

# Smoke Signal

## 44 for '08



### New Members

We have received and approved an application for membership from **Lisa Wright**, Kathy Hyzer's guest at the open house. If she accepts our invitation to join, Lisa will be our 42<sup>nd</sup> member!

### Guests

Keep bringing guests to meetings and other events so we can meet our goal of 44 members — remember that, unfortunately, we usually lose a member or two each year. If “selling” Zonta is not comfortable for you, at a meeting we can turn Nikki and our other expert promoters loose on your guest!

### Holiday Party

Celebrate the beginning of the holiday season with Zonta on Tuesday, December 11, at the Lakewood Country Club! Once again, we will honor long-standing members, this year, four 25- to 30-year members – Dolores Lowery, Minnie Lundberg, Judy McNerny and Dorothy Swindt. Ornaments will be exchanged (on a voluntary basis). Invitations will be delivered at the November meeting. The cost of the dinner will be only \$50, so bring your spouse, your mother or a friend!



**UPDATES FROM  
YOUR AREA 3  
DIRECTOR  
10/31/07**

Check out the new look for the District 12 Website

[www.zontadistrict12.org](http://www.zontadistrict12.org) and the updated calendar for Area 3. (If you want to post something on the Area webpage calendar, please just send me an e-line.)

Planning has begun for the Area Meeting on Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. It will be held in Golden at an as-yet-undisclosed location. It has great promise—stay tuned!

The Advocacy Taskforce is chugging along with its current main effort- a resolution before the State Legislature in support of CEDAW. (See Advocacy section.)

Be thinking about PR/activities around International Women's Day (March 8<sup>th</sup>) and share your ideas with Diane Twining, Area Vice Chair & incoming Area Director ([dmcddt@earthlink.net](mailto:dmcddt@earthlink.net)).

Save the date for the Amelia Earhart Dinner: Sunday, January 27, 2008, starting at 5:00 PM at the Soiled Dove (The Tavern at Lowery)!

--Kay Meyer



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## *President Nikki's November Message...*

October 29, 2007

How time does fly. Now it's Halloween; then before you know it, Thanksgiving; and before you know it Christmas and 2008 will be upon us. The way time flies, makes me feel that the District 12 Conference was ages ago, when in reality it was only a month ago. I felt it was one of the best, if not the best District Conference, that I had been to. If you were at the October meeting, you heard impressions from members who did attend. There are two items that should be reported on.

The first was the number of service hours our club reported. Our club reported only 262 hours for the time frame 6/1/06 through 5/31/07. Clubs that were smaller than us reported service hours over 1,000. There was lively discussion about this at our Board meeting. The consensus was that we are doing the hours but just not reporting them, which makes us look lame when we're really not. Your Board has some pretty creative individuals who have come up with a great visual idea for our awareness. It will be unveiled at the November 8 meeting. When counting hours for doing service, it's not just the hours at the event that count. For example, the Dolores Project dinner would include hours spent shopping for the food, preparing it, driving to and from the event, as well as the actual time spent at the event. Hours spent by the Imagination Library volunteers would include all the work to create the database and upkeep, opening and forwarding the enrollment cards, etc. The October dinner for the Teen Moms would include hours spent purchasing the Women's Bean Project products, time spent by those who prepared the dinner, as well

as time spent preparing the bags the girls took home. We will be coming out with written guidelines to help all of us accurately report our service hours. And, we're working on improving our tracking of those hours.



The second item is that District dues will be raised by \$13 per year. This amount will be included in our 2008/09 dues bill coming out in April. The dues have not been raised since 1995. Inflation has gone up each year since then. The costs to hold Board meetings has also increased each year. All members of the District Board are paying many expenses out of their own pockets when these should be covered by the budget. The cost to increase is a mere \$1.08 per month; would buy two glasses of wine; and might purchase three or four lattes. Had the dues been increased by a bit each year since the last increase, it would have been only \$1 per year and would not have been felt at all. One of the results from the Zonta International Survey, that we as a club completed last year under Sheila Davis' guidance at one of our meetings, indicated that the "value of membership exceeds financial obligations." No one likes the fact that it costs more to live today than it did in 1995. It is, however, reality and we must cope with it. I hope we will all accept and understand the rationale for increasing the dues in spite of not liking the increase.

See you at our November 8 meeting, which is on Zonta's actual birthday. Come celebrate!

Nikki

Directory Update:

Diane Twining is no longer an employee/slave at Anthem.

Her e-mail address is once again:

[dmcddt@earthlink.net](mailto:dmcddt@earthlink.net)

### *Board of Directors Meetings:*

**Zonta Club of Denver  
2007-2008**

**Board of Directors**

(rotating at various board members' homes)

**November 15**

**December 27**

**January 24**

**February 21**

**March 20**

**April 24**

**May 22**

**Happy Birthday to our  
November Birthday  
girls**

Amanda Megill—17th

Dorothy Swindt—22nd

Minnie Lundberg—23rd



# November General Meeting

**When:** Thursday, November 8, 2007  
**5:15 p.m. Cocktails**  
 6:00 p.m. dinner

**Inspirational Moment:** Mary Benoit

**Greeters:** Joetta Williams; Cynthia Herndon

**Where:** Four Points Sheridan  
 (I-25 & Hampden Ave)

**Cost:** \$30.00

**Please RSVP to:** Cathy Conley at 303-691-6926 (hm) or 720-622-0181. (wk) and leave a message. (or email at [cathryn.conley@ge.com](mailto:cathryn.conley@ge.com). Remember, you must reserve your seat by **noon, Mon., November 5th**

**Program:**

Happy 87<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Zonta International!



**Menu:**

Mixed Greens Salad with Garden Vegetables  
 Roasted Chicken Breast Glazed  
 with Red Wine Demi Glaze in a Light Garlic Herb Au-Jus  
 with Rice Pilaf and Asparagus  
 Zonta Birthday Cake

Thanks so very, very much for the cards, words of concern, thoughts and prayers for my Mom. As you know, she suffered a blood clot on her lung a few weeks ago. This was a scary situation for all of us, and it was so nice to see the cards and hear the words of concern. My Mom and I as well as my entire family appreciate you. My Mom has attended several meetings and Zonta events and knows some of you. She told me I have many friends in Zonta. I told her - yes I know. For this I am very thankful. She continues to improve each day.

Yours in Zonta, Evie

**The Zonta Club of Denver hosts the 2008 Amelia Earhart dinner on Sunday, January 27, 2008**

to be held  
 at the Soiled Dove  
 (The Tavern at Lowry)  
 at 5:00 in the evening.

NO RUSH HOUR TRAFFIC  
 NO FOOTBALL  
 NO REASON NOT TO ATTEND THIS GREAT EVENT!!!

Be sure to mark your calendars - More information to follow closer to the date!

**UPDATE YOUR STATUS ON THE LIST!**

- Please check the information on the right for the Permanent Reservation List.
- Those who are on the permanent reservation list do not have to call to make their reservation for the dinner meetings.
- If you plan on coming to every meeting—why not add your name if it is not on the list?

**Permanent Reservation list**

Should your name be listed here?

- Carroll Allen
- Evie Ashmore
- Mary Benoit
- Cathy Conley
- Linda Corssmit
- Mindy Craig
- Sheila Davis
- Pam Dumonceau
- Robin Forti Jennings
- Essie Garrett
- Nikki Headlee
- Deb Heckart
- Cynthia Herndon
- Dottie Jenkins
- Jennifer Koeller
- Susan Leibsly
- Kate Linscott
- Amanda Megill
- Judy McNerny
- Wendy Moraskie
- Beth Mundell
- Marjorie Pickett
- Linda Rhea
- Robin Smith
- Dorothy Swindt
- Diane Twining
- Joetta Williams



## The Zonta Rock Award

At the North American Seminar in Detroit this summer, my favorite presentation was a segment put on by one of the Lieutenant Governors (I can't remember which District), an artist. She opened her presentation with music: Queen's "We Will Rock You."

That got our attention! Then she told of a young woman who came to a Zonta event, was quite impressed, and commented "Zonta rocks!" (Beth Mundell has also said this, which also caught my attention.) Being an artist and therefore a right-brain, out-of-the-box thinker, this Lieutenant Governor suggested that Zontians in her District come up with ways to use "Zonta rocks" for PR. She passed around a long list of ideas and, at the end of her presentation, each member of the audience received a small river rock painted mahogany, with "Zonta" written on it in gold paint. A Zonta Rock!

I hated to part with my Zonta Rock, but I decided to follow her lead and create the "Zonta Rock Award," to give it to one person, ask her to name the next recipient, and so on. I hope this will become a way that members can have some fun and also recognize each other's achievements, quirks, successes and even, perhaps, failures. (Stay tuned for the inspirational moment at Thursday's meeting!)

Judy McNerny

**Carroll Allen** is a wonderful recent member.

She has joined in with Zonta Spirit. Even though she is not on the fund raising committee, she came to us with some wonderful ideas. Then she has come to help us at the sewing sessions.



In addition, this year she is our club secretary. I have very much enjoyed being with her and getting to know her. I just wanted to give her the **Zonta Rock** and tell her how happy I am that she

## SAVE THE DATE

### THE ZONTA CLUB OF THE PIKES PEAK AREA

#### The Glass Slipper Ball Saturday March 1, 2008

I was honored attend this marvelous first time event for the Pikes Peak Club earlier this year in January. The attendance by other Zonta Clubs was not very good because we had such a horrendous winter. Please mark your calendars. Since the club has voted to accept the long range plan which includes a signature event of this type I believe it would be prudent for us to see an event like this in action. I know the club's proceeds were in excess on \$10,000.00. It was invigorating and energizing and well worth it.

Mary Benoit

## Fund Raising Committee

*A Musical Way to Donate to Zonta Through the Holidays and Beyond*

Psst! Just between us, Zonta Club of Denver has a Colorado Symphony Orchestra ticket connection! Wendy can arrange half-price tickets for you for almost any symphony concert.

The ZCD fundraising committee is guessing you'd be willing to donate some portion of the savings to Zonta to further our good works. To get discounted tickets, check the season schedule on the web, find the concert you'd like to attend, pick a night and call Wendy (303-355-3735) at least two weeks in advance.

Tell her the number of tickets you want and the price range you'd like. She'll get the tickets for you and you can donate a percentage of the savings to Zonta Club of Denver. Easy, huh? And CSO tickets might also make great gifts...hmmm....

***The next Craft Nite will be on Tuesday, November 6 @ 5:30 P.M.***

It will be held @ the American Legion Post #17, located @ 1901 Harlan St, Edgewater, CO, 80214.

I will provide chili. If someone else can bring the salad (please let me know), then we should be set as the bar is open for all types of drinks.

Thanks lots. Diane Twining

### Monthly General Dinner Meeting The Church of the Good Shepherd 10/11/07

Call to order and introduction of guests by Nikki Headlee. Four teen moms were special guests at this meeting and were presented with Women's Bean Project soups, corn-bread and brownie mixes which were, also, served for dinner.

The inspirational moment was presented by Cathy Conley. Nancy Long gave the status of women moment and Diane Twining presented the Zonta moment.

New member Essie Garrett, a teacher at Emily Griffith and long-distance runner, was the featured speaker of the evening. She shared her upbringing, life struggles and philosophy of life which was very inspiring.

Approval of the September minutes was requested and received.

Nikki gave the finance report.

**Membership committee** activities were reported by Judy McNerny. The fall membership party was a success and several attendees have shown interest in attending a monthly meeting and/or becoming members.

Donna Hultin co-chair of the **fundraising committee** reported there will be more sewing sessions to make items to sell. The Spearfish area meeting was the first place to sell the items and the Amelia Earhart dinner will be the next venue. The first theater event of the year will be 11/17. Le Cage Aux Folles is the play and Mary Benoit will host a pre-theater party in her home.

Linda Corssmit reported the **service committee** has received the grant applications, done the sight visits and have decided on recommendations for the awards. These will be presented to the board and trustees at the October board meeting. There will be many service opportunities coming up starting with the first monthly Delores Project dinner on 10/13. Other events will include the Salvation Army kettle bell-ringing, Santa Claus Shop, recording for the blind and dyslexic, Excelsior, Women's Bean Project and Dress for Success.

Regarding **old business** Nikki Headlee reported on the district conference and Judy McNerny discussed the foundation.

**Upcoming events** include the Christmas Party at the Lakewood Country Club on 12/11, the Area 3 Amelia Earhart Dinner in the Soiled Dove at The Tavern at Lowry on 1/27 and the Zonta International Convention in Rotterdam 6/28 – 7/3.

### District 12 Conference in SD



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## Zonta Club of Denver Member of Zonta International

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*Upcoming Calendar Events  
Save the date!*

Nov 3	Douglas County Zonta Sock Hop	Feb 9	Always Patsy Cline—Littleton Town Hall Center
Nov 8	General Meeting at Four Points Hotel 5:30 pm Turn in Raffle stubs & money	Feb 14	General Meeting at Four Points Hotel 5:30 pm
Nov 15	Board Meeting	Feb 17	Delores Project—bring dinner
Nov 17	Theatre: La Cage Aux Follies—Arvada Center	Feb 21	Board Meeting
Nov 18	Delores Project—bring dinner	Mar 6	Yellow Rose Tea (non-event)
Nov 22	Thanksgiving	Mar 13	General Meeting at Four Points Hotel 5:30 pm
Dec 11	Holiday Party @ Lakewood Country Club	Mar 16	Delores Project—bring dinner
Dec 16	Delores Project—bring dinner	Mar 20	Board Meeting
Dec 25	Christmas	Apr 10	General Meeting at Four Points Hotel 5:30 pm
Dec 27	Board Meeting	Apr 24	Board Meeting
Jan 10	General Meeting at Four Points Hotel 5:30 pm	Apr 27	Little Shop of Horrors—Boulder Dinner Theatre
Jan 20	Delores Project—bring dinner	May 8	General Meeting at Four Points Hotel 5:30 pm
Jan 24	Board Meeting	May 22	Board Meeting
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