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## Smoke Signal - May 2018

### **2017-2018 Zonta Club of Denver**

#### **Officers**

Julie Bradley, President  
Marian Lee, President-elect  
Mary Lou Edwards, Vice President  
Penny Burke, Secretary  
Barb Pellegren, Treasurer

#### **Directors**

Liz Savage  
Mary Benoit  
Carol Mangold  
Wendy Moraskie

#### **Foundation Officers**

Julie Bradley  
Mary Lou Edwards  
Marian Lee  
Barb Pellegren

#### **Foundation Trustees**

Evie Ashmore  
Judy McNerny  
Liz Cameron  
Pam Dumonceau

Please send your newsletter submissions  
to Judy McNerny, Marian Lee, and Wendy  
Moraskie.

visit us online at [www.zonta-denver.org](http://www.zonta-denver.org)



#### **Annual Garage Sale**

**1360 Glencoe**

**Set up May 18 ~ Sale May 19, 8-3**

Call Cynthia at 303-355-2997

to schedule drop off of items by May 17

#### **May Meeting**

Date: Thursday, May 10th

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Place: Fresh Fish Company  
7800 E Hampden Ave

RSVP to Liz Savage at  
[esavage2017@gmail.com](mailto:esavage2017@gmail.com) by noon on  
Monday, May 7.

**Thanks to all of you for getting your dues checks to me. Nikki**



Nikki Headlee, Kathy Hyzer and CJ Long pose after volunteering at a Hands of the Carpenter event held at the Four Seasons Residences



## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Here we are – almost 12 months since I was elected and installed as President of the Zonta Club of Denver. It has been a great year – busy, eventful and personally a crazy ride. Membership has increased, fundraising had a great year – the film was fantastic and we made lots of money to forward our mission with other non-profits. We have a great new batch of members of our board. Marian will lead us well in the upcoming year.

Officers will be installed in May and the May Board meeting is a 'handover' of our leadership to the new set of officers. It looks like we will end up our FY with a total of 40 members and we should be congratulated for this. Thank you to all the hard work from Liz and her committee in following up on leads and talking to potential members. WE still have many potential members in the wings and hope that we can share our sisterhood with other likeminded individuals in the

community. If you didn't know this – I enjoy Zonta and love our friendships – and I am sure you do as well!

Our meeting this month consists of installation of new officers for next year and Initiation of our new member Pam Staves. Be sure to participate and join us at the Fresh Fish Company for a great meeting and comradery with friends. Remember that they have happy hour prices for drinks and food at our meeting as well as a menu that does not have fish for those of you who need it.

One more reminder – the garage sale is May 19<sup>th</sup> the weekend after our May meeting. This is such a fun way to clean house, benefit Zonta and help others. All those who clear out and do some spring cleaning, make sure you contact Cynthia before that weekend to arrange to get your priced items to her house ahead of time. If you don't have much or can only donate your time Saturday is a great way to connect with your Zonta friends and help others as well. We can always use additional helpers. Our goal in fundraising is ALWAYS have some participation from all members – whether it is putting up or taking down signs, selling and manning the garage sale, donating items to help raise money for our JMK award winner (last year's sales fully funded our JMK scholarship winner) or helping sort the day before. Please help make this another year of success. See you there!

See you at the May meeting!!

Thank you all for EVERYTHING you do.

~ Julie Bradley

**Calling all committee chairs and officers! Our club annual report is due at the end of the month to District and International. I will be sending report forms for you to fill out so we can get them submitted.**

### **Minutes of April Meeting**

Go [here](#) to read the minutes of the April 12, 2018, club meeting.

## **ARE YOU THE MISSING KEY??**

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IN THX WORLD.

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NOT ALL THX KXYS ARX WORKING PROPXRLY. YOU MAY SAY TO YOURSXLF,  
WXLL, I AM ONLY ONX PXRSON. IF I DON'T SUPPORT ZONTA IT WON'T MAKX ANY  
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THX ACTIVX PARTICIPATION OF XVXRY MXMBXR!!!

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TO YOURSXLF – "I AM A KXY PXRSON IN THX ZONTA CLUB OF DXNVXR – I AM  
NXXDXD!!"

SINCXRXLY YOURS,  
YOUR XDITOR

*Ed. note: Sheila found this in the April 1984 Smoke Signal and thinks it may still apply!*

## Member Spotlight

**Tricia McNerny**

**1. Where are you from originally? If not a native, what brought you to Colorado? If a native, why have you stayed?** I am a Denver native and have lived in Colorado all my life. I used to say that mountain people are those that are humbled by that which is greater than themselves and ocean people are those that are in awe of the great unknown. I no longer think it is so simple, but I would generally consider myself a mountain person. There is so much to explore in this state, even in our ever growing and changing city, that I would never tire of living here although I am taking a hiatus for grad school very soon.

[Learn more here.](#)

## Garage Sale

The garage sale is coming soon. Donations and tables are needed.

Some of the tables from last year were at the birthday dinner in August at Gwen's home. Two of the card tables had LAMB on the back. Could whoever has been storing these tables please be sure I get them back for this year's sale. Thank you.

All items donated need to be already priced when they arrive here. Please have donations and tables to Cynthia's house before the 18th so we know what needs to be sorted and arranged. Thank you for all the donations, tables, and help with this event.

~ Cynthia

## Committee Reports

### MEMBERSHIP

As spring is the season of renewal and growth, thank you all very much for your personal renewal and recommitment to our club. Although we will be bidding farewell to a fabulous woman and very active member in Debra Gridley, we will gain a new member in Pam Staves, who attended the Day of Film and the April club meeting. Pam's warmth and enthusiasm shines the minute you meet her, and will add wonderful new energy into our membership! Please make sure to welcome Pam when she is initiated at the May 10 club meeting!



Last call for tickets to the Colorado Symphony and Symphony Chorus performance on Friday May 11 at 7:30 pm at Boettcher Concert Hall. For more information, see <https://coloradosymphony.org/>. Please call Wendy Henry Moraskie no later than Wednesday May 2 if you would like to attend, and then mail a check made out to Wendy for \$30 per ticket. Wendy and her husband Richard are in the Chorus, and she will be purchasing the discount tickets for us. Thank you Wendy, and we look forward to hearing you and Richard perform!

~ Liz Savage



### FUNDRAISING

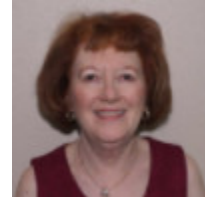
Thanks to everyone who worked to make our Day of Film such a success this year! We have had great feedback about the film, the venue and the catering. I have heard from people who attended that they are communicating with the director, Sophia Kruz, about her mission and will be following her efforts to spotlight remarkable women in the future. It's always good to hear that we have inspired others to action with our films.

The Fundraising Committee's last event for the year will be the garage sale at Cynthia Herndon's home on Saturday, May 19th. We will gather there on Friday, May 18th to move items out of Cynthia's basement, set up tables and generally get organized for the following day. This is always a "fun" fundraising event because of the social opportunities it affords both our members and our customers. And if you're there on Friday, you get to shop first!

Everyone, please plan to work all or part of one or both days so that we will be successful once again in raising money for our projects. Remember that Cynthia will be there 24/7 both days - she works harder than any of us to put this on. Thank you so much Cynthia for volunteering your home again this year!

~ Mary Lou Edwards

## SERVICE



As our Zonta year winds down, I am amazed every year how fast it went. At times it feels like we did little when in reality I know as a committee we did a lot. I have to say the service committee for this year was great, more than great, the best! We had a lot of challenges but of course the committee met the challenges with grace and charm and precious little angst.

We had a historic number of grant applicants. Anyone who has served on the service committee realizes how much work it is to find just the right match between our club and the grantees. We broke ground by giving a grant to the Global Health Foundation. Along with Global Health the three other grantees were a perfect fit.

We had a wonderful holiday party at The Friends of the Haven. I am sure that we as Zontians had just as much fun as the Haven clients did. It was a delight. There is a great possibility that we will be able to have a picnic for the Haven this summer.

The liaisons to the grantees were great and proved again that many hands make light work. I would like to give special thanks to the liaisons: Kathy Hyzer and Linda Rhea for Global Health Foundation, Nikki Headlee for Hope House of Colorado, Nancy McWhirter and Debbie Gridley for The Initiative aka DVI and CJ Long for The Haven. These women did all the communicating with the grantees about The Day of Film and things that are needed by the club.

In closing I would like to thank all of the club members for your generosity every time you are asked. All of you are amazing and I am so proud to have all of you as Zonta sisters.

~ Mary Benoit

## ITEM OF THE MONTH

**Ashlee, with The Initiative, will be our speaker for the May meeting and has requested gift cards for gas, groceries, Walmart, Target. She explained that these families have so little that these cards will be the best way to assist them.**



## **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

### **Spreading the Word about Zonta Denver: Yard Sale**

What an exciting and inspiring Day of Film! I've heard so many glowing reviews of the film and everyone who helped with every element. I add my heartfelt thanks to the appreciations of all committee members and others who pulled out all the stops to make our premier annual fundraising event so terrific. Now, we move in to May and the annual Zonta Club of Denver Yard Sale.

Other articles in this issue will detail the date and time, and how to donate (pre-priced!) items to the growing collection at Cynthia's house. And heaps of thanks to Cynthia for hosting yet again in her beautiful yard and spacious garage and basement. It's always such a glorious day (sending out anti-weather vibes) and so soothing to be among Zonta friends in her calm neighborhood.

Our goal here is to make sure anyone with an interest in finding great bargains and supporting our mission and who has money to spend will know about the sale. Our usual methods include an ad in the Post, Craig's list, neighborhood print/online newsletters, and other Denver metro web-based event calendars, as well as the curb signs we put up in the vicinity of the sale that morning.

But let's not stop there. How do you hear about activities you want to participate in? Do you see notices about other events or sales on websites or other places? Let us know and we can send in our information. Do you need a flyer to post in your grocery store, salon, yoga studio, coffee shop, drycleaner, community center or church? We can send you one to print out and tack up.

Remember, we're not just publicizing a yard sale. We're sharing the word about Zonta, our mission and our year-round activities to elevate the discussion of at-risk women and the barriers they face to raise themselves to self-sufficiency. Like a spider in a web (but really nice and attractive), we're drawing people in with the tempting bargains, so we can tell them how great ZCD is and all about the good work that our grants can do in our community.

Please tell your PR committee members about places we should publicize our yard sale, and we'll get on it, or give you the tools to do so. 2017-18 PR committee members are Helen M., Linda R., CJ L. and me, and you can mention ideas to Julie B. and Marian L., if you see them first.

~ Wendy Moraskie

## Club Calendar

## Special Events

### Club Meetings

**May 10, 2018**

5:00 p.m.

Fresh Fish Co.

**June 14, 2018**

5:00 p.m.

Fresh Fish Co.

### Board Meeting

**May 24, 2018**

5:00 p.m.

Location TBA

### **2018 Garage Sale**

**(May 18, 2018 - set up)**

**May 19, 2018 - sale**

8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

1360 Glencoe Street

### **Zonta International Convention**

**June 29-July 3, 2018**

Yokohama, Japan

### **District 12 Governor's Seminar**

**October 5-6, 2018**

Lamar, Colorado

## THANKS

Friends,

Ken and I thank you so much for the many cards, emails, calls, and meals that you sent us following Ken's unexpected surgery. We are so fortunate that (a) he made it to surgery before having a heart attack (or worse) and (b) we have so many friends in our corner. Ken is doing well, though it's not a speedy recovery!

Sincerely,

Judy Mc

## ZONTA INTERNATIONAL



## **Zonta International Foundation achieves Platinum Seal of Transparency on GuideStar**



Zonta International Foundation has announced that it just earned the Platinum Seal of Transparency from [GuideStar](#), the world's largest source of nonprofit information. ZIF will now proudly use GuideStar Platinum to share its full and complete story with the world. To reach the Platinum level, ZIF added extensive information to its nonprofit profile, including in-depth financial information and quantitative information about goals, strategies, and progress toward its mission.



**29 JUNE – 3 JULY 2018**

**Yes, you can still register for the 2018 Zonta International Convention in Yokohama, Japan! Go to the convention [website](#) to register, and for details on the conference schedule, programs, tours, and travel arrangements.**



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Zonta Club of Denver April Meeting  
Fresh Fish Company  
April 12, 2018

Meeting called to order at 6:07

### **Introduction of Guests**

Liz Savage introduced Pamela Staves who was a guest and interested in becoming a new member

### **Approval of the Minutes**

Julie Bradley called for approval of the minutes and Cathy Conely moved, and Mary Benoit seconded. Minutes were approved as printed in the Smoke Signal.

### **Treasury Report**

Barb Pellegren thanked everyone for their assistance in filling out the deposit sheets and making deposits to Zonta's accounts.

Nikki Headlee reminded everyone to have their dues checks in by April 30. It is preferable to get dues checks in earlier, by April 24 or April 26. The risk of not getting dues in on time is there is an additional fee for renewal past the club's due date.

### **Committees**

#### **Service – Mary Benoit**

Mary Benoit thanked everyone for the Hope House items that were provided.

#### **Membership – Liz Savage**

Kathy Hyzer sent out an announcement regarding the Zonta goes to the symphony on May 11, 2018. Member Wendy Henry Moraskie and her husband Richard will be performing. Liz Savage said that the a ticket price was 30.00 (a deal) and can be made out to Wendy Henry Moraskie and can be provided to Kathy Hyzer to purchase the tickets.

Liz Savage asked that members double check the international roster at the check-in desk and make sure all information is correct.

A stack of Fresh Fish reward cards was provided to the meeting so that members could earn benefits by attending monthly meetings. The Fresh Fish Company Manager talked about the credits you receive by using your card. If you come in on the day off of your birthday, you receive 100% off. If you come in ten days before or after your birthday, you receive the percentage of your age off your meal.

#### **Fundraising – Mary Lou Edwards**

Mary Lou Edwards thanks everyone for a wonderful Day of Film and received many compliments about the film and the food being good. Mary Lou Edwards want opinions on the Day of Film and information to pass along for next year. Julie Bradley will do a survey for members to provide feedback.

The Annual Zonta Garage Sale is on May 19, 2018, and volunteers will be needed on Friday, May 18, and Saturday, May 19. A list was sent around the meeting to sign-up. This is a good moneymaker for

the club. Please remember to price your items before taking them to Cynthia Herndon's house. Remember to let Cynthia know that you will be going to drop items off so she is there to receive your donation.

### **Old Business**

Julie Bradley discussed the District 12 Young Women in Public Affairs scholarship. Jeanette Scotland, from our club, will be the judge for District 12.

### **Election of Officers for 2018-2019**

Julie Bradley went over the slate of positions for 2018-2019:

President - Marian Lee

President Elect – Mary Lou Edwards

Vice President - Jeanette Scotland

Secretary – Trisha McNerny

Treasurer – Evie Ashmore

CJ Long – Director

Veronica Hoegler – Director

Carol Mangold and Wendy Henry Moraskie have two-year Director terms and will be continuing in their roles.

Nominating Committee includes

\* Julie Bradley

\* Judy McNerny

\* Kathy Hyzer

Julie Bradley called for the approval of the 2018-2019 slate of officers. Barb Pellegren moved and Judy McNerny seconded. The motion was passed without opposition.

### **Program: Hope House**

Motria Ramos from the Hope House provided an overview of the organization and how Zonta funds are providing assistance to teen mothers. Hope House provides free self-sufficiency programs to teen moms, including Residential, GED, and College & Career Programs. Additional supportive services include parenting and healthy relationship classes, life skills workshops and certified counseling, all designed to prepare them for long-term independence.

There is an opportunity so support Hope House on Saturday, May 5, at Lake Arbor Park in Arvada where they will be having a 5K. Volunteers are needed as well as racers. Nikki Headlee passed around a sign-up sheet.

### **Birthdays**

Gwen Fornia has been a member for four years

Marian Lee the new president has been a member for four years

Julie Bradley received the DVD of Little Stones was provided as a gift during the Day of Film. The film will be available on loan.

The winner of the 50/50 was Pamela Staves and 28 dollars was donated to the Zonta Club of Denver.

There will be a Convention Meeting on April 22, 2018 at Linda Rhea's House.

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Penny Burke, Secretary

### **Member Spotlight – Tricia McNerny**

- 1. Where are you from originally? If not a native, what brought you to Colorado? If a native, why have you stayed?**

I am a Denver native and have lived in Colorado all my life. I used to say that mountain people are those that are humbled by that which is greater than themselves and ocean people are those that are in awe of the great unknown. I no longer think it is so simple, but I would generally consider myself a mountain person. There is so much to explore in this state, even in our ever growing and changing city, that I would never tire of living here although I am taking a hiatus for grad school very soon.



- 2. What historical or current-day person do you admire most - famous or unknown - and why?**

Winona LaDuke is an inspiration to me. She is an environmental and political activist, an economist, and a writer. I saw her present at a conference in New Mexico last year and she had a strong presence, a clear vision, and an air of defiant perseverance. Her organization Honor the Earth has many campaigns in line with my interests including promoting new ways to think about economics that make a central consideration of how our actions impact the environment and future generations of people and all life on earth. They also happen to have a campaign in line with Zonta's core values to reduce sexual violence in oil extraction zones.

- 3. Name something on your "bucket list."**

I have always wanted to go to Alaska. I would love to take a sea kayaking expedition along the coast and hike around Alaska's majestic peaks.

- 4. Tell us something about yourself that none of your Zonta sisters would know about you?**

I write poetry, mostly self-indulgent emotional explorations currently. I have a creative writing group with some friends in which we get together and share poetry and short stories every month. I have also started exploring public poetry readings and storytelling gatherings in Denver although I have not shared any of my writing publicly as of yet.