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MAY, 2016

College Campus Sexual Assault

In the aftermath of our Day of Film on March 5, featuring the film *The Hunting Ground*, I have been following media reports on reactions to the issue of sexual assault on college campuses.



There are numerous initiatives, the most prominent is the one introduced in September by President Obama called "It's On Us". Vice President Biden appeared recently in Boulder at the University of Colorado at an event to discuss this issue. Hundreds of students joined the Vice President in taking the Pledge:

"I pledge to recognize that non-consensual sex is sexual assault, to identify situations in which sexual assault may occur, and to create an environment in which sexual assault is unacceptable and survivors are supported."

Colleges and Universities all over the country have been forced to deal with this issue in a more forthright manner and make efforts to improve the current system. A big part of the training is bystander intervention. Students are being asked to take action if they see a situation that might escalate to sexual assault. Other suggestions are to trust your gut - if something doesn't look right it probably isn't; watch out for friends who are drinking too much - enlist help to get them out of the situation; encourage

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Think about It

A leader takes people
 where they want to go.
 A great leader takes
 people where they
 don't necessarily want
 to go, but ought to be.

~ Rosalynn Carter

students to only take a drink from a server or serve themselves - never let someone else hand them a drink.

There have been over 135 events in 35 states so far, including round table discussions, to collecting signatures and students "taking the pledge". The NCAA and at least 2 fraternities have signed on.

Last week, 3 Colorado students were honored at a White House event as "Champions of Change". The award honors leaders on different issues. This year the award focuses on students contributing to the effort to change college culture around sexual assault.

The book MISSOULA by Jon Krakauer is about sexual assaults at the University of Montana. This book shows that the issue does not seem to be gender specific. In this book, the "bad guys" were a female detective and female prosecutor. The "good guys" were a male dean, university President and a male Regent. The dean retired and the President and Regent lost their jobs because they took on a football player. Just last week, a student sued BYU in Utah, because the University cited her for a "morality" violation of the student code after she reported that she had been assaulted.

There is much work to be done, however. I am happy that our Day of Film this year put the spotlight on an issue that is finally being recognized in our country. At the Boulder event Senator Bennet stated: "College campuses should be safe, they should be a place where students learn and explore the world. Two-thirds of victim report it to you - to their roommates, their sorority sisters, to their friends... You've got to speak up... That's the character test you're going to have to pass. "

For the full article go to: <http://www.denverpost.com/>

Another note:

According to a recent article in the New York Times, Colleges and Universities are spending millions to deal with sexual misconduct complaints, since the Federal Government added sexual misconduct to Title IX in 2011.

Some Universities, like Harvard, for example, have Title IX departments of more than 50 people. Because of the complexities, these kinds of cases have become wrenching for students, faculty and administrators. Title IX departments are working to set up codes of conduct for students ranging from "affirmative consent" to "unwelcome conduct".

This is certainly not the last that we will hear of this complicated issue.

Business Cards

Do you have your Zonta business cards yet? If not, contact Julie Bradley to let her know what information you want on them. She will mail them to you or bring them to a meeting.

Garage Sale May 21st! Sign up online at the meeting on May 12th or call Julie B

May 20th will be pricing/sorting/setup:

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| 1. Nancy McWhirter | 5. Alexis Newton |
| 2. Mary Benoit | 6. |

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| 3 Wendy Moraskie | 7. |
| 4. Mary Lou Edwards | - |

Tables needed to Cynthia's house by May 20th as well as items to sell - preferably already priced.

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| 1. Mary B 1 card table & 1 3' table | 2. |
| 3. etc... | |

May 21st

6:30am set out signs:

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| 1. Julie Bradley | 2. Mary Benoit |
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May 21st 6:30 - 9:30 set up garage sale

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| 1. Julie Bradley | 5. Debra Gridley |
| 2. Sheila Davis | 6. Mary Benoit |
| 3. Olette Stanberry | 7. Cathy Conley |
| 4. Evie Ashmore | 8 + many more needed - husbands, sons, brothers, friends welcome to help move out heavy items |

May 21st 7:30 - 10:30 am finish set up and 1st shift of workers

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| 1. Julie Bradley | 5. Wendy Moraskie |
| 2. Sheila Davis | 6. Cathy Conley |
| 3. Olette Stanberry | 7. |
| 4. Kathy Hyzer | 8. |

May 21st 10am - 1pm 2nd shift of workers

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| 1. Julie Bradley | 5. |
| 2. Wendy Moraskie | 6. |
| 3. Cathy Conley | 7. |
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May 21st 12:30 p -3:30p 3rd shift and cleanup/pack for item pickup by The Salvation Army

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| 1. Julie Bradley | 5. |
| 2. Wendy Moraskie | 6. |
| 3. Cathy Conley | 7. |
| 4. | |

May 21st Take Down Signs

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| 1. Julie Bradley | 2. |
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Please help us fill out our chart of work assignments - or if you cannot be there on the day make sure we make this 100% participation by donating items to sell. If you need someone to help pick up items, call Cynthia H or Julie B.

Legislation Update: Do It Yourself!

I am writing this in mid-April and it is likely that if I reported on pending legislation, much of what I reported would have changed by the time you read this. So, instead, here is a brief primer on how to follow legislation by yourself.

The Colorado General Assembly has its own home page, at www.leg.state.co.us. From there, if you click on either "House 2016 Regular Session" or "Senate 2016 Regular

Session" and then "Bills and Fiscal Notes" you will find a page where you can search for a bill by the bill number (for House bills, HB16- followed by a four-digit number, as in HB16-1001 - with the 16 standing for 2016; for Senate bills, SB16- followed by a three-digit number, as in SB16-001), read the bill by clicking on the bill number in the first column, find out what's happened to it so far by clicking on "History," or get other information by looking around and clicking in different places.

You can also read through bill titles to try to identify bills that may affect women, which can be fascinating but is definitely time-consuming.

Alternatively, on the General Assembly home page click on "2016 Regular Session" and you can search for text, say, "trafficking." The search results will include all bills that include that term.

Probably most of you don't want to take that much trouble, so here is a shortcut. There are other organizations following bills that affect women and here are links to the websites of a few of them. I have used some of these in preparing legislation reports.

aauw-co.aauw.net/advocacy/

This page includes links to various documents and other pages detailing what the Colorado AAUW is doing this year in the legislative arena

www.wfco.org/page/content/advocacy-public-policy

Describes bills the Women's Foundation of Colorado is watching and includes a link to subscribe to their legislative newsletter

www.womenslobbyofcolorado.org/legislation/

Links to the bill list of the Women's Lobby of Colorado and its annual scorecard rating state legislators on how they voted on bills that impact women

Not exclusively focused on women, but still of interest:

www.cwba.org/public-policy-legislature

Links to the "CWBA 2016 Legislative Matrix" that describes bills the Colorado Women's Bar Association is following

cclponline.org

The Colorado Center on Law on Policy website--look under the tabs "Issues" and "Skills2Compete" and keep going. This nonprofit advocates for low-income Coloradoans and, guess what? Lots of them are women.

I hope you'll at least take a few minutes to see what a wealth of information about what is happening in the legislature is at our fingertips.

Happy clicking!

~ Judy Mc

May Meeting

Meeting Details

Date:	Thursday, May 12
Time:	5:30 p.m.

Location: Fresh Fish Company
7800 East Hampden

Advocacy Moment: Liz Stewart

Price: menu prices

Reservations are essential so the restaurant can set the appropriate number of places.

Please contact Marian Lee as soon as possible but no later than noon on Monday, May 9, at MLee@bhfs.com to make reservations for yourself and your guests.

Program: Installation of officers

Items of the Month:

Small Bottles of Shampoo, Conditioner, Lotion, Tampons, Toothpaste, and
Toothbrushes

For **COVA**

Please bring to the May Zonta Meeting

Zontian of the Year

Every year it is our privilege to honor one of our own for outstanding service to Zonta. This is an honor that not all Zontians achieve. Please take time to consider who you would like to honor as Zontian of the year and fill out the form found on the members only section of our website or the email that was sent to you in April. It is imperative that you fill out the form stating the reasons why this person should be honored in our club. Click here to access our website: zonta-denver.org

If you need the form and can't get to it - please email Julie B or Judy Mc to have it sent to you.

Committee Reports

Service Committee

After three years of dedicated service, Olette is stepping down as the Delores dinner coordinator. Her last month will be this June. Thank you, Olette, for your positive energy and great organization! Your menu planning has ensured that the delicious meals were enjoyed by all.



We are fortunate that Mary Lou, another amazing organizer, has offered to step up as the new coordinator. Thank you, Olette and Mary Lou!

The grant liaisons are beginning to set up service opportunities for the coming year. This fall in September or October we will help COVA get materials ready for their fall conference. On September 17, our club will host the car clinic for Hands of the Carpenter. In addition to refreshments, we will provide small toy cars and activity books and supplies for the children.

Put May 7 on your calendar. Hands of the Carpenter will be giving away ten refurbished

cars. One of those cars is a result of the grant our club gave to Hands of the Carpenter. Here is the pertinent information:

Saturday, May 7, at 10:00 a.m.
Cherry Hills Community Church
3900 Grace Blvd.
Highlands Ranch, CO 80126

The Delores dinner was on April 17, the weekend of the storm. Because of the weather and concerns about the safety of our members, Olette cancelled the regular dinner. Instead, we were able to use the money for fried chicken and use it to order pizza for the Delores women. It was great to have a backup plan. Thank you to all our big-hearted members that have so generously given cash donations for the dinners!

The Jane M. Klausman scholarship applications are due May 9. Nancy, Olette, CJ, and Robin are on the scholarship committee.

The Items of the Month for May are small bottles of shampoo, conditioner, lotion, tampons, toothpaste and toothbrushes for COVA.

The next service meeting will be on Monday, May 2, at Perkins at 6:00 p.m.

~ Nancy

Fund Raising Committee

Garage Sale! May 21st Please make this a 100% participation of the club.

In between the continual snow storms, the warm weather is giving us all that spring cleaning urge. Nearly every house has an item or two (or several) that we're just not going to use, or that no longer works as our décor has evolved. Don't let that listless lamp take up your valuable space when it could fulfill its potential at a ZCD Yard Sale customer's house.



Get those vases, gewgaws, dishes, trinkets, books, knickknacks, purses, doodads, baubles and tchotchkes together, give them each a yard-sale price and get them over to Cynthia's house. Sign up sheets for garage sale are out - please sign up!

Evie, Kathy, and I are meeting with Metro to talk about our last Day of Film and the next one at the end of May. There will be no more committee meetings until the next fiscal year.

~ Nikki

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Mathias Lock and Key
ANB Bank
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Kathy Hyzer, RHU, Medicare Consultant
Harding & Hittesdorf, CPAs

Howard W. Masini, CPA, P.C.
Judith Allen and Richard Starlin
United Nations Association of Denver
A. Elaine Gilley, CPA
Jim Medford Photography
Curious Cork
Drip Coffee
Egan Printing
Cockriel Insurance
Dan Lander, Colorado Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance
Tattered Cover Bookstore
King Soopers
Trader Joe's

Advocacy Committee

Words matter, and a good choice of words can make the difference between getting your point across or not. So, choosing words carefully is part of advocacy.



One of the things that most of us advocate about frequently is Zonta itself. When giving your "elevator speech" in the future, I suggest you try to use some of the powerful new words that Zonta International introduced in 2015 as part of its brand identity campaign.

Open up your directory to page 49. Dog ear that page!

The Zonta Mission is "to *empower* women worldwide through service and advocacy." Don't you agree that that is a much more powerful statement than saying we work to "improve the status of women"? I can't put my finger on why; perhaps because it seems a version of the difference between teaching a man to fish and giving a man a fish.

Then, the Zonta Vision:

Zonta International envisions a world in which women's rights are recognized as human rights and every woman is able to achieve her full potential.

In such a world, women have access to all resources and are represented in decision making positions on an equal basis with men.

In such a world, no woman lives in fear of violence.

I encourage all of us to read and re-read these statements so we can use them the next time someone asks "What is Zonta?" (Advance warning--this is my new campaign, now that we have gotten in the habit of talking about our Day of Film and eliminated that other phrase we once used.)

~ Judy Mc

PR Committee

Be sure to look for our garage sale items in the paper and online.

~ Julie



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 the incoming President** as soon as 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 bylaws. 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 individual members and our organization.

Please indicate your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice

_____ Membership

recommending advocacy and other action to improve the status of women Responsible for programs, arrangements, directory, recruitment, retention (approx. 30% of the membership)

_____ Service

Responsible for service funding and project recommendations; advocacy; Young Woman in Public Affairs Award/Jane Klausman Women in Business Scholarship; community and international relations; United Nations and inter-city relations (approx. 20% of the membership)

_____ Fund Raising

Responsible for executing fund raising plans (approx. 35% of the membership)

_____ Public Relations and Communications

Responsible for PR; club historian; press releases; Smoke Signal; web site (approx 10% of membership)

_____ Advocacy

Responsible for reporting on current legislative and political concerns of women; (approx 5% of membership)

Remember: All members of the Board membership will be chairs of the committees and you may be asked to serve on more than 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 a member in an effort to achieve proper representation on all committees.

Minutes

ZONTA CLUB OF DENVER
April 14, 2016 Dinner Meeting

Call to Order: Judy Allen, President, 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of Guests:

Jeanette Scotland (Sheila Davis)



Advocacy Moment: Olette Stanberry

- Olette distributed a document, Advocacy: Stand For, "What Do I Bring to the Table?", to all attendees.
- Several members discussed their favorite cause, along with identifying three items they do currently regarding an "Immediate Response", and three items that could be done in the future regarding "What is Needed".

Program: Colorado Girl Scouts

Amy Myers, Chief Development Officer, and Anna Cooper , Program Assistant of Girls SCouts of Colorao Introduction of Amy Myers and Anna Cooper by Judy Allen

- Overview of the Colorado Girl Scout program.
- The Liz Hayden Endowment sat idle for awhile but is now being used. There is \$52,000 currently in the endowment.
- Documents on Community Outreach Programs, and two activity documents - Album Autobiography and Self-Care Kits, were distributed to the group.
- Zontians may be able to volunteer with the Girl Scouts. Nancy McWhirter will contact Amy regarding this and service projects the club could do.
- A \$50 honorarium was presented to the Girl Scouts.

Approval of Minutes: March 10, 2016 Judy Allen, President

- Filed as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Gwen Fornia, Treasurer

- Filed for audit/ and members only page on our website.
- 2016-2017 dues must be paid by May 1, 2016.
- Dues should be mailed to Gwen, not the PO Box.

Zonta Club of Kathmandu in Nepal: Nikki Headlee, Fundraising Chair

- At the 2015 Day of Film between \$1,000 and \$1,100 was collected to help the Kathmandu Club start a One Stop Trauma Center.
- A few days later the earthquake hit. Since then, the country has been focusing on basic needs for their people, as there has been a trade blockade by India.
- Consequently, nothing could be done on the Trauma Center. The funds can be released for another project, so Nikki will email the Nepal club and ask for two projects the club would like to pursue. ZCD will then do an email vote to approve one of those projects.
- The club has a very good Facebook page for keeping up with their activities.

Hands of the Carpenter: Mary Lou Edwards

- The annual Car Give Away event will be held on May 7, 2016 10:00 a.m. to noon.
- ZCD's service grant to this organization enabled them to finance one of the cars they're giving away.
- The club will be collecting donations at the June meeting for their Car Clinic on September 17, 2016.

Delores Project: Nancy McWhirter

- Mary Lou Edwards will be taking over coordination of dinners for 2016-2017.

Election of Officers: Judy Allen, President

- Mary Benoit was nominated and elected as Director 2016-2017.
- The Slate of Officers for 2016-2017 were elected.

Election of Alternates to ZI Convention: Judy Allen, President

- Sheila Davis and Gwen Fornia were nominated and elected as Alternates.
- Judy Allen and Katie Wienecke will be the Delegates to the Convention.

Recognitions: Judy Allen, President

- Katie Wienecke celebrated seven years with Zonta.
- April birthdays include Gwen Fornia, Marian Lee, and Carin Paupore.

New Mission Statement: Judy Allen, President

- Club members are to send suggestions to Katie. Her board will work on this.
- **Club Bylaws Update: Judy Allen, President**
- Send comments/questions to Judy Allen by April 29th.

50/50 Drawing: The drawing was held. \$28 went to the winner and \$28 went to the club.

Adjournment: 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Sheila Davis for Carin Paupore

President's Message

What a great year I have had as president of the Zonta Club of Denver. The Directors and Committees have worked extra hard this year.

Service committee, selected 4 outstanding organizations for the service grants. With the money awarded they will be able to help improve the lives of many women. We also had the opportunity to learn about these organizations when they spoke at the club meetings, informing us how our dollars will impact the lives of women.



Membership has brought 3 new members into the club and we have 2 more to be inducted in June. Mentors are busy helping the new bees learn about the club, Area, District and International.

Advocacy, has kept us informed of bills in the State Legislator that effect women and children. We have sponsored several events working for the Status of Women. Fund Raising, what a fantastic job with the Day of film Event. The movie brought awareness to all in attendance about the sexual abuse on college campus around this country. The committee picked a new venue and decided to have the event catered. We had over 500 in attendance and made over \$13,000 to be used for one Grantee next year.

PR/Communications, kept us informed with the monthly newsletter and did one heck of a job with the PR for the film event.

The Special committees did their work keeping the club on the right track, accounting for our dollars, bringing our by-laws up-to-date, and going through the many old files to sort and save.

Now I am preparing to represent Zonta Club of Denver at the International convention in June.

Again thank you for the opportunity to be president.

Judy Allen, President

Member Recognition:

Congratulations to Marian Lee (3 year member) and Gwen Fornia (3 year member) as our April Birthdays, and Katie Wienecke, a member of Zonta for 7 years

~ from President Judy and the club.



Upcoming Events



WOMEN POWERING CHANGE

INSPIRE • CONNECT • ACT

SAVE THE DATE

THURSDAY JULY 14, 2016
4:00 - 8:00 PM

MILE HIGH STATION
2027 Old West Colfax Ave, Denver

**A celebration highlighting and connecting you to Colorado women
creating change locally and globally.**

Join Women Powering Change on July 14 for an energetic and informative
gathering of diverse nonprofits, innovative leaders, passionate philanthropists,
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contact Alexis Newton or Anne Elgerd at womenpoweringchange@gmail.com

Women Powering Change accelerates the social impact of women creating a just world

Calendar

Date	Event	Time	Location	Details
May 4	Board Meeting		Tony's	
May 7	Hands of the Carpenter Car Give Away	10 am	Cherry Hills Community Church 3900 Grace Blvd Highlands Ranch	One of the cars that will be given away was funded by a grant from our club!
May 8	Cynthia H's birthday			

May 12	Club meeting	5:30 pm	Fresh Fish Company 7800 East Hampden	Installation of club officers and board
May 20	Judy Mc's Birthday			
May 20	Pricing for Garage Sale		Cynthia Herndon's home on Glencoe	
May 21st	Annual Zonta Garage Sale	8 am - 3 pm	Cynthia Herndon's home on Glencoe	Call Cynthia to arrange for drop-off of your contributions
May 26th	Joint Board Meeting	TBA		
July 1-6	63rd Zonta International Convention		Nice, France	Information at zontaconventionnice.com
July 14	Women Powering Change	4 pm - 8 pm	Mile High Station 2027 Old WEst Colfax Ave	ZDC has a table at this event!!
Sept 23-24	District 12 Governor's Seminar		Deadwood, SD	

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