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IN MEMORY OF DOROTHY



Zonta Club of Denver's long-time member, past president and District 12 past governor, Dorothy Swindt passed away on Monday, April 10. Over twenty Zontians, including six Past District Governors, attended the memorial service held on April 22 to honor her memory. At the service there were copies of a short article about Dorothy that was published in the August 2007 *Smoke Signal*.

The article was written by Beth Mundell, making it doubly poignant. Here is the text of that article--just add 10 years and a couple more great grandchildren!

ONE AMAZING WOMAN....DOROTHY SWINDT

The Scoop:

- Native Coloradan, raised in Torrington, Wyoming (the first state to elect a female governor in the United States, don't ya know!)
- Married for 51 years
- 3 children
- 7 grand children
- 14 great grand children
- Retired for 15 years from Keebler Company and is still involved with retirees' organization.

The Skinny:

Dorothy went to work as a welder making trailers for the "war effort" during World War II. It was worthy work, but hard work, says Dorothy, and it "inspired her" to look for other employment! In 1946, after divorcing her first husband, Dorothy found herself raising 3 children on her own. With a family to raise, Dorothy made the decision to provide a better future for her family and for herself.

She went to work for Keebler Company (*yes, the one with "Elfin Goodness"*) and began a long career with this company. Dorothy knew she also needed to determine a new direction in her life, and made the time to attend Business School at night while working full time during the day. She was rewarded with a promotion to the Human Resource Department where her, "... world of being involved with other business women began when my boss introduced me to a member of the International Association of Personnel Women." After she joined this group, she became acquainted and traveled with other members such as Dorothy McRae, Minnie Lundberg, Leota Pekrul, and Jackie Freudenstein, all who were members of Zonta Club of Denver!

After hearing these ladies talk about their experiences with Zonta, Dorothy became a member of the Zonta Club of Denver in 1982 with Minnie Lundberg as her sponsor! She attended her **first** convention in Sydney, Australia in 1984 where she watched women from around the world march

across the stage of the Sydney Opera House wearing native dress and carrying country flags with pride (*doesn't this just give you goosebumps?*). The world wide reach of Zonta International working to improve the status of women impressed Dorothy and she made the decision to become more involved to help accomplish Zonta's goals of helping women and children around the world.

In 1984, Dorothy became the club's first vice president and the president in 1986. Not stopping there she became the Area Director in 1988, and after a second close vote (*the first was a tie*) Dorothy became Lt. Governor under then Governor Dolores Lowery in 1990. Dorothy did not stop there either. In 1992, she was installed as District 12 Governor at the International Convention in Hong Kong. She still feels great pride (*and deservedly so*) for a job well done working with 2 successful District Conferences, area meetings and presiding over numerous club installations. At the Zonta International Convention in Detroit, Dorothy carried the District Flag at the opening ceremony (*...again... goosebumps*). Dorothy has continued to be involved with Zonta for the past 25 years and has attended conventions in Sydney, Australia; Toronto, Canada; Helsinki, Finland; Dallas, Texas; Hong Kong, China; Detroit, Michigan/USA; St. Louis, Missouri/USA; Paris, France; and Hawaii!

After her governorship, Dorothy says she experienced "empty mail box syndrome" as the plethora of "Zonta mail" stopped coming, but rather than standing still, she kept busy with her club, and frankly, haven't we all benefited from that?! Thank you Dorothy Swindt for all you have done and continue to do for the Zonta Club of Denver!

– Beth Mundell



Challenges Facing Immigrant Women

An Introduction to the Cormal Heritage Food Incubator was

the beginning of an exploration into the experiences of immigrant women in our community and at large. Comal offers lunches prepared by immigrant women who are receiving job training and education in the culinary arts and language skills. This project is the result of the collaboration between focus Points Family Resource Center and Zeppelin Development as community outreach. They originally started with 15 Latina women from El Salvador, Mexico and Peru. Recently, they started an additional group of Syrian refugees in the program who recreate their native foods on Fridays. An additional goal was to 'bridge the gap between legacy and newer, trendy populations in the neighborhood.'

In an article by the Center for American Progress, '10 Facts you need to Know About Immigrant Women (2013 Update)' trafficking and abuse, both domestic and in the work place are the most severe challenges,. The Justice Department estimates that 50,000 people are trafficked to the US. Officials can grant 5,000 T-visas to help free immigrant women from the sex trade. However, in 2012 only 674 T-visas were granted. Potential isolation can make immigrant women vulnerable to partners who don't file their papers and/or threaten deportation as do some employers. According to the Applied Research Center, 5,000 children were living in foster homes due to parents being detained or deported in 2011.

Gratefully, there are several programs to assist immigrants and refugees such as the Latina Safehouse Initiative, which is holding a Golf Tournament to raise monies on June 23rd. In addition, Colorado.GrantWatch.com provides instruction in the English language and offers citizenship, and integration programs. Instruction in our laws is extremely important including the ones that may offer them protections. The Violence Against Women's Act allows immigrant women who have suffered domestic abuse by an American citizen or Legal Permanent Resident to self petition for legal residence.

In spite of the many challenges that these women face, including many that have not been mentioned, they start businesses at a higher rate than native born American women. In 2010 women were 40% of all immigrant business owners and 20% of women business owners in General!

Comal Heritage Food Incubator

3455 Ringsby Court
Denver, CO

Garage Sale Signups!

Volunteers Still Needed. Please Email Julie Bradley or Cynthia Herndon to sign up to work on the garage sale. If you can't because you are out of town, consider donating items so we have 100% participation in our fundraiser. Deliver items any time between now and Friday May 19th to Cynthia's home - be sure to call her to arrange a time for her to be there. Items should be priced and ready to go.

Friday 19th from 8-2 - Last minute pricing, set up of items for the sale: (we could use a few more workers)

MaryLou Edwards
Carole Mangold
Lorie DiSaia
Gwen Forna
Mary Benoit

Saturday 20th: Set up Signs (6am) (all full up)
Julie Bradley, Nikki Headlee, Sheila Davis

Saturday 20th 6:30 - 9: Set out items for Sale (setting up tables, placing items on tables, etc) - we need a few more hard workers (husbands, spouses, family members welcome to help)

Sheila Davis
Debra Gridley
Cathy Conley
Mary Benoit
Julie Bradley

Saturday 1st shift 7:30 - 10:30 (there is carryover between all shifts)

Gwen Forna	Dawn Bali	Mary Benoit
Kathy Hyzer	Marian Lee	
Julie Bradley	Cathy Conley	

Saturday 2nd Shift 10-1

Kathy Hyzer	Cathy Conley
Julie Bradley	Liz Cameron
Enid Brodsky	

Saturday 3rd Shift 12:30 - 3:30p (sale and then clean up starting 3p)

Julie Bradley

Liz Savage

Cathy Conley

Nancy McWhirter

Saturday 3p; Take down Signs

Julie Bradley

Please call Cynthia for delivering items for the sale.

Email Julie For shifts to work. See you all there. The sales proceeds go toward the JM Klausman Scholarship. We hope to earn enough money to fully fund the scholarship winner.



MAY MEETING

Meeting Details

Date:	Thursday, May 11
Time:	5:00 p.m.
Location:	Fresh Fish Company, 7800 E. Hampden
Advocacy Moment:	Olette Stanberry
Price:	Menu prices
Program:	Speaker: Service award grantee Dance 2B Free; Lucy Wallace, Founder. Installation of new club officers and directors; New member installation

Reservations are essential so the restaurant can set the appropriate number of places. Please contact Liz Savage as soon as possible but no later than noon on Monday, May 8, at esavage2017@gmail.com to make reservations for yourself and your guests.

Item of the Month:
A Cash Donation to be Used to Purchase Small Journals
for Dance 2B Free
Please bring to the May Zonta Meeting

COMMITTEE REPORTS



FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

Only 3 weeks till our yard sale! Be sure to get your marked items to Cynthia ASAP.
Please call first . With lots of support, we'll have a great sale!!



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The Membership Committee is thrilled to announce that we will have five new members installed at the May club meeting! They are: **Sara Ball** (sponsor: Cathy Conley), **Dawn Bali** (sponsor: Liz Savage), **Abby Hussein** (sponsor: Clare Prohaska), **Tricia McNerny** (sponsor: Judy McNerny), and **Jeanette Scotland** (sponsor: Sheila Davis). Each of these dynamic women will enrich and energize our membership in a unique way. Please take time at the meeting to introduce yourself and personally welcome each of them!



SERVICE COMMITTEE

It's scholarship time! Applications and transcripts are starting to come in for the Jane M. Klausman scholarship. The due date is May 5.

The guest speaker for the May meeting is Lucy Wallace, the founder of Dance 2B Free. Our Item of the Month will be a cash donation for little “gratitude” journals called Pockitudes that are given to the women who participate in the Dance 2B Free program. The next service meeting will be Monday, May 1, at Perkins at 6:00 p.m.



MINUTES

Call to Order: Julie Bradley

Julie Bradley called the meeting to order: 6:02 PM

Program: Sarah Moses was introduced by Kathy Hyzer

Sarah Moses was one of the youngest surviving victims of the Holocaust and gave a moving message about perseverance in face of the indescribable evil. Her message included the importance standing up to bullies and showing gratitude for the ability to be with loved ones and enjoy good nutrition.

Introduction of guests:

Guests were introduced:

Jeanette Scotland – joining in May

Patricia H. McNerny daughter of Judy McNerny

Abby Hussien, guest of Clare Prohaska

Sue Krueger guest of Joetta Williams

Committee Reports:

Advocacy Committee - Mary Benoit

During last month's Zonta Meeting, the Advocacy Committee distributed Rose Andom Center brochures to be placed in discrete locations (for example -restrooms) in salons and locations where women go. The brochures provide information about the services provided by the Rose Andom Center and support victims of abuse. Members were encouraged to take more brochures and provide them to locations where women could access them and get the support they need.

Advocacy Moment: Dottie Jenkins

Dottie Jenkins provided a moving message about her personal experience with the feminist movement and the influence of some key feminists from the 1960s movement. Highlights included quotes and background information about Betty Friedman, Germaine Greer, and Gloria Steinman.

Approval of the Minutes: April 13, 2017

Julie Bradley called for approval of the minutes. The minutes were approved as published in the Smoke Signal without modifications made.

Treasurers Report: Gwen Fornia

Gwen Fornia reminded members that Zonta membership dues are due by May 1, 2017. The total amount for continuing members is \$194.00. The under 30 membership dues are \$125.00 for returning members.

Membership Committee: Liz Savage

Liz Savage sent out an email regarding a Zonta afternoon at the Colorado Symphony on Sunday May 7, 2017 @1:00 PM. Money needs to be sent to Wendy Henry-Moraskie – the cost is 30.00 per ticket.

For the May meeting, Liz Savage announced that there will be one belated installation of a member and there are three new applications for membership that will need to be approved by the board.

The Membership Committee is going to be looking at a new venue to for meetings – a restaurant called Rendezvous located at Heather Gardens. The Membership Committee is open to suggestions; however, there are set of criteria that must be met. Below is that complete list of questions that outlines the criteria:

- Do you have a private room that is sound-proof enough that we can hold our meetings and have a monthly speaker without disturbing other patrons?
- Is it regularly available on the second Thursday of every month?
- Is it large enough for a group of 30-35 people?
- Is there a fee for using the room, and if so, how much?
- Is there a food or drink purchase minimum that we would have to spend?
- Can we order off the menu (as opposed to one meal for all or a buffet)?
- Can we have separate checks for each person?
- Is there ample parking that is reasonably close?
- Does the room have a microphone/PA system, and a screen for presentations?

Service Committee: Deb Gridley

There was not much to report for Service; however, there was a reminder that the collection at the April Meeting was coffee and tea for Delores House.

Fundraising Committee: Kathy Hyzer

Kathy Hyzer is still waiting on the final numbers but believes that the club raised between 10,000 -11,000.00 off of the event. The total cost was \$3000.00.

Kathy Hyzer passed around a sign-up sheet for the Zonta Yard Sale. Volunteers and items are needed. Sorting will begin on Friday, May 19th at 9:00 AM. On Saturday, May 20th, volunteers are needed starting at 6:30 AM. The day is divided into shifts – and the more of them you can work the better. All items that go unsold will be donated to the Salvation Army.

Old Business: Julie Bradley

Julie Bradley announced that Regina Weinecke was born and Katie Weinecke is doing well.

Julie Bradley reminded members to fill out committee preference forms and Zontian of the Year Form. The committee preference and nomination forms need to be sent to Katie Weinecke, Marion Lee or Julie Bradley.

Nikki Headlee and Julie Bradley went to Metro Scholarship Dinner there was an excellent overview of those who attended and won scholarships. The club received a letter from Metro thanking Zonta for our check. The club donated \$23,180.00 towards the endowment. The scholarship is awarded to single women with children and they are able to use the funds in any way they see fit. Four to five individuals are awarded annually.

Julie Bradley announced that Judy Allen is finding a location for the 90th Year of the Zonta Club of Denver Celebration/Meeting in August – mark your calendars.

New Business

Julie Bradley announced the election of the new officers. The Nominating Committee accepted the slate of officers from the last meeting. Two members of Nominating Committee withdrew their names – Shelia Davis and Kathy Hyzer.

The Zonta Club of Denver approved to vote on the nomination slate that included the following - Julie Bradley was elected last year to serve as President-Elect. She automatically becomes President.

Marian Lee has been nominated for President-elect. Penny Burke has been nominated for Secretary. Gwen Fornia has been nominated as a Treasurer. Liz Savage was elected last year to serve as director for a two-year term from 2016-2018, so she will continue as director. Mary Benoit was elected last year to serve as director for a two-year term from 2016-2018, so she will continue as director. Carol Mangold has been nominated as a director for 2017-2019. Wendy Moraskie was nominated as director for 2017-2019.





Judy McNerny moved to approve the slate of officers. Gwen Fornia seconded the motion. The club passed the motion.

Dorothy Swindt passed away on Monday, April 10, 2017, at 1:00 PM. For her memorial service, Shelia Davis suggested having a Yellow Rose Ceremony. Shelia Davis said she would email the members with additional information. Julie Bradley provided some moving memories about Dorothy.

Julie Bradley then discussed Beth Mundell, a former Zonta Club of Denver member, who also passed away recently. Julie shared some warm memories about Beth and highlighted the many ways she supported the Zonta Club of Denver. Other members joined in sharing fond memories of Beth and her enthusiasm for life.

Another Zontian, Sharon Cooper, is in hospice now

Julie Bradley then did the birthday recognitions –

-  Robin Jennings – 12 years of service
-  Carin Poupare – 3 years of service
-  Marion Lee – 4 years of service
-  Gwen Fornia – 4 years of service

Joetta Williams won and 16 dollars was donated to the Zonta Club of Denver.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 PM

Respectfully submitted by Penny Burke



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Dear Denver Zontians,

In my last president's message, I would like to say thank you. It has been an extraordinary experience serving at the helm of our fabulous group and I feel humbled and honored to have been your president. A very special thank you to our board, who have led us through another very successful year.

Each committee has excelled in their spheres this year and I am excited to see where they take us next year. As you all know, this year we saw a fabulous turn out for our Zonta Day of Film with over 200 tickets either sold, comped, or donated. We also gave over \$33,000 to local service organizations to support women in our community - many of the organizations being first time recipients of our funds, and over \$17,000 to International to support their work.

We also saw the fruits of our memberships hard work in recruiting new Zontians with 5 new membership applications submitted! And our work in advocacy has grown with our support and presence at Women Empowering Change, the UNA film festival, and the Women's Legislative Breakfast as well as raising awareness of the Rose Andom Center in our community and supporting victims of human trafficking through our Zonta Wings program.

I know I'm not covering everything - this group of amazing women I am lucky enough to count myself part of have done so much this year. Thank you to each and every one of you for your time, energy and support. I can't wait to see what next year brings under the masterful leadership of Julie Bradley!! Thank you for this year, Denver Zontians!!!

Katie

UPCOMING EVENTS

CALENDAR

May 7	Afternoon at the Colorado Symphony, Boettcher Concert Hall at the Denver Performing Arts Complex downtown, 1001 14th Street at 1p
May 11	Club meeting 5:00 p.m. at Fresh Fish Company, 7800 E. Hampden Speaker: service award grantee Dance 2B Free; Installation of new club officers and directors; New member installation
May 19	Garage Sale - Pricing of garage sale items and organization at Cynthia's home 1360 Glencoe
May 20	Zonta Garage Sale 8-3 at Cynthia's House - everyone help to make this event great!
June 2-4	North American Inter-District Meeting, Washington D.C. Details and registration information at www.northamericanmeeting2017.com
June 8	Club meeting 5:00 p.m. at Fresh Fish Company, 7800 E. Hampden; Speaker: service award grantee Family Tree
July 2017	No club meeting, but a club mini-golf outing, possibly at Kennedy Golf Course, is in the works for a date in July!
August 10	90th anniversary of Zonta Club of Denver chartering Location and other details to be announced

Sept 22-24

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