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## Smoke Signal - March 2019

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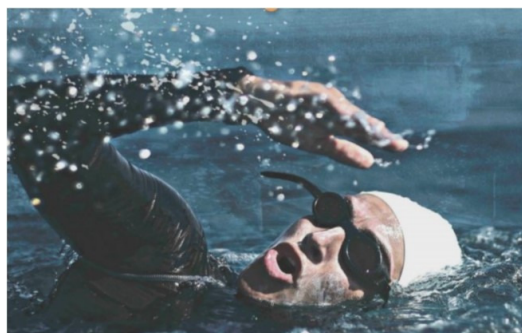
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#### *Be Relentless*

One's past does not dictate one's future.

Zonta's Day of Film 2019

March 30, 2019

#### March Meeting

Date: Thursday, March 14th  
Event: Club meeting  
Time: 5:00 p.m.  
Place: Fresh Fish Company  
7800 E Hampden  
Program: Dawn Bali

Dawn will speak about child marriage  
in District 12.

RSVP to Veronica Hoegler at 303-424-  
2811 (call or text) or [vehoegler@  
comcast.net](mailto:vehoegler@comcast.net).

## February Minutes

### Message from our President



Thanks to our Service Committee, the Membership Committee, and everyone else who worked to make our grant award meeting a success. One of the most gratifying things we do as a club is to give significant grants to worthwhile organizations that empower women in the Denver area.

This Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, we will be participating in the “Half the Sky Fair” at DU, which runs all day. Please feel free to stop by this free event at Sturm Hall, 2000 E. Asbury Ave. (just east of High St.). Inspired by the book *Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide*, a group of volunteers at the University of Denver created the *Half the Sky Fair* to promote the education and advancement of girls and women.

In addition to a variety of workshops and presentations, the fair will host representatives from philanthropic organizations focused on the empowerment of women through education. We’re proud to be a part of this celebration, which is a great opportunity to get inspired and raise our profile.

Thank you for all you do for Zonta. See you on the 14th!

~ Marian Lee

# ZONTA'S DAY OF FILM

## ***BE RELENTLESS***

March 30, 2019

Champagne Brunch and Film

OPENS AT 9:15

Tivoli Center at Metro State University Auraria Campus

Tickets -\$50 through 3/15; then \$55

Tickets at <http://zonta-denver.org>

Invite several friends

Solicit a Sponsor

### Levels

\$2,000 - 3 bottles of premium wine; 6 tickets with center seating

\$1,500 - 2 bottles of premium wine; 4 tickets with center seating

\$1,000 - 4 tickets with center seating

\$ 600 - 3 tickets with preferential seating

\$ 300 - 2 tickets with preferential seating

Plus name and logo prominently displayed at event, on all printed materials and press outreach. Special recognition announced at event for first four categories.

Volunteer for Day of Film-email Jeanette Scotland at [jscotland@gmail.com](mailto:jscotland@gmail.com)

## COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN 2019



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## Learning Opportunity and FUNdraiser

### **Gain a Greater Understanding of Yourself and Others With the MBTI**

Please consider joining me for a fun and informative workshop on the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator ("MBTI"), a tool I use frequently with coaching clients and work groups. The purpose of the MBTI is to make Carl Jung's theory of psychological types understandable and useful in people's lives. The essence of the theory is that much seemingly random variation in behavior among people is actually quite orderly and consistent, often due to basic preferences in the ways we take in and process information.

The workshop will take place on a Saturday morning, a Saturday afternoon, or a Thursday evening during March or April, and will last two hours. Here is the process:

1. Let me know if you'd be interested in participating by emailing me at [marian.lee@comcast.net](mailto:marian.lee@comcast.net) by **Monday, March 11th**.
2. I'll send around a poll to all the people who have expressed interest, so we can find the best date and time for the most people.
3. I'll send each attendee the instrument and answer sheet to complete and return to me, along with the registration fee of \$25.
4. I'll then prepare individualized reports for the attendees and design a workshop around the types of people attending. In addition to presenting an overview of type theory, we'll do some interactive exercises to better illustrate the type preferences at work.

All proceeds will be donated to our club's operating account. Hope to see you there!

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,  
Marian

## A Word from the Treasurer



It is that time again – payment of dues. To be cost effective, your Dues Statement for the Fiscal Year June 1, 2019 to May 31, 2020 will be sent by email to all members in March.

At the Zonta International Convention, an \$8 increase was approved for Zonta International dues. In addition, a \$1 increase for District 12 years will be shown as well. (Remember this is less than the cost of a latte.)

Zonta International Dues	\$91.00
District 12 Dues	40.00
Zonta Club of Denver	73.00
<b>Total Due by May 1</b>	<b>\$204.00</b>

Make your check payable to Zonta Club of Denver. Bring payment to the April meeting or mail to:

Evie Ashmore  
5795 S. Danube Circle  
Centennial, CO 80015

Please remember, by payment of your dues, you are renewing your commitment to support all the things we do in Zonta!

Thanks for the opportunity to serve as your Treasurer!

~ Evie Ashmore

## Committee Reports

## MEMBERSHIP

We look forward to seeing you and your guests on March 14, 5 pm for social hour, at the Fresh Fish Co. RSVP as indicated above. Six women at the Colorado Women's Legislative Breakfast expressed an interest in Zonta and will be invited to visit us in March. Please help us entertain and educate them about Zonta.



Ten Zontians enjoyed the fascinating Vance Kirkland Museum and lunch at Leven Deli nearby. Please join us for our next social gathering. We are planning some special outings this summer: a visit to the Angel Shop in Littleton and the Tavern in June, a wine and painting event in July, and the Convention Center wall displaying historically significant Colorado women and a happy hour in August.

We are continuing to explore the possibility of forming a Z Club for Denver area high school students. Z Clubs are an opportunity for young women to serve their communities and prepare their credentials for college applications in a non-competitive environment. We would like to nurture the next generation of young women to serve other women through Zonta. The board will discuss our options and whether to go forward with this venture.

~ Veronica Hoegler



## FUND RAISING

The Fund Raising Committee always needs your help!

If you haven't already volunteered for the Day of Film email me at [jscotland@gmail.com](mailto:jscotland@gmail.com).

While the Day of Film is our signature fundraising event there are other opportunities to fund our grantees for next year:

Garage Sale: SATURDAY MAY 18 at 7 am – 2pm. During spring cleaning you may come across items of value to another person or Zontian. Set it aside for our May Garage Sale.

In April you may want to refresh your assessment of the Myers-Briggs at a good price. We will be updating you on with the day, time and cost for this event. This is a marvelous instrument that can help you to understand yourself, friends and loved ones. It also can be a guide to your strengths and weaknesses and it is often used to help people find a career that suits their personality. Guess what? People change over time so consider taking it again to see how you have grown. Stay tuned.

~ Jeanette Scotland

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## **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

### **More ideas for our Day of Film**



We have a little more time to get the word about this year's Day of Film. Thanks to everyone who has already talked up the movie via their email and on Facebook, etc. What else can we do to encourage people to join us at the Tivoli?

Who else might be interested in seeing "Be Relentless" at the end of March? I'm going to share the flyer with my neighbor who teaches grade school physical education. Norma is a great model for young girls!

A couple of local bike shops agreed to put up flyers, too. Wouldn't it be great if we had a herd (a gaggle?) of bikes tied up outside the Tivoli on March 30, whose riders were all attending our event?

How about your friend who loves to bike? Your neighbor, the runner? Your doctor/dentist/hair stylist who plays tennis/practices yoga/lifts weights? Anyone interested in fitness and justice will be glad to hear about the film and Norma's incredible, inspiring journey.

Let's fill the house! We're aiming at Standing Room Only!!

~ Wendy Moraskie



## ADVOCACY

Our committee has been very busy and I want to share all the details with you! Please start [here](#) to read my January committee report, then go [here](#) for February. I hope many club members will join us in the efforts described there.

~ Dawn Bali

## NOMINATING

The Nominating Committee presents the following slate of candidates for officer and director positions to serve during the 2019-2020 club year and, in the case of two directors, for the next two club years:

President	Mary Lou Edwards moves automatically from President-Elect
President Elect	Gwen Fornia
Vice President	Jeanette Scotland
Treasurer	Dottie Jenkins
Secretary	Sara Ball
Director (2018-2020)	CJ Long completes her term
Director (2018-2020)	Veronica Hoegler completes her term
Director (2019-2021)	Dawn Bali
Director (2019-2021)	Kathy Hyzer
Nominating	Marian Lee
	Nancy McWhirter
	Joetta Williams

Respectfully,  
Julie Bradley  
Kathy Hyzer  
Judy McNerny

## Club Calendar

### Club Meetings

**March 14 , 2019**  
5 pm  
Fresh Fish Company  
Dawn Bali, "Child Marriage"

### Special Events

**UN Commission  
on the Status of Women**  
March 11-22, 2019  
New York, New York



**April 11, 2019**

5 pm  
Fresh Fish Company

**May 9, 2019**

5 pm  
Fresh Fish Company

**Committee  
Meetings**

**Fundraising Committee**

March 4 at 5:30 pm  
Jeanette Scotland's house  
3350 S Clermont St

**Service Committee**

March 11 at 5:30  
Citron Bistro  
Hampden and Yosemite

**Membership Committee**

March 20th at 4:30  
Panera's at Riverpoint  
Hampden at Sheridan

**2019 Day of Film**

March 30, 2019  
Tivoli Center, Auraria Campus  
*Be Relentless*

**North American  
Inter-District Meeting**

June 7-9, 2019  
Dallas, Texas

**District 12 Conference**

September 21-22, 2019  
Billings, Montana



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# Zonta Club of Denver

## General Meeting MINUTES

February 14, 2019

### **CALL TO ORDER**

President Marian called the meeting to order at 5:45

### **ADVOCACY MOMENT**

Dawn Bali reviewed new bills coming up that we might support: Paid family leave; Full time Kindergarten; Human sexuality education; and renter's rights legislation are among them. Also, HB 1170 addresses resident's health and safety act. [leg.colorado.gov](http://leg.colorado.gov) is online source for bills and current legis. Lobby day will be Feb 27<sup>th</sup> 8-11:30 Women's Foundation meeting on Mar 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Fundraising: Jeannette spoke about our Day of Film. Help selves to flyers on the table. Symphony in March tickets for \$35- Make checks out to Wendy but send to Cynthia. Next show is March 1<sup>st</sup>

Garage sale is May 18<sup>th</sup> – please bring items prior – large items/furniture on Friday evening.

Pouches still available

Membership: Qtrly gatherings – fun outings in the summer. Guests are welcome to join our group.

### **GRANT AWARDS -**

CJ lead presentation to introduce the Grant Recipients:

1<sup>st</sup> grant: Women Veterans Project to update their bridge homes. Theresa commented that our donations in November were greatly appreciated – the simple things have made a big difference

2<sup>nd</sup> grant - Asian Pacific Center. Pam introduced Director Lee: Self empowerment group for Domestic Violence. Have provided assistance for 39 years. The program Zonta is supporting is a 14 week DV group for immigrant / refugee women. "Safety is a Human Right"

3<sup>rd</sup> grant - Hope House. Mary introduced Lisa Stephens, executive director. Hope house houses 6 families, but supporting 240 teen moms to be self sufficient. Heavy focus on education. Early learning program for kids. Most have generational patterns that they are helping to break. 38 moms are now going to college through this program. 18% graduation rate from college – vs 2% nationally for this demographic. Gave example of woman who profited from the GED program

4<sup>th</sup> grant – Making Choices. Olette presented Amanda, executive director shared program – Flagship program pairing professionals as mentors and incarcerated women. MENTORS help women in a society that may not accept ex inmates back into society. Breaking the cycle of their own children from being incarcerated.

5<sup>th</sup> grant – Gwen introduced Karmen Carter, Executive Director of Blue Bench. Zonta grant will support the Safe Bars program. Karmen described their history of care for and prevention of sexual assault and that the safe bar programs will hopefully be 80% prevention. Karmen noted that Zonta was the first organization to sponsor this program

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Jeannette spoke about a possible fundraiser event – A Myers Briggs workshop. Could include friends outside of Zonta. Marian will host the event on a Saturday in April for \$20. Proceeds go to the club.

PR – Wendy suggested inviting friends to our events. We have flyers and cards to take to associates

Evie – Dues are coming up and We will receive email reminders.

**Zonta Rock** – Penny gave it to Dawn Bali for her hard work on advocacy.

**ADJOURNMENT at 7:10**

Respectfully Submitted by Gwen Fornia, Secretary

## **Commission on the Status of Women 2019**

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The Commission works tirelessly with member states of the United Nations for gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls. It supports the implementation of the 1995 Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, UN Security Resolution 1325, the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGS) and the Convention to Eliminate All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Now I know all of that is more than any of us can wrap our brains around. The CSW program is just as mind-boggling. The events go on daily from early morning until way into the evenings. There are actually 400 events that will take place during the 2 weeks. The theme for this year is SOCIAL PROTECTION / PUBLIC SERVICES / INFRASTRUCTURE.

Zonta has a voice at CSW because we are an NGO (non-governmental organization) with consultative status at the United Nations. That is one of the many reasons it is such an honor to attend. A few of the events will be sponsored by Zonta. One of the most overarching themes of CSW is gender equality, something that is so important in our daily lives. Gender equality is the state in which access to rights or opportunities is unaffected by gender. This is not just a women's issue. This is an issue for everyone. Equality does not imply that men and women are the same but that they are of equal value and must be accorded equal treatment. When you look at gender equality from this point of view we quickly realize that this is an issue that affects our lives constantly. All of us must remain diligent. All of us must demand with dignity equal treatment.

So as we Zontians go to New York for CSW, I am sure we will learn things we never thought of. I am sure we will bring this newly acquired knowledge back to all of you. I know I have in the past and I am sure it will happen again. This year Nikki Headlee and Jeanette Scotland from our club are going. I am sure we will have lots to tell when we get home.

~ Mary Benoit

Advocacy Committee Report – January 2019

We had productive meetings with Wendy Moraskie, talking about public relations collaboration, and Sue Stark, from the League of Women Voters. The District 12 Centennial Anniversary Committee is marching on, to include lots of details of what other clubs are doing and the announcement of District 12 Governor Deedee Boysen’s tour of the clubs. Our next committee meeting will be February 8<sup>th</sup> at the Burnt End BBQ restaurant: 5332 DTC Blvd #100, Greenwood Village. We hope to present a couple of ideas at the next Board of Directors meeting for approval, including how we may support the Women’s Lobby of Colorado’s Legislative Breakfast. Lastly, Advocacy will present at the March meeting, speaking about Child marriage within our district.

Wendy and Dawn spoke about CBS4’s Week of Women as an opportunity to publicize the February awards dinner and the Day of Film. We brainstormed events and organizations that Advocacy could partner with in the future, such as Denver’s Cherry Blossom Festival, galas, and summits. We look like we have great leads to follow up on!

At the Centennial virtual meetings, much discussion has occurred about how clubs will be celebrating the Centennial locally. Deedee has asked to be informed of these so that she may attend on her tour of the District’s clubs. Advocacy will be deciding what our event will be, but Dawn is hoping for a parade!

Dawn met with Sue and Jeanette, discussing collaboration opportunities. At our next meeting, Advocacy will discuss potentially partnering with the League to support its *Women to Watch* event, March 24<sup>th</sup> and what that could entail. Sue invited Denver Zontians to attend future presentations, including a meeting February 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm where Colorado’s demographer will likely discuss the upcoming census. Overall, it was a good informative beginning.

We received an invitation again this year to participate in the Colorado Women’s Legislative Breakfast on Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>. In the past we’ve participated at the Supporter Level entitling us to table space for displaying Zonta information and two tickets to the event. Mary Lou Edwards and Carol Mangold attended this event last year and other members of our club have attended in prior years. The event is well attended by a broad scope of organizations and individuals. The program is informative and relevant.

Upcoming Events:

<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Host</b>
Feb 8 @11:00 am	Advocacy Committee	Burnt End 5332 DTC Blvd #100, Greenwood Village	Committee Chair, Dawn
Feb 13 @	Advocacy Training		Women’s Lobby of Colorado
Feb 19 @ 5:30 pm	Meeting / CO demographer	Mountview Presbyterian 1980 Dahlia St Denver	League of Women’s Voters
Feb 26 @7-9 am	Legislative Breakfast		Women’s Lobby of Colorado
Mar 5	Lobby Day		The Women’s Foundation of Colorado
Mar 24	Women to Watch		League of Women’s Voters

February 2019 Advocacy Committee Report

The Advocacy Committee met on February 8<sup>th</sup>. The following items were discussed:

- Centennial Anniversary grant submission: The Haven was nominated by the Service Committee and CJ Long has taken charge of the submission process. Thank you so much, CJ!
- Centennial Anniversary Project: We are exploring participating in the Veteran’s Day Parade on November 8<sup>th</sup>. Dawn opened discussion with Theresa Blumberg—Women Veterans of Colorado, hoping to partner with them. Doing so would reduce our entrance fee to \$0. The parade is divided by eras and Dawn hopes to enter the club in the WWI time frame. This would allow us to highlight Zonta’s 100 years and women’s suffrage in Colorado, which also is celebrating 100 years. Amazon sells suffragette costumes for less than \$30. It would be fun to march as suffragettes! If you are interested in helping in any way, please let us know. We also talked about partnering with ZCD II to work on a proclamation from the Governor’s office and/or drawing awareness by shining an orange light on the Capital building.
- Dawn will give a presentation on the status of Child Marriage in District 12 at the March 14<sup>th</sup> Monthly Meeting.
- The Board voted to donate up to 30 Zonta pouches to support of the League of Women Voters event: Women to Watch. This event recognizes women who have overcome substantial hurdles. It is a simple punch and cookies reception on March 24. For more information, please contact Jeanette Scotland.
- Dawn attended advocacy training with the Women’s Lobby of Colorado on 13 Feb. It was filled with lots of useful information, including what their priorities will be this session.
- Sign-ups were created for Advocacy Moments and Articles. Please sign up if you have the time!
  - Articles: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c4cacaf2ca0f94-advocacy>
  - Moments: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c4cacaf2ca0f94-advocacy1>

The next meeting will be at the Ross-University Hills Branch Library @ 3:00 pm in the small meeting room.

4310 E Amherst Ave, Denver, CO 80222

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<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Host</b>
Mar 5 @7:30-4:30 pm	Lobby Day	1 <sup>st</sup> Baptist Church of Denver 1373 Grant St., Denver	The Women’s Foundation of Colorado
Mar 6 @4-7:30 pm	Women Powering Change 2019	EXDO Event Center 1399 35 <sup>th</sup> St., Denver	Women’s Collaborative for Colorado
Mar 24 @2-4 pm	Women to Watch	Montview Presbyterian Church 1980 Dahlia St., Denver	League of Women’s Voters