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“I know God will not give me anything I
can’t handle. I just wish that He didn’t trust
me so much.”

– Mother Teresa

May Meeting

Date: Thursday, May 9th
Time: 5:00 p.m.
Place: Fresh Fish Company
7800 E Hampden
Program: Installation of Officers

RSVP to Veronica Hoegler at
303-424- 2811 (call or text) or
vehoegler@comcast.net, no later
than May 7.

March Minutes
(omitted by error from April Smoke Signal)

April Minutes



Nikki, Mary and Kathy at the Metropolitan State University of Denver
Scholarship Dinner on April 24.

Message from our President



Thanks to our Committees!

Last month, I wrote about the importance of stepping up to leadership positions. Our committee chairs and officers did an excellent job this year, and I was privileged to work with an engaged, dedicated Board. This month, as I prepare to leave office, I want to thank all of the committee members who worked so hard to execute the ongoing work of our club.

Thank you, PR Committee, for bringing us the Smoke Signal every month, publishing our Club Directory, maintaining our web page, and publicizing our efforts and events, particularly the Day of Film;

Thank you, Advocacy Committee, for re-energizing us and reminding us of how we can engage to advance our mission, individually and as a club;

Thank you, Membership Committee, for organizing our meetings, planning social events that bring us closer together, and continuing the never-ending quest for new club members;

Thank you, Service Committee, for reviewing the grant applications, conducting a thorough evaluation process, and awarding over \$33,000 to five great organizations that embody our mission;

Thank you, Fundraising Committee for all of your hard work in planning and executing a fabulous Day of Film, as well as the Garage Sale and Colorado Symphony ticket fundraiser; and finally,

Thanks to everyone who served on the ZCDF Board of Trustees and all of the Special Committees.

I've been honored to serve as the Club's President this year. Through this experience, I've learned a lot, gotten to know many of you better, and developed an even greater appreciation for Zonta.

At our May meeting, I will pass the gavel to Mary Lou Edwards.

I'm excited about all the experience and knowledge she'll bring to the position, and look forward to her leadership.

Thanks for a great year. Hope to see you all on May 9th!

~ Marian Lee

Sign Up Genius!

Some of you are probably wondering why you are getting multiple 'Signup Genius' emails from Zonta (or me). The club is using this program to 'get the word out'! We have sent out a sign-up for helping a fellow Zontian, buying books for the District 12 Centennial Service Project and of course to sign up for slots to work the garage sale.

This should not be something that since you got one you ignore the others. They are different things.

Please review if you got them and did not respond as we are always in need of help. Sometimes one thing is more up your alley than another and you would like to help on different issues.

So...Help the Zonta Club of Denver, your fellow Zontians, and District and International by responding to our Signup Genius emails.

~ Julie Bradley

District 12 Centennial Service Project



Our club book drive is progressing very well. Many people bought several books each and the books that we picked out at first from Denver Christian Home are all filled. Since the D12 Project was one book per member we asked for more lists and got several more books to purchase. Once again members came through with books.

So far we have 90 books purchased with \$300 worth of additional monies contributed from 14 members! If we have all members participate we can get all of the rest of the list provided by the teachers (language arts & counseling staff). Please see the signup to see what books are still needed!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0F4AACAC2DA6FA7-district>

Advocate for ERA

Last week I received this email with suggestions for advocacy for the ERA:

"HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY FOR E.R.A.!"

Mother's Day is not until May 12, but we're already talking about it because we have a few ideas.

- Buy a few extra Mother's Day cards.
- Write cards to your U.S. Senators and Representative, asking them to support ERA or thanking them for supporting ERA.

I realized that I do not know our senators' positions on the ERA. So I am urging you to write to them if you do know their positions. I will be searching for their positions and taking action based on their answers. Here are their addresses:

Senator Cory Gardner: 354 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510
Phone: (202) 224-5941
Fax: (202) 224-6524

Senator Michael Bennett: 261 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510.

What to ask: > Do you support House Joint Resolution 38 removing the deadline on the Equal Rights Amendment?
> Do you support House Joint Resolution 35 that introduced the following Constitutional Amendment?

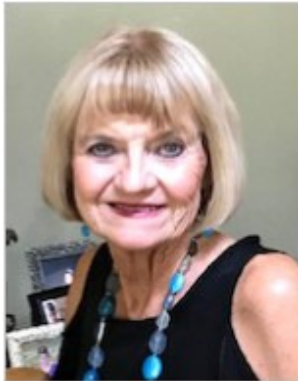
This joint resolution proposes a constitutional amendment declaring that women shall have equal rights in the United States and every place subject to its jurisdiction.

The amendment prohibits the United States or any state from denying or abridging equal rights under the law on account of sex.

One of the big questions in some people's minds is: Why do we need the ERA? I will be researching and bringing you information on the answers that are currently circulating in response to that question. Until then let's work to support our goals for Zonta International: Ratification of the ERA.

~ Jeanette Scotland

A Word from the Treasurer



ZCD dues are payable now. Please send your check in the amount of \$204 ASAP to Evie Ashmore, 5795 S Danube Circle, Centennial, CO 80015.

I must submit the dues to ZI in May.

Thanks,

~ Evie Ashmore

Committee Reports

MEMBERSHIP

New officers will be installed at our May meeting at the Fresh Fish Company. Please reach out to those friends and guests who may be interested in joining our Zonta Club; we would be honored to initiate them this evening, as well. RSVP to Veronica Hoegler at 303-424-2811 (call or text) or vehoegler@comcast.net by May 7.



Our June meeting will be shopping at the Angel Concept in Littleton. They offered to host us for wine and snacks! We can always go for dinner nearby afterwards. 5:30-6:30pm, or as long as we can shop! Angel Concept is a gift and clothing shop that benefits certain non-profit groups; at checkout purchasers

may designate one of those non-profits they would like proceeds to benefit.

We will meet at the Fresh Fish Company in August and hope to hear from our scholarship recipients at that meeting.

A Z-club may be formed in the near future by those interested in helping. I hope to help with support functions, like coordinating supplies and refreshments for events. Please speak up about which of your talents you would like to share to help get such a group off the ground for Denver area high school students. We would like to nurture the next generation of young women to serve other women through Zonta.

~ Veronica Hoegler



ADVOCACY

The next Advocacy Committee meeting will be on May 4 at 3 pm at the University Hills Library.

~ Dawn Bali

FUND RAISING

GARAGE SALE ~ MAY 18 ~ 1360 GLENCOE ST.

It's the Annual Spring Garage Sale time again. Please hunt around for large items to donate since they sell and bring in money. Please know that other items are welcomed too. Here is how you can help.

Week of May 13-17 Bring already priced items to 1360 Glencoe St., home of Cynthia Herndon. A call before you come would be appreciated; leave a phone number if she doesn't answer immediately. She will call you back. 303-355-2997.

MAY 17 8 am – 3 p.m. Bring your already priced items to the home of Cynthia Herndon at 1360 Glencoe St. Denver 80220.



May 18 - 6:30 to 9 a.m. We will be setting up and selling. Sign up for shifts during the day. We will need your help. At the end of the day we pack up and clean up, count the income and give a cheer for success and a fun time being together.

If you have any questions please call me at 303-479-4368. I will get you the information you want.

****SEE YOU AT THE GARAGE SALE ON MAY 18 ****

In other news, our signature event, the Day of Film with Norma Bastidas, earned us almost \$13,000. What a joy to know we will be helping some very deserving women to be empowered to work on fulfilling their dreams.

This was truly a club effort where everyone came together to make our event such a success. We have so much to be proud of, as well as the joy of working with friends. Zonta Club of Denver Rocks!

Next Fundraising meeting will be in early June, date to be decided.

~ Jeanette Scotland



Our Signup for the garage sale is out. We will be bringing a sign-up sheet to our May meeting but in case you will not be there please sign up so we can make sure our shifts are covered and we have enough people to help.

Friday May 17 if you can help sort and set up tables for the morning.

Currently we have:

Julie Bradley MaryLou Edwards Cathy Conley Nancy McWhirter

Saturday May 18

6:30 am Set up signs: Julie – would like one more

6:30 – 9:00 am (would like a few more – especially any men available to move furniture, etc.)

Cathy Conley Julie Bradley Jeanette Scotland Pam Staves

7:30 – 10:30 am (would like a few more)

Cathy Conley Julie Bradley Jeanette Scotland Pam Staves
Olette Stanberry

10 am – 1 pm (would like a few more)

Cathy Conley Julie Bradley Jeanette Scotland Pam Staves Liz Savage

12:30 – 3:30 pm (would like a few more)

Cathy Conley Julie Bradley Jeanette Scotland Pam Staves
Kathy Hyzer Nancy McWhirter

3:30 pm – pick up signs: Julie & Kathy Hyzer

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0F4AACAC2DA6FA7-zonta4>



PUBLIC RELATIONS

May offers chances to share the word about Zonta

Happy May, fellow Zontians! We might still see another snowfall-- it is springtime in the Rockies, after all, but we can feel the warm weather on its way, and with it, our summer plans.

This month, along with tulips and daffodils, we see tables full of gently-used treasures bloom on Cynthia's front lawn. In addition to helping our valuable loot find a second life, the Annual Yard Sale is a great time to engage with people about

who we are as Zontians and what Zonta does.

Every browser could be a new member of a Friend of Zonta. I will miss you at the May meeting and at the Yard Sale, so hand out a brochure or two for me!

~ Wendy Moraskie

Help Would Be Appreciated

I would so appreciate anyone who could bring in any books for 3- to 4-year-olds, used video games, old watches but still working, any perfumes not wanted, pens, art supplies, small games for around 6 years old, etc. I am going to my orphanage in Kenya on May 28 and would appreciate anything for the orphans that I could carry. Much appreciated.

~ Lorie DiSaia

Thank You

Thank you to all the MANY members who took time to send me a card. Losing three family members this year was quite an experience and the love expressed by so many Zonta friends truly helped tremendously.

May 2019 Be Your Best Year Yet!

~ Linda Rhea

Club Calendar

Club Meetings

May 9, 2019

5 pm

Installation of Officers

Fresh Fish Company

June 13 , 2019

5:30-6:30 pm

Special Events

Annual ZCD Garage Sale

May 18, 2019

1360 Glencoe Street

North American

Inter-District Meeting

June 7-9, 2019

Shopping, wine and snacks!
Angel Concept
2510 W. Main Street
Littleton CO 80120

July 11, 2019

Social meeting
Details TBA

August 8, 2019

5 pm
Fresh Fish Company

Dallas, Texas

District 12 Conference

September 21-22, 2019
Billings, Montana

**Zonta International Convention
2020**

July 4-8, 2020
Chicago, Illinois

Committee Meetings

Advocacy Committee

May 4 at 3 pm
University Hills Library

Membership Committee

May 15 at 4:30
Panera's at Riverpoint
Hampden at Sheridan



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Zonta Club of Denver

General Meeting MINUTES

March 14, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

President Marian called the meeting to order at 5:30

ADVOCACY MOMENT

Dawn presented article regarding what a feminist country looks like – Sweden. Policies that support women outlined.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February minutes were approved as published in Smoke Signal

SPEAKER

Dawn Bali talked about status of child marriage in District 12. First Dawn presented Advocacy committee 3-year forecast which includes the Z100 participation. We will participate in Veterans day parade dressed as suffragettes commemorating 100 years. 3rd year goals include getting more involved and drawing in the community to our club.

Drawing from research statistics – a compilation of three resources, Dawn summarized findings. Much more prevalent for younger girls to be married to older men. Not more prevalent in immigrant community. In areas that are less affluent – higher rates with African Americans. Two states, Delaware and NJ have outlawed underage marriages.

Wyoming .19% child marriage, Colorado has second highest %. Montana has lowest in our region. Idaho has the highest % of child marriage in the US. Dawn outlined the different laws per state.

There is a coalition to end child marriage now that includes many organizations. We might consider joining this coalition. Equality Now and Unchained At Last, who formed coalition, provided information.

NEW BUSINESS

Nominating committee – Julie B presented the following slate of officers for 2019-2020:

President – ML Edwards; President Elect -Gwen Forna; VP- Jeanette Scotland; Treasurer – Dottie Jenkins; Secretary – Sara Ball

Directors: Dawn; Veronica and CJ

Marian, Joetta and Nancy will be on the Nominating committee

Slate is approved as is and no additional nominees were proposed

PR

Wendy encouraged members to keep suggesting donors and promoting ticket sales to Day of Film. An article appeared in Your Hub. Marian thanked Wendy for her efforts.

OLD BUSINESS

Legislative breakfast – Veronica attended and several people filled out information forms.

Half the Sky Fair – CJ and Pam attended and ‘womanned’ a Zonta table. Met a woman who got a Zonta scholarship from Colo Sprgs. Marian was there in the afternoon to increase our visibility.

BIRTHDAY RECOGNITION – Dawn Bali

Everyone shared something that they are happy about at this time.

50/50 DRAWING – \$19 to Zonta. Gwen won \$20

Rose Day Cake was dished out

ADJOURNMENT at 6:50

Respectfully Submitted by Gwen Fornia, Secretary

ZCD Meeting: 4/11/19

MaryLou Edwards presiding

Meeting was called to order at ...5:35p

The speaker, Dan Steele, is an investigator and Vikki Migoya, Communications Director, with 18th judicial district

Police officer for 18 years – responsible for human trafficking (HT) for Arapahoe/Douglas Counties, previously in Denver

Innocence lost task force

- HT is about looking at vulnerable individuals. – choice made for them!
- Child sex trafficking (what he looks at)
- Kids get tapped into online sites: Snapchat, Tagged, Bumble, etc.
- High risk victim model:
 - Runaway
 - Where: locations of bad influence
 - Interacted with communities that were bad. – Hanging around bad individuals – meet people who might normalize these types of actions: wrong crowd at school – skipping school etc.
- Have victim advocate, court appointed guardian *ad litem*
 - Point in correct location for help
 - Put at risk – so need to help – interview those kids to help
- He reviews situations – to see if domestic violence or HT etc.
- Focus on sex trafficking, children and domestic
- Where does it occur – E Colfax, Truck stops, internet
- Customer dictates where it occurs
- Who are they: pimp, family members
- Commercial sex work....pro- and anti-legalization
- About 890 sex partners per year. – always sexually assaulted no matter what
- Getting out of the life – when they see the book of before and after. Photos.
- Documentary short: Disguises....8 minutes
- Average age 15 years...mostly girls but 90-10 girls to boys
- Success rate to recover children.
- Success rate – not being involved in that lifestyle again. – a lot of recidivism in that population: mental health – drug, been trafficking - Being sexually abused 10 times a night: fairly low percent going back to their trafficker – if we don't intercede – they are in love with their trafficker – and they go back. When working with teenagers – treat them as an adult – be caring and empathetic and don't talk down to them.
- Is there an organization at the jail – that will help kids – intercede – give them options. Don't arrest kids
- A lot of options for kids - Extended Hands of Hope, Sarah's Home, Resilience Rising, Denver Street School's new program: Denver Hope Academy
- Recruitment on 16th street mall

Advocacy moment from Linda Rhea:

ProVoice, concept promoted by Aspen Baker, who had an abortion when she was 24. How to keep listening when the world wants to fight. Ted talk and book. 7 ways to be a better advocate for women. We are invested in our issues and not listening about their perspective

- Listen
- Share
- Cultivate a stigma free Zonta
- Let go of anger
- Find Kindred Spirits
- Proactive Self Care
- Go for the Win: Practice the golden rule

Approval of Minutes – APPROVED AS PUBLISHED

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Dues are due. \$204 per year – give check or cash to Evie – need to get it to district and will follow up with anyone. Feb financials. Final figure is not in but we do have an approximation. Gave out a bunch of money – ZI has acknowledged our gift. Participated in Legislative Breakfast. We hosted Area 3 meeting; anything collected over expenses goes back to District 12. Renewed our PO Box (expense).

Kathy Hyzer: New business: election of officers and directors

President: MaryLou Edwards becomes president automatically

Pres Elect: Gwen Forna

VP: Jeanette Scotland

Secretary: Sara Ball

Treasurer: Dottie Jenkins

Directors for 2019-2021: Dawn Bali and Kathy Hyzer

Veronica Hoegler and CJ Long will complete their terms

Nominating Committee: Marian Lee, Nancy McWhirter, Joetta Williams

Barb Pellegren moved to accept the slate as nominated. The motion was approved.

Committee Reports

Jeanette: FR don't have all expenses in – should make \$12, 225. This was a club event. Nikki, Cathy, Kathy, Gwen, Sara, etc., pitched in. Talk to Cathy C to buy one of the centerpieces for \$5. Alexis helped and put us in touch with iEmpathize and the Skype interview was great—Norma was in Luxembourg! The sale of Symphony tickets has allowed Wendy to contribute \$524 into operation expenses. Carmina Burana is coming up.

Garage Sale: on May 18th. Cabinets/desk from Linda - can we sell with a picture?
Wendy will create a flier. 88 pouches left.

Membership – Veronica: We need new members. Contact friends to see if they want to join.

PR – Wendy: Use car stickers or a District 12 pin to get the word out about Zonta

Service – Mary: Book Project. Book drive for Denver Children’s Home (DCH). She will collect books tonight and next month. Will take money as well. DCH is oldest 501(c)(3) in Colorado 12-18. Coffee shop to learn how to be baristas. Take books – If we can bring them during morning so they can sell coffee. DCH off Colfax & Colorado Blvd 1501 Albion. The director of education reports they have had no new books for the past 10-15 years.

Service Committee donations: Pam will take the diapers and wipes.

Other committee reports

Centennial Anniverary Committee: Plan to focus on veterans – march in parade etc.

Old business:

Nikki Headlee reported on the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), part of the UN's Economic and Social Council, which Nikki attended this year for the first time. Zonta has consultancy status at the UN. Over 800 NGOs applied to present at the CSW, only 400+ were accepted. Zonta presented two “parallel” events (those held at venues near the UN) and one “side” event (those held at the UN). The Zonta presentation about Let Us Learn was wonderful. The presenter was born in Korea and became an orphan. She was adopted by an American family and went on to success. She wanted to do something with kids who would not otherwise be reached and, with her husband, donated \$20 Million to UN for Let us Learn. Let Us Learn Madagascar is one of the projects supported by ZI through the UN.

The events did not all highlight charity from the developed world to underdeveloped countries. Many NGOs attending the CSW are grass root NGOs in the target countries.

Other business.

We would like to extend more support to Helen Mulhern. Julie is coordinating visitors, so they don't duplicate efforts on the same day. Look for her Sign Up Genius email.

Announcements.

LorieDiSaia solicited contributions for her charity benefiting orphans in Kenya.

We will be at Fresh Fish Company next month.

Liz won the 50/50 and money was donated back to the club.

Meeting adjourned at 7:21pm

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Bradley for Gwen Forna, Secretary