



Smoke Signal

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16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence

November 25—December 10, 2005

Zonta International invites all Zonta Clubs and friends of Zonta to join this global campaign against gender violence. Campaign participants have been instrumental in bringing issues of violence against women to the forefront of local, national, regional and global arenas since the first campaign originated in 1991.

This year's campaign emphasizes the connections between violence against women and women's health, and the detrimental consequences gender violence has on the well-being of the world as a whole. For millions of women, the experience of fear of violence is a daily reality and increasingly so is HIV/AIDS. Women and girls are at greater risk of and are more vulnerable to HIV infection because of deep-rooted, pervasive gender inequalities, in particular violence against them.

Campaign Dates:

November 25th—International Day Against Violence Against Women was declared in July 1981 in Bogotá, Columbia to commemorate the violent assassination of the Mirabel sister.

December 1st—World AIDS Day marks the beginning of an annual campaign to encourage public support for and development of programs to prevent the spread of HIV infection and promote awareness of issues surrounding HIV/.AIDS.

December 10th—International Human Rights Day marks the celebration of the 1948 adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Prevalence of violence against Women and Girls

Violence against women is a universal problem and one of the most widespread violations of human rights. One in three women will suffer some form of violence in her lifetime, becoming part of an epidemic that devastates lives, fractures com-

munities, and stalls development. IN no country in the world are women safe from domestic and intimate violence. Half of the women who die from homicides are killed by their current or former husbands or partners.

Although a majority of countries now have legislation that address domestic violence, high levels of violence persist. There is a need to focus on implementation and enforcement of legislation, and an end to laws that emphasize family reunification over the rights of women and girls.

Percentage of women abused by partners or ex partners

Cambodia	16%
Nicaragua	21%
United States	22%
Canada	29%
United Kingdom	30%
West Bank	52%

Source: UNIFEM

Special points of interest:

- Holiday Party at Brown Palace Hotel
- January Meeting: make baby blankets for Teen Moms!



President Linda's November Message...

Linda is out of town and wishes you a great month!

Upcoming Events!

Annual Holiday Party is at the Brown Palace this year. We plan on quite a fun time. We have our official celebration for Marjorie Picket on 50 years of service to our club. The Membership committee would like to have a 'gift' exchange with the membership. The party is a bit more expensive than we usually pay (\$65 per person) but the food will be fabulous and the company will include the Governor, Evelyn Haskell and friends from all over to help celebrate the season. Invitations will be distributed at the November meeting as well as mailed to far and wide.

- * Please bring a wrapped item worth just a dollar for a fun 'gift exchange'. This should be applicable for either sex. If you are bringing guests they should bring a wrapped 'gift' as well. We will exchange during the party. Diane suggests the Dollar store for some fun silly gifts.
- * You must RSVP with your check ASAP.
- * Please refer to your invitation for more information.

Amelia Earhart Dinner will be held the week of January 16th. The place and time will be announced shortly. This will be a traditional dinner with a speaker from the aviation/aerospace field with our usual fun silent auction or sales tables from all the clubs!

We will be having a **January meeting**. This will be a 'work' meeting at the American Legion at We will be making baby blankets for the Teen moms for the coming year—this is a fun experience, ask anyone who did it last year—remember to bring your SHARP scissors. The American Legion will provide a yummy buffet for us and the cost is lowered somewhat to \$20.

Instead of adopting a family this year at Christmas we are encouraging our members to **bring canned/non perishable food items to the January meeting** to Stock the Shelves at the local food Pantry in town.



Board of Directors Meetings:

Zonta Club of Denver

2005-2006

Board of Director's Meetings

The board will be meeting at President Linda Rhea's home on the 4th Thursday of each month.

November 17th

December

January 26th

February 23rd

March 23rd

April 27th

May 25th

November Birthdays

Dorothy Swindt—Nov 22nd

Dolores Lowery—Nov 23rd

Sheila Becker—Nov 25th

October 21, 2005

Dear Fellow Zontians,

I was so honored to be chosen for the Edna Jean Hershey Award given by our Club and to be recognized as Zontian of the Year at the District Conference. It was a total surprise to me and one that I will treasure.

I have hung the Edna Jean Hershey Award on the wall in my family room and this is where it will stay until next year. I loved the award presentation at the District 12 Conference, and most importantly at our October meeting that honored Marjorie Pickett on her 50th anniversary. This was a thrill for me to be in this same company.

For those who have been to my home, you know that I have a sunflower bathroom and the print that you gave me looks so nice there. I also loved the "Harley Mama" magnet.

Thank you so much for this honor and the gifts!!!

Yours in Zonta, Evie Ashmore

A Big Thanks

Jim and I want to thank you all for your cards, good wishes, messages of concern, thoughts and prayers during Jim's recent surgery. All of these provided us with great comfort during a very difficult time.

The pathology report revealed that the cancer was contained within the prostate and that means he will not have to undergo radiation nor chemo. He will be under the care of his doctor for 10 years and have frequent tests to monitor the cancer. After this 10-year period if all goes well, he will be declared cancer free.

Again, thanks for your concern. We deeply appreciated it. I truly value all of my fellow Zontians!!!!

Yours in Zonta,
Evie and Jim Ashmore

November General Meeting

When: Thursday, November 3rd

Where: Sheridan Four Points Hotel
I-25 and Hampden Ave.

Time: 5:30 p.m. social hour; 6:00 p.m. dinner

Cost: \$25.00

Invocation: Diane Twining

Greeter: Dolores Lowery

Program: Polaris Project -
Sexual Trafficking

Presented by Dr. A.J. Alejano-Steele, Anders Minter & Amanda Finger Please join us for a thought provoking program about sexual trafficking around the world as well as in Colorado.

Please RSVP to Cathy Conley at 303-691-6926 (home) or 720-249-5889 (work) and leave a message. Remember—you must make your reservation by Monday, October 10th at noon. If you are on permanent reservation list you must call to cancel by noon Monday.

Menu

Wedge of Iceberg with
Blue Cheese, Spiced
Walnuts &
Cherry Tomatoes with
Ranch Dressing

Roasted Pork Loin with
Mustard Maple Sauce
Served with Chef's
choice of Starch &
Seasonal Veggies

Lemon Bar with Berry
Compote
Coffee and Tea

*Permanent Reservation list—
Should your name be listed
here?? If so, call Cathy.*

Judy Allen
Evie Ashmore
Mary Benoit
Julie Bradley
Cathy Conley
Linda Corssmit
Sheila Davis
Robin Forti
Nikki Headlee
Cynthia Herndon
Dottie Jenkins
Nancy Koontz
Kate Linscott
Dolores Lowery
Judy McNerny
Beth Mundell
Marjorie Pickett
Linda Rhea
Dorothy Swindt
Diane Twining
Joetta Williams

Upcoming Service Opportunities

SIGN UP FOR SERVICE!

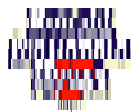
THE GATHERING PLACE

Need 1 or 2 volunteers to serve lunch

- * Tuesdays, November 1st, 15, 29
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- * Tuesdays, December 13th & 27th
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

5 volunteers to serve dinner Third Monday each month 5:30-7 p.m.



- * November 21st (FULL – thank you!)
- * December 19 – need 3-4 more Volunteers

SANTA CLAUS SHOP

(Thanks to those Zontians who have already signed up!)

Sorting Nights (Pizza Served!) 4:30-7:30 p.m.

- * Monday, November 14
2 volunteers needed
- * Thursday, December 1
4 volunteers needed
- * Tuesday, December 6
2 volunteers needed
- * Monday, December 12
3 more volunteers needed

Gift Distribution Day 2 Shifts / 4 volunteers each shift 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.

- * Wednesday, December 14
- * Thursday, December 15
- * Friday, December 16
- * Saturday December 17



Please remember that our Zonta Club of Denver is registered with the Bonfils Blood Center as a donor group.

We will get recognition in the Bonfils printed list of donors.

Please give our registration number 5675 or mention Zonta when asked if we are donating in the name of a group.

Bonfils website (www.bonfils.org) has information about blood drives, donor centers, eligibility, re-

ipient stories and how to make appointments.

If you have questions about eligibility, please call 303/363-2202

RING BELLS FOR THE SALVATION ARMY

For the 5th year we will be ringing bells for the Salvation Army at Nordstrom's at Park Meadows Mall. The Date: Saturday December 3rd from 10-4. Some of the regulars have already committed to 'their' shift or door. Please see the sign-up sheet at the meeting or call Julie Bradley who is coordinating this event.

We take care of all 3 doors of Nordstrom's for 3 shifts and like 2 people per shift. Enlist your friends, husbands, children and grandchildren to ring the bell to help other people less fortunate!



SERVICE/ STATUS OF WOMEN COMMITTEE

NEWS The "SSW" Committee has been working hard at reviewing 2005-2006 grant applications. The committee met October 25th to make its recommendations to submit to the Board for their approval. There were many wonderful organizations that applied and it was difficult to make decisions. More on the recipients after the Board has made their decisions.

The next SSW Committee meeting is TBD due to the holidays looming.

Hello Friends of Women's Bean Project! Join The Mountain Community and they will donate \$10 to Women's Bean Project. Details below...

99.5 FM The Mountain is a unique radio station in Colorado. They avoid the hype, their music library has over 5,000 songs and they believe in the importance of helping the community in ways that make a difference. Here's one way: 99.5 The Mountain is donating \$10 for each new person to sign up for their database, The Mountain Community, up to \$100,000. You can choose the charity to which you want the \$10 to go. All you need to do is visit this link <http://www.dat-e-baseonline.com/front/deb.asp?Action=reg&zx=70>, and fill out the form completely. Then The Mountain takes care of the donation...Up to \$100,000. You should forward this to as many friends as you can think of; this is some-

The members of Zonta Club of Denver are committed to the support and well-being of our community, our club, and ourselves, by improving the status of women and children and upholding the Objects of Zonta International.

ZONTA CLUB OF DENVER MISSION STATEMENT

(Adopted Nov, 13, 1997)

thing that everyone should know about.

UPCOMING WBP EVENT

Join us for our 7th Annual Women’s Bean Project Holiday Fair!

Date/Times: Friday, Saturday, Sunday, December 2-4, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. each day

Location: Women's Bean Project, 3201 Curtis, Denver

Whether you’re shopping for friends, family, teachers, neighbors, co-workers, clients or even the dog sitter, our Holiday Fair has inexpensive gift ideas for everyone on your holiday list! Don’t miss this opportunity to sample our mouth-watering goodies while also making a valuable contribution to the Women’s Bean Project.

Fund Raising Committee ..

Fall Shopping Spree

The Fall Shopping Spree was a wonderful success! We had 31 vendors participating this year with an extensive array of products to sell. We also had 131 shoppers this year, which was over double the number of shoppers from last year. 70% of those who attended the sale indicated they heard about the event through friends or Zonta members. The Zonta booth sold \$500 worth of merchandize, which more than paid for the church fees.

Many thanks to the fundraising committee members who worked so hard to put this event together. These hard-working Zontians include Judy Allen, Mary Benoit, Sheila Davis, Cynthia Herndon, Dottie Jenkins, Minnie Lundberg, Barb Pellegren, Dorothy Swindt, Joetta Williams, and Mandy Ziegler. The committee will be having a celebration/debriefing dinner on November 1st to determine what worked well, and what could be improved. A final tally of the money made at the spree, and vendor and member surveys are being analyzed currently. A detailed account of all of these findings will be in next month’s Smoke Signal.

Unfortunately the raffle license was never

received. At the October Board meeting it was decided to postpone getting a license until January. Two raffles can then be held next year, one during January and February, and one at next year’s fundraiser in the fall. The tickets for the January raffle will be available after the first of the year. The prize will be \$1,000 cash, with the drawing to be held at a fundraising event being planned around Valentine’s Day.

Membership Committee

Month	Invocation	Greeter
Nov	Diane Twin-ing	Dolores Lowery
Dec	Jacki Sammons	Mary Benoit Sheila Davis
Jan		
Feb	Dolores Low-ery	Diane Twining Kate Linscott
March	Mary Benoit	Cynthia Hern-don
April	Kathy Hyzer	Sheila Davis
May	Evie Ashmore	
June		

Listed below are those members who signed up for duties of invocation or greeters. If you are interested please contact Julie Bradley to sign up.

Need Business Cards??

Contact Julie at 720-841-7728 or julieqbradley@comcast.net

Please be on the lookout for new members—you can find them anywhere—usually in places you least expect them.



In no country in the world are women safe from gender violence.

Domestic violence is the major cause of death and disability for **European** women ages 16 to 44, and accounts for more death and ill-health than cancer or traffic accidents

In **South Africa**, more women are shot at home in acts of domestic violence than are shot by strangers on the streets or by intruders.

In **India**, more than 7,000 women will be murdered by their families and in-laws in disputes over dowries.

In **Bangladesh**, 200 women this year will be horribly disfigured when their spurned husbands or suitors burn them with acid.

In the **US**, a woman is raped every 6 minutes; a woman is battered every 15 seconds. 700,000 women are sexually assaulted annually; 14.8 percent of them are raped before the age of 17.

The **Russian** government estimates 14,000 women were killed by relatives in 1999, yet the country still has no law specifically addressing domestic violence.

In **Peru**, a study of 122- to 16-year-old girls giving birth found that 90 percent of them were pregnant from rape, often incest.

This year, more than 15,000 women will be sold into sexual slavery in **China**.

Prevalence of HIV/AIDS among women and girls

Women's inability to negotiate safe sex and refuse unwanted sex is closely linked to the high prevalence of HIV/AIDS. For many women, the fear of violence prevents them from declaring their HIV-positive status and seeking help and treatment. Today, half or more of the 17 million people infected with HIV in the world are women.

Young women are particularly vulnerable to coerced sex and are increasingly being infected with HIV/AIDS. Over half of new HIV infections worldwide are occurring among young people between the ages of 15 to 24. Over 60 percent of HIV-positive youth between the ages of 15 and 24 are women.



UN DAY – October 24

On October 24, I attended the 60th Anniversary Celebration of the founding of the United Nations. This luncheon/reception held at the University of Denver, Ritchie Center recognized organizations for all of the help given to make the world a better place. The Zonta Club of Denver was recognized for our support of UNICEF through the years. Our name was prominently displayed on the program distributed to all attendees. I also sat with two representatives from UNICEF who also thanked our club for past support.

The program Emcee was Bazi Kanai, 9 News, and the Speaker was Francis M. Deng, Former Representative of the UN Secretary-General. We received some nice publicity from this event.

Evie Ashmore

Kathy Hyzer and Diane Twining meet with Dolly Parton before her show when she was in Denver in October and discuss the Imagination Library that we are doing through the Dollywood Foundation.



Zonta International is encouraging clubs to take up advocacy for women. This is something that will take time and commitment but it can reap great rewards.

Below is a web site from the Zonta Club of Sanibel Captiva in Florida who has taken up the call to advocacy in a big way. Please go to their web site to learn all the great ideas and things they have done to promote advocacy of women in their area.

<http://zontasancap.tripod.com/>

Zonta Club of Denver General Meeting Minutes October 13, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm.

Invocation: Nikki Headlee gave the invocation.

Guests: *Jamie Adessa, Aimee Crouch, and Carroll Allen were guests at dinner.*

Program: Sue Anne Flaherty spoke about her time in the Diplomatic Corps in a talk she called "Adventures of a Woman in Foreign Service". She first served as a spouse in Chile, then became a foreign service officer herself. She and her husband served in China and Korea as well as Washington D.C., and were the first tandem couple serving in southern China. Sue Anne noted the lack of privacy in China, with constant electronic monitoring and the possibility of intrusions at home at any hour. She spoke about the importance of maintaining "face" in a Confucian society such as China. Some of the work involved arranging for evacuation medical care for accident victims, and facilitating U.S. adoption of Chinese children. For all the difficulties of daily life, what was important was that "I went home at night knowing I made a difference in someone's life".

Honoring a Member: The club honored Marjorie Nell Pickett, who joined the Zonta Club of Denver in October 1955. To celebrate the occasion, members wore hats and gloves, as was customary in the 1950s. Marjorie worked as a Walgreen pharmacist at the time she joined. She served as club president in 1970, and as District 12 Governor in 1978. She also served on every committee and at every position except treasurer. "They didn't trust me with money," commented Marjorie. Many members individually spoke of her love of life, love of travel, and her gracious manner. The club presented Marjorie with yellow roses and a certificate in recognition of her 50 years.

Zontian of the Year: Cynthia Herndon presented Evie Ashmore as the club Zontian of the Year. Evie worked for the USDA for 34 years, is active in AARP and the Lupus Foundation, and finds time to tutor first graders. She is also the new District 12 treasurer.

Minutes: September minutes were approved as printed in the Smoke Signal.

Treasurer: Judy Allen presented financials for the 1st quarter of the fiscal year. Jacki Sammons asked that they be placed on file for audit.

Service: Beth Mundell reported that the Service Committee is in the process of doing site visits in preparation for grant recommendations. Volunteers are needed for The Gathering Place, Ronald McDonald House, and the Santa Claus Shop. Registration of Head Start students for the Imagination Library is proceeding, and a number of siblings have also been signed. Registration is open to the general public at a cost of \$40 per year, \$13 of which is tax deductible as a donation. Kathy Hyzer and

Diane Twining met with Dolly Parton, who was interested in Zonta and the club's partnering with her Dollywood Foundation for the local Imagination Library program. Nikki Headlee reported that one Head Start location has requested Zonta volunteers to read to the children. This is still in the planning stage.

Membership: Jacki Sammons spoke of the need for a "Membership Committee of 37", indicating that all club members are responsible for inviting new members. She suggested creativity in thinking of possible members in new professional categories. The club has available a wallet-sized foldout with information about Zonta International and ZCD.

Fundraising: Sheila Davis thanked her committee and the club for a successful Fall Shopping Spree. There were 130 shoppers, more than twice the number last year. The Zonta table made approximately \$450; final dollar amounts will be printed in the Smoke Signal. Dottie Jensen distributed member survey forms. She will also solicit comments from vendors.

Public Relations: President Linda Rhea presented for Nancy Koontz. Free ads for the Fall Shopping Spree that appeared in newspapers were effective. Some shoppers had Janet Simons' column with them, but most reported hearing about the event by word of mouth.

Old Business: Linda Rhea asked club members who attended the District 12 Conference to each report, in one sentence, a highlight of the conference. Diane Twining noted highlights of her year as president, including baby blankets and graduation party for Teen Moms, Day of Caring, great dinner meeting speakers, and the use of the Smoke Signal to improve efficiency of the monthly meetings. The Imagination Library grew out of last year's new member committee. The rewrite of the By-laws and Standing Rules was completed, as was the rewrite of the Hershey Charitable Trust letter. Successful fundraisers included theatre, Let's Party, the raffle, and the yard sale. Diane continues her service to Zonta as Area 3 vice-president.

Announcements:

- * October 24th is the UN Day luncheon. Evie Ashmore has details.
- * The November general meeting will be 11/3, the first Thursday of the month.
- * Margaret Fomer and former ZCD member Jean Jones will be honored at a Samaritan Institute dinner November 10th. Club members are encouraged to attend.
- * Dorothy Swindt won the door prize drawing.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Corssmit, Secretary

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Calendar Events upcoming.....save the date!

Nov 1st	Fund Raising Committee at Sheila Davis's house 5:30 pm	Dec 23rd	Smoke Signal Deadline
Nov 1st	Membership Committee at Cathy Conley's house 5:30 pm	Dec 25th	Christmas
Nov 3rd	General Membership Meeting *** 1st Thursday***	Jan 12th	General Membership—Work Meeting making Baby Blankets for Teen Moms at the American Legion Lodge
Nov 8th	Zonta International's Birthday!	Jan 16th	Ronald McDonald House Dinner
Nov 10th	Samaritan Award dinner honoring Margaret Fomer at Denver Marriott downtown	Jan 19th	Ameila Earhart Dinner—all the info in the next Smoke Signal
Nov 17th	Board Meeting at Linda Rhea's house 5:30 pm	Jan 26th	Zonta Board Meeting at Linda Rhea's house
Nov 21st	Ronald McDonald House Dinner	Jan 27th	Smoke Signal Deadline
Nov 24th	Thanksgiving	Feb 9th	General Membership—Grant Recipients
Nov 25th	Smoke Signal Deadline	Feb 20th	Ronald McDonald House Dinner
Dec 3rd	Ring Bells at Park Meadows Mall	Feb 23rd	Zonta Board Meeting
Dec 6th	Fundraising Committee at Sheila Davis's house 5:30 pm		
Dec 8th	Holiday Party at the Brown Palace Hotel 6 pm		
Dec 19th	Ronald McDonald House Dinner		