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CONGRESS PASSES VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT

Special points of interest:

- Congress passes VAWA
- March 9—Zonta's Day of Film 2013

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On February 28, a Senate version of the Violence Against Women Act was passed by the House of Representatives. As the [Associated Press](#) reported, on **Fox News**, “The bill renews a 1994 law that has set the standard for how to protect women, and some men, from domestic abuse and prosecute abusers. Thursday’s 286-138 vote came after House lawmakers rejected a more limited approach **offered by Republicans.**”

The law had expired in 2011 and was not reauthorized. Some Republicans voiced objections to including in the Act protections for immigrants, members of the LGBT community, and Native Americans. However, perhaps in the wake of the 2012 elections, those concerns were set aside last week.

Women’s rights activists, who advocated for reauthorization, including many Zonta members, are delighted.

The [Christian Science Monitor](#) recently reported that violence or abuse between husband and wife – or any two intimate partners – has been on



the wane in America, falling by an amazing 64 percent between 1994 and 2010. These statistics are based on a recent report by the US Department of Justice on intimate partner violence. (The decrease mirrors the overall drop in violent crime during the same time period.)

Although there is not unanimous agreement that VAWA was responsible for the decline, some believe the law has been an important factor. The Monitor article states, **“Many in the field cite a broad shift in attitudes that began in the 1980s and '90s, crediting public awareness campaigns, national legislation protecting victims, and subsequent training of police and prosecutors to recognize intimate partner violence as a crime, rather than as a private matter.”**

The news about violence against women and girls

remains grim in some other parts of the world.

The December gang rape and subsequent death of a young Indian woman has seemingly led to scrutiny in India of its

attitude about and legal treatment of such crimes.

In early February a seventeen-year-old South African woman was also brutally gang raped and attacked. She died from horrifying injuries but news reports indicate that violence, including violence against women, is so prevalent in South Africa that even this appalling crime failed to arouse a public outcry.

It is possible to change public attitudes about particular behaviors—consider the change in views about drunk driving in the United States.

Change won’t be easy or come quickly, but change is a certainty in human experience.

The incidents in India and South Africa highlight the importance of the UN Secretary-**General’s** UNiTE to End Violence against Women campaign, coordinated by UN Women, and Zonta **International’s** launch of **“Zonta Says NO.”**

March Club Meeting Details



Amy Blackwell

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

When: Thursday, March 14, 2013
5:30pm – Social Hour
6:00pm – Dinner

Menu: Salad and baked potato bar,
cheesecake for dessert

Cost: \$32.00

Greeter: Cynthia Herndon

Inspirational Moment: Amanda Hasty Melvin

RESERVATIONS: Please RSVP to Judy Allen before 10am Monday March 11, 2013, at 720-286-5012 or email her at Judith.allen@ch2m.com. **Don't call her** home phone or use personal email. If you have a special diet request please let Judy know this too.

Please call or email your guest names also. When you have a guest (first time or another visit) you are responsible to pay for the dinner if your guest is unable to attend.

Don't forget to RSVP if you are not on the Permanent Reservations list or to cancel if you are on the list and are unable to attend.

PROGRAM:

Amy Blackwell is a member of the AAUW Douglas County (CO) Branch and serves as AAUW of Colorado public policy co-director, volunteer lobbyist, **and social media administrator.** AAUW's mission is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

Amy holds bachelor's degrees in history and biology and a master's degree in history. Blackwell owns and operates a marketing and communications company and is an outreach volunteer for a domestic violence agency. She has served on gender research delegations to South Africa and Cuba and has climbed **17 of Colorado's "fourteeners."**

AAUW and Zonta have shared goals. Come and hear what Amy has to say and find out how ZCD can partner with AAUW to increase our impact.



Happy March birthdays to Beth and Katie B.



Permanent Reservations

We are charged for the number we guarantee for our dinner meetings, so we must bill a member who makes a reservation but **doesn't** come (or who forgets to cancel a permanent reservation).

The following members have permanent reservations:

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| Judy Allen | Kathy Hyzer |
| Evie Ashmore | Kate Linscott |
| Mary Benoit | Judy McNerny |
| Alice Borodkin | Nancy McWhirter |
| Julie Bradley | Wendy Moraskie |
| Sheila Davis | Linda Rhea |
| Mary Lou Edwards | Dorothy Swindt |
| Nikki Headlee | Julie Walker |

Consider adding your name to the list.

The Zonta Traveling Library

If you have managed to ignore this reminder in previous *Smoke Signals*, please remember about our club lending library. Each month I bring a suitcase full

of books donated by members. If you see a book you would like to read you may take it. If you have a book that you would like to **share and don't want**

returned to you, bring it and put in the lending library for someone else to enjoy. This is available at each meeting. Bring a book – take a book.

—Evie



COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fundraising

The Day of Film week is here! The sponsors have sponsored...the food donors are ready with food...the film is chosen...the producer will arrive...tickets are being sold!

Thank you all for all your hard work. Our work is not quite done (ALMOST) but we have a few things to tidy up and get ready. First of all, make sure that all your friends (and you!) have purchased your tickets. We are well on our way to being sold out but there are a few remaining for you to claim. Please go online to purchase (or mail in to our Post Office Box) but get those tickets sold! I know that there are a few of you who have not yet purchased your tickets and we are filling up fast! As of Friday, March 1st we had sold 132 tickets – that means there are only 48 tickets left and I know that a few people have mailed checks for tickets that we haven't received yet. Don't get left out in the cold! If you have mailed a check, make sure I know about it.

On another note, at the last meeting we sent around a worksheet for members to sign up for slots on our "Film To Do's" for Saturday. We had lots of people wanting to sign up for registration or taking tickets at the door but we need some setup and clean up and members to direct traffic etc. So please look at the list Judy Mc emailed to you on Saturday – if you signed up at the meeting, please verify what job you got assigned – and if you did not get a chance to sign up (I think I missed one of the sign up sheets floating around) PLEASE pick a task and call or email Julie Bradley today – as you are reading this – with what you would like to do! Remember since there is only one list – jobs get filled up fast – and WE NEED YOU! Please make sure that you help and sign up for some job! The Fund Raising Committee will be there for the entire film event and of course will fill in where needed but now is

your chance to jump in and help!

Money raised at this event helps fund our service grants every year! We should be proud of our efforts and proud of our club. Help us make a great impression with individuals who may not know much about Zonta and are coming to support us and learn about us.

The committee will have one more meeting before the film—on Tuesday, March 5th—to deal with last minute details. I want to thank them personally for dedicating their time this whole year towards making this a great event! They are terrific!! Thank you to Mary Benoit, Amanda Hasty Melvin, Nikki Headlee, Cynthia Herndon and Kate Linscott.

—Julie



Nepalese schoolgirls from Girl Rising

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Tests Before Having Children—Test 2

Find a couple who are already parents and berate them about their methods of discipline, lack of patience, appallingly low tolerance levels and how they have allowed their children to run wild. Suggest ways in which they might improve their child's sleeping habits, toilet training, table manners and overall behavior. Enjoy it. It will be the last time in your life that you will have all the answers.



Haitian schoolgirls from Girl Rising

Advocacy



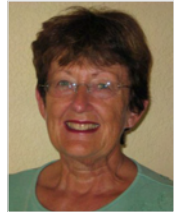
**March 8
is Zonta Rose Day**

Hallelujah—VAWA was passed finally!
Our March speaker will be Amy Blackwell from AAUW and we will also be honoring Chaer Roberts for

her many years of service to women in Denver, including director of the Denver Women's Commission since 1985. This will be a very

appropriate way for us to celebrate Zonta Rose Day!

—Mary Lou



PR and Communications



The next PR committee meeting will be on Saturday, 16 March

at 12:30 at my house. Lunch will be served. The agenda will include review

of the film event and plans for the yard sale. We will review timelines for the various Zonta events of the year and consider other suggestions for increasing PR for the club. I would like to also get a summary of items done by the committee members so we

can collect all the information in a book for future committees. Please let me know if you can attend

Other club members would also be welcome.

—Cynthia

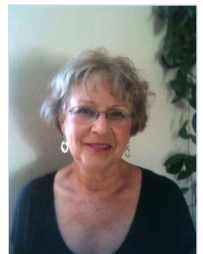
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New ZEEs

The New Zees met with Kathy and Nikki for orientation on March 2. Present were Laurie Peterson, Katie Boysen and Olette Stanberry. Besides going through orientation, there was much discussion about expectations, becoming a more modern and relevant

organization, and what new, younger members can bring to our organization. Nikki and I were very energized by the enthusiasm and ideas from our New Zees. The committee decided to meet again in the spring to plan activities and possibly a

New Zee service project that the entire club can participate in.



—Kathy

Club Treasurer



Just a reminder that all of our financials are on the web site in the

members-only section. We are fortunate to have the resources we do. —Nikki

Archiving

We have sorted through over 40 boxes of history. We are now in the process of culling through the remaining boxes to determine what will go on electronic media and what should be saved physically. In addition,

there are lots and lots of pictures to identify, try to date, and decide what format should be used to preserve. The process has actually been fun.

—Nikki, Barb, Jacki, and Joetta



Who are these women?

Service

Wow, what a wonderful February meeting. It is always fun to give out our grant money. As you saw, all of our grant recipients are just first class organizations and the work they do should make us all

proud of our support. There are some opportunities to help some of our grant recipients which are listed in the newsletter, but if you find yourself leaning toward one of these organizations and have some time, please

contact them to see if your skills can be used in their program efforts.



—Cathy



ZCD grant recipients with their BIG checks

Service Opportunities

Project SAAVE

The Denver Film Society (DFS) continues to promote ZCD's 2012 Oscar-winning Day of Film feature, *Saving Face*. If you missed the Day of Film last year, you can visit savingfacefilm.com for the latest news about upcoming screenings and broadcasts.

DFS has also launched a new website to further spotlight outreach efforts called "Project SAAVE" (Stand Against Acid Violence). To get there you can either go directly to projectsaave.org or click on the "Get Involved" tab of the Saving Face website .

This new website will offer more resources and information about the NGOs and others working to eradicate acid violence around the globe.



“Project SAAVE’s mission is to raise awareness of the horrific global problem of acid violence.”

Work Options for Women

Join WOW on Tuesday, March 19th, as Mary Nguyen, Chef and owner of Denver-area restaurants Parallel Seventeen and Street Kitchen Asian Bistro, will be teaching a Thai food cooking class.

Have fun, learn something

new, and help WOW pursue its mission: To help impoverished women become gainfully and permanently employed in the food service industry.

WOW’s annual major fundraiser, “Women Who Cook,” will be held on

Monday, May 6th.

Confirmed chefs for the event include Mary Nguyen, Elise Wiggins of Panzano, and Jennifer Jasinski of Rioja, Euclid Hall and Bistro Vendôme.

Save the date!

The Delores Project—Share at Carmine's on Penn

Enjoy an evening of fine food and joyous company benefiting The Delores Project. Mark your calendar for Tuesday, May 7 for our annual Share dinner at Carmine's on Penn (92 S. Pennsylvania St., Denver),

hosted by co-owner Brad Ritter, and event chair Kathy Meehan. Women of The Delores Project will be dinner guests at the restaurant and donated proceeds from other patrons will support our

programs. Tickets for the Prix Fixe dinner are \$45 (excluding beverages, tax and gratuity). For reservations, please contact Carmine's on Penn at 303-777-6443 or visit www.carminescolorado.com





Volunteers at Delores Project



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Items of the Month

- Hand warmers
- Thermal under garments
- Slippers
- Boots
- XL, 2X and 3X size warm clothes

- Sugar
- Fruit
- Milk
- Eggs
- Granola bars/trail mix
- Single serving soups/meals
- Napkins
- Toilet paper
- Laundry detergent
- thedeloresproject.org

Save the Date for Thursday, June 6th from 6pm to 9pm for The Delores Project Summer Fundraiser at the Space Gallery (765 Santa Fe Drive, Denver). More details to come!

“Human Trafficking-Awareness Day featured impressive displays including those by Truckers Against Trafficking.”

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee presents the following slate of candidates for the club board and nominating committee for 2013-2014:

- President: Wendy Moraskie
- President-Elect: Mary Benoit
- Vice President: Judy Allen

- Secretary: Laurie Peterson
- Treasurer: Kathy Hyzer
- Directors: Mary Lou Edwards will complete her 2012-2014 term.
2013-2014: Julie Bradley
2013-2015:

- Nancy McWhirter
- Katie Boysen
- Nominating Committee: Joetta Williams
- Cathy Conley
- Jacki Sammons
- Respectfully submitted, Joetta Williams
- Kathy Hyzer
- Jacki Sammons

HUMAN TRAFFICKING-AWARENESS DAY AT THE CAPITOL

It was a very blustery snowy day, February 21st, when many individuals interested in the issue of human trafficking came together at our state capitol. The event was organized and sponsored by The Human Trafficking Task Force of Southern Colorado. The weather didn't deter the

folks from the Springs and areas further south. In the rotunda of the capital were very impressive displays and slide shows educating the public about human trafficking. iEmpathize and Truckers Against Trafficking put on the majority of the displays.

The day started with an overview of human trafficking in Colorado. A. J. Alejano-Steele, Ph.D., Chair, Laboratory to Combat Human Trafficking (LCHT)



**Betty Edwards
Pikes Peak Area
Zontian**



presented this program. Next on the agenda was the a Human Trafficking Resolution presented to both the House and Senate. I had the honor and privilege of sitting with my dear friend and mentor Betty Edwards on the floor of both the House and Senate while the resolution was read. We heard testimony from several senators and representatives about how human trafficking has impacted them and their districts. The members of the H T Task Force were

introduced. Betty Edwards was introduced as the founder and driving force behind the Task Force. These dedicated advocates were met with enthusiasm and a lot of applause. After lunch there was a very impressive panel addressing the many facets and issues surrounding human trafficking. Believe me it is a multi-layered issue. The final event of the day was a rally. The rally was supposed to be on the west steps of the Capital but given the nasty weather conditions we were moved

inside. The move didn't curb the enthusiasm of the crowd. Everyone became inspired while staying warm. There was music, speakers, more literature, balloons and a lot of excitement. In attendance were Attorney General John Suthers, Denver Police Chief Robert White, and dignitaries too numerous to mention. I came away with renewed dedication to the issue of human trafficking, as I am sure a lot of the attendees did.

—Mary B



FEBUARY MEETING MINUTES

The regular monthly meeting was called to order by President Wendy Moraskie at 6:05 pm with 34 attending. Four guests were introduced. Debbie Squires, Area Director, introduced the new Area 3 banner and new branding. Laurie Peterson gave the invocation. The January minutes were approved with correction.

After dinner, Wendy introduced the members of the Service Committee who introduced the Program, the five organizations receiving our 2013 Grants:

Evie Ashmore introduced Open Door Ministries and presented a check for \$3500. Ashley Roberts and Barbi Stanfield talked about the 15 programs that Open Door operates. Our grant will go to books, school supplies, bus passes and more for the formerly

homeless women in their program.

Nancy McWhirter presented a check for \$5000 to The Delores Project. Laurel Ramore and Terrell Curtis talked about Steps to Stability, their program that helps residents get their GED, offers supportive and sobriety services and housing resources. This includes an individualized plan for each of the 80 women who went through the program last year.

Jeanette Neville and Liz Cameron presented a check for \$7000 to Girls Inc. representatives Melissa Flores and Jeslin Shazarahan. The Zonta grant will help fund the STEM (Science, tech, engineering, math) after school program for girls. They hope to have a satellite location in Green Valley

Ranch.

WOW received \$7000 from Sue Kruger for their new program Kitchen Math. It will help the clients, (many of whom have a poor math background), deal with fractions and other math concepts related to cooking and measuring. The book they will use is called "Gallon Girl".

Jeanette introduced Bill Wynn and Stephanie Robinson from Friends of the Haven. Their grant of \$7000 will be used for computers and training certification in Microsoft Office for up to 20 women in their residential program for women with addictions. Many of the women in the 18 month program at the Haven come to them from jail and prison, and they must have a GED and employment to graduate from their program.

“Our grant to WOW is for their new program Kitchen Math. The book they will use is called Gallon Girl.”



Laurie Peterson and Catherine Henry accept Work Options for Women grant



Dorothy Swindt gives Zonta Rock to Sue Kruger

President Wendy introduced Fund Raising chair Julie Bradley who gave the final pep talk about the film event to be held on Sat, March 9 at the SIE FilmCenter. All of the food has been underwritten, and sponsorships are ahead of last year. Only 20 tickets have been purchased on line, however, and most of those are not from members of our club. Julie and Wendy encouraged members to purchase their own tickets and to offer the opportunity to friends and

family, and to do it soon. We hope for another sell out. They recognized the work Judy McNerny did on the posters and fliers, and **also Cynthia's work on** publicity. Cynthia asked members to be prepared to give her feedback on the printed materials, so they will have a better idea next year on how much to print. Dorothy Swindt gave the Zonta Rock to Sue Kruger, and one of our guests won the gift drawing. Alice announced that the

March meeting will be Advocacy, and will be honoring Char Roberts. The speaker will be Amy Blackwell, state chair of the AAUW. Hopefully we will find opportunities to partner with AAUW in the future on issue of common interest. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Hyzer
for Julie Walker, Secretary

“We all adore men; it’s just that men have opportunities women don’t... we have to work to create opportunities for ourselves.”

President’s Message

March has arrived and for Zonta Club of Denver, it comes in like a lioness with our Day of Film, and the prospect of leveraging your entertainment dollars to help others and encouraging your friends and acquaintances to do the same. **If you’re reading this and haven’t bought your tickets yet, there may still be a few left, so hurry.** Visit our website and click on the link, or call Julie B or another club member to help you buy those tickets and reserve your seat at this terrific film and the talk-back, and a glass of champagne at the brunch. *The Denver Post* recently related a story from Barbara

Bridges, one of the principal women behind the VOICES film festival. She said she was asked by another woman if she could come to the festival even if she **wasn’t a feminist. She** explained that although she **wasn’t a feminist, she** believed in equality, and **Bridges said, “Then, you’re a feminist.”** **And feminism isn’t about** bashing men. *The Post* also interviewed Athena Project Festival founder Angela **Astle, who said, “We all adore men; it’s just that men are given opportunities women don’t have, so we have to work a little harder to create those opportunities for ourselves.”**

This is what our film event and our Zonta mission is about. As professional women, we have seized and invented opportunities for ourselves, with the support of a strong familial and social infrastructure and the foundation of a good education and a few smart choices. Take any of those components out of the mix, and we might find ourselves on the other side of the ZCD grant dollar. So, thank you for joining **with me in Zonta’s work and** our Day of Film, to raise funds to give other women, very much like us except for an element or two, a second chance. See you at the theatre!



President Wendy

One’s philosophy is not best expressed in words; it is expressed in the choices one makes... and the choices we make are ultimately our responsibility.

Happiness is not a goal; it is a by-product.

Eleanor Roosevelt



Zonta's Day of Film 2013:

GIRLRISING

One girl with courage is a revolution.

Girl Rising is a new feature film about the strength of the human spirit and the power of education to change the world.

From Academy Award-nominated director Richard E. Robbins, the film journeys around the globe to spotlight nine unforgettable girls born into unforgiving circumstances as they fight to realize their dreams.

Each *Girl Rising* story is written by a renowned writer from the girl's native country, and is narrated by a celebrated actress, including Meryl Streep, Anne Hathaway, Salma Hayek and Cate Blanchett.

The film features original music from Academy Award-winner Rachel Portman, with Hans Zimmer.

Produced by CNN Films.

Please join us at Zonta's Fifth Annual Day of Film for this inspiring film, panel discussion and brunch.

Saturday March 9, 2013, 10:00 am

SIE FilmCenter, 2510 E. Colfax

Tickets \$40

includes parking in SIE FilmCenter garage

For more information and to purchase tickets online go to: www.zonta-denver.org



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This Zonta Club of Denver Foundation fundraiser will finance projects of the Zonta Club of Denver and of Zonta International, benefiting women and girls in the Denver area and around the world.



**Zonta Club of
Douglas County**
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Save the Date! We're playing Trivia on...

Saturday, April 20, 2013

5:30-9:30 p.m.

Kirk Hall, Douglas County Fairgrounds, Castle Rock

Do you LOVE trivia and want to play?

Team of 6 - \$210 per team (\$35 each)

Deadline to play: Tuesday, April 9th

Email Mary Reed at MaryLReed@Yahoo.com or call 303-814-0595 to reserve your team.

Want to be a Sponsor?

Deadline to sponsor: Tuesday, April 9th

Contact Judy Crenshaw at JudyCrenshaw@hotmail.com or call 303-688-9107.

Would you like to contribute to our Silent Auction?

Deadline to contribute: Tuesday, April 9th

Contact Sue Nissen at SueNissen3@gmail.com or call 303-204-2452

Trivia Forms and Documents Here!

Tables are selling out fast. Act NOW while there is still room!

Funds raised from our Trivia event directly support our community in the form of scholarships and grants.

Let's have some fun!

Judy Crenshaw, President
Zonta Club of Douglas County
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**Zonta International
North American
Inter-District Meeting
Niagara Falls, ON Canada
June 14 to 16, 2013**

SAVE THE DATE

Please plan to join us

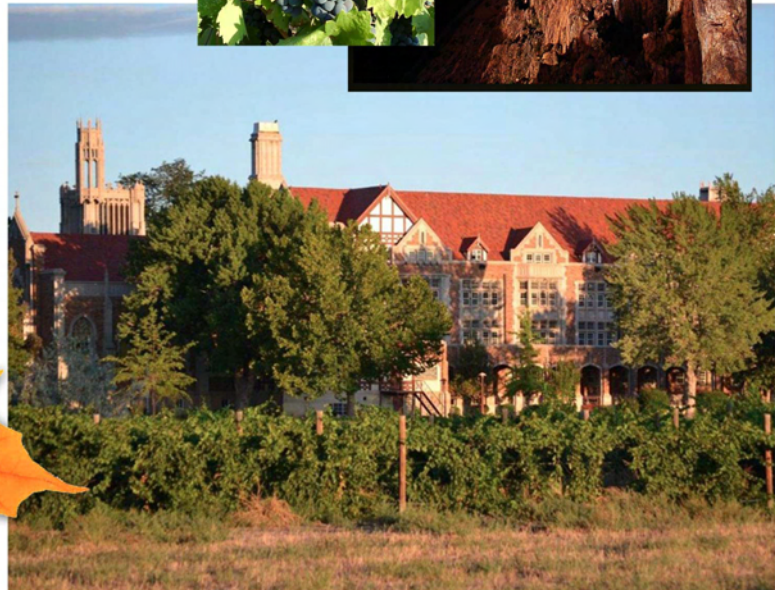
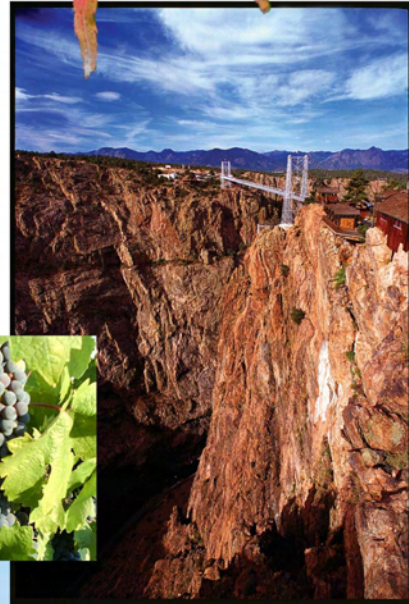
- Network beyond your club and district
- Hear great presentations
- Share ideas

**“Get on Board the New Zonta Express,
BE the Change, the Zonta Change”**

Watch for registration and program details in January 2013

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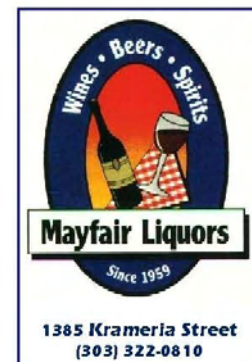


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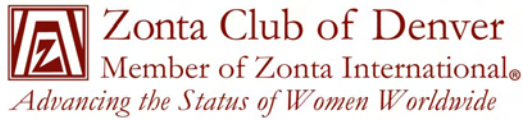
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to be useful, to have it make some difference that you have lived at all.*

~ Leo Rosten ~

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Visit us at www.zonta-denver.org

March 9	2013 Zonta Day of Film— <i>Girl Rising</i> SIE FilmCenter, 2510 East Colfax, Denver	May 9	Club meeting—Embassy Suites
March 14	Club meeting—Embassy Suites Amy Blackwell, AAUW, & Chaer Roberts	May 19	The Delores Project—service opportunity
March 17	The Delores Project—service opportunity	June 6	Delores Project Summer Fundraiser at the Space Gallery , 765 Santa Fe Drive, Denver
April 11	Club meeting—Embassy Suites	June 13	Club meeting—Embassy Suites
April 13	Area 3 meeting—Denver—Speaker: Former Colorado First Lady Jeannie Ritter	June 14-16	Zonta International North American Inter- District Meeting—Niagara Falls, Ontario
April 21	The Delores Project—service opportunity	June 16	The Delores Project—service opportunity
May 6	WOW's annual major fundraiser: Women Who Cook	October 4-6	Zonta District 12 Conference—Cañon City, CO
May 7	Delores Project fundraiser: Share at Carmine's on Penn	July 2014	Zonta International Convention Orlando, Florida