



Smoke Signal



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- Special Points of Interest this month:
- Installation of Officers
- Garage Sale
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Wanted: Flip-flops for women and girls in Afghanistan!

Toni Lorgan from Foothills Boulder Club has a family member in the military in Afghanistan. One of the things that the people in that country need are Flip-flops! The bad thing is the MEN get all the first choices, next come boys and if there are any leftover the women and girls get what is left. Toni is collecting cute feminine flip-flops to send that hopefully the men would not like to wear. Zonta Club of Denver Board has suggested that our members help with the collection. If you get a chance to pick up any flip-flops (Wal-Mart/Target??) please pick them up and bring them to the May meeting.

Books for the New Orleans Library!

Want to help out with the library in New Orleans? The library was wiped out. Foothills Boulder Club is also collecting any used books. Fiction, Non-fiction, Adult and Children's books, etc.

Help Needed:

June 3rd there will be a breakfast get-

together at Linda Rhea's house to make yellow rose pens for International. Bring your glue guns and help put together the rose pens. Please call Linda to RSVP.

Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic:

FYI –our grant money has gone to help with 2 recorded books instead of one. The first is a Women's History book and the other is Germaine Greer's The Female Eunuch! Both books will have our Club name included in the forward stating that the book was funded by us!

Gift of Check to Metropolitan State University Finally reaches Fruition.

On April 25th President Linda Rhea and President Elect Sheila Davis presented a check to Metropolitan State Board for \$31,xxx to the Trustee Foundation Meeting for Zonta Scholarship Endowment.

By-Laws for International:

Please go to www.zonta.org for a copy of the By-Laws Changes being voted on at International. We will be discussing these at the meeting. This would be an excellent time to register for the web site!

President Linda's May Message...

As I write my last President's letter it is a great time to reflect over the past year. If I simply listed the events you engineered over the past year you would have brilliant affirmation that you are an amazing group of women. You reported 493 service hours, raised over \$6,100 and donated over \$87,000 to over 21 different charities including Zonta International causes. We are indeed fortunate to make such a difference in the lives of women locally and around the world.

It also seems fitting to reflect on the lives we touch in our own club. We are privileged to serve in a club with an International Foundation Board member, many distinguished past Governors and Area Directors. And if all the dignitaries are not enough we are privileged to serve with professional women who are there to help at the drop of a hat. We may not always sign up to help on every service project or fundraiser but when a member is in need we are there in a minute in full force. The professionalism of our seasoned members serves as inspiration to our members who are just starting out in business. And the seasoned members love the energy of the younger women. You would be hard pressed to find a finer group of women anywhere!!!

Thus, it is most fitting to thank you for all you have done this past year. It has been an interesting

year and I am thankful to all of you for all you have done to support the mission of Zonta, not only for our club but also for the Area, District and International endeavors. Not to mention the hundreds of other causes you all support! It has been a joy to serve as your president. I look forward to taking my chair back in the audience and supporting Sheila Davis who will be a fabulous President and all of her board!!!

I closing I am reminding us all of some of the statistics that compel us to be such ardent servants in Zonta.

- 70 percent of the 1.3 billion poor are women
- Two-thirds of illiterate adults are women and two-thirds of children not in school are girls
- 60 million women are "missing" because of gender-based violence
- Every year an estimated 4 million women and girls are bought and sold worldwide
- Today 7,000 women and girls will contract HIV/AIDS

Thank you all for all you have done and continue to do for the Zonta Club of Denver and the women around the world. It is a privilege to be in your midst!!

Linda



Board of Directors Meetings:

**Zonta Club of Denver
2005-2006**

**Board of Director's
Meetings**

The joint old & new boards will be meeting at an as yet undetermined restaurant on May 25th to do the traditional handing over of responsibilities.—Location to be announced.



May Birthdays

May 8th

Cynthia Herndon

May 20th

Judy McNerny

May 25th

Myrna Rivera

May General Meeting

When: Thursday, May 11th

5:30 pm. cocktails

6:00 p.m. dinner

Invocation: Mary Benoit

Greeter:

Where: Four Points Sheraton Hotel
I-25 & Hampden Ave.

Cost: \$ 30.00

Please RSVP to Cathy Conley at 303-691-6926 (home) or 720-249-5889 (work) and leave a message. Remember—you must make your reservation by **Monday, May 8th at noon. If you are on permanent reservation list you must call to cancel by noon Monday.**

Program:

- Metropolitan State Representative Kendra Brooks will speak about our Zonta Scholarships and we hope to have one of the recipients at our meeting as our guest!
- Installation of Officers
- By-laws Changes at International Convention.

Menu:

Wedge of Iceberg Lettuce w/ crumbled Gorbonzola, spiced walnuts, tomatoes & ranch/blue cheese dressing

Sauteed Colorado Rainbow Trout served boneless with Pecans, Sage & Lemon

Chef's choice of sides

Carrot Cake with Cream Cheese Frosting & Walnuts

Elections were held at the April meeting— Congratulations to our new officers!

President—Sheila Davis

Pres-Elect—Nikki Headlee

Vice Pres—Cathy Conley

Secretary—Linda Corssmit

Treasurer—Judy Allen

Directors

Julie Bradley—2005-2007

Dottie Jenkins—2005-2007

Robin Forti— 2006-2008

Beth Mundell— 2006-2008

Nominating Committee:

Joetta Williams

Diane Twining

Linda Rhea

Congratulations!



*Permanent
Reservation list—
Should your name be
listed here??
If so, call Cathy.*

Carroll Allen

Judy Allen

Evie Ashmore

Mary Benoit

Julie Bradley

Cathy Conley

Linda Corssmit

Sheila Davis

Robin Forti

Nikki Headlee

Cynthia Herndon

Dottie Jenkins

Kate Linscott

Dolores Lowery

Judy McNerny

Beth Mundell

Marjorie Pickett

Linda Rhea

Dorothy Swindt

Diane Twining

Joetta Williams

Service & Status of Women Committee

VOLUNTEERING IN 2006!



Teen Mom Graduation Party

May 6th Brunch

Come help set up, stay for the fun (and definitely stay for the clean-up!)

Teen Mom Graduation Brunch

Set up 8:30 a.m.

Brunch served at 10:30 a.m.

Clean up to follow

The Salvation Army Building

1370 Pennsylvania

Parking on the street, or on the NE corner of 14th Ave and Pennsylvania...some parking in the alley. Call Beth if you have any questions.

25th ANNUAL DAY of CARING

Friday, May 12th and Saturday May 13th
Day of Caring is one of our grant recipients and is extremely important for all women in our society. Volunteers are needed to help set up and stuff goodie bags on Friday between 1 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. and then on Saturday to help person Booths, work in the Silent Auction area, etc. Bilingual Volunteers needed also!!!

Volunteers still needed:

Friday May 12– help set up, fill bags, wrangle balloons, etc.
1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Saturday May 13 – help at booth, work in Silent Auction area, etc (Bilingual volunteers needed)
6:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Denver Kids Award Ceremony

Cookies, Punch and Volunteers are needed to help with the Denver Kids Annual Award Ceremony. To be held, May 17th at the Denver School for the Arts at Quebec & Montview. Sign up sheet will be available at the May meeting.

Garage Sale at Cynthia's

Friday, May 19th and Saturday May 20th
Save up those Garage Sale Items....Cynthia is willing to store them after May 1st. We made a significant amount of moola last year...let's see if we can top it! AND...it was FUN!

Volunteers needed:

Friday, May 19 to help receive, organize and price items
8 a.m. to noon (2-3 volunteers needed)
Noon to 4 p.m. (2-3 volunteers needed)

Saturday, May 20 Set up, sales and clean-up (yes...stay for clean-up!!!)
7 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. (1-2 volunteers needed)
9 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (1-2 volunteers needed)

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)

11 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. (1-2 volunteers needed)

1 a.m. to 3:00 a.m. (2-3 volunteers needed)

3 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. (2-3 volunteers needed)



Volunteers needed for May 22th and June 19th.



Please remember that our Zonta Club of Denver is registered with the Bonfils Blood Center as a donor group. We will get recognition in the Bonfils printed list of donors. Please give our registration number **5675** or mention Zonta when asked if we are donating in the name of a group.

Bonfils website (www.bonfils.org) has information about blood drives, donor centers, eligibility, recipient stories and how to make appointments. If you have questions about eligibility, please call 303/363-2202

Denver II Golf Tournament

Denver II is holding it's 7th annual Golf Tournament on July 14th at Buffalo Run Golf Course. If interested contact Candy Meininger at 303-322-9086 or zontadii@prodigy.net.

Zonta Fun!



Zonta celebrates with Myrna on her upcoming baby with a baby shower at Evie's house!



Foothills Golden 1st Annual Author's Luncheon



Area 3 Meeting at Perry Park Country Club in Larkspur ... Governor Evelyn & Lt. Governor Bev getting organized...

Fund Raising Committee

Garage Sale

The garage sale is planned for Saturday, May 20th from 8:00am to 4:00pm at Cynthia Hernon's house, 1360 Glencoe St., Denver, CO 80220.



No clothing will be accepted, as it doesn't sell very well. Items can be taken over to Cynthia's home beginning May 1st.

Please call her before going over at 303-321-2273 X240 (Mon-Thrs).

Area 3 Meeting Silent Auction

Thanks to everyone who provided donations for the silent auction held at the Area 3 meeting in April.

Items auctioned off included a Block crystal tulip platter, a lovely blue tablecloth with napkins purchased at a Zonta International convention and made in Sierra Leone, and four Pfaltzgraff mugs, all donated by Cathy Conley. Diane Twining donated a watermelon like wicker picnic basket. It was filled with goodies donated by several members. Jacki Sammons donated a cheese and appetizer tray.

All of these items were bid on right away and most had several bidders. A total of \$185 was made for the club.

FYI:

The Colorado Consumer Health Initiative will be hosting a panel to discuss health disparities in Colorado.

Title: Health Disparities in Colorado's Health Care System: Addressing the Effects of Health Disparities and Identifying Collaborative Solutions to Improve Equality in Healthcare Access, Quality and Affordability.

When: May 18th 3:00-4:30

Where: The Colorado Trust, located at 1600 Sherman, Denver in the Sabin Room

Panelists:

- **Lou Ann Wilroy**—Critical Access Hospital Director, Colorado Rural Health Center
- **Jennifer Woodward**—Health & Wellness Services Manager, GLBT Center of Colorado
- **Ginger Harrell**—Program Officer, The Colorado Trust
- **Mauricio Palacio**—Director of the Office of Health Disparities at the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment

The **Colorado Consumer Health Initiative** is dedicated to reducing barriers of healthcare access for all Coloradans. In our state, and throughout the country, health disparities are having a dramatic affect on the health and welfare of a variety of communities. These communities often experience significantly higher rates of disease, disability, and death when compared to other populations.

By addressing the effect of these disparities, and raising the public's awareness of the problem, the Colorado Consumer Health Initiative is working to create equal access to vital care regardless of a patient's background. Our panelists will focus on health disparities among women, the GLBT community, communities of color, and rural communities.

Hungry for Dinner out on May 10th? Consider dropping by the EURO restaurant at 231 Milwaukee in Denver between 530—7:30. They are giving 10% of sales that night to Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic (A Zonta Grant Recipient). Cathy Conley vouches for their excellent food!

Zonta Club of Denver General Meeting Minutes April 13, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 6:10pm. President Elect Sheila Davis presided.

Invocation: Kathy Hyzer gave the invocation.

Guests: *Myrna Villalobos was the guest of Nikki Headlee.*

Program: Cathy Conley introduced speakers Melissa Nix and Alice West-Goers. Melissa is the Service Coordinator of the Tinansa Intercultural Service Learning Program. Alice is a Regis University student participating in the program. The women spoke about the academic and experiential learning aspects of Tinansa, which promotes the spirit of service locally, nationally, and internationally. The May 2006 immersion and service learning project will build a library at the Wesley Girls' School for grades K-8 in Ghana. Melissa and Alice also brought African items for sale.

- **Minutes:** February minutes were approved as printed in the Smoke Signal, with the correction of the spelling of Louise Frolich's last name.
- **Service/Status of Women:** Beth Mundell reported that the Denver Kids Teen Mom graduation party is scheduled for Saturday, May 6th at the Salvation Army building. Day of Caring for Breast Cancer Awareness is May 13th, with set-up help needed on the 12th. There will be a Service Committee meeting in early June.
- **Membership:** Julie Bradley noted that the Membership Committee plans to focus on recruiting new members over the summer, possibly with a picnic.
- **Fundraising:** Volunteers are needed for the garage sale to be held at Cynthia Herndon's on Saturday, May 20th, with set-up on the 19th. Sale items may be dropped off beginning May 1st; please call Cynthia to arrange a time. Sheila Davis asked that members wear their aprons when working at the garage sale. Dottie Jenkins advised that aprons should be returned to her or purchased for \$10. Note cards, raffle and silent auction items will be for sale at the Area 3 meeting. The club has voted to skip next year's fundraiser and instead will ask members to donate money. The Membership Committee will suggest donation guidelines in the fall.
- **Public Relations:** The check to Metropolitan State will be presented on May 26th at Metro's combined Board and Foundation meeting. Members are needed for next year's Public Relations Committee.

New Business: Evie Ashmore and Jacki Sammons presided over the election of Officers and Directors. Evie made a motion that the club accept nominations as presented in the Smoke Signal. Diane Twining seconded. The motion passed and new office holders were introduced. As incoming President, Sheila Davis will automatically become the club delegate to International Convention. The alternate must also attend all meetings. A motion was made, seconded and passed that Linda Rhea be the alternate delegate.

Announcements:

Members are encouraged to register for the Area 3 meeting on April 22nd. Leadership training begins at 7:30am. The cost for the day is \$35.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Corssmit, Secretary

Zonta Club of Denver

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

May 6th	Teen Mom Graduation Party
May 11th	Annual Meeting—installation of officers
May 13th	Day of Caring for Breast Cancer Awareness
May 17th	Denver Kids Awards Night
May 20th	Garage Sale at Cynthia Herndon's House
May 22nd	Ronald McDonald House Dinner
May 25th	Joint Board Meeting
May 26th	Smoke Signal Deadline
June 8th	General Membership Meeting
June 19th	Ronald McDonald House
June 22nd	Zonta Board Meeting
June 24th— 29th	Zonta International Convention in Melbourne Australia
July	No General Membership Meeting



Once again this year, Cathy Conley will be participating in the 16th annual Fat Tire Classic for the American Red Cross. The walk/bike race is to be held on June 23rd—25th 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!**



Zontian of the Year



Edna Jean Hershey Award

This award is based on outstanding service to Zonta and the community with the selection committee being: Immediate Past President (Linda Rhea), President (Sheila Davis), President Elect (Nikki Headlee). Please give us as much information as possible about the person you nominate, including service performed, offices held, activities, honors received, professional service, etc.

Name: _____

Zonta Service

Community Service

Professional Service

Edna Jean Hershey Award: Every year it is our privilege to honor one of our own for outstanding service to Zonta, the Community and their profession. This is an honor that not all Zontians achieve – some honorees in the past:

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| Mary Ellen Brickner – 1979 | Mary Louise Van Male – 1980 | Bobbie Razee – 1981 | Kay Schrenk – 1982 |
| Elizabeth Hayden – 1983 | Nancy Mogan – 1984 | Joyce Angel – 1985 | Jeannette Elson – 1986 |
| Liz Smith – 1987 | Dolores Lowery – 1988 | Grace Ogle – 1989 | Dorothy Swindt – 1990 |
| Marjoire Pickett – 1991 | Barbara Pellegren – 1992 | Judy Allen – 1994 | Phyllis Jacques – 1996 |
| Jacki Sammons – 1997 | Judy McNerny – 1998 | Jennifer Lamb—1999 | Nikki Headlee—2000 |
| Jacqueline Freudenstein—2001 | Julie Bradley—2002 | Elizabeth Clinton—2003 | Cynthia Herndon—2004 |
| Evie Ashmore—2005 | | | |

As you can see the individuals listed have many things in common and many differences in achievement – serving in Area, District and International capacities as well as a variety of service interests both with Zonta I.e. Literacy, UNIFEM, etc. and as well as outside – the Zoo, etc. Please take the time to consider who you would like to honor as Zontian of the Year and fill out the form above and fax or mail to:

Sheila Davis; 3635 S Roslyn Way; Denver 80237

Deadline: June 1st

Fax: 303-721-0516