



Smoke Signal



Membership Committee

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"NET 7 — NET 7"

Of the ten members who came to our prospective member event, we have an application from Nancy Wong who was sponsored by Mary Benoit. Thank you Mary! Sheila Davis' guest, Ann Hodgson, is going to join the Foothills Boulder club. That means 25% of those who came (excluding David Rein, Director of Private Grants at Metro and one of our recipients) are officially going to be part of Zonta as of this date. My guest, Marcy Kaufman, is coming to November's meeting. I hear there are a couple of other guests as well. Nancy Wong will make our 38th member! Good job Zonta Club of Denver!

Mary Benoit has started up the New Zee committee and will have more to report next month.

The Holiday Party is, once again, going to be held at the Brown Palace. Please note, **though, it is the FIRST Thursday in December**, which is the 7th. Mark your calendars. Please see page 5 for more information on the party!

Again, for those of you who brought guests, please follow up with them and let me know if there are any potential members among them. We started with 34, will stand at 38 when Nancy Wong is inducted, and are well on our way to Net 7! And, just because the prospective member event is over, that doesn't mean our quest is over. So put your thinking cap back on and come up with someone who would be suitable to be introduced to Zonta!

Well it is that time of year again. You know, the leaves are turning, the days are warm, nights chilly, and it is time for **UNICEF** items to find their way to the Zonta Club of Denver.



It seems that this might well be our last opportunity to purchase items at a club meeting. Hallmark has purchased the rights to cards produced by **UNICEF**. At this point it seems that they are just trying to get rid of the current inventory. And that is quite fine because who likes to shop more than Zontians. A representative from **UNICEF** will be at our November 9th meeting. So come early and be prepared to shop.

Special Points of Interest this month:

- UNICEF card sale at November meeting!
- Holiday party
- Raffle sales

President Sheila's November Message...

As I look out the window of my home-office today, I see the big stack of logs from the cottonwood tree that I had cut down last week. It was both emotionally and financially expensive to cut it down. I had started the tree from an offshoot of a neighbor's tree about 12 years ago. I watched the tree change every season, and it had grown to around 20 feet tall. It provided shade, and was a good screen between our yard and the neighbor's yard. I tried to save the tree by having it trimmed once or twice a year, but it finally gave up for good a couple of months ago. The birds liked to sit in the top of it, and it was fun to watch them out of my kitchen window. I won't even tell you how much it cost to cut it down, but when I told the cost to Steve, my husband, he threatened to rent climbing spikes and the other paraphernalia they use and cut it down himself. Of course, I wouldn't let him do that as I had visions of him falling out of the tree with his chainsaw on (the Chainsaw Massacre - only on himself). The logs will be cut and used for firewood in my sister's wood stoves on her farm. I can't stand to throw wood away. I always think of the poor people around the world who have to walk for miles to find wood to burn for heat or for boiling water, so I try to recycle wood whenever possible.

My cottonwood tree sort of reminds me of the Zonta Annual Reports. They finally gave up the ghost after many years, but it was not a total loss - quarterly reports were developed from them. I'm sure some Zontians liked the annual reports (probably the women at International headquarters), and I suspect it was emotionally and financially expensive to throw the annual reporting function away, and to develop the new quarterly reporting process and forms. I'm sure they tried to save the annual reporting process, but I heard that only 25% of the clubs filed reports every year, so something had to be done. New quarterly report forms were sent to the club presidents in September, and I shared them with the Board in October. I will be asking the committee chairs to share them with their committees after the holidays. I personally like the quarterly reports MUCH better. Along with service hours we will be able to

report hours on fundraising, legislative awareness/advocacy, leadership training, international programs/projects, awards, UN, and fellowship. I will also report the number of current members, new members inducted, members resigned, and membership targets for each quarter. Robin Forti and I will be redesigning the service hour tracking sheets to include all of these activities very soon. In the meantime, please jot down the hours you spend planning and delivering the above-mentioned items. Time spent in club meetings and committee meetings do not count however.

Along the lines of membership, service, and fellowship, I think it's time to remind everyone, (mostly myself) of my goals for this year and how we're doing on them. The first one was to significantly increase membership. We're doing that! We started out the Zonta year with 34 members and we will have 38 members by the end of December. We're well on our way to Net 7! My second goal was to do valuable service programs. We've stopped participating in service projects (Ronald McDonald) that don't fit our mission. We're beginning new ones (the Delores Project) that are a better fit for us. We have recently participated in the poverty simulation with Work Options for Women, and we will be hosting a cooking workshop and holiday party for the Teen Moms before the end of the year. My third goal was to have fun. I'm not sure how we're doing on that one, but if we're not having fun, let's start!!

There are many enjoyable and rewarding activities coming up this holiday season. Let's enjoy them all, and be thankful for our many blessings.

Yours in Zonta,

Sheila



Board of Directors Meetings:

- Zonta Club of Denver**
- 2006-2007**
- Board of Director's**
- Meetings at Sheila**
- Davis's House 5:30 pm**
- November 16th**
- December 28th**
- January 25th**
- February 22nd**
- March 22nd**
- April 26th**
- May 24th**
- (Joint Old & New)**

Web site Registration



November General Meeting

When: Thursday, November 9th
 5:30 pm. Cocktails
 6:00 p.m. dinner

Invocation: Kathy Hyzer

Greeters: Nikki Headlee
 Cynthia Herndon

Where: Four Points Sheraton Hotel
 I-25 & Hampden Ave

Cost: \$ 30.00

Please RSVP to: Julie Bradley at 720-890-0125 (home) or 303-866-9273 (work) and leave a message. Remember—you must make your reservation by Monday, November 6th at noon. Or if on permanent list—regrets due on Monday as well!

Program:

Welcome to Area 3 Director Kay Meyer and District 12 Treasurer/ZDC member Evie Ashmore as they present a riveting program on the current updates regarding the CEDAW Treaty legislation and where it is in the United States legislative process.

Menu:

- Caesar Salad
- Creamy Pesto Risotto with
- Balsamic glazed Salmon
- Asparagus & Peperonata
- Tiramisu with mocha sauce



Happy Birthday!

November 22nd

Dorothy Swindt

November 23rd

Minnie Lundberg

Meeting Date	Greeters Needed (2)
November 9th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nikki Headlee • Cynthia Herndon
December 7th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judy Allen • Carroll Allen
January 11th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beth Mundell • Linda Rhea
February 8th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kate Linscott • Dorothy Swindt
March 8th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evie Ashmore • Mary Benoit
April 12th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nancy Long • Kathy Hyzer
May 10th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • •
June 14th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • •

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

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

Service & Status of Women Committee



Imagination Library
 185 children are now enrolled through the Head Start program. We are expecting at least 100 more. The new IL flyer has been sent out and is attached here as well. Every person that buys a subscription and returns the form will receive a gift card to delivery to the recipient of the books. More information to come during the November general meeting.

Grants

The board and trustees met November 1st and the recommendations for the grant money will be presented at the November general meeting.

Teen Moms

The teen mom event is on the 4th of November and wanted to take a moment to thank all of you that helped put this together. We had so many volunteers to drive and bring small appliances and the service committee greatly appreciates all the help.

Service Projects

On the signup sheet for November there will be some opportunities for volunteer with the Women's Bean Project and the Santa Claus Shop. We can rack up some great service hours.



Thank you to all participated in the Poverty Simulation through Work Options for Women. I enjoyed the experience and it was an eye opener. There should be more in the future so for those of you who could not sign up there will be an opportunity to later.

Service Opportunities:

Signups available at the November meeting:



Santa Claus Shop will need volunteers to help sorting items for the distribution on **Tuesday, Dec 5th** from 4:30—7:30 pm; **Tuesday, Dec 12th** from

4:30—7:30pm and **Saturday December 9th** from 9:30am—1:30pm (bring lightweight work gloves and dress in layers)

Help at the Doll booth at the Santa Claus during distributions: Shifts available 9:30 am—1:00 pm & 12:30pm—3:30pm pm **Friday Dec. 15th, Monday Dec 18th, Saturday Dec 16th & Tuesday Dec 19th.**

If you miss the Santa Claus Shop sign up sheets at the meeting, contact Linda Rhea to sign up.

The Salvation Army Bell ringing is continuing this year at Nordstrom's at Park Meadows



Mall in Douglas County on **Saturday, December 2nd** We have 3 shifts of 10am-12 noon; 12pm -2pm; 2pm-4pm. There are 3 doors at Nordstrom's to cover and we like to have 2 people per door so you have company while you ring the bells! (So we need 18 people!) Friends, spouses, children & grandchildren can help you ring your bell. We distribute candy and enjoy all the fun of meeting people and spreading joy.

If you miss the signup sheet at the meeting, contact Julie Bradley.

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)

Fund Raising!!

- All Macy's money & tickets need to be turned in at the November meeting.
- A Special Theater event will be announced at the December dinner meeting to be held the beginning of the year!
- The Non-event Fund Raiser will be in March. Please watch your mail for more information about this event which was voted on last year.
- **Wishing for a happy holiday season with a possibility of ready cash? Be sure to purchase and sell your raffle tickets that were given out in the last month or so. WHY? Grand prize is \$1,000 and it will be given out at the holiday party on December 9th!** What a way to help celebrate! Raffle tickets are available from Judy Allen. Please bring your money and ticket stubs to the November meeting. More raffle tickets are available please call Judy Allen at 303-841-7202.

Holiday Party



Our Holiday Party this year is once again at the Brown Palace Hotel! Invitations will be in the mail next week to give you time to get ready for the party.

When: December 7th

(1st Thursday of the month)

Where: Brown Palace Hotel

What: Holiday party

We are honoring **Bobbie Raze** as a member of **Zonta Club of Denver for 60 Years**

Menu Entrée choice of:

Angus Prime Rib
Jumbo Shrimp
Butternut Squash Ravioli

Cost:
\$70 per person

Join us at the Brown

**Invitation in the
mail
in 1 week.**

What do you know about the United Nations?



Try to answer these simple questions....

1. The United Nations was established on _____ (date) in _____ (location) with the signing of its Charter.
2. The anniversary of the entry into force of the United Nations Charter is on _____ (date) with ____# founding members, and currently there are ____# members.
3. The UN Security Council is composed of five permanent members—China, France, Russian Federation, the United Kingdom & the US and ten non-permanent members. Name at least five (5) of the members.
4. As of 11 Aug 2006, ____# countries—over ninety percent of the members of the United Nations—are party to the Convention (CEDAW).
5. Who was the woman elected chairman of the UN's Human Rights Commission in 1946 and helped draft the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights?



Celebrate ZONTA ACTION
16 Years of 16 Days
 25 November - 10 December 2006

Advance Human Rights
End Violence
Against Women

Campaign Overview

Zonta International invites all Zonta Clubs, Zontians and friends of Zonta to join in the *16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence Campaign 2006 – 25 November through 10 December*. Participants in this global campaign against gender violence have been instrumental in bringing issues of violence against women to the forefront in local, national, regional and global arenas since the first campaign originating from the first Women’s Global Leadership Institute sponsored by the Center for Women’s Global Leadership in 1991. The Campaign is an organizing strategy for individuals and groups around the world to call for the elimination of all forms of violence against women.

This year’s campaign emphasizes the connections between violence against women and women’s health and the detrimental consequences violence against women has on the well-being of the world as a whole. There is growing recognition that women and girls’ risk of and vulnerability to HIV infection is shaped by deep-rooted and pervasive gender inequalities, in particular violence against them. For millions of women, the experience or fear of violence is a daily reality and increasingly, so is HIV/AIDS.

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 communities, and stalls development.

In no country in the world are women safe from domestic and intimate violence. In Cambodia, 16 percent of women are physically abused by their husbands; in the UK 30 percent are physically abused by partners or ex partners; this is 52 percent in the West Bank; 21 percent in Nicaragua; 29 percent in Canada; and 22 percent in the US. 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 addresses domestic violence, high levels of violence still persist. There is a need for greater focus on implementation and enforcement of legislation, and an end to laws that emphasize family reunification over the rights of women and girls.

In the US, 700,000 women are raped or sexually assaulted each year, with 14.8 percent of women reporting having been raped before the age of 17. In Peru, a study of 12 to 16 year old girls giving birth found that 90 percent of them were pregnant from rape, often incest.

Each year, roughly two million girls between the ages of 5 and 15 are trafficked, sold, or coerced into prostitution.

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



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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.

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

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 the **US**, a woman is raped every 6 minutes; a woman is battered every 15 seconds.

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

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

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

Prevalence of HIV/AIDS among women and girls*

Today, half or more of the 40 million people infected with HIV in the world are women.

Millions of those infected with HIV are young people aged 15-24 years who now account for half of all new infections.

Over 60 percent of HIV-positive youth between 15 and 24 are women.

25 November – International Day Against Violence Against Women was declared in July 1981 in Bogota Colombia to commemorate the violent assassination of the Mirabal sisters (Patria, Minerva and Maria Teresa) on 25 November 1960 by the dictatorship of Rafael Trujillo in the Dominican Republic. In 1999, the United Nations officially recognized 25 November as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women.

1 December – 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. First observed in 1988, World AIDS Day serves to strengthen the global effort to face the challenges of the AIDS pandemic. This year, the theme of the UNAIDS World AIDS Campaign is “Stop AIDS. Keep the Promise,” and demands governments keep their policy commitments related to HIV/AIDS.

10 December – International Human Rights Day marks the celebration of the 1948 adoption of the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights*.

Zonta Club of Denver General Meeting Minutes October 12, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 by President Sheila Davis.

Invocation: Kathy Hyzer read the Zontian “A Collect For Club Women” from our directory.

Guests: Member Beth Mundell introduced her guests and the evening’s speakers; Lt. Pat Woodin, Cadet Natalie Hernandez and Division Chief Patsy Mundell. Mary Benoit introduced Nancy Wong and Deborah Shriner and Kathy Hyzer introduced her guest Helga Weiss.

Status of Women: Member Nancy Long presented a brief program discussing the increasing numbers of women studying and participating in the ‘hard sciences’, such as math and engineering. She quoted Barbie (the doll) as saying, “Math is hard.” Notable statistics reflect that 55% of fulltime and 70% of part time students are women with gains of 45% and 19% in math and engineering majors.

Program: Beth Mundell introduced Cadet Natalie Hernandez who spoke about her interests, what drew her towards law enforcement and her ultimate goal to be a crime laboratory manager. She ended with a statement that drives her to succeed. “Not only to dream but to expect.”

Lt. Pat Woodin told of her evolution into law enforcement and progression through the ranks of Jefferson County and into the internal affairs (Quality Assurance) and defending officers as they perform their daily duties.

Finally Division Chief Patsy Mundell, the first female Chief in Jefferson County, spoke of her 21 years in law enforcement and the scope of her responsibilities. She noted that the police force has the “Right to take people’s rights and freedoms away” and she spoke very strongly about how she’s accountable for abiding by the mission, rules and guidelines of the position.

All of the speakers told of past instances of gender biases and how the situation is improving in their experiences.

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

Treasurer: Judy Allen distributed the printed financial reports to the membership.

Membership: Julie Bradley reported the attendance for the meeting was; 20 members and 6 guests. The Club’s Open House at the King Foundation had 10 potential members in attendance and several other guests, notably guests from the King Foundation and Metropolitan State College. The Holiday Party will be held at the Brown Palace and will honor Bobbi Razee for 60 years of membership. The November general membership meeting is also honoring another long-term member. Members were encouraged to suggest new meeting locations and the committee members will research and report back with their findings.

Service: Robin distributed a list of the 2006-2007 Service Projects and verbally described the activities that are being planned. Motion made and carried to accept all of the Projects. (Imagination Library; Teen Moms; Delores Project; WOW; Women’s Bean Project; Race for the Cure; Santa Claus Shop; and Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army)

Fund Raising: Judy Allen reported that the Macy Discount Tickets were not as successful as hoped; but Evie Ashmore announced that the Club was listed as participating in the project in promotional flyers distributed at the store. Annual Raffle Tickets were distributed (30 for each member) and everyone was reminded that members have to sell the tickets, not a ‘designated’ individual. Drawing for the prize will be completed at the Holiday Party. Potential Theater Events are being researched and will be announced soon.

New Business:

Sheila Davis very briefly announced the Club’s attainment of the District 12 Service Award for the past year and will report in greater detail at the November meeting. Sheila also described the awarding of our Zontian of the Year/Edna Jean Hershey Award. Mary Benoit was honored for her many contributions to our Club, the Area, District and Internationally over the years and her continuing support of our Mission and goals. Evie Ashmore presented Mary with an engraved plaque and vase in honor of her accomplishments.

Sheila also awarded yellow rose pins in recognition of: exceptional and successful efforts made by Judy McNerny in organizing the Open House; and Diane Twining’s activities at the Area 3 BBQ reviewing the Australian International Convention.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55.

Respectively submitted on behalf of Linda Corssmit, Secretary, by Diane Twining.

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

Nov 4th	Teen Mom nutrition class at United Methodist Church in Greenwood Village	Jan 11th	General Membership Meeting
Nov 9th	General Membership Meeting UNICEF sales at meeting	Jan 25th	Board Meeting
Nov 16th	Board Meeting @ Sheila Davis' house	Jan 28th	Amelia Earhart Dinner at Jefferson County Airport
Dec 2nd	Ring Bells at Park Meadows for the Salvation Army	Feb 8th	General Membership Meeting
Dec 5th	Santa Claus Shop Set up	Feb 22nd	Board Meeting
Dec 6th	Service/Status of Women Committee Meeting	March 8th	General Membership Meeting
Dec 7th	Holiday Party @ The Brown Palace— Raffle Drawing for \$1,000	March 22nd	Board Meeting
Dec 9th	Santa Claus Shop Set Up	March 31st	Area 3 Meeting—Denver hosting at Excelsior!
Dec 15 –16	Santa Claus Distribution	April 12th	General Membership Meeting
Dec 18 –19	Santa Claus Distribution	April 26th	Board Meeting
Dec 28th	Board Meeting	May 10th	General Membership Meeting
		May 24th	Joint Board Meeting