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SMOKE SIGNAL

NOVEMBER, 2014 Human Trafficking Symposium

On Saturday October 25th I had the honor and privilege of attending the 7th annual Human Trafficking Symposium sponsored by The Southern Colorado Human Trafficking Task Force. The Task Force was started about eight years ago by Betty Edwards (in photo). Betty is a member of the Pikes Peak Zonta Club and a past District 12 Governor. One of her first goals was to put on a symposium to raise awareness about human trafficking in the community. That symposium was held at Youth with a Mission in Colorado Springs with about 120 attendees, impressive for a first try. Every symposium since then has been held at YWAM until this year. The symposium on Oct. 25 was held at University of Colorado-Colorado Springs campus. There were 450 registered and it was amazing.



An article about the Symposium was published in the Colo. Springs Gazette on Sunday. You can read it by clicking [here](#) (Ed. note: you will have to answer a survey question to get access to the article unless you are a Gazette subscriber).

WOW!! It was so amazing. I will give you some of my thoughts, observations and tidbits.

The first speaker was Dr. Thomas Krannawitter. He was amazed at the size of the audience on such a beautiful day. He feels that defeating trafficking in the US is possible because we are the only nation in the world that has ever stood on the ground of equality. The signers and authors of the Constitution had great difficulties with slavery and of course it didn't end there. An astounding amount of lives were lost over slavery in the Civil War. Nowhere in the world has such a loss of life happened over this issue.

What was learned about young girls that are trafficked and "in the life" were enough to break one's heart. Nationally the average age of trafficked youth is 11, in Colorado it is between 13 and 14. The most vulnerable are runaways. Once a youth has run away more than four times they are ear marked to be vulnerable to be trafficked and watched closely by law enforcement. The perpetrators often tattoo their victims so they have more trouble escaping and are easily identified within that social circle. A film showing a pimp being interviewed said it was the best job he ever had, making a lot of money selling young girls not just once but many times in one day. Why deal drugs, it is too dangerous, all those weapons and the troublesome law enforcement.

At the Air Force Academy there is a club of about 100 cadets learning about trafficking. We heard from two cadets about their work. They partner with local high schools to spread the word about trafficking. And of course when they graduate from the Academy they will be scattered around the world with a working knowledge of trafficking.

There are a lot of dollars raised for the battle against trafficking. Some wonder why the lion's share is spent in the US when there is a better bang for the buck off shore. The reason: we have the best laws and the best law enforcement.

We are faced with a huge dilemma. There is one bed in a safe house, shelter, etc. for every 100 victims and at that rate we will NEVER catch up. Of course we should continue to offer shelter and services to victims but we need pursue other solutions. We need to focus on demand. Trafficking needs to stop before it starts. There is a push for advertisements and billboards. Hopefully soon we will begin to see billboards on buses, posters in airports, rest stops, and maybe at a street corner near you. Over 80% of Americans don't know anything about human trafficking. This campaign should raise awareness. It might be a dream that within the decade the demand will slow down, but it is a hopeful dream.

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Tolerance implies no lack of commitment to one's own beliefs. Rather it condemns the oppression or persecution of others.

John F. Kennedy

Business Cards

Do you have your Zonta business cards yet? If not, contact Julie Bradley to let her know what you want on them. She will mail them to you or bring them to a meeting.

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Mary B.

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ESSIE GARRETT

Sheila Davis and I were privileged to attend the memorial service for Essie Garret held at the Blair-Caldwell African American Research Library on September 27. Essie was a member of our club for a brief period from 2007-2009. She is best known as an ultra marathoner. Each year she would pick a cause and run for it. They weren't just marathons that she ran. She ran over 25,000 miles since 1981 and raised in excess of one million dollars for non-profit charities. She was the first black ultra marathoner in the world.



In 2008 Essie pushed and pulled a flight simulator from Amelia Earhart's home in Atchison, Kansas, to the Flight Training Center at the Front Range Airport in Watkins, CO. This event took place on the 100 year anniversary of the last transmission from Earhart. Essie chose the end point because there were a significant number of women learning to fly at the Flight Training Center. The Zonta Club of Denver gave a send-off party for her at the Interstate Diner in Watkins.

Other highlights of Essie's life included being inducted into the Colorado Sportswomen's Hall of Fame in 1993 and being an Olympic torch bearer for the State of Colorado in 1996. In addition, in honor of Black History Month in 1998, she ran 75 miles from Dearfield, Colorado (an early black town and farming community in eastern Colorado) to Emily Griffith Opportunity School.

Essie's heart belonged to the Emily Griffin Opportunity School where she taught for many, many years. She was a champion of women working in non-traditional settings. She said, "We need women in engineering, mathematics, and technological fields."

She eschewed worldly goods but was always ready to share what she had with others. She not only talked the talk but she walked the walk. While she is best known for being an ultra marathoner, those who knew her best said she was a true humanitarian in every sense of the word.

Nikki

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REPEAT FOR DISTRICT 12

For the second year in a row, District 12 has an International Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship winner.

This year's District winner is Samantha Rose Johnson of Spearfish, SD. She was the winner of the scholarship from the Spearfish Club, won our District 12 Scholarship, and recently was announced as one of 12 International Scholarship winners. In addition to the Scholarship from the Club, Samantha will be receiving \$1500 from District 12 (\$1000 from International and \$500 from District) and \$7000 from International.

Samantha is a senior at Black Hills State University in the College of Business. Her major field of study is Business Administration-Economics and Finance. She expects to graduate with her Bachelors degree in December, 2014. In January she will start her Master's of Business Administration, also at Black Hills State University. After that, she will decide whether she wants to pursue a doctorate in economics.

In her application, Samantha stated that her goal is to work in higher education in business management. In addition to her superior academics, Samantha has won numerous awards including induction into Phi Beta Kappa, the Deans List (2011-2013), and Excellence in Leadership Award. She has also been the recipient of several scholarships.

Samantha's volunteer activities include serving on the Dean's Student Advisory Board, and the Presidential Student Ambassadors. She also works as a volunteer in the community.

The award and scholarship money will be presented to Samantha at the Spearfish Club's meeting on Nov 12.

Many thanks to the judges for this year's District Scholarship: Evie Ashmore, Ann Hefeneider and Kathy Swofford.

~Kathy H.

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NOVEMBER MEETING

Meeting Details

Date: Thursday, November 13
 Time: 5:30 pm
 Location: Hacienda Colorado
 4100 East Mexico Ave.
 Denver, CO 80222
 Advocacy Moment: Julie Bradley
 Cost: Menu prices

Reservations to Marian Lee - email: mlee@bhfs.com, or work phone, 303-223-1256 by 10am Monday, November 10th. We need to tell the restaurant how many people will attend so enough places are set.

Permanent Reservations:

The following members have permanent reservations:

Judy Allen	Sheila Davis	Kate Linscott
Evie Ashmore	Mary Lou Edwards	Judy McNerny
Mary Benoit	Nikki Headlee	Nancy McWhirter
Alice Borodkin	Cynthia Herndon	Wendy Moraskie
Julie Bradley	Kathy Hyzer	Dorothy Swindt

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Judith Allen and Richard Starlin	 GLUTEN ESCAPE 4403 S TAMARAC	Jim Medford Photography www.jmedford.com (303) 570-4272 jmedford@aol.com
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Program

Our speaker will be from the Open Door Ministries, to tell us about their programs and how their 2013 ZCD grant has been used.

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Zontian of the Year - Jeanette Newville

In September, Jeanette was chosen as our Zontian of the Year. She missed our October meeting, where we were prepared to celebrate the honor. In the meantime, Jeanette has decided to resign from Zonta. She made the decision that Zonta is not a good fit in her life right now. We wish Jeanette the best and thank her for her wonderful service to Zonta.



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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Service Committee

October was a very busy month for the service committee. After making site visits to the grant applicants, the committee met on Oct. 14 to decide on the final recommendations to make to the trustees. The grant recipients will be voted on by the members at the November Zonta meeting.

On October 19 the ever-popular potato bar was served at The Delores



Project. Thank you, Julie, Debbie Gridley, Nancy, Mary Lou, Jeanette, Cynthia, Nikki, Helen, and Evie for providing all the food.

Penny organized the COVA service opportunity on October 16. We helped COVA by filling bags for all the participants for the upcoming conference at Keystone. Thank you, Mary, Penny, Micki Carwin, Nancy, Cynthia, and Linda for helping out at this event.

The service and membership committees are busy planning for the Christmas party at The Haven. Mary, Nancy, and Marian met with Crissey and LeeAnn at The Haven on Oct. 22 to finalize details. The party will be on December 11 and will be similar to last year's. We will arrive at 5:00 p.m. to decorate the tables and set up the food. The party will begin at 6:00. After dinner the tree will be decorated, and Christmas carols will be sung. We are asking that all members participate this year. Sign-up sheets will be available at the November meeting. Our club will provide all the food, table decorations, and paper products. For Christmas this year, every woman at The Haven will receive a gift package that contains two pairs of socks, a bra, two pairs of panties, and pajamas. Our Zonta Club will provide these items for five women. This sign-up sheet will also be available at the November meeting.

The November meeting is also a time when we like to remember the homeless women vets. Please bring planners and accordion file folders to the November meeting. Planners (calendars) can be found for \$1.00 at Dollar Tree.

~Nancy

Item of The Month

Planners and Accordion File Folders For Homeless Women Vets

Please bring to the November Zonta Meeting

Fundraising

The Fundraising Committee met on October 30th to iron out a few more details for the film event on March 21, 2015. We are in the process of trying to get the details for the film, *Jhola*, so that we can make a decision as to which film to present. If neither of the two films that we've chosen works out, due to licensing etc., we will wait to choose a film from the VOICES film festival.




As always, we need everyone's participation to make this a great event. Please be thinking of people you might invite to the film, and it is never too early to solicit sponsors. Evie will be in charge of sponsorships, so please let her know if you have a business in mind that might like to sponsor our film by donating a minimum of \$300.

We hope to beef up our efforts to get the word out more on social media. We will work with PR to increase our exposure.

~ Gwen

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Advocacy

On October 29th I attended the Denver Women's Commission 2014 Women's Issues Roundtable Discussion. The purpose of the event was to brainstorm and produce ideas for actions to make progress on the issues identified in the Commission's 2014 Assessment: Windows into Denver Women & Girls. Stakeholders from government, agencies working with women in the community and members of the community (like me) were invited. I chose the "pay equity" table, just because equal pay seems like a good place to start to improve the lives of women who are struggling. I found the discussion interesting and the passion of the women at the table exciting. I was also pleased to find that a number of my tablemates knew what Zonta is! I traded cards with several women and hope to get at least one or two of them to attend a meeting of our club so more of us can hear what others are thinking and doing about "women's issues."



The Advocacy Committee will meet by telephone at 5 pm on Wednesday, November 19. If you would like to attend, email me and I'll send you the agenda and patch you in on the day.

~ Judy Mc

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Membership

The Membership Committee met on October 27th at Citron Bistro, along with two members of the Service Committee. The group planned the Haven Christmas Party, which will take place on December 11th at 6:00 p.m. in lieu of the ZCD monthly meeting. The menu will include turkey, ham, baked potatoes, baked sweet potatoes, salads, vegetables and desserts. Sign-up sheets will be circulated for the various items, and all club members are asked to contribute one or more items to the dinner. We also have the opportunity to "adopt" some residents at the Haven and provide each adopted person with a Christmas gift package including underwear, bras, socks and pajamas. The club will adopt five women and circulate sign-up sheets so members can choose as many items to purchase as they would like.



The committee is still working to identify a venue for the February 12, 2015 grant award meeting. The most promising location appears to be Embassy Suites, which initially was unavailable. The committee is still waiting for a revised proposal from Hilton Garden Inn.

The committee will organize a bowling event in January for club members and their families, most likely on a Sunday evening between 6:30 and 8:30. Stay tuned for more details.

There will be no Membership Committee meeting in November.

~ Marian

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OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES

October 9, 2014
Hacienda Colorado

Call to order 6:15 PM President Mary Benoit

Guest: Nikki introduced C.J. Long, Julie Bradley introduced Amy Rosette, Katie introduced Catlin and Judy Mac introduced Polly Trumbo. Polly had been a former member of the Zonta Club.

Minutes of September 11, 2014 approved as printed in the Smoke Signal

Kathy Hyzer - Financial report. The grants amount has been set for the Service Committee for the grant applications.

Speaker: Claire Levy, Executive Director of Colorado Center on Law & Policy. This is an advocacy organization dedicated to promoting justice, economic security, access to health care and sound fiscal policies.

She worked in the appellate division of the Public Defender's office. After this, she served in the Colorado House of Representatives. She served as the vice-chair of the Joint Budget Committee.

Legislators really don't have much time to really get into what they want to try and have laws made. Try and develop a Policy and find other Legislators who think like you. This is where lobbyists help.

She talked about how it is important to talk to legislators. Go to town hall meetings and get to know who represents you. Write emails and call. Don't go on line and click on a petition. Most legislators want to hear what you have to say about issues that concern you.

Lobbyists can get more done with researching issues. When she ran for office, her mother said, "I hope you don't work with any lobbyists." One of the bills she wanted to get passed was to make the government buildings more energy efficient, so she worked with lobbyists who did all the research. Advocacy is straight lobbying.

Committee Reports:

PR: Katie Boysen - Anything that PR can do for a committee, let her know

Advocacy: Judy McNerny - Denver Woman's Commission is October 29, 2014 See Judy for information

Membership: Marian Lee - New Member Orientation is Thursday October 19th at Sheila Davis's home. Dinner will be furnished. Bring your directories. New Members will be doing an event.

Service: Nancy McWhirter - Committee meeting will be October 14 at the Village Inn to discuss the Service Grants. Reading for Open Door Ministries is being scheduled for us to read to the children after the first of the year.

Fundraising: Gwen Fornia - She and Nikki are working on the film event. Next meeting will be October 30 at Gwen's home. First sponsorship of \$300 has come in from Bank of Denver.

Edna Jean Hershey Zontian of the Year Award; Recipient not present. Will do next month.

Zonta Says No to Violence Against Women - Mary gave update. Art donations need to be at Mary's office by October 10th. Club members are needed to help with the event, November 8

at the Posner Center.

Beth Mundell has a detached retina.

50/50 drawing- Marian won \$20.

No other business was brought forward and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

~Respectfully submitted by Judith Allen, President-elect

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ZONTA CLUB OF DENVER EDNA JEAN HERSHEY SCHOLARSHIP FUND REPORT



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October 14, 2014

Wendy Henry-Moraskie
President
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Dear Ms. Henry-Moraskie:

Metropolitan State University of Denver has the highest regard for our endowment donors. They have chosen to provide important support for our current students while building a legacy to ensure that future generations will have the ability to excel as well.

It is my pleasure to provide the enclosed information about the Zonta Club Endowed Scholarship Fund. During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, the MSU Denver Foundation's endowment earned 14.6%. Our donors provided 131 scholarships that assisted 489 students. Our donors partner with MSU Denver to give students the help they need to secure an education that will influence their current and future lives and our community as a whole.

I hope you take tremendous pride in this endowment. Metropolitan State University of Denver continues to attract nationwide attention as we work to achieve President Stephen Jordan's goal of preeminence. *U.S. News & World Report* lists MSU Denver as one of the best regional colleges in the West, and *Forbes* has included the University on its list of America's Top Colleges. The College Measures report shows our graduates have one of the highest median first-year earnings among graduates from many other four-year Colorado institutions. Donor support really does make a difference here!

If you have any questions or would like additional information, do not hesitate to contact the Office of University Advancement at 303-556-8424. On behalf of all of us at Metropolitan State University of Denver, thank you!

Sincerely,

James Mulligan
MSU Denver Foundation Board Chair



MSU Denver Foundation Endowment Report
For the Year Ended June 30, 2014

Zonta Club of Denver Hershey Fund Endowed Scholarship
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Endowment's Purpose:

The purpose of this scholarship is to benefit single-parent women students at MSU Denver.

Endowment Account-Corpus and Market Value

Corpus, beginning	\$105,431.00
Endowment gifts, pledge payments and adjustments	\$25,865.00
Corpus, ending	\$131,296.00
Market value, beginning	\$95,985.02
Market value, ending	\$134,207.64

Payout Account

Account balance, beginning	\$3,181.45
Gifts, pledge payments and adjustments	\$0.00
Distributions from endowment account	\$1,792.49
Awards and expenditures	(\$2,250.00)
Account balance, ending	\$2,723.94

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Zonta Says No is right around the corner. If you haven't purchased your ticket it is not too late. The flyer is here in the Smoke Signal. If any of your friends that you are inviting are undecided the tickets may be purchased at the door. Remember, the price of admission includes drinks, food, wonderful art, networking and great friends. If you have questions or concerns please let me know.



As you know the holiday season is fast approaching. I know, say it isn't so. Again this year we will be hosting a holiday party at The Haven. This will be very similar to the party last year, with a few changes. One of the changes is I would ask all members to participate. There will be many opportunities, with sign-up sheets at the November meeting, so come prepared to share the holiday spirit and joy. One of the most astounding things about the party last year was the reaction of the residents over the wonderful and abundant food and the willingness of all our members to sit, visit and share with them. They were amazed that we were interested and caring

I look forward to seeing you on November 13 at the Hacienda for our meeting.

Mary

INNER PEACE

- If you can always be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,
- If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,
- If you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it,
- If you can understand when your loved ones are too busy to give you any time,
- If you can take criticism and blame without resentment,
- If you can conquer tension without medical help,
- If you can relax without alcohol,
- If you can sleep without the aid of drugs,

THEN YOU ARE PROBABLY THE FAMILY DOG!

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UPCOMING EVENTS



Empty Shoes An Art Event to End Violence

Join the women of Zonta to:

- Raise awareness about gender violence
- Purchase art from local and international artists
- Learn about anti-violence efforts in Colorado
- Enjoy food, drink, and conversation in an energizing environment

November 8, 2014
5 to 8 p.m.

The Posner Center for International Development
1031 33rd Street
Denver, Colorado

Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door
Purchase online at:
www.ZontaDistrict12.org/ZontaSaysNo



CALENDAR

Date	Event	Time	Location	Details
November 8	ZONTA SAYS NO	5 to 8 pm	Posner Center for International Development 1031 33rd St.	Drinks, snacks, art and information about VAW
November 13	Club meeting	5:30 pm	La Hacienda Colorado I-25 and Colorado Blvd.	Open Door Ministries
November 16	Delores Project dinner	6:15 pm	Delores House	Service opportunity
November 19	Advocacy Committee meeting	5:00 pm	Telephone meeting	Email Judy Mc to participate!
December 11	Holiday party	5:00 pm	Friends of the Haven	Service opportunity and celebration
December 21	Delores Project dinner	6:15 pm	Delores House	Service opportunity
March 21, 2015	Zonta Day of Film	TBA	SIE FilmCenter 2510 E Colfax	TBA
May 16, 2015	ZCD Garage Sale	TBA	Cynthia's house	Start collecting treasures now!

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