

# Smoke Signal



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### Special Points of Interest this month

- \*Installation of new officers, page 3
- \*Flyers for Baseball & Musical Fundraisers-fill yours out today!

## Area 3 Meeting a Hit

Presidents and members of seven Metro area Zonta clubs gathered at Excelsior Youth Center March 31.

At this leadership training meeting, Metro Area Zonta club members from Denver, Boulder, Lakewood, Golden, and Douglas and Jefferson Counties heard from club leaders and legislators, and celebrated having awarded over \$1 million in grants between 2000 and 2007 to local non-profits. As part of that \$1 million, Excelsior Youth Center will receive a \$5000 grant for their work with teen girls.

Legislators talked about their work on laws to promote women's self-sufficiency. Attendees participated in workshops on fiscal management, communication and investments.

Below: Meeting attendees hear from legislators on current issues.



President:: Sheila Davis  
Editor: Julie Bradley

Area 3 Director: Kay Meyer  
Area 3 Vice Director: Diane Twining

Governor Dist 12: Bev Morrow

## Sign Up For North American Inter-District Seminar

**District 6 & District 15 Present:** *A Time to Grow—In Leadership and Membership*

**June 22-24, 2007 ~ Ann Arbor, Michigan**

**What is it?** The North American Seminar is a weekend of engaging and interactive workshops designed to empower you as a Zontian. New members, seasoned Zontians, and those somewhere in between, will leave the weekend having identified opportunities for growth - as leaders and as Zontians.

**Angela Morgan**, co-author of *Leading from the Front*, will keynote the seminar. Angie believes that all women have something to offer as leaders and is quick to cite her experiences in the U.S. Marine Corps as key to her successes outside of the military. Visit

[www.leadingfromthefront.com](http://www.leadingfromthefront.com) for more information on this dynamic woman.

### How is this seminar different than Zonta International's Convention or my local District's Conference?

This seminar draws Zontians from around the globe; however, this gathering is focused on workshops, not business sessions. Unlike official meet-

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## President Sheila's May Message...

As I look out the window of my home-office today, I see a different view! I moved my office into another bedroom upstairs. Now I can see the spruce trees in the backyard better, and it's easier to bang on the window when the dog won't quit barking. Moving my office also gave me a chance (forced me actually) to tidy up my files, my office supplies, and my boxes of important junk that were just hanging around. I also painted the walls and put up some shelves, so it feels new and fresh in here.

A new view and new surroundings are good every once in awhile, and that is what is about to occur at the beginning of Zonta's new fiscal year in June. A new president and a new board will take over, and bring new and fresh ideas. I'm excited to see what their leadership has in store for our club!

I think it's been a great year, and I can't thank my board and committee chairs enough for all the support and help they've given me. I feel good about meeting the three goals I set for my presidency. They were to (1) significantly increase membership, (2) do valuable service projects, and (3) have fun! The number of members in our club has greatly increased from last year at this time. We're now focused on service projects that improve the status of women such as Teen Moms and Excelsior. And as Cindy Lauper said, "Girls just wanna have fun". We've had a lot of fun at membership events, holiday and anniversary parties, doing service projects together, and even at committee and board meetings.

Along the lines of helping women (and girls), our club hosted the Area 3 meeting at Excelsior on March 31. Attendees were asked to bring a new or gently-used item for the girls in residence there. The lobby was filled with gifts that will be given to the cottages or to the high school graduates setting up their own apartments. The meeting was a huge success, and we were even written up in Joanne Davidson's column in the Denver Post on April 11. I also want to give a special thanks to Judy Allen, Carroll Allen, and Linda Rhea who were on the planning committee for this event.

I know Nikki will be a great president, and the club will continue to grow and flourish under her leadership. I wish I could say the same thing for my dog-wood bushes, David and Goliath. They are not looking too well this spring. I'm headed out to the backyard now to give them a little pep talk.

Happy Spring and Happy Zonta New Year in June! Sheila

### Zontians Shower Robin's Baby

A fun time was had by around 20 members of our club who attended a baby shower for Robin Forti at Nikki's home on April 7. We were thrilled that Myrna and her little boy, Azim, were able to come.

Most of us can hardly wait for Robin's new little Zontian girl to arrive. (She may already be here by the time this newsletter comes out!) It's been a long time since we've had members who were pregnant, and it's a joyous feeling. Anyone else up for having a baby?



### Board of Directors Meetings:

**Zonta Club of Denver  
2006-2007**

**Board of Directors  
May 24th**

(Joint Old & New)

Imperial Chinese  
Restaurant

431 South Broadway

**RSVP to Sheila  
303-721-9325**

## Save the Date

All-Member Retreat

(Replaces June  
General Meeting)

June 2, 9-11:30

Nikki Headlee's  
House

A Board meeting  
will follow the  
retreat.

## *May Dinner Meeting*

**When:** Thursday, May 10, 2007

5:30 p.m. Cocktails

6:00 p.m. dinner

**Inspirational**

**Moment:** Beth Mundell

**Greeters:** Special People  
(You Know Who You Are)

**Where:** Four Points Sheraton  
I-25 & Hampden

**Cost:** \$ 30.00

**Please RSVP to:** Cathy Conley at 303-691-6926 (hm) or 303-444-4491 ext 113 (wk) and leave a message. (or email at [cath-ryn.conley@ge.com](mailto:cath-ryn.conley@ge.com). Remember, you must reserve your seat by **noon, Mon., May 7.**

**Program:**

Cynthia Herndon-  
Economics and Medicine in Haiti  
and  
Installation of New Officers

**Menu:**

Four Points House Salad with Mixed Baby Field Greens and Garden Vegetables; Chef's Choice of Dressings

Hazelnut-Crusted Chicken Breast with Toasted Shallot Chardonnay Sauce

Herb-Roasted Seasonal Vegetables;  
Fresh Seasonal Vegetables; Rolls and butter

Fudge-filled Turtle Cheese Cake with Caramel Sauce

## **Congratulations to us on our New Officers!**

**President**—Nikki Headlee

**President-Elect**—

Judy McNerny

**Vice President**—

Linda Corssmit

**Secretary**— Carroll Allen

**Treasurer**— Mandy Ziegler

**Directors:**

Joetta Williams— 2-year term  
2007-2009

Wendy Moraskie— 2-year  
term 2007-2009

Robin Forti—Elected in 2006  
for 2-year term 2006-2008

Donna Hultin—Appointed in  
2007 to fill the 2-year term  
2006-2008

## *Permanent Reservation list*

Should your name be listed here? If so, call Cathy.

Carroll Allen

Judy Allen

Evie Ashmore

Mary Benoit

Cathy Conley

Linda Corssmit

Sheila Davis

Pam Dumonceau

Robin Forti

Nikki Headlee

Deb Heckart

Cynthia Herndon

Dottie Jenkins

Kate Linscott

Nancy Long

Judy McNerny

Beth Mundell

Marjorie Pickett

Linda Rhea

Robin Smith

Dorothy Swindt

Diane Twining

Joetta Williams



**Happy Birthday to our May  
birthday girls**

*May 17th—Susan Leibsley*

### Service & Status of Women Committee

- WOW is hosting their annual fundraiser. It is Monday, May 14, 2007. There are many ways to volunteer, and hopefully at least one will work with your schedule. They will need people to help set up all day prior to the event, run the silent auction during the event, act as greeters, etc. Contact Robin if you are interested.
- There will be no teen mom event in April. The teen mom grad party is May 20. (See Mary's letter, page 5)

### Fund-Raising Committee

The fundraising opera day was a great success. Everyone enjoyed the afternoon.

- The next event will be a Rockies baseball game in May, and a flyer is enclosed with more information on this.

- This summer we will be offering tickets for Seven Brides for Seven Brothers at the Country Dinner Playhouse. (See enclosed flyer.)

- The Non-fundraiser Fundraiser is going well. We ask that all donations be turned in by the middle of May if not before. Thanks for all the support. It is much appreciated.

- We will be offering the Zonta aprons again this year for any of you who would like to purchase them. They are still \$10.00. We will have 2 sample sizes for you to look at and order at the next couple of meetings.

We want to thank all of you for your support this year. You are a great group and all of your support is very much appreciated.

### From the Treasurer....

- Please make sure all outstanding bills are turned in by May 1st to Judy Allen for reimbursement.
- Annual Membership Statements will be available the April meeting and are due by May 15th

### North American Inter-District Seminar

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ings, such as conferences and conventions, there is no business to conduct. This seminar focuses on educating and interacting with one another in our service with Zonta.

**Who should attend?** All Zontians worldwide are invited. Most of the workshops will focus on the demographics, trends and cultures of North America. Anyone interested in advancing the future of Zonta will find the weekend invaluable. The seminar aims to empower us all in membership growth and leadership development!

**Where will it be?** The North American Seminar will be held at the Marriot Hotel in conjunction with the Eagle Crest Conference and Resort Center located in Ypsilanti, Michigan. The facility is beautiful, and conveniently located 15 miles from Detroit Metropolitan Airport and minutes from the University of Michigan, among other area attractions.

**What is the cost?** The registration cost is \$150 US and includes all meals and breaks on Saturday and Sunday, as well as a mixer to be held on Friday evening. Early Bird registration received by May 1 will be \$135 US. Rooms are \$92 US plus tax per night single or double. See registration form for more..

**What is the schedule?** Registration: Friday, June 22, 3-7 p.m. and Saturday, June 23, 7-8 a.m. First activity: Friday, 7:00pm. Seminar Saturday, June 23 begins 8 a.m. through noon, Sunday, June 24. Please pack for some outdoor activity to enjoy the scenery during some of the fellowship events.

**What will be discussed?** Membership and leadership development will be themes throughout the weekend. The workshops will address the issues we face in our clubs. Attendees will identify goals of leadership in Zonta, and ask questions of current District and International leaders.

**Registration Deadline & Policy:** The final registration deadline is June 8, 2007.

### Cancellations

on or before May 22: 100% refund  
May 23—June 15: 50% percent  
After June 15: No refund.. Registration is transferable.

### Join us for this make-a-difference weekend.

Co-Chairs Sally Bean, Governor, Zonta Int'l District 6  
Carole Calvert-Baxter, Governor, Zonta Int'l District 15



### Letter From Mary on Teen Mom Graduation

Dear Zontians,

The Denver Kids Teen Mom Graduation Party is coming up. It will be held May 20 from 1:30 to 3:00 at the King Penthouse, 900 Pennsylvania.

We need help: set up, clean up, food, hostesses, presents for the girls, paper goods and plastic ware. Arriving about 12:30 should be good for set up.

As far as the food goes, "high tea" type of food would be good, such as tea sandwiches, salads, fancy cookies or petit fours. I know Costco has mini cream puffs, punch and iced tea. It shouldn't take long to clean up. And then there is shopping...

If you are unable to help with the event please consider a donation so that the girls have a nice positive graduation experience.

Please volunteer by emailing me at [mary@mathiaslockandkey.com](mailto:mary@mathiaslockandkey.com)

Also, a special thanks to Beth Mundell. Beth was able to secure the King Penthouse, get our speaker, Christina Segala, and she is doing the invitations.

Yours in Zonta,  
Mary

P. S. I am leaving for vacation on May 12 and I will be away from my computer after 11a.m. on May 10 (the day of our meeting), so please respond as soon as you can. After that Sheila has offered to take over. Thank you, Sheila!

### Zontian Shares Experiences of Third-World

At the May meeting, Zontian Cynthia Herndon will talk about her experiences over several years of visiting Haiti to give medical care to the poorest residents there.

You can help by bringing any of the items on the list below to the May meeting, and Cynthia will ship them or take them with her when she goes again.

Needed (in chewable or liquid form; all will be appreciated):

Adult vitamins

Children's chewable vitamins

Baby aspirin

Children's aspirin

Children's acetaminophen (Tylenol)

Children's ibuprofen (Advil)

Children's naproxen (Aleve)

Any of the above for adults

Cynthia, surrounded by some of her favorite patients.



## Zonta Club of Denver; General Meeting Minutes; April 12, 2007

President Sheila Davis called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

**Guests:** Jim Ashmore, Kees Corssmit, Steve Davis, Perry Sammons, and speaker John Pellegren attended as guests of their wives. Nikki Headlee hosted her husband Dave Tourtelot, plus Jennifer Koeller and Kiffie Hester. Judy McNerny hosted her niece Mindy Craig. Susan Leibsly and Deb Schreiner, who will be inducted in May, also attended.

**Inspirational Moment:** Beth Mundell read a passage from Reflections by Sandra Stemmler.

**Status of Women Moment:** Nikki Headlee spoke on women and inflation.

**Member Moment:** Liz Cameron profiled Robin Smith. Robin is a third generation Coloradan, has three children, and works at Denver Kids. She enjoys outdoor activities, especially downhill and cross-country skiing and hiking.

**Program:** John Pellegren spoke about "D-Day and Beyond," his experiences in World War II. John volunteered for the D-Day invasion and landed on Omaha Beach in Normandy on June 6, 1944. His tour of duty included fighting in France, Luxembourg and Germany, and he participated in the Battle of the Bulge.

**Minutes:** The March minutes were approved with a spelling correction.

**Treasurer:** Sheila Davis reported for Judy Allen that the club has \$7,610.00 in operating and \$6,358.94 in the club service account. Dues statements have been sent. Dues should be paid by May 1; a late fee applies after May 15.

**Membership:** Nikki Headlee and Cathy Conley reported for the committee. Susan Leibsly, Deb Shreiner, and Essie Garrett will be inducted at the May General Meeting. All members are invited to a retreat at Nikki's on June 2. There will be no June dinner meeting.

**Service/Status of Women:** Robin Forti reported that Imagination Library parent surveys went out this week. The Teen Moms graduation party will be May 20 at the King Mansion. Robin will send out an e-mail concerning May baskets for the Delores Project. Cathy Conley

noted that Channel 6 needs volunteers to man the phone bank for its auction.

**Fundraising:** Robin Smith reminded members of the Rockies game, which will be May 19. Tickets are \$25 plus a \$10 donation to the club. Handicap accessible seats are available for those who have trouble with stairs.

**New Business:** Diane Twining conducted the election of Officers, Directors and the Nominating Committee. The positions and nominees were:  
President-elect---Judy McNerny  
Vice President---Linda Corssmit  
Treasurer---Mandy Ziegler  
Secretary---Carroll Allen  
Directors---Joetta Williams and Wendy Henry-Moraskie  
Nominating Committee---Liz Cameron, Sheila Davis, and Kathy Hyzer.

All candidates were unanimously elected. Nikki Headlee was elected last year as incoming president. Donna Hultin and Robin Forti will continue as second year Directors.

Sheila asked members to turn in committee preference forms to Nikki, or e-mail their requests. She also recognized and thanked Judy Allen, Linda Rhea, Carroll Allen and Wendy Henry-Moraskie for their work on the recent Area 3 Meeting.

### Upcoming Events:

- Trivia Bowl, hosted by Douglas County, April 21 at the Douglas County Fairgrounds
- Author's Luncheon, hosted by Foothills Club, April 28 at the CU stadium
- Woman-to-Woman Tea, hosted by the Boulder County Club, May 5 in Boulder
- Fun Night at Fort Fun, hosted by the Zonta Club of Fort Collins, May 10<sup>th</sup> in Fort Collins
- ZCD All-Member Retreat, June 2, Nikki Headlee's house
- North American Inter-District Seminar, June 22-24 in Ann Arbor Michigan
- Invitational Golf Tournament, hosted by Zonta Denver II, June 29 at Buffalo Run

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Corssmit, Secretary

## Zonta Club of Denver

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### *Upcoming Calendar Events—Save the date!*

May 10	General Membership Meeting: Four Points Sheraton Hotel Installation of new officers.
May 19	ZCD Fundraiser: Colorado Rockies Game
May 20	Denver Kids Teen Moms Graduation party
May 24	Joint Board Meeting
June 2	9-11:30 a.m.: All Member retreat (replaces June General Meeting) 11:30 a.m. -2:30 p.m.: Board Retreat
June 22-24	North American Inter-District Seminar; Ann Arbor, Michigan
July 15	ZCD Fundraiser: Seven Brides for Seven Brothers; Country Dinner Playhouse



# Committee Preference Form



The names of committee Chairmen and committee members must be submitted to the new Board for approval at the May Board Meeting. It would be appreciated if you would give some indication of your committee preference on this form and return it to Nikki Headlee at the April Business Meeting.

The chairman of each committee is responsible to the President for all aspects of her committee's work. Each committee has responsibilities outlined in the by-laws. Each committee will also decide how these responsibilities will be managed (committee of the whole, sub committees, etc.)

If you have been a member of the same committee for two or more years you are urged to consider serving on a different committee. Varied committee experience should mean a richer more satisfying realization of the potentials of our organization and also a challenge to your own potentials.

Please check 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice

1. \_\_\_\_\_ **Membership and Membership Services.**

Responsible for Program, Arrangements, Directory, Recruitment, Retention  
(approx. 35% of the membership.)

2. \_\_\_\_\_ **Service/ Status of Women**

Responsible for Literacy, Grant & Service funding and Project recommendations.  
Responsible for Young Woman in Public Affairs Award, Community and International relations,  
United Nations and inter-city relations (approx. 30% of the membership.)

3. \_\_\_\_\_ **Fund Raising**

Responsible for executing fund raising plans  
(approx. 25% of the membership.)

4. \_\_\_\_\_ **Communications**

Public Relations Chair, Historian, responsible for press releases, archives and files,  
scrapbooks (10% of membership.)  
Smoke Signal Editor/Web Site—currently one person outside of committee

Remember: All members of the Board membership will be chairs of the committees and you will only be on one committee....

In checking any of the above, if you have a particular area within a given committee you would like to work, please indicate it. The President will consider your wishes in making committee assignments; however, it may be necessary to assign members to a committee not indicated by said member in an effort to attain proper representation on all committees.

Comments:

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Please Print Name:

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Take Me Out To The Ball Game  
JOIN THE ZONTA CLUB OF DENVER  
FOR A NIGHT OF BASEBALL



WHEN: SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2007, 6:05pm

WHERE: COORS FIELD –  
OUR SEATS ARE BY THIRD BASE

WHO: COLORADO ROCKIES  
& THE K.C. ROYALS

COST: \$35, WHICH INCLUDES A \$10 DONATION TO HELP  
FUND THE MANY PROJECTS ZONTA  
SUPPORTS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY

I WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE \_\_\_\_\_ TICKETS

NAME:

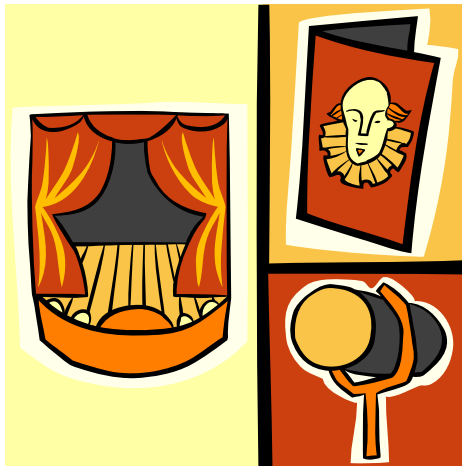
PHONE NUMBER:

RSVP BY MAY 8 TO: ROBIN SMITH 303-377-9839  
OR CYNTHIA HERNDON 303-355-2997

Tickets will be held at the will-call window in your name

Make checks out to Zonta Club of Denver and send to:

Judy Allen  
8775 E. Pawnee Road  
Parker, CO 80134



## ZONTA CLUB OF DENVER

invites you to  
a musical production of

# Seven Brides For Seven Brothers

AT

COUNTRY DINNER PLAYHOUSE

6875 So. Clinton Street

Greenwood Village, Colorado

Sunday, July 15, 2007

Buffet: 12:00 Noon    PreShow: 1:10PM    Show Starts: 1:45PM

Tickets plus donation: \$50.00

*\$10.00 of the ticket price is a requested donation  
to support our fundraising efforts  
that help advance the status of women*

**Please call:**

**Dorothy Swindt 303-934-3780**

**For information & reservations**

**RSVP by May 15, 2007**