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African Women Lead the Way

Special points of interest:

- African Women Lead the Way
- Service Committee proposes grant awards

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Fair trade shoes in Ethiopia; a crowdsourcing software initiative started in Kenya; a fish sausage producer in Uganda—what do these African enterprises have in common? They were all started by female entrepreneurs.

“Women Entrepreneurs Drive Growth in Africa,” said *The New York Times* headline in a recent report about these trend-setting women (and others), the businesses they started, and the part they are playing in changing Africa.

The only continent to be listed on the United Nations’ website under **“Issues”** is also the continent the International Monetary Fund now believes will have the fastest-growing economy over the next five years. The New York Times reported that many of the entrepreneurs leading this surge are women.

The website for **Bethlehem Tilahun’s shoe company, [soleRebels](#), boasts of the company’s fair trade policy and the jobs it has created. Ms Tilahun aims to “invert the paradigm” in Africa of “poverty alleviation” by foreign nonprofits. Her website points out:**

Today, Africa accounts for a mere two percent of global trade. If Sub-Saharan Africa were to increase that share by only one percent, it would generate additional

export revenues each year greater than the total amount of annual assistance that Africa currently receives. We simply need the opportunity to increase our market share, something EVERY GOOD STRONG GLOBAL business seeks to do. soleRebels, with our great buyers and customers embrace of our brand, are doing just that! Now THAT is great reason for hope!

[Ushahidi](#), a Swahili word meaning “testimony,” is a tech company that originally developed a website and software to map reports of violence in Kenya after elections in 2008. The map was created based on reports submitted via web and mobile phones by 45,000 users throughout Kenya.



Proud fish sausage innovator Kobusingya

That initial effort exposed Kenyan election killings and led the group of volunteers to get **organized and create “The Ushahidi Platform: Information Collection, Visualization & Interactive Mapping.”**

Kenyan lawyer Ory Okolloh, the founder and executive director of Ushahidi, told U.K. newspaper [The Guardian](#) that Ushahidi “started out as an ad hoc group of technologists and bloggers hammering out software in a couple of days, trying to figure out a way to gather more and better information about the post-election violence in Kenya in January 2008.” As later developed, it is open source, meaning that it can be used and improved

November Club Meeting Details

Work Options for Women

Delores Project

Girls Inc.

Open Door

Friends of the Haven

Where: Embassy Suites Hotel
7525 E. Hampden Avenue
Denver, CO 80231

When: Thursday, Nov. 8, 2012
5:30pm – Social Hour
6:00pm – Dinner

Menu: Baked Potato Bar

Cost: \$30.00

Greeter: Alice Borodkin

Inspirational Moment: Evie Ashmore

November 5, 2012. Don't call her home phone or use her home email address as she doesn't check those during the day.

If you have a special diet request please let Judy know this too.

Please call or email your guest names also. When you have a guest (first time or another visit) you are responsible to pay for the dinner if your guest is unable to attend.

Don't forget to RSVP if you are not on the Permanent Reservations list or to cancel if you are on the list and are unable to attend.

PROGRAM: The Service Committee will present its grant award proposals for the 2012-2013 club year.

RESERVATIONS: Please RSVP to Judy Allen at Judith.Allen@ch2m.com or 720-286-5012 (work) before 10 am on Monday,

Permanent Reservations

We are charged for the number we guarantee for our dinner meetings, so we must bill a member who makes a reservation but **doesn't** come (or who forgets to cancel a permanent reservation).

The following members have permanent reservations:

Judy Allen

Evie Ashmore
Mary Benoit
Alice Borodkin
Julie Bradley
Sheila Davis
Mary Lou Edwards
Nikki Headlee
Cynthia Herndon
Kathy Hyzer
Kate Linscott

Judy McNerny
Nancy McWhirter
Wendy Moraskie
Linda Rhea
Mary Sparacino
Dorothy Swindt
Julie Walker

If you attend most meetings, consider adding your name to the permanent reservation list.

“A bequest from ZCD member Edna Jean Hershey created the Hershey Charitable Trust for needy Zontians.”

Edna Jean Hershey Award Thank You



Edna Jean Hershey

Thanks to Kathy Hyzer for nominating me and to the club for giving me the Edna Jean Hershey (Zontian of the Year) award—for a second time!

Edna Jean Hershey joined ZCD in 1935 and remained a member until her death on April 15, 1977, about a month after I joined the club.

Her career was diverse. After graduating from the University of Denver in

1925, she began a business career as a stenographer. She worked for Denver Public Schools in various capacities from 1942 until 1970. She received a doctorate in administration from D.U. in 1954.

After retiring from DPS, she served as business manager of the YWCA, and then acted as promotion and circulation manager of “Africa Today,” a publication of the D.U.

Graduate School of International Relations.

Edna Jean never married and she must have been thrifty because she died leaving an estate of over \$700,000 (over \$2 million in 2012 dollars!)

Her will left money to the YWCA, to Denver Girls (precursor to Denver Kids) which she and the club had been instrumental in forming, and to our club, among others.

One of her bequests to ZCD was to what is now the Zonta Club of Denver Foundation and will, in part, fund the grants we vote on at the November meeting.

The second bequest was to help "ill, elderly or needy" members of the club. That bequest became the Hershey Charitable Trust and is still

available to help needy Zontians.

To receive an award named after this outstanding Zontian is indeed an honor!

—Judy Mc



COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fundraising

So far the Fundraising Committee has two sponsors for the film event, for a total of \$1,300. Letters to former sponsors will be going out shortly.

Please think hard and let me or Nikki know of any company or organization

that you think might be willing to be a sponsor.

We will have a scarf sale at the November meeting; any leftovers will be donated to one of our service projects. Scarves will be \$5 each and would make nice holiday gifts.

We will meet at 6 pm on October 30, at Mary's office on Delaware Street.



—Julie B

2012 Day of Film Reception

"Let me know of any company that might be a sponsor of the next Day of Film on March 9, 2013!"

Save the Date!

Mark your calendars for **March 9, 2013**, for the next ZCD Day of Film in conjunction with the Denver Film Society's VOICES Film Festival and celebrating International Women's Day. We're not guaranteeing another Oscar winner, but...

Date: 3/9/2013
Time: 10:00 am
Denver Film Center in the Lowenstein CulturePlex

Contact person: Julie Bradley
Phone: 720-890-0125
E-mail: julieqbradley@comcast.net



Members and guest at ZCD October meeting



Guests at 2009 Day of Film

Service



2011 Veterans' Day Collection

“Bring toiletries to the November meeting for women veterans to help thank them for their service .”

The Service Committee received grant applications from the following organizations: Building Bridges, ECDC-African Community Center, Friends of the Haven, Girls Incorporated of Metro Denver, Latina Safehouse, Mission Wear, Open Door Ministries, Project WISE, The Delores Project and Work Options for Women (WOW).

The committee carefully reviewed all grant requests. Following a review of the applications, Friends of the Haven, Girls Incorporated of Metro Denver, Open Door Ministries, The Delores Project and Work Options for Women (WOW) were selected for on-site visits and evaluations by members of the committee. The committee was quite

impressed with the organizations they evaluated and therefore the committee recommends the five organizations listed above as recipients for 2012-2013. A little information about each follows below.

In celebration of Veteran’s Day please bring toiletries to the November meeting that will be given to women veterans at the Brandon House to help thank them for their service to our country. The ladies last year really appreciated our generous donations.

Since the cold months are upon us, please consider donating coffee, hot chocolate mix and apple cider packets to the Delores Project. Bring your donations to the November meeting and the Service Committee will deliver the goodies. Thanks always for

your generosity.

The Zonta Club of Denver was honored by Project WISE



with a “Wisdom Award” in recognition of our support for Project WISE. They were a 2011-2012 grant recipient and we have supported them by supplying lunches and a dinner for their Leadership series. Our own Alice Borodkin was a speaker at their Spring Leadership Seminar. Mary Benoit and Cathy Conley accepted the award on behalf of the club at the 2012 Art, Wine and Wisdom Event held at the Metropolitan State University of Denver Center for Visual Art on October 11, 2012.

—Cathy C

Open Door Ministries



Open Door Ministries residents

Open Door Fellowship began in 1997 as a grass roots church trying to meet the needs of the community – specifically the homeless situation. It is not affiliated with any denomination. Women are referred to Open Door Ministries by other shelters or use of the United Way 211 line. There are three houses in this complex – two are occupied by unaccompanied women and one is for women with

children three years and younger.

Open Door Ministries has requested \$5,000 to be used for continued support for education – specifically to help women in the Still Waters Housing Program to purchase books, supplies and bus passes so they can pursue a college or vocational education. We learned a woman without transportation can spend 40 percent of her day trying

to find a source of transportation. Assistance given to women (bus or light rail passes) allows this time to be spent studying instead of continually having to look for transportation.

As a result, the Service Committee has recommended \$4,000 be granted to the Open Door Ministries.

—Evie A

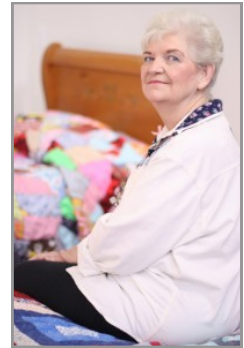
The Delores Project

As Club members know, The Delores Project (TDP) is an overnight shelter near downtown Denver for adult unaccompanied women. TDP requested \$10,000 to help fund the Steps to Stability (S.T.S.) program. The goal of the Steps to Stability program is to help unaccompanied women achieve greater stability in

their lives by offering long term safe, secure shelter with individualized services. S.T.S. moves women from day to day crisis mode to take steps to greater stability and independence. During the first six months of 2012, 50 women participated in the S.T.S. program. The Service Committee

recommends supporting this project, but because the available funds are limited and we are already committed to the monthly dinner, it was recommended that we provide \$5,000 towards the Steps to Stability program.

—Nancy Mc



Delores Project guest

Girls Incorporated of Metro Denver

Girls Inc. is specific to girls and is comprehensive, covering all aspects of life **and girls' maturation**, including physical, emotional, social and educational. There is a strong focus on STEM education and awareness – science, technology, engineering and math – to **prepare girls for today's job market**. In 2013, Girls Inc. of Metro Denver will

celebrate its 30th anniversary, having served 30,000 girls. Girls Inc. of Metro Denver submitted a grant request for their Education Enrichment Program (EEP) and 30% program expansion to reach an additional 200 girls annually. Their programs impacted 2,098 girls in FY2012. The EEP is a

cluster of after-school and all day summer programs **designed to enhance girls' knowledge and skills**. The program supports Girls Inc.'s mission to inspire all girls to be strong, smart and bold. This is reflected in **their Girls' Bill of Rights**. A grant of \$7,000 is recommended by the ZCD Service Committee.

—Jeanette



Girls Inc. volunteer and girls

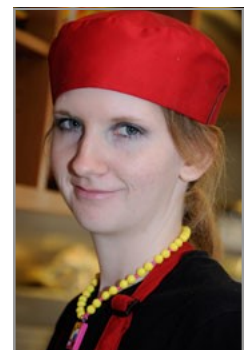
Work Options for Women

Work Options for Women, or WOW, is a culinary job-training program, which offers a combination of culinary skills instruction, hands-on skills practice, soft skills training and individualized case management/support. The organization also helps women with developmental disabilities, mental health or substance abuse issues; some also have criminal

records. In 2012, they had 120 women in their program; 50 of those students currently have jobs. They have 107 enrolled in the program this year, and do not live on campus. In the past year WOW has revamped their culinary program based on evaluations and the **program's retention and success**. Based on the findings, they are now going

to be teaching a kitchen math course, where upon completion the students will receive a certification. This will take place in the first six-week segment along with ServSafe. The Committee suggests a grant of \$7,000 to be used for textbooks and an instructor for this part of the program.

—Sue K.



WOW graduate and baker Gayle

Friends of the Haven



Clients of the Haven

The Haven program, located at Ft. Logan, provides an environment where women, pregnant women and women with young children can recover from addiction and co-occurring disorders to become self-sufficient, confident and productive members of the community. They

have a 65- bed facility and the program accepts infants into residence while their mothers are treated. All women are referred by the criminal justice system or face jail time. The average stay at The Haven is 12-18 months. They have fully integrated, on-site

vocational and GED programs.

The Committee recommends a grant of \$8,000 to purchase six computers and provide Microsoft Office:2010 training with a qualified trainer to 20 women to begin with, then increase to 40 women.

—Sue K.

Service Opportunities

Zonta Bags

My friend and sister Zontian Nola Theiss is still collecting Zonta bags for women in Guatemala. These women are at risk of being trafficked.

Nola is the founder and executive director of Human Trafficking Awareness Partnership in Ft. Myers, Florida. She is

also a member of the Zonta Club of Ft. Myers. Do you want to learn more about human trafficking and Nola's organization? Visit her website www.humantraffickingawareness.org.

If you want to help these women, bring me your gently-used and never-used Zonta bags. These women are attending classes and

going to school. Your bags are great book bags, general carry-alls, and great PR for Zonta. I will be collecting the bags at our November meeting. My company is happy to pay for the shipping of the bags to Nola. Please contact me if I can help or you have questions.

—Mary Benoit

“Zontian Nola Theiss is collecting Zonta bags for women in Guatemala who are at risk of being trafficked.”



Guatemalan women with Zonta bags



THE DELORES PROJECT
SHELTER AND SERVICES FOR HOMELESS WOMEN

Items of the Month

Brrr—it's cold outside!

Apple cider packets

Coffee

Hot chocolate mix

thedeloresproject.org/

The Denver Santa Claus Shop

A Christmas toy for every girl and boy

Plan to help families shop for Christmas at the Denver Santa Claus Shop. This is a favorite Zonta service opportunity.

Dates: December 14, 15, 17, 18.

There will be a sign up at the next Zonta Club of Denver meeting.

Questions? Call Linda Rhea at 303-667-9956 or email her at thriveeveryday@gmail.com

Update from 2011 JMK Scholarship Winner

Dear Mrs. Ashmore,
I won the \$1,500 Zonta Club of Denver 2011 Jane M. Klausman Scholarship and I wanted to keep you updated a year later of my situation.

I am now living in Frankfurt Germany where I started working for the European Central Bank last February on a short-term contract of 6 month which was then extended. In the meantime I was offered a position at ProCredit Holding as a controller for a starting date this November.

Here is a little introduction about this firm:

“The ProCredit group consists of 21 growing banks operating in transition economies and developing countries in Eastern Europe, Latin America and Africa. Our core business is the provision of credit and other banking services to very small, small and medium-sized enterprises and lower and middle income savers who have previously had limited access to formal financial services. Our business model is based on a form of socially responsible banking that seeks to be transparent, efficient and profitable on a

sustainable basis.”

I am very grateful for believing in my skills and for granting me this scholarship to continue my studies and pursue my goal to make a difference in the lives of people who do not have access to financial services.

I am more than ever motivated to make a difference in the lives of the underserved.

I will try my best to continue updating you on my endeavours.

Kind regards,
Georgina White



Georgina White

“My goal is to make a difference in the lives of people who do not have access to financial services.”

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Outstanding Philanthropist Barb Grogan	Outstanding Youth Briana Johnson
Outstanding Professional in Philanthropy Carolyn Schaefer Wollard	Outstanding Youth Group The Brighton Youth Commission

Friday, November 9, 2012
Hyatt Regency Denver at Colorado Convention Center
650 15th Street, Denver, CO 80202

11:00 a.m. – Registration
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. – Luncheon and program

Tickets are \$50 per person or \$500 for a table of ten.

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Zontian of the Year

What would we do without her?



**Edna Jean Hershey
(Zontian of the Year)
award presented to
Judy McNerny**

Judy McNerny is Zonta Denver's 1912 Zontian of the Year!

Judy grew up in New York City – without the accent. Her dad was a lawyer and her mother a teacher. While she followed in her father's steps as a lawyer, she also honors her mother for Judy is a teacher in many aspects in life. She attended Brown University, lived and worked in London, and then went to Harvard Law School. Additionally, along the way, she has raised three great kids.

Her professional specialty is real estate law. She is a member of the professional society known as POETS – ask her for the meaning. POETS, a real estate group, has tasked her with keeping track of legislative issues

affecting real estate. And, while she's tracking real estate issues, she's often tracking legislative issues in this state affecting women. In addition, she is a member of the Real Estate Section Council, a part of the Colorado Bar Association. In the past, she has chaired the Council's annual symposium. As if that's not enough, she also serves on the Colorado Bar Association Ethics Committee.

She's been a member of the Zonta Club of Denver for 35 years...yes, 35! She has served as President twice and served as club attorney for at least the last 20 years. In that capacity, she attends the ZCD Foundation quarterly meetings and rarely misses a meeting! She always steps up to the plate when asked. When we needed someone to create

our monthly Smoke Signal, she took on that huge project quietly and professionally. I think we all agree that it is a beautiful product she produces each month! For the last several years, she's taken on the task of creating our directory; another example of stepping up. Less known yet vitally important, she generally chairs our club's By-Laws Committee. She is also a past member of the Zonta International By-Laws Committee.

We know her as somewhat soft spoken, respectful of all, owning a keen sense of humor, a great writer, an exceptional ZCD member, and someone who always commits and follows through on those commitments. "Judy Mac" is the perfect choice for Zontian of the Year.

—Nikki and Beth

"Helen spoke of her struggles to raise her children in ever-increasing violence in Sudan."



ZCD members wear orange for International Day of the Girl Child

OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES

This meeting of the Zonta Club of Denver began at 5:30 pm with a Social Hour. President Wendy called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and Mary Lou Edwards agreed to take minutes for the meeting.

Guests were introduced: Helen Abaya and Katie Boysen were invited and introduced by Nikki Headlee. Helen is originally from Sudan and Katie is Deedee Boysen's daughter, both of Laramie, WY. Helen spoke to us of her struggles

to raise her children in the ever-increasing violence and pressure to convert to the Muslim religion in Sudan, and told us that after she completes her degrees in Psychology and Theatre at DU she will return to the newly created South Sudan to help her countrymen. She explained that Sudan in the North is primarily a Muslim country now and South Sudan is occupied primarily by non-Muslim Africans.

Kate Linscott provided the

inspirational moment with a history of the American Suffragette movement, citing Abigail Adams' cry in 1776 to "remember the ladies" and reminding us that women in American won the right to vote in 1920.

Minutes of the September, 2012 Membership Meeting were approved as read in the Smoke Signal and Treasurer, Gayle Erickson-Ash provided copies of the 2012-2013 proposed budget for discussion.

After dinner, members enjoyed a program called **“Hail To the Chiefs”** presented by Wayne Watson who entertained us with many little-known facts about politicians who **“missed it (being elected) by that much”, great Americans** who almost became president, the elections that made a difference **throughout America’s** history, and then led us in a Presidential Trivia game.

During the business meeting the following committees reported:

Membership - Kate Linscott for Judy Allen. The ZCD Christmas party will be held Thursday, Dec. 13 at the Columbine Country Club. There will be a white elephant gift exchange and we will be informed about articles to bring for an organization the committee will choose at a later date. There will also be a Potential Members Event on the 1st Saturday in November at the club new **Alice Borodkin’s home**. Please give names of potential members to the committee.

Service – Cathy Conley and Mary Benoit attended the event this evening at Project Wise where they honored our club. The Edge of Seven event was held October 3.

PR – Beth Mundell. She is working on social networking sites and will e-mail us more about that. Judy McNerny has improved our website –

after accessing the site, go to the Member Section. Judy McNerny and Julie Bradley took boxes of ivory stationery to make ZCD letterhead.

Advocacy – Mary Lou Edwards. Members were asked to wear orange to the meeting in support of UN Women and the International Day of the Girl Child. Members were presented with orange ribbons or necklaces at the door, and money for UNICEF was collected. Plans are in the works for members to participate in the 16 days of Nonviolence beginning Nov. 25 through Dec. 10.

Fundraising – Julie Bradley. **At the Governor’s Seminar** the Bean Project raised \$505, so we will get a check for \$101. We also sold \$30 worth of scarves.

New Business:
By-Laws – Judy McNerny. Judy asked the membership to approve the By-Laws and Standing Rules changes as presented in the September Smoke Signal. The changes were approved by the members present.

The Edna Jean Hershey **“ZONTIAN OF THE YEAR”** Award was presented by President Wendy to a very deserving Judy McNerny for many years of dedication and commitment.

A Certificate from Zonta International recognizing **our club’s 85th anniversary** was read and remanded to **the club’s archives**.

Announcements:
› Sheila Davis thanked members for coming to the **Governor’s Seminar** and asked that we please give her our thoughts about the Seminar. ZCD had 16 members in attendance. Governor Sheila said attendance improved after they offered day rates. Next **year’s Conference will be** October 5 & 6, hosted by the Royal Gorge Club and will be held at the Abbey. She asked us to not forget to attend the upcoming Human Trafficking Seminar in Colorado Springs and said that another Human Trafficking symposium would be held on January 7 at the Convention Center in Denver. She thanked Helen for participating on a panel at the Seminar.

› See articles about the 14-year-old girl shot by the Taliban brought by Wendy and another about a child bride in India brought by Judy.

› Check out Pam Dumonceau on 9 news talking about Financial Planning.

› Kate Linscott reminded us to watch the 4 hour documentary on Channel 12 on next Sunday evening entitled **“Half the Sky.”**

There was no door prize or Zonta rock given at this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

—Mary Lou Edwards,
for Julie Walker, Secretary



ZCD Past District Governors at 2012 Governor’s Seminar

“Happy birthday to November babies Estella, Jeannette, Dorothy and Minnie!”

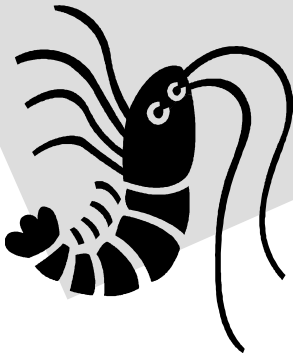


Actual answering machine message (back when students had those ...):

A is for academics, B is for beer. One of those reasons is why we're not here. So, leave a message.

DOMESTIC DIVA

Elway's Bacon-Wrapped Shrimp with Guacamole



12 U-10* shrimp, peeled and deveined	Juice of 1 fresh lime
12 pieces applewood-smoked bacon	1 T extra-virgin olive oil
2 large ripe avocados, medium dice	1 oz canola oil
1 small red pepper, small dice	sea salt
1 Serrano chile, minced	black pepper
4 scallions, green part only, minced	tortilla chips
1 tsp fresh oregano, minced	2—12 inch bamboo skewers, soaked in
* 10 shrimp per pound (very large)	water for at least one hour

Lay strips of bacon flat on a baking sheet and par cook in a 350° oven for ten minutes. Cool bacon to room temperature and individually wrap around each shrimp. Place six shrimp on each skewer. Set aside in the refrigerator. In a medium-sized mixing bowl place avocado, red pepper, Serrano chile, one-half the scallions, oregano, lime juice and olive oil. Season to your taste with salt and pepper and mix together until all ingredients are incorporated. Set aside at room temperature. Coat skewered shrimp with canola oil and season with salt and pepper. Place shrimp on a hot grill for approximately four minutes on each side. Place equal amounts of guacamole on four plates. Place three shrimp on each plate and garnish with remaining scallions. Serve with tortilla chips.

Compliments of Elway's executive chef Tyler Ward, via Work Options for Women

“Tiny ripples of hope can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance.”



In Memoriam

Two former members of our club died recently.

First was **Ruth Horton**, who died in July at age 76. Ruth was a member from 1990 to 1998. Her classification was editor. If you knew her, you probably liked her.

Second was **Donna Hultin**, whose photo (taken a few decades before most of us knew her!) is to the left. Donna died on October 16 after many years of dialysis.

Donna was a familiar face to most club members for many years before she became a club member because she was a fixture at Denver Girls.

Denver Girls was founded

in 1970 by the Zonta Club of Denver and the Junior League with support from the Rotary Club of Denver and Denver Public Schools. Later it merged with Denver Boys to become Denver Kids.

Donna was a member of Junior League when Denver Girls started and she remained committed to its success. In 1980, she accepted a part-time position fundraising for Denver Girls and she eventually became the executive director of Denver Kids.

Donna joined the club in 2003 and remained until she retired from Denver Kids in 2008.

Donna was also dedicated to the Denver Dumb Friends League, serving on its board (as board president for four years). She served on numerous other boards as well, including the board of Florence Crittenton.

Donna was married for 46 years to Walter Hultin and leaves two daughters, Rachel and Katie, and one grandson, Cade Arvin.

If the several hundred people who attended her funeral are an indication, Donna will be missed not only by her family but by many in the Denver community.

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by almost anyone. It was used to find victims of the Haiti earthquakes, and to connect people during bombings in Mumbai in 2011.

Lovin Kobusingya is a 28-year-old Ugandan mother of two who took a poorly paying job with a local fish cooperative society after receiving her university degree. Her job was to link fish farmers with markets for their product. Because fish from nearby Lake Victoria were in much higher demand than farmed fish, her task was difficult. In an interview with [The Star](#) newspaper in Kenya, she said “I realised that

the market for fish was not all that rewarding despite the efforts farmers put in fish farming. Besides, I was always challenged by many youth coming to office looking for jobs amidst high poverty levels in the country. My colleague and I started dreaming of what can be done to create sustainable and rewarding fish market, create employment and **generate income.**”

Then she came up with the idea of fish sausages. “**People thought I was out of my mind,**” she says, and she had to scrounge for capital. But with about US \$800 she was ready to go. In its May, 2012 article, three months after

Ms Kobusingya started operating her company, Kati Farm Suppliers Ltd, *The Star* reported that she was working with 470 fish farmers and employing about 15, mostly women in both cases.

The world has noticed. **soleRebel’s Tilahun** was invited to speak at the 2011 World Economic Forum and was one of *Forbes magazine’s 100 women to watch* in 2012. Ushahidi has been written about in *The Economist*, *The Guardian* and *USA Today*, and *The New York Times* has taken note of all three women.

To read the entire *Times* article, click [here](#).



Ory Okolloh, Ushahidi

“Together, we create ripples of hope that can help a woman swim to safety.”

President’s Message

November will include a cross-section of the Zonta Club of Denver mission. We’ll be hearing about the Service Committee’s evaluation of grant applications, we’ll be gathering donations for the Brandon Center’s homeless women veterans and, again, we’ll serve dinner at Delores Project. These efforts illustrate the continuing need and our continuing work toward improving the opportunities for at-risk women and children. Sometimes we wonder if our relatively small grant funds, donations, and acts make any difference at all. In a speech in South Africa, Robert Kennedy said, “[each time someone] stands up for

an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope, and crossing each other from a million different centers of energy and daring, those ripples build a current which can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance.”

Our bags of toiletries and clothes, our trays of baked chicken, and our grants of a few thousand dollars may not seem like a lot in themselves. They come from each of us, depending on what our schedules and finances look like and they come together to make a difference. To a woman who is feeling completely

alone in her despair, the results of those efforts just may illustrate that someone she doesn’t even know can spare a thought for her. That tube of toothpaste, or cookie, or the counselor funded by our grant, may provide the symbol of caring people she didn’t think existed, in a world she didn’t think had any place for her.

Bring your donations, sign up to work a service project when you have time, and donate to help defray costs when you don’t have extra time. Each of us is just a drop in the river, but together, we create ripples of hope that can help a woman swim to safety.

—Wendy



President Wendy

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Zonta Club of Laramie's 28th Annual Style Show & Auction

November 9, 2012

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Hilton Garden Inn &
UW Conference Center

\$35.00 per person
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Tables Available



Tickets available

Carriage House at the Laramie Plains Museum
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<http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/271753>

Zonta's Mission

Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

Zonta's Annual Style Show

The event begins with a cash bar, silent auction, and hors d'oevers, followed by our annual style show!

Zonta Club of Laramie holds an annual style show to support local shopping and raise money for a myriad of local service projects, scholarships, and Zonta International programs.

Funds are raised through ticket sales, your generous donations, and the silent auction. If you are interested in donating an item or service to the silent auction with advertisement placement in the program, please contact us at laramiezonta@gmail.com

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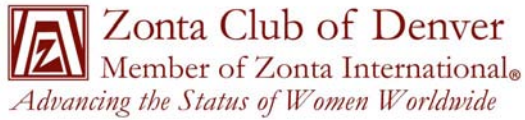
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November 8	Club meeting—Embassy Suites	November 25	International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women
November 9	National Philanthropy Day Luncheon	November 25- December 10	16 Days of Activism for the Elimination of Violence Against Women
November 9	Zonta Club of Laramie Style Show	December 1	Barb's birthday
November 12	Estella's birthday	December 10	International Human Rights Day
November 17	Jeannette's birthday	December 13	Holiday party—Columbine Country Club
November 18	The Delores Project—service opportunity	April 13	Area 3 meeting—Denver
November 22	Dorothy's birthday	March 9, 2013	2013 Zonta Day of Film
November 23	Minnie's birthday	June 14-16, 2013	Zonta International North American Inter-District Meeting—Niagara Falls, Ontario