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THE ZONTA ZINGER WANTS TO KNOW—

What can we do to help end violence against women?

MARCH 8 – INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

SAY NO – UNITE TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

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Dear Friends of Say NO,
 On 8 March, we will commemorate International Women's Day. While there is much to celebrate, violence against women, affecting up to 70 percent of women worldwide, remains a major obstacle to achieving women's rights. We are seizing this day to Say NO to violence against women and want to count your voices and reflections.



I Say NO to violence against women because it is one of the most widespread human rights violations. Why do you Say NO? Join the "I Say NO" testimonial drive, starting today until 8 March, and tell us why YOU Say NO to violence against women. Your voices will be presented to a global audience to raise awareness and inspire others.

Twitter: Use #ISayNO to tell your followers why YOU Say NO to violence against women! Follow us on [Twitter](#), use "#ISayNO because..." in

your updates and learn why people around the world Say NO to violence against women.

Facebook: Join the conversation on [Facebook!](#) Check out the discussions tab, and share your reasons for Saying NO to violence against women and what you think needs to be done. There will be a series of questions brought up within the next two weeks and we want to hear what you have to say!

Twitter & Facebook: Add the [Say NO – UNITE Twibbon](#) to your Twitter and Facebook profile picture to help spread the word! The emblem will not replace your picture, but added as a small banner on the bottom. Let your followers/friends know and encourage them to do the same.

Every action counts! Whether you use #ISayNO and the Say NO Twibbon on Twitter, or you participate in the discussion on Facebook, your contribution will be counted towards the [global action counter to end violence against women](#). Help Say

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NO raise 100,000 actions by March 2010 and drive the message to governments worldwide that ending violence against women and girls must be a top priority.

Thank you for Saying NO. Let us count you in.

Nanette Braun
Head of Communications, UNIFEM

PS: Don't forget to check out our [Video of the Week](#) *Women on the Frontline – Morocco* on YouTube. Watch, share and be counted! Send your video recommendations to sayno.video@unifem.org.

For more ideas about celebrating/recognizing International Women's Day, in Denver (or elsewhere if you will be out of town during the next couple of weeks) click the [International Women's Day Events in the USA](#) link on the District 12 website, and for ideas from Say NO—Unite about how you can advocate to end violence against women, see page 9.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Zonta Club of Denver focuses on their own “Triple Lutz” (Humor me...this is B's “homage” to the Vancouver Olympic Games)

1. Meet with Service Grant Recipients to garner meaningful service and marketing of ZCD's own service to the Denver Community....**Check**
2. Revamp our ZCD website into something we are proud of.... **In Process (no really...in process!)**
3. Participate in the “Equal Pay Day” rally on April 20th ... **In Process....just waiting for April !!**

Wasn't the February meeting fun? I found myself just watching you all visiting with each other and with the plethora of guests scattered around...and didn't I hear that some of them are joining Zonta Denver...terrific! Wendy worked her magic on the large checks, took some wonderful photos, and then followed up with a terrific article in the *Denver Post*, *Denver HUB* about the good work our members do in our Denver community for so many. Thanks Wendy...you made us look good...really good! Liesl Thomas from the Delores Project was so pleased that she put a link to the article on Delores Project's FaceBook page! That's our first adventure in contemporary marketing, gals...cool eh? Perhaps it's time we start our own FaceBook page for the club? Oh, and by the way...we should have a completely revamped website soon. I truly believe things happen when they are supposed to, but finally being able to say, without trepidation, “Take a look at our website for more information” is, at long last, nigh.

It looks as though we will be having the Film Fundraiser in May...look for details to come. Save the date of May 7. What I can tell you is that Kathy Hyzer, Carroll Allen and the rest of the Fundraising Committee have worked hard to get the right film for us. I saw the trailer; it was simply impressive. Start thinking now about how you can help...buy/sell tickets...purchase tickets that can be donated to students at Metro State College, clients at Delores Project or Joy House...find donations, help the FR committee make “give-away” door prizes that tell attendees allll about ZCD and the work we do (very modestly I must say) for our community...work at the event...attend the event and bring friends...tell (with enthusiasm) everyone about this amazing film and fundraising event. We need EVERYONE on this...and believe me, there is something...some ONE thing each of can do to help out; I ask for it and I expect it. Stop what you are doing...seriously, stop right now what you are doing, and find your calendar (I realize this will be an easier task for some than others, but I am patient). Okay, got it? Open it to April and mark the date of April 20th, NOON, for the Equal Pay Day Rally. It would make me supremely happy to have many ZCD faces at this rally, proudly holding our



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March Meeting



Where: Embassy Suites Hotel
7525 E. Hampden Ave.
Denver, CO 80231

When: Thursday, March 11, 2010
5:30pm – Social Hour
6:00pm – Dinner

Menu: Mediterranean Chicken
Fresh seasonal vegetables
Fresh green salad/chef's choice dessert

Cost: \$30

Greeters: Judy Allen

Inspirational Moment: Nikki Headlee

RESERVATIONS: Please RSVP to Kate Linscott **no later than Monday, March 8th at noon**

(303) 520-8136 or clinscott14@msn.com. If you need a special menu, please let Kate know as well.

MARCH PROGRAM: Our speaker will be **Mike McPhee** who covers proceedings from the Denver Courts for the *Denver Post*. Some of you may have met him at the Women in Film Event last September where the film “Playground” was featured, a great film on human trafficking. Mike will give us a different perspective on what he has witnessed regarding human trafficking in the Denver area. Bring a guest and plan now to attend this great program.

Happy Birthdays to—

Harry Belafonte and Glenn Miller—March 1
Beth M and Amerigo Vespucci—March 9
Gloria Steinem—March 25
Sandra Day O'Connor—March 26
Gayle E-A and Susan Boyle—April 1

Permanent Reservations

Should your name be listed here?

Carroll Allen
Judy Bederman
Mary Benoit
Cathy Conley
Sheila Davis
Nikki Headlee
Cynthia Herndon
Kathy Hyzer
Dottie Jenkins
Kate Linscott
Judy McNerny
Wendy Moraskie
Beth Mundell
Linda Rhea
Dorothy Swindt
Joetta Williams

Reservations

- For each general dinner meeting, please remember to call if you aren't on the permanent reservation list. Because we are charged for the number we guarantee, we have to bill anyone who makes a reservation but doesn't come to the meeting (or who forgets to cancel a permanent reservation).
- If you plan on coming to every meeting—why not add your name to the permanent reservations list?
- If you are on the permanent list but tend to forget to call and cancel—why not take your name off the list?
- Please call Kate L or Dottie J with your request to be added or deleted!

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

Upcoming Event

READY SET GROW
Graduation Celebration & Fundraising Luncheon

WOMEN'S BEAN PROJECT

Graduation Celebration and Fundraising Luncheon

Annual event to celebrate Program Graduates and raise funds to support the program.

April 27, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Seawell Ballroom

No charge to attend (however, one should plan on making a donation that day)

RSVP by April 16 to 303-292-1919 x 114 or

dianal@womensbeanproject.com

COMMITTEE NEWS

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES



The Delores Project

- Help prepare and serve Sunday Dinner, 3rd Sunday of every month.
- Bring items on wish list to club meeting:
 - Drinks and drink mixes
 - Sugar
 - Hotel size lotion, shampoo, conditioner
 - Trash bags, any size
 - Toilet paper
 - Maxi Pads (no tampons)
 - Bleach
 - Cosmetic samples
- Delores Project is having a large “10th Anniversary” fundraiser in the fall. They are requesting 1 or 2 Zontians to be on the planning committee. Of course they will need workers for the fundraiser itself.
- Help in the office is needed for ½ day a week. It would be nice if 2 or 3 of us could go at one time and make it a commitment for a few months.
- Help with the vegetable garden, more on this as spring approaches.



DRESS FOR SUCCESS®
Suits to Self-Sufficiency

Donating gently used, clean, accessories and professional clothing on hangers. **The club will have a collection at our April meeting.**

- Small group, 3 or 4 to sort clothes and help as personal shoppers, assisting clients select clothes.

Excelsior! YOUTH CENTER

Excelsior’s Passport Party will be on March 13 at Palazzo Verdi, 6363 South Fiddler’s Green Circle in Greenwood Village. Here are 2 different volunteer opportunities: First, volunteer from 1-5 pm to set up. Volunteers will help with all aspects in “setting the stage” for the evening festivities such as organizing guest registration, setting up auction items, moving and unloading boxes, tables, etc. Second, volunteer from 5-10 pm to help during the actual event. The volunteers on this shift will help with guest registration and sign-in, coat check, the photo booth, helping guests transition through different parts of the event, encouraging auction sales, and distributing auction items and bid sheets etc.

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BEAN PROJECT

“Doors Open Denver” will be held on Saturday April 17th from 10 am to 4 pm. Women’s Bean Project at 3201 Curtis Street will be open that day for tours and the opportunity to purchase products. You will be asked to help as a tour guide, greeter or just as needed. Volunteer times will be 10 am to 1 pm and 1-4 pm.

joy house

To be announced.

Please email or call Mary to volunteer
mary@mathiaslockandkey.com/720-266-5061

Rules of Marriage (as described by kids)

Q. How do you decide who to marry?

A. You got to find somebody who likes the same stuff. Like, if you like sports, she should like it that you like sports, and she should keep the chips and dip coming. Alan, age 10

FUND RAISING

April and May will be our months for fund raising!

Zonta's Day of Film 2010 is underway and set for **May 7**—mark your calendars!

We have booked *Girls on the Wall* about a group of incarcerated teenage girls who get a chance at redemption in a most unlikely form: writing and staging a musical play—based on their own lives. As they work on the play, the girls re-live their crimes and take a first step toward reclaiming their humanity and breaking free of the prison system.



Next, the garage sale at Cynthia's on May 21 and 22.

Please save items for the sale and decide whether you would like to work on organizing donations on May 20 or help selling on May 21 and 22.

Also, we will have a necklace-making party at my house on Saturday March 27, starting at 2pm. We will sell these at the Area 3 meeting (on April 10) and at the garage sale.

—Kathy

\$\$\$ FUNd Raising \$\$\$

ADVOCACY/UNITED NATIONS

An Agency for Women, Already Embattled

A Report on the New United Nations Women's Agency to the UN General Assembly

It seems impossible to separate advocacy from issues concerning not only the UN, but laws being presented at the State Capitol. Either way, we must engage in the battle to empower women worldwide and locally.

In my opinion women bear the brunt of politics, back room deals, trade offs and compromises that do little to empower any of us. According to Nicolas Kristoff, "We are not the problem. We are the Solution." A quote from his new book, *Half the Sky*.

Currently, at the UN, an agency that will combine four existing women's programs, has a \$500 million budget, and will be led by an under secretary-general, is at risk of falling into back room politics for various reasons. Especially those countries that keep a tight rein on women.

Advocates for the new agency, some of them already skeptical about the secretary-general's proposal, say that now is the time for countries that avidly support a stronger voice for women in the UN system. They will have to fight off the opposition's efforts to water down the plan.

It is imperative that we pay close attention to this issue and those at our State Capitol. We must advocate for ourselves and our sisters around the world if we hope to help women obtain equal status and economic stability.

You will be receiving information from the Women's Lobby, The Denver Women's Commission and other organizations, including newly formed state commissions in job creation and economic development.

Let's get active by seeing what Zonta Denver's priorities are and how best to address them. Let's set an agenda for ourselves that will be part of our mission as a service organization. What better service can we provide than advocating on behalf of those who cannot advocate for themselves?

It's time we invited elected officials from Congress and the state house to get to know Zonta and our combined power to make the world better. And it is time that we take a stand to let them know what women really want.....Sorry Dr. Freud, we have the answer!

—Alice B

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banner for everyone to see (including TV coverage... say). I picture all sorts of people seeing that big ol' "Z" and asking...what is Zonta? And, some will take the next step to go find out who we are (on the new website!). This will be a solid way to market ourselves,

make a stand for equal pay, and help others recognize that we have work yet to be accomplished as citizens in this great country of ours.

Spring is coming Bees...can you feel it?

—Beth

ZONTA CLUB OF DENVER IN THE NEWS

If you missed the article in the February 25 *Your Hub*, here 's your chance to read it. Please thank Wendy for her successful effort to get our club some recognition for what we do!

Zonta Awards Over \$27,000 to Help Local Women

On behalf of the Zonta Club of Denver, President Beth Mundell and Service Committee Chair Mary Benoit presented 2010 service grants to Delores Project and the Joy House at ZCD's February 10 meeting.

"I'm so pleased to award these grants to the Delores Project and Joy House this year," said Mundell. "The Delores Project and Joy House embody the mission of the Zonta Club: to improve the quality of life for women and children."

"These organizations are doing critical work with the most vulnerable women in our community," said Benoit, "and we're honored to help them with our grants and our volunteer hours."

Zonta Club of Denver granted the Delores Project \$17,500 for its work providing safe, comfortable overnight shelter and services to unaccompanied adult women who are homeless and have limited resources. Delores Project services ensure that women in Denver have a refuge from the streets and access the resources they need to rebuild their lives. The model of service is one of hospitality, respect, and regard for the dignity of each guest.

Zonta Club of Denver awarded Joy House \$10,000. The grant funds will support housing, food and other services for women and children using the program. Joy House is a two-year transitional housing program that offers help and healing to low-income abused women and children who are leaving domestic violence situations and seeking to rebuild their lives.



The program includes one-on-one and peer counseling on self-esteem, self-sufficiency, parenting and abuse issues.

Zonta Club of Denver was chartered in 1927 and, as a chapter of Zonta International, is united with more than 34,000 executives in business and the professions in over 1,200 clubs in 68 countries to improve the status of women and children worldwide. Zonta Club of Denver provides service, funding and advocacy each year to local organizations serving women in metro-area communities. Since its inception, Zonta Club of Denver has donated over \$2,500,000 and its members have given hundreds of thousands of volunteer service hours to hands-on community projects aimed at improving the condition of women. For more information about Zonta Club of Denver, visit www.zonta-denver.org.

Don't miss it!

Zonta Foothills Club of Boulder County—Fifth Annual Authors' Luncheon

Saturday, March 13, 2010 11:00 A.M. - 2:30 P.M.

Omni Interlocken Resort, 500 Interlocken Boulevard, Broomfield CO

ZONTA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
DISTRICT 10—2010
YA'LL COME!
JUNE 25-30, 2010



Go to www.zonta2010.org for all the details, including links to help you plan side trips to Arkansas (photo on left), New Mexico, Oklahoma and Louisiana (right)!



*Zonta Club of Denver February Dinner Meeting
 Kate's at 35th Avenue 2/11/2010*

The meeting was called to order by President Beth Mundell at 6:10 pm at Kate's Restaurant.

Guests were introduced.

January minutes were approved as published in the Smoke Signal.

Treasurer's report was given by Club Treasurer.

Committee reports were given and include the following highlights:

Kate Linscott, Membership Chair, reported the March meeting will be held at the Embassy Suites east of Monaco on Hampden.

Kathy Hyzer, Fundraising Chair, reported the rights to the film we wanted to use for our fundraiser are owned by HBO. HBO will not release the film to us. Therefore, the committee is still searching for an appropriate film.

Alice Borodkin gave a legislative update on various issues. She implored us to get involved in the

legislative process no matter what our stance.

Grant recipients Jason and Mandy Musso of Joy House and Liesel Thomas of Delores Project were introduced. They then gave a brief report on the focus of their organizations and how the money will be used.

Sheila Davis presented and explained the Proposal for Procedures Changes in District Policy and Procedures Manual (streamlining document) and Proposal for Changes to District Awards and Criteria. Discussion followed. Beth called for a vote on the Proposal for Procedures Changes. This passed unanimously. Beth then called for a vote on the District Awards Changes. This passed.

Minnie Lundberg presented the Zonta Rock to Kate Linscott.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
 Nikki

ZCD March Meeting



SAY NO-UNITE ADVOCACY IDEAS



Up to 70 percent of women experience sexual or physical violence from men in their lifetime. Everybody has a role to play in combating this global pandemic. This is your chance to make a difference and be heard.

Here are suggestions from the Say NO website for simple actions any Zontian can take to work for an end to violence against women:

→ Sign the global call for action on www.saynotoviolence.org to tell governments around the world that you want them to make ending violence against women and girls a top priority.

→ Ask 3 people you know to join the network on www.saynotoviolence.org. Let us count you in!

→ Join **Say NO** on Facebook and tell us why you think ending violence against women and girls should be a priority for decision makers around the world.

→ Start or join an action – volunteer at your local shelter, raise signatures on a petition for legislation that addresses violence against women and girls, organize a vigil or a walk against violence, host a house party and screen a relevantly themed film. Every signature raised and every person reached is an action!

→ Help organizations on the ground catalyze change – donate or raise funds for the UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women that supports local and national projects in developing nations. Every dollar/pound/franc/dinar... is one action!

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The nominating committee is pleased to announce that the following individuals have agreed to run for office and board positions:

President: Kathy Hyzer
 President-Elect: unfilled at this time
 Vice President: Wendy Henry-Moraskie
 Secretary: Carroll Allen
 Treasurer: Nikki Headlee

To fill the board position vacated by Wendy for a term ending May 31, 2011: Mary Benoit

Director - 2010-2012: Judy Bederman

Director - 2010-2012: Alice Borodkin

Nominating Committee: Judy Allen
 Evie Ashmore
 Beth Mundell

Kate Linscott will complete her two-year term as director ending May 31, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,
 Sheila Davis
 Judy McNerny
 Dorothy Swindt

PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGE

The Board proposes adding the following underlined clause in Article XII, Committees, to correct an inconsistency with standing rules enacted last year. This change will be voted on at the March meeting.

SECTION 1. **Standing Committees.** There shall be the following standing committees, with committee functions listed in the Standing Rules:

- a) Membership
- b) Status of Women Service
- c) Fund Raising
- d) Public Relations and Communications
- e) Legislative Awareness and Advocacy



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U p c o m i n g C a l e n d a r E v e n t s - S a v e t h e D a t e !

March 9th	Beth's birthday
March 11th	March Club Meeting
March 13th	Foothills Club's Authors' Luncheon
April 1st	Gayle's birthday
April 3rd	Robin's birthday
April 8th	April Club Meeting
April 10th	Area 3 Meeting

April 16th	Julie S's birthday
May 7	Zonta Day of Film 2010
May 13th	May Club Meeting
May 20-22	Club Garage Sale
May 22	Douglas County Club—Trivia Night
June 10th	June Club Meeting
June 25th—30th	International Convention San Antonio, Texas