

Smoke Signal



Message from Zonta International President

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The tsunami of 26 December shocked and saddened us all. As the death toll mounted and the extent of the devastation became known, Zontians worldwide expressed their concern for the survivors by donating to international relief agencies and to special funds established by Districts 17 (the clubs in Hong Kong, Philippines, Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand) and 25 (the clubs in India, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka).

And as happens all too often in the wake of a disaster, there have been reports of rape and sexual molestation of women survivors of the tsunami, and of trafficking of

women and children.

Violence against women is a priority issue for Zonta International and for Zonta clubs around the world. It is a global issue and a horrendous one.

One in three women in the world has suffered some sort of violence, often at the hand of an intimate partner or family member (UNIFEM). UNICEF reported in 1997 that more than 60 million women who should have been alive were not because of gender-based violence ranging from dowry killings, female infanticide, and domestic violence.

In November 2004

World Bank President James Wolfensohn called gender violence "a development problem, a moral problem and an ethical problem. It is a problem that attacks the very essence of family life because it also affects the children—the next generation."

Zontians know this, and through our club service projects ZISVAW Program (Zonta International Strategies to Prevent Violence Against Women), and International Service Projects such as our 2002-2004 project in India to combat violence against women, our 1998-2002 project to prevent female circumcision in Burkina Faso, and our current anti-trafficking project in Bosnia and Herzegovina we are making the world a better, safer place for women.

As I mentioned in my last message, the Strategic Planning Task Force (composed of members of the Zonta International and Zonta International Foundation

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Zonta International Web Site Info!



Rose Fund Giving:

Biennium Goal
 US\$ 3,620,000
 Raised through
 March 31, 2005
 \$955,404



Special points of interest:

- New Officers installation
- Garage Sale
- RAAP Self-Defense Training
- Voting on By-Laws, Standing Rules, Imagination Library

President: Diane Twining
 Editor: Julie Bradley

Area 3 Director: Barb Nelson

Governor Dist 12: Evelyn Haskell



President Diane's May Message...

Greeting Fellow Zontians,

I can hardly believe that an entire year has gone by! So many goals were reached, however, we are still working towards others. As I approach this final month of my Presidency, I have mixed emotions: sadness, that I won't be in the 'thick of things', but also excitement that I will be handing over leadership of our Club to committed fellow Zontians. I know our new President, Linda Rhea, and new Board Members, share our mission and passion for Zonta.

The month of April had many highlights, the Area 3 Meeting, Channel 9 Health Fair, our usual ongoing Service occasions, the fantastic Day of Caring and several new opportunities, one of which, The Imagination Library, we will be voting on at our next general membership meeting on May 12th.

Additional exciting projects will also be on our agendas over the next few months, such as, the Long Term Teen Moms Project. Our Club is not resting on its laurels, but continues to move forward with many meaningful tasks and plans. In addition to the Imagination Library, we will also be voting on updates to our Club's Bylaws and Stand-

ing Rules and of course, the installation of the new Officers will be a highlight too; a very important meeting all around.

The month of May brings even more fun Zonta, activities, our Saturday self defense class through RAAP, the Zonta Garage Sale on the 21st the annual Awards Program for the Denver Kids and don't forget to ask your friends and acquaintances if they would like to purchase tickets to our latest fundraiser, the Full Monty, showing on July 17th.

At the beginning of my term I asked all of you to reevaluate the reasons why you were a member of Zonta and to volunteer for at least one Service opportunity. I hope that all of you were able to do this introspective task and to participate with your fellow Zontians in making our community and world a better and safer place for women.

Finally, in closing, thank you for the honor and opportunity to serve as your President. I will cherish and carry forward wonderful memories and numerous additional skills.

Yours in Zonta, *Diane*

Election of officers!

Congratulations are in order for the new officers of Zonta Club of Denver for 2005-2006

President: Linda Rhea

President Elect: Sheila Davis

Vice President: Cathy Conley

Secretary: Linda Corssmit

Treasurer: Judy Allen

Continuing Directors for 2004-2006: Nancy Koontz, Beth Mundell

New Directors for 2005-2007: Julie Bradley, Dottie Jenkins

Nominating Committee for 2005-2006:

Diane Twining, Cynthia Herndon, Evie Ashmore



Member Retreat

Sat., June 11th 9:00 am

At the home of Barbara Pellegren

1471 Old Happy Canyon Road

Castle Rock, CO

303-663-2579

Join us for time to get to know more about Zonta and to get to know more about your fellow Zontians.

You also will have the opportunity to help the new board discover what your vision is for the club in the coming year.

We are like snowflakes—each one of us is different but when we stick together we can accomplish so much.

Muchas Gracias, Vielen Dank, Merci, Mzuri, THANK YOU! ...to all of you for your kindness, support, cards and well wishes over the last month. It has brightened tough days and made me feel surrounded with gentle are. I am appreciative of, and humbled by this terrific group of women. Yours in Zonta

Warmly, Beth Mundell

President Mary Ellen Bittner continued...

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boards is working to formulate a strategic plan for our future. The Member Survey was one opportunity to make your voices heard and your opinions known. It is one of several information sources the Task Force is using to assess our current environment and look ahead to the future.

The Strategic Plan will be presented at the International Convention next year in Melbourne. I hope you will attend what will be an interesting, inspiring, and fun convention Down Under.

I end this message on a more personal note. In Octo-

ber I fell, and for almost three months was unable to stand, walk, or use my left arm. The response from Zontians was, quite simply, one of the most heartwarming experiences of my life.


Zontians from all over the world sent cards, letters, notes sometimes signed by every member of the club and flowers. The District 3 board members kept in touch, members of my own Zonta Club of Washington D.C. visited me in the hospital and at home and helped with tasks I could not do, and the International board members, committee chairmen and members, and Headquarters staff made

extra efforts to help during this difficult period. I know my recovery is proceeding much more quickly because of this thoughtfulness.

Thank you, all.

Mary Ellen Bittner

President



Dear Fellow Zontians, What a pleasant surprise when Diane delivered the yellow rose to me on Zonta Rose Day with a greeting from all of you. I really felt honored to be so recognized. Thank you for your thoughtfulness. Dolores Lowery

Taking orders for the Zonta Montage Pin

\$20—money to go towards Aids to Victims of Violence in Cortland, New York

Explanation of the symbols used:



Yellow rose = appreciation of women's successes

Plane = Amelia Earhart

Globe = international organization

Clock = volunteer our time

Computer = communication

Figures holding hands = mutual support and connection

May Meeting Info...

When: Thursday, May 12th

Where: Sheraton Four Points
I-25 & Hampden

Time: 5:30 p.m. social hour;
6:00 p.m. dinner

Cost: \$25.00

Invocation:

Greeter:

Please RSVP to Kathy Hyzer at 303-282-1062

and leave a message. Remember—you must make your reservation by Monday, May 9th at noon. If you are on permanent reservation list you must call to cancel by noon Monday.

May Birthdays!

Cynthia Herndon May 8th

Judy McNerny May 20th

Program of General Meeting:

- Ron Ausmus from the Heifer Project will be speaking.
- Installation of Officers
- Voting on Imagination Library, By Laws & Standing Rules

Zonta Traveling Book Suitcase:

Due to lack of traffic it was decided to make the traveling book suitcase a lending suitcase. You bring your books or take books to read (no more cost). Enjoy the interesting books!

NO MORE PIN HOLES!

Magnets will be available for purchase at the May meeting. For a cost of \$4 you can get magnets to replace the pins on the back of your nametags!

Permanent

Reservation List

- Judy Allen
- Evie Ashmore
- Mary Benoit
- Julie Bradley
- Nancy Koontz
- Cathy Conley
- Sheila Davis
- Nikki Headlee
- Cynthia Herndon
- Dottie Jenkins
- Kate Linscott
- Dolores Lowery
- Judy McNerny
- Marjorie Pickett
- Linda Rhea
- Dorothy Swindt
- Carmen Teufel
- Diane Twining
- Joetta Williams

MENU

- Chinese Chopped Salad with Wonton Crisps & Sesame Vinaigrette
- Stir Fired Chicken with Cashews & Broccoli
- Steamed Rice
- Mango Sorbet with Fresh Fruit and Fortune Cookie

Board of Directors Meetings: Upcoming Service Opportunities

**Zonta Club of Denver
2004-2005**

Board of Director's Meetings

The board meets regularly at member homes on the 4th Thursday of each month.

May 25th (joint board meeting) at the Imperial Café in Denver

CHANGE OF DATE!

The members of Zonta Club of Denver are committed to the support and well-being of our community, our club, and ourselves, by improving the status of women and children and upholding the Objects of Zonta International.

**ZONTA CLUB OF DENVER
MISSION STATEMENT**

(Adopted Nov, 13, 1997)



Denver Kids Teen Mom's Party

The Denver Kids Teen Mom graduation party was held May 7th. A fun evening was had by all with a fascinating speaker, gifts for the graduates and yummy food!

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Day of Caring!

• **Ronald McDonald House**

May 17th: Nikki Headlee, Judy Allen, Robin Forti and Myrna Rivera are signed up. We need a coordinator!

• **RAAP Safety Skills Class**

Erin Lantz of the Rape Assistance and Awareness Project (RAAP) is offering ZCD a free personal safety skills class on Saturday, May 14th, 9:00—12:00, at Hope United Methodist Church. The church is at Belleview and Dayton, about a mile east of I-25, in Greenwood Village. We need a minimum of 8 people, and there are currently only 5 signed up. Please call or email Linda Corssmit if you'd like to participate. This is a great way to learn how to avoid putting yourself in harm's way and what to do if you are attacked.

• **Denver Kid's Awards Reception**

Help is needed for the Denver Kids's Inc. Awards Reception on Thursday May 26th. We will provide and serve refreshments as we have done in the past. A sign up sheet with needed items for food will be available at the May meeting.

• **Garage Sale**

The ZCD Garage Sale is Saturday, May 21st at Cynthia Herndon's house. Please sign up to work on the 21st or set up on Friday May 20th. Save all your good junk for the sale (no adult clothing please)

The Zonta

Interdistrict Summit

is coming to Denver on June 24, 25 & 26. The attachments will tell you what you need to know. As usual, we need volunteers to make this summit a success. There is a sign-up sheet attached.

Specifically we need --

- People to help with name badges the week of June 20th. The exact time has not been determined.
- People to help with registration on Friday, June 24 from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm & Saturday, June 25 from 7:00 am to 11:30 am. This will be in 1.5 hour shifts.
- People to go on a bus trip to the Botanic Gardens on Friday, June 24 from 12:30 pm to 5:30 pm.
- People to help with hospitality on Friday, June 24 from 10:30 am to 8:00 pm in 1.5 to 2 hour shifts.
- People to help with hospitality on Saturday and Sunday to assist both presenters and attendees. Must be able to attend most of the sessions.

This summit is a chance for many members who are unable to attend conventions to get a real taste of the inter-

national flavor of Zonta. Please encourage all members to attend or volunteer. It promises to be a weekend well spent.

Yours in Zonta,
Barbara L. Nelson
District 12, Area 3 Director
blnelson@mdch.com

Contact Barb at the above email address if you want to sign up!

Zonta prepares for International Convention in Melbourne!

Save your money to go!!



Invitation from the Chairman

Collect your convention satchel and program from 12.00noon onwards Friday 23rd June 2006 for the start of our International convention where you will experience Australian hospitality and welcome. The convention will have many highlights and events to make your stay an exciting and unforgettable experience.

Melbourne, Australia is an unmatched destination for International meetings and conventions and will provide the perfect setting for our 58th Convention. Within close proximity to Melbourne lies a diverse range of great Australian experiences for all visitors to enjoy - wineries, temperate rainforests, rugged coastlines, surf beaches, snowfields, deserts, wildlife reserves and historic goldmining towns.

With a population of more than three million, Melbourne is Australia's second largest city. It is regarded as the cultural and fashion capital of Australia and is renowned for the unparalleled attractions of its gardens and parklands, food precincts, fine restaurants, markets, galleries, arcades and great sporting facilities. Most of these attractions are situated around the Central Business District or within an easy tram or train ride. It is a true multicultural city with more than one quarter of Melbourne's inhabitants born overseas.

Although Melbourne sprawls around much of Port Phillip Bay, the main focus for visitors is the Yarra River, which forms the southern perimeter of the Central Business District. The river separates the city from the Southbank precinct and the parklands that surround the Royal Botanic Gardens. The Melbourne Exhibition and Convention Centre is situated on the banks of the Yarra and is located in the heart of Melbourne's attractions and facilities, it provides an excellent opportunity to bring your family to enjoy the city and the Zonta International Convention experience with you! We look forward to welcoming you.

Naomi Arnold



In honor of Zonta International's 85th Anniversary, we will highlight 85 Zontians who have made vital contributions to Zonta, their communities and the world. Please read *The Zontian* magazine and visit this page frequently to learn about these memorable and influential women.

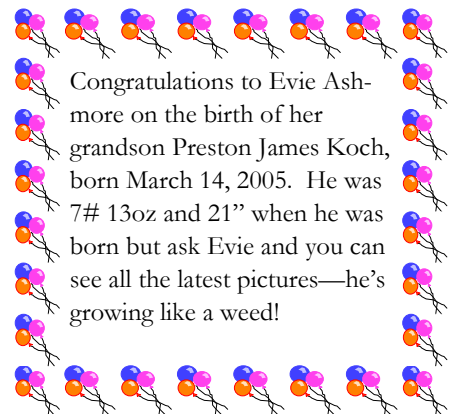


Amelia Earhart
Zonta Clubs of
Boston, Massachusetts
New York, New York USA

On 2 July 1928, as **Amelia Earhart**, the first woman to fly across the Atlantic Ocean as a passenger, approached the shore of the United States on her triumphant return home, she was handed this radiogram: *Boston Zonta Club is proud to welcome you as a member, (Signed Alice Bradley, President)*

A few weeks later, Amelia was inducted into Zonta International and served as an active member first in the Boston club and late in the New York club until her tragic and untimely disappearance in 1937. An outstanding woman with a charismatic personality, Earhart was universally admired around the world for her "wildly daring" but "never reckless" courage.

Over the years 1928 to 1937, she organized the Ninety-Nines, an organization for women pilots, and became the first woman to fly the Atlantic alone and fly an autogiro, among many other firsts.



Fund Raising! Theatre Event



The Full Monty
Sunday July 17, 2005 @ 2:00 P.M.
The Arvada Center,
6901 Wadsworth, Arvada, CO
Mainstage Theater

Based on the popular 1997 British film, *The Full Monty* was adapted for the stage by 4-time Tony Award®-winning playwright Terrence McNally (*Ragtime, Master Class, Frankie and Johnny in the Clair de Lune*) and composer/lyricist David Yazbek (*Dirty Rotten Scoundrels, Bombay Dreams*). Nominated for ten 2001 Tony Awards®, *The Full Monty* played for two years on Broadway.

This exhilarating musical comedy exposes

the spirit and determination of six out-of-work steelworkers from Buffalo, NY. Desperate for money and respect, they find themselves contemplating the unimaginable... a one-night only strip-tease. Lacking dance skills and sporting totally average physiques, they vow to do something that no other local act has done before — bare it all and go for “the full monty!” But will they have the guts to go through with it? This Broadway smash hit will make you cheer for the courage and antics of hard-working men everywhere.

Sunday, July 17, 2005 @ 2:00 P.M. - prime \$49, value \$43

SEE INSERT FOR MORE INFO.

Fund Raising! Garage Sale

Please start collecting, sorting and tagging your garage sale items for our sale in May.

Date: Saturday May 21st
Time: 8:00—4:00
Where: Cynthia Herndon’s house 1360 Glencoe

What to Collect:

- Household items
- Books
- Kitchen items
- Furniture
- Electronics
- Clothing: only small children/babies
- Tools/ outdoor equipment
- Exercise equipment

Anything that is in good shape and someone would want Please remember we would like members to help out by marking items ahead of time. If you have questions on how much something

should be marked—remember this is a garage sale—things should be marked no more than what you would pay for at a garage sale.

Books will not need to be marked unless they are extremely valuable as they will be marked a single price for paperbacks and for hardbacks (via a sign).

There will be a sign up sheet at the May meeting for help with collecting (pick up from members unable to deliver items to Cynthia’s house) for setting up early in the morning of the 21st, for manning the garage sale and for cleanup.

Items will be donated at the end of the event to various organizations—you do not get them back unless you state up front.

Remember this is a one day event and should be fun!

Fund Raising is a vital aspect of Zonta, in order to raise money for service projects as well as create a sense of community and fellowship



Zonta Club of Denver General Meeting Minutes April 14th

Meeting was called to order at 6:18p.m.

Invocation was provided by Cynthia Herndon.

Nikki Headlee welcomed Kathy Orth and Alicia Boyd from Head Start & the Mayor's office of Education and Children to talk to the club about what their programs are doing and how the Imagination Library Program that Zonta is considering participating in the Denver Zip code 80205.

President Diane Twining gave a brief summary of the Area 3 meeting. The meeting highlighted membership and mentoring new members. A discussion was held updating members on CEDAW and where legislation was at the moment and how Zontians could help.

Registration forms were passed out to the membership for the **Summit of Americas** conference to be held in June in Denver. Members are encouraged to attend. Also, District 12 is serving as hosts for this event and there are many volunteer opportunities for club members to participate in the summit if they are unable to attend the complete event.

A presentation was made concerning the Imagination Library by the new member committee and their sponsor members. Booklets were passed out as well as the proposal for the club participation in this project. Robin Forti, new member, explained the program, cost and partnering with the Mayor's office as well as Head Start. Questions and Answer session was held. The proposal will be presented to the Board and the proposal will be put to a vote of the members at the next general membership meeting.

March minutes were approved as corrected in the Smoke Signal.

Guest this evening former member Karen Murphy.

Treasurer's Report: Judy Allen noted that almost all of the dues have been collected. She also stated that expenses must be presented to her by May 15th for reimbursement in order to close the books out by the end of the fiscal year. Judy reported a donation was given to Zonta International Amelia Earhart Fund from Bobbie Razee in honor of our club.

Membership: Kathy Hyzer is ill and therefore no magnet are available this meeting. Please drop a line of encouragement to Linda McBurney as she has to resign due to personal issues.

Service: Two new things on signup sheets: Garage Sale in May and RAAP self-defense class in May. Sheila discussed the Teen Mom graduation party in May at the Kenneth King location. We are having a speaker from Metro, Zonta members will host the girls, meal to be catered. Invitation go out this week.

The Gathering Place is recycling women's clothes. Drop them off at Heritage Cleaners who will give you donation receipts and they will clean and deliver to the Gathering Place.

Fund Raising:

"Crimson Thread" at the Arvada Center have sold 26 tickets. Tonight is the last night to purchase tickets. We are also signed up for the Full Monty in July at the Arvada Center with a pre or post party at Jacki

Sammons's house. We have signed up for 75 tickets, \$43 or \$49. If we sell out quickly we can get more tickets. We have already sold some tickets at the Area 3 meeting. We hope to have a 'package' deal of 4 theatre venues to announce in late summer for next year..

Oct 7th & 8th will be our 'bazaar' at First Plymouth Congregational Church on Hampden & Colorado Blvd. We will have a different name, but will be shopping experience.

Unfinished Business:

- An update was given by Barbara Pellegren and Diane Twining on the Teen Mom Project for ongoing service. A proposal will be forthcoming from the Teen Mom Project for additional funding. It was noted that this project fits with Zonta's mission of improving the status of women
- Diane and several members of the committee will be meeting with Donna Hultin regarding our sponsorship of the program and our relationship with Denver Kids.

New Business:

- The nomination committee presented the slate of officers for the 2005-2006 fiscal year. There was an opening for Vice President. Julie Bradley nominated Cathy Conley for the office of Vice President. Barb Pellegren moved the nominations be closed.
- Unanimous vote of membership approved the slate as presented with the addition of Cathy Conley nominated from the floor.
- New Officers of the club are as follows:

President	Linda Rhea
President Elect	Sheila Davis
Vice President	Cathy Conley
Secretary	Linda Corsmitt
Treasurer	Judy Allen
Director 2004-2006	Nancy Koontz
Director 2004-2006	Beth Mundell
Director 2005-2007	Julie Bradley
Director 2005-2007	Dottie Jenkins
Nominating Committee	Diane Twining
	Cynthia Herndon
	Evie Ashmore

Announcements:

- We will have a booth at the Canine Race in April benefiting MESA, Diane Twining will man the booth
- Joetta Williams won the raffle drawing
- Julie Bradley reminded everyone of the garage sale in May with ideas for items to sell.
- Julie also mentioned the Dine Night out for Project Angelheart on April 28th.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Zonta Club of Denver

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www.zonta-denver.org*

Improving the status of women worldwide



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

May 7th	Teen Mom appreciation luncheon at King Penthouse/ mother's day baskets
May 12th	General Meeting
May 16th	Ronald McDonald Dinner
May 16th	Area 3 President's Meeting
May 21st	Zonta Garage Sale at Cynthia Herndon's house (more details to follow—save your stuff!)
May 26th	Joint Board Meeting
June 9th	General Meeting
June 11th	Membership Retreat at Barb Pellegren's house 9 am
June 20th	Ronald McDonald Dinner
June 24—26	Summit of Americas in Denver—our club helps Past Governor Mary Benoit in hosting
Sept 29—Oct 2nd	District 12 Conference (in Boulder at Broker Inn)



Once again this year, Cathy Conley will be participating in the Fat Tire Classic for the American Red Cross. The walk/bike race is

to be held on June 26th & 27th at Winter Park. If you would like to sponsor Cathy, please see her at the meeting in May to sign up as a sponsor!

**All expenses due to Treasurer
Judy Allen by May 15th to be
reimbursed for this fiscal year!**