representative in House District 9. She also ran for a state senate seat in 2008.

### Hotel location:



### Reservations

For each general dinner meeting, please remember to call if you aren't on the permanent reservation list. Our new contract guarantees us only one additional meal. And, as always, we are charged for the number we guarantee, so we have to bill anyone who makes a reservation (or forgets to cancel a permanent reservation) but doesn't come to the meeting.



### Permanent Reservation List Update!

- Members who are on the permanent reservation list do not have to call to make a reservation for dinner meetings (but you must call to cancel or be billed for dinner anyway)
- If you plan on coming to every meeting—why not add your name if it is not on the list?
- If you are on the permanent list but tend to forget to call and cancel—why not take your name off the list?
- Be sure to call Joetta Williams or Cathy Conley, Membership Co-Chairs, with your request to be added or deleted!

### Permanent Reservations

Should your name be listed here?

Carroll Allen

Evie Ashmore

Judy Bederman

Mary Benoit

Cathy Conley

Linda Corssmit

Shelia Davis

Pam Dumonceau

Nikki Headlee

Deb Heckart

Cynthia Herndon

Kathy Hyzer

Dottie Jenkins

Jennifer Koeller

Kate Linscott

Judy McNerny

Krystie Rose Millich

Wendy Moraskie

Beth Mundell

Linda Rhea

Dorothy Swindt

Joetta Williams

**Remember to call if you can't come, otherwise you will be billed for the dinner.**



● ● ● | **Zonta's Day of Film 2009:**

***A WALK TO BEAUTIFUL***



An award-winning film that follows the journey of five women in Ethiopia who transform their lives after traveling to the Fistula Hospital in Addis Ababa for treatment of devastating childbirth injuries. The film weaves their stories into a portrait of grief and courage, compassion and triumph. "A Walk to Beautiful" was named Best Feature Length Documentary of 2007 by the International Documentary Association.

*Film, reception, appetizers, cash bar, and Q & A following screening featuring Producer Allison Shigo*

Please Join Us In Celebration of International Women's Day

**Sunday, March 8, 2009**

2:00 pm to 5:00 pm

**Starz FilmCenter at the Tivoli at Auraria**

Tickets \$35

Validated parking in Tivoli uncovered lot included

**Purchase Tickets Online at: [www.blacktie-colorado.com](http://www.blacktie-colorado.com)**

For more information: [www.zonta-denver.org](http://www.zonta-denver.org) or call: 720-988-4108



*This fundraiser finances scholarships, awards, and other projects of the Zonta Club of Denver benefiting Denver area women.*

Sponsored by the Zonta Club of Denver and the Institute for Women's Studies and Services at Metro State College of Denver



# Get the Zonta Buzz!

**Great News!...**

**We now have our Hotel for the  
2009 District 12 Conference!**

The conference will be held at:

**Red Lion Denver Central (@ Stapleton)**

- Entire hotel newly remodeled in 2008
- Small size property; we'll be the only conference there
- Easy freeway access at I-70 & Quebec
- Free shuttle to Northfield Stapleton and Quebec Square shopping & entertainment areas



**Friday, October 30-Sunday, November 1, 2009**

## SERVICE COMMITTEE – MARCH 2009!

### March, already...really?

The ZCD Service Committee culminated their hard work on Service Grants with the February Membership meeting honoring the club's three recipients. A.J. Steele and Amanda Finger from the Polaris Project, Carol Lease from the Empowerment Program\*\* and Rachel Lewis from Denver Kids, Inc. attended to talk about their organizations and receive their award from the Zonta Club of Denver. It was a fun evening giving back to our community and sampling new food at a new hotel. Now it is time for the Service Committee to focus on the other aspects of the committee's activities: the Jane Klausman Award and ongoing service projects.

Those of you, who signed up for the Delores Project on March 15<sup>th</sup>, look for more instructions in the next week, and thank you for your help on this great project. Don't forget that if you are volunteering for Delores, or any other club volunteer projects, to submit your volunteer hours to Kathy Hyzer...this is IMPORTANT...nuff said.

Two "Save the Date" volunteer service opportunities have come to our attention. First, save the date (Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>) for the Work Options for Women (WOW) "Women Cook!" fundraiser. Some of our club's members volunteered last year and confirm that it was great fun for a terrific organization. Don't want to volunteer? Think about supporting WOW and purchasing tickets to attend...check out their website ([www.workoptions.org](http://www.workoptions.org)) it looks DELICIOUSLY fun!

Also, on Friday May 15, Excelsior Youth Center will host their annual fundraiser "Ever Upward Gala" at 6:00 p.m. at the Hyatt-Regency DTC. Again, some of our members volunteered last year and couldn't say enough good things about it. For details on the event go to the website [www.excelsioryc.org/EverUpward2009.html](http://www.excelsioryc.org/EverUpward2009.html)

### **AND...IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO VOLUNTEER TO WORK AT THE FILM EVENT ON MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup>!**

Don't forget...if you can volunteer to give rides to monthly meetings, for our Zonta members who do not drive at night,...let Liz Cameron know...or if you need a ride, contact Liz.

\*\*We received a lovely thank you note from Empowerment Program's Chrysalis Project Director to thank ZCD for their donation. Each woman in the Chrysalis Project signed the card. Some of the good wishes are: "Thank you. This program changed my life forever. I'm about to graduate." MM, and from R, "Thanks you for all of your support...this program works".

Respectfully submitted – Beth Mundell and Kathy Hyzer, Co-Chairs.



### 2009 Authors' Luncheon

Sat, March 14, 2009 - 11:00 am to 2:00 pm  
Omni Interlocken Resort, Broomfield

The Authors' Luncheon is a literary event that brings together local authors who will share their craft and insights about their creative process. This event is a major fundraiser for the Zonta Foothills Foundation. Proceeds from the event benefit local and international service agencies that advance the status of women. Zonta Foothills Foundation supports efforts to prevent violence against women, and improve the economic opportunities, education and health of women in Colorado and around the world. Because Zonta volunteers support the entire effort, there are no administrative costs, thus maximizing the funds raised for charitable programs.

This year we are delighted to have three extraordinary and talented authors:



[Sybil Downing](#) writes about strong women who go against the norm.



[Audrey Nelson](#) specializes in male-female communication, interpersonal skills, sexual harassment/ discrimination, cultural diversity and conflict management.



[John Shors](#) is a world traveler, newspaper reporter and epic story teller.



We are also proud to announce that [Jean Dubofsky](#) will serve as the Honorary Chair. In what was called "good news for Colorado and good news for justice"

Jean made history as the first woman appointed to the Colorado Supreme Court.

**\*\*\* Make Your Reservations Now \*\*\***

## Area 3 Annual Meeting

### Area 3 Annual Meeting

Saturday, March 28, 2009 – 7:30 a.m.

at the Learning Source

455 South Pierce Street

Lakewood, CO 80226

### “Learnin ‘n Luvin It”

Education & Literacy in today’s world

(Panel discussion from experts in the field)

“Learning Garden”

“Study Hall”

New Practices – New club and process  
development

Current Practices – Identify & create current  
‘best practices’

Other Practices – Zonta & More – How do  
organizations work

### Reservation Form

Make Checks Payable to:

Zonta Club of Denver II

\$35 before March 18;

\$40 **after** March 18

Questions? Call Barb @ 303-777-0509,

[yoblenders@yahoo.com](mailto:yoblenders@yahoo.com)

Send to: Barb Anders

701 South High Street

Denver, CO 80209

# Zonta International

## New Address

### New address

Zonta International

1211 West 22nd Street, Suite 900

Oak Brook, Illinois 60523

USA

### New Telephone and Fax Numbers for Zonta Headquarters

Phone: +1 630 928-1400

Fax: +1 630 928-1559

# Nomination Committee

The nominating committee is pleased to have received yeses  
from the following individuals:

**President** - Beth Mundell

**President -Elect** - This position will remain unfilled  
unless someone comes forward

**Vice President** - Kathy Hyzer

**Secretary** - Carroll Allen

**Treasurer** - Nikki Headlee

Both Deb Heckart and Jennifer Koeller will continue and  
complete their two-year term which ends May 31, 2010

**Director - 2009-2011** - Krystie Rose Millich

**Director - 2009-2011** - Kate Linscott

**Nominating Committee** - Judy McNerny

Sheila Davis

Jacki Sammons



## 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 Beth Mundell at the March club 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 individual members and our organization.

Please indicate your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice

\_\_\_\_\_ **Membership and Membership Services**

Responsible for programs, arrangements, directory, recruitment, retention  
(approx. 35% of the membership)

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

Responsible for service funding and project recommendations; advocacy; Young Woman in Public Affairs Award/Jane Klausman Women in Business Scholarship; community and international relations; United Nations and inter-city relations  
(approx. 30% of the membership)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Fund Raising**

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

\_\_\_\_\_ **Public Relations and Communications**

Responsible for PR; club historian; press releases; Smoke Signal; web site  
(approx 10% of membership)

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: \_\_\_\_\_



## February Meeting Features Grants

The February dinner meeting is near the top of the "favorite things" list for many Zonta Club of Denver members. It's when the annual grants are awarded and members see the results of their hard work at fundraising and some of the beneficiaries of their many service hours.

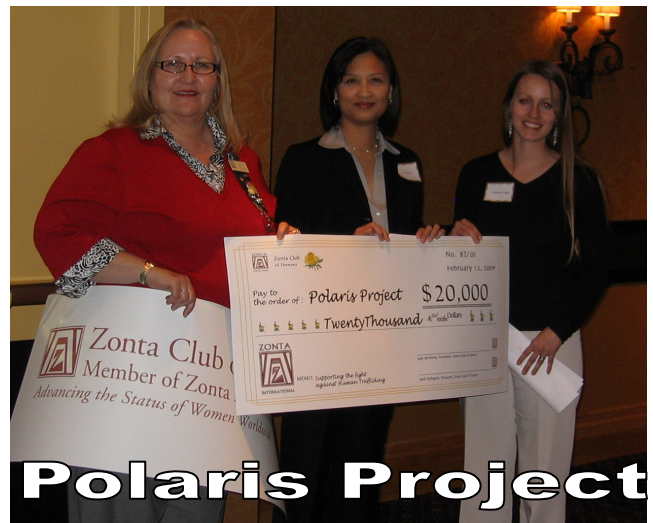
On February 12th, representatives from Denver Kids, Polaris Project Colorado and Empowerment Program's Chrysalis Project received a total of \$35,000 in grant funding.

Zonta Club of Denver gave the Polaris Project \$20,000 for its work combating human trafficking. The grant funds will support the development of a community assessment tool that coordinates contact information for Denver Metro resources.

Polaris Project is an international non-profit organization that battles human trafficking and modern-day slavery, and strengthens the anti-trafficking movement through victim identification, advocacy, student and public training programs and legislator education, among other efforts.

Zonta Club of Denver awarded Empowerment Program's Chrysalis Project \$10,000 to support housing for women using the program.

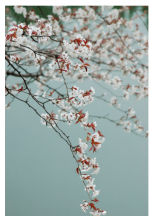
Empowerment Program's Chrysalis Project is a public/private partnership with Denver County Courts and Denver City Attorney's Office that works to improve the lives of women who are, or were involved in street level prostitution. These women wishing to "leave the life" may opt for drug treatment, mental health and trauma treatment, training and employment services



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Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide...



To all my Zonta sisters, thank you so very much for your beautiful cards and phone calls I received during the painful time of my mother's death. The care and support has meant so much to me and has helped in my healing process. I am so lucky to have all of you wonderful women in my life. Nikki

*Upcoming Calendar Events Save the date!*

Mar 8	International Women's Day/ Zonta Rose Day/ Zonta Film Festival—A Walk to Beautiful
Mar 12	General Meeting - Nomination of Officers
Mar 26	Board Meeting at Judy McNerny's Home
Mar/Apr	Area 3 Meeting
Apr 9	General Meeting - Election of Officers
Apr 23	Board Meeting at Judy McNerny's Home
May 14	General Meeting - Installation of Officers
May 28 ??	Joint Board Meeting
Oct 30—Nov 1, 2009	District Conference in Denver!

**Birthday wishes go out to  
 Our March Birthdays**



*Essie Garret—Mar 2nd  
 Jennifer Koeller—Mar 2nd  
 Krystie Rose Millich—Mar 9th  
 Beth Mundell—Mar 9th*