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Be thankful for what you have; you'll
end up having more. If you concentrate
on what you don't have, you will never,
ever have enough.

Oprah Winfrey

November Meeting

Date: Thursday, November 14th
Time: 5:00 p.m.
Place: Lucy Restaurant
5345 Landmark Place
Greenwood Village

Please RSVP to Veronica Hoegler
by voice mail or text at
303-424-2811, or at
vehoegler@comcast.net.

Zontians, share your passion! Please sign up to present an **Advocacy Moment** at a club meeting or prepare an **Advocacy Article** for the Smoke Signal. The Sign Up Genius page can be found [here](#).



ZCD members and three Metro scholarship recipients

Message From Our President



November is shaping up to be a very significant month for ZI and for our club. There are many opportunities this month to celebrate and enhance our Zonta experience. I invite you to get involved in any or all of them.

On November 1, several of us traveled to Metro to have breakfast with some of our scholarship recipients and to give them another check to add to the scholarship trust that we fund there. These students are so deserving of our help and voiced their gratitude for the money. One of them may even be applying for membership in our club soon!

We celebrate Zonta's 100th birthday on November 8th, and many of us are marching in the Veteran's Day parade in downtown Denver on Saturday, November 9

At our meeting on November 14, our Service committee will be presenting their choices for grants to receive money this year and we will vote on them.

As part of the centennial celebration, ZI is asking that we give \$100 to the Zonta International Foundation between 11-7-19 at 11:00 am and 11-9-19 at 9:59 am. Our gifts will empower women worldwide.

For 100 years Zonta has stood up for gender equality, and now, to honor ZI's anniversary, Zonta started a major new project. Zonta has become the first private sector donor to UNICEF and UNFPA's Global Programme to End Child Marriage. At a meeting in Vienna, Dr. Quentin Wodon outlined three action areas to prevent forced and early marriage: (1) Access to education; (2) Targeted interventions for vulnerable girls (i.e. Safe Spaces) and incentives for them to remain in school; and (3) Efforts to change gender-based social norms to influence development regarding gender equality. It is perhaps shocking for us to realize that the U.S. still deals with issues of child marriage.

Our Fundraising Committee is focusing on child marriage for our Day of Film next March.

~ Mary Lou Edwards

United Nations Commission on the Status of Women

Consider attending the next session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women! Mary Benoit shares this recent email from ZI:

Dear Zontians,

I hope this email finds you well. I am writing to you today because you attended the CSW63 earlier this year or previously expressed interest in attending the CSW. Plans are already underway for the 64th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women, 9-20 March 2020, and we hope you will be able to join us this year!

Our Zonta activities will begin on Saturday, the 7th of March, with a seminar on child marriage. More information about the seminar and CSW will be coming soon; however, if you have not already done so, please add your name to our CSW64 mailing list via this Google Form: <https://forms.gle/xLsf8VmMeKFRY8H18> so you can stay informed of plans as they develop. Please feel free to share the link to this form with other Zonta members in your club or district too who may be interested in attending the CSW in March.

Also [attached for your information](#) is our statement to the CSW, which we will submit this year with Soroptimist International. It is currently being routed for additional endorsements by other like-minded organizations and will then be posted on the Zonta International website.

Please watch for further updates to come and have a nice weekend!

Best regards,

Megan Radavich

Assistant Executive Director, Programs and Advocacy

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Hershey Scholarships at Metro

As you know, I am the club's liaison to Metropolitan State University of Denver in regard to the Zonta Club of Denver Hershey Fund, an endowment at Metro that is funded from the Hershey Charitable Trust to provide scholarships for single mother students.



Click [here](#) to read some thank you notes we have received from students who are currently receiving scholarships. I think you will enjoy hearing from women that we are helping about exactly what their scholarships mean to them!

~ Pam Staves

Committee Reports



MEMBERSHIP

We will be trying Lucy's Restaurant again in November, the 14th, since so few people were able to try it in October. They provided good service and $\frac{3}{4}$ or so of the group liked it. The room is nice and quiet. In the Landmark area, the address is 5345 Landmark Pl. The closest exit off I-25 to use is Belleview. There is parking in the lot and an underground garage just past the restaurant. Lucy's is upstairs, above Comedy Works, and there is an elevator to the left when you enter. They offer separate checks, but require everyone to order an entrée from a smaller menu. The menu includes many choices, including vegetarian, with assurance that items will be offered at regular menu prices. A \$6 room fee is required to cover their charge to Zonta and may be paid at the door in cash or check made out to Zonta. RSVP to me by voice mail or text at 303-424-2811, or at vehoegler@comcast.net. We will try it to see if we like it!

Please bring prospective members!

A happy hour is scheduled for Lena's, at 24 Broadway, on Thurs Nov 21, 5-6 pm. They have wine, sangria and Margarita's for \$5! Daily taco specials and empanadas are \$3.50 and \$7. A reasonable cost to come and visit and have some fun. RSVP to me at 303-424-2811 by call or text, or at vehoebler@comcast.net. I hope you can join us.

Our December holiday party will be at the lovely home of member Dottie Jenkins. A sign-up for the holiday dinner will be sent out, we hope to see you all there!

~ Veronica Hoegler

FUNDRAISING

Zonta has tickets for the Colorado Symphony for December!!!

Friday, December 13 – A Colorado Christmas with the Children's Choir – 7:30pm

Monday, December 16 – 250th Beethoven Birthday – 5th Symphony – 7:30pm

Sunday, December 22 – Holiday Brass – 1pm

Tickets are \$40 each. Bring a check made out to Symphony chorus member Wendy Moraskie to the November 14th meeting or deliver to Cynthia no later than November 20th. We will get you your tickets by the event.

Pouches are still available for only \$15 in black or brown. These would make lovely holiday gifts for some young woman to carry. And if you think cards are no longer carried, think again. Many women are still using business cards since it's quick after a busy meeting.



The committee has chosen *I Was a Child Bride: the Untold Story* with Elizabeth Vargas for our 2020 Day of Film. This film highlights the lives of four American women who married before age 18. These courageous women tell how early marriage affected their education, finances and marital relationships. Since Zonta International is working on ending childhood marriage we think it is a great choice for our club. We have also selected our caterer, Biscuits and Berries, for a delicious selection of brunch fare. So save the date: Saturday March 28, 2020.

The committee appreciates suggestions that have been made for selling various items. It has come to our attention that our two chief fundraisers, Day of Film and Garage Sale, reach out to community members. We are trying to think of additional ways to increase our treasury by continuing to expand our targeted market rather than selling primarily to our own members. So if you have such ideas please keep sharing them with us. Thanks!

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 13 at 5:30pm. at my home. Please bring a food item to share.

~ Jeanette Scotland

PUBLIC RELATIONS

The committee is actively working on a redesign of the club website. Stay tuned!

Please remember to send me photos of any Zonta-related event to post on the website, along with a short explanation of the occasion. I would appreciate pictures from District in particular.

Thanks for your help..

~ Kathy Hyzer





ADVOCACY

Parade Participants Needed

We are celebrating our centennial anniversary by marching in Denver's Veteran's Day parade, Saturday November 9th. The weather looks like it will hold and be a beautiful fall day. We will be passing out candy and bubbles that have a snazzy ZCD contact card! District 12 Governor DeeDee Boysen will be along for the festivities. Let's show her our great Denver pride!

We will be meeting at Mathias Lock and Key's parking lot, 1123 Delaware, at 8:30 am--graciously offered to us by Mary Benoit. From there we will walk 3 blocks to where we will be staging on Delaware Street (between 13th and 14th Streets). Our staging window is 8:30 - 9:00. All said and done, we should be wrapping up by 11:30.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 720 614-7001.

Please RSVP at this sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4CACAF2CA0F94-denver>

~ Dawn Bali

Club Calendar

Club Meetings

November 14, 2019

5:00 pm

Lucy Restaurant

December 12, 2019

5:00 pm

Dottie Jenkins' home

January 9, 2020

5:00 pm

TBA

Special Events

2020 Day of Film

March 28, 2020

2020 ZCD Garage Sale

May 16, 2020

Zonta International Convention

July 4-8, 2020

Chicago, Illinois

Save the dates!

Register [here](#).

Mark Your Calendar!

Zonta International 2020 Convention

4 July - 8 July 2020

Chicago Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile, Chicago, IL, USA

Join us for the 65th Zonta International Convention in Chicago, USA. Registration is open.

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ZCD General Meeting

Minutes

Lulu's/ 10/10/19

- Vice President Jeanette Scotland called the meeting to order at 5:45pm and there were no guests.
- Advocacy Moment: Julie Bradley showed a short excerpt from the Facebook page the Red Table Talk which shows various 'web shows' about subjects Zontians may be interested in. At the end of the meeting she was able to show a short 3-minute film on Women's Suffrage in America.
- Our speaker, Susie Roman, was from Blue Bench, one of our grant recipients and she told us about the program we funded this past year: Safe Bars. Susie has worked in violence prevention for many years – growing sustainable scalable programs and looking at impact and how to enlarge those programs. Blue Bench started the program Safe Bars to educate bar staff about identifying behavior problems that may occur in bars and restaurants. The only person who should feel uncomfortable in this situation is the perpetrator. They place decals in restaurants and bars and train staff as well as help develop a leadership team on-boarding new staff as they join the team. If a person makes unwanted advances or follows etc. patrons, the staff can intervene and help the customer. If they get a ton of bars involved this becomes a safer situation for the customers and creates an environment to make the perpetrators uncomfortable etc.
- Secretary – (Sara absent) Approval of Sept. Minutes as published in the Smoke Signal. Julie will be taking minutes for this meeting
- Treasurer – Julie Bradley: 990's are being filed for the club this week by our CPA Elaine Gilley.
- Report on Billings Convention & preparations for ZI Centennial Convention next Summer was given by various members who attended the meeting.
- Committee Reports
 - Membership – Veronica was unable to be at the meeting: no report. Linda Rhea mentioned for Veronica that they were still working to have a quiet place for our meeting and the ability to have separate checks and order off the menu.
 - Service – Pam Staves for CJ:
 - Grant Applications – 11 applications and 5 site visits. Recommendations to the Board and Trustees once the visits are finished and the service committee meets.
 - October service event will be putting together care packages and tour of Blue Bench with Karmen Carter. Friday Oct 25th 1-3 at their offices on Sherman and 6th. Members should email Pam if they are attending.

- December events: Santa Claus Shop – will have assignments on 13th & 15th and sign-ups will be emailed; dates for Haven House party to be determined.
 - Hershey Trust will be giving \$24,547.30 to our Edna Jean Hershey Endowment at Metro and this year we gave out 8 \$1,000 scholarships to young women. We will be having a breakfast on Friday Nov 1st at Jordan Student Success Building on Auraria campus at 8:30 to 10:00 am – rsvp to Pam.
 - PR – Kathy Hyzer was unable to attend the meeting due to flight cancelation, but the committee is working on our new website.
 - Advocacy – Dawn Bali reported the parade route and where everyone will meet at 14th & Elati Street where we will be staging for the parade. Final planning meeting is Nov 3rd for the parade, and she will get the final info to us shortly after that. Parade should last 1.5 hours. If Interested, please contact zcd.advocacy@gmail.com to make us aware of your participation. We have a 2.5' X 8' banner and will have handouts with information about our club. Nikki & Dave are in Portugal currently, but we hope to have Dave's 1920's Hutmobil to join us in the parade. Jeanette will contact him about this possibility.
 - FundRaising – Jeanette Scotland
 - Day of Film: The committee will be meeting on Weds Oct 14th to discuss and watch trailers of possible films
 - Symphony tickets: We are working on obtaining tickets for 5 or 6 good concerts. We will only be able to get 4-6 tickets at a cost of \$40 due to the increase in tickets prices this year.
 - We are looking for space to store Garage Sale items over the winter in anticipation of the sale this May at Wendy's home.
 - If anyone interested in Myers Briggs, Marian will donate her time and will schedule after anyone interested contacts her at a cost of \$20 that will be donated to our club.
 - Celebration of birthdays: Liz Savage, Joetta Williams, Dottie Jenkins
- Calendar
 - Next meetings: Nov 14th at 4pm board, and 5pm general meeting at Lulu's this next month.
 - December 12th: 5:30 Christmas Party at Dottie Jenkins' home in Parker. Bring a dish to share.

The Time is Now: Achieving the Beijing Platform for Action

Soroptimist International and Zonta International present this statement on behalf of their members and supporters. These recommendations originate from the experiences of 75,000 Soroptimists active in 122 countries and 28,500 Zonta members active in 63 countries. Across the world, SI and ZI members are united in achieving gender equality for all. Their grassroots projects address the discrimination and inequality experienced by women and girls, supporting the achievement of the Beijing Platform for Action and the 2030 Agenda. Working in partnership with women, girls and their communities, members' projects educate, empower and enable, unlocking the potential of sustainable development and ensuring that no woman or girl is left behind.

'No country has achieved gender equality'

Twenty-five years after agreeing the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action - a revolutionary document providing a universal benchmark for women's rights and gender equality - no country has achieved equality for women and girls.

We should, however, celebrate achievements towards gender equality. More women and girls access education, awareness and action against gender-based violence is increasing, and we are closer to realising women's and girls' rights. Still, progress is fragile. Globally, changing political climates bring unacceptable pushback against women's and girls' rights. Such regression is detrimental to all, harming women and girls, preventing communities' sustainable development, and placing artificial limits on economies. Ultimately, a critical combination of a lack of political will, inaction and inadequate funding has caused uneven progress on the 12 Critical Areas of Concern.

SI and ZI are advocating for the same things now as 25 years ago. It cannot take another 25 years to make the vision of the Beijing Platform for Action a reality.

Connecting the Beijing Platform for Action and the 2030 Agenda

The 2030 Agenda saw global agreement that gender equality is both an outcome and means of encouraging sustainable development. The interconnected nature of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) means gender equality (SDG5) is fundamental to the achievement of all goals. Importantly, the 2030 Agenda and SDGs and the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action are complementary. Efforts to achieve one supports progress on the other. Significantly, the language in SDG7 and SDG5 emphasizes the importance of the 12 Critical Areas of Concern; the language contained within these commitments cannot be diluted.

Alongside efforts to inform the public about the Sustainable Development Goals and support the private sector and other stakeholders with implementation, equivalent efforts must be made with the Beijing Platform for Action, acknowledging their mutually reinforcing relationship. Young people are passionate about sustainable development and gender equality, yet many remain unaware of the Beijing Platform for Action. All stakeholders have a role in addressing the 12 Critical Areas of Concern; however, effective action requires knowledge and

government support. Merely pay lip service to the Beijing Platform for Action commitments has never been enough; now is the time for action not rhetoric.

Education

Despite significant progress on girls' and women's participation in quality education, education and training is difficult to access in many situations. Those living in poverty or with low incomes, migrants, and those in conflict situations or unsafe and rural areas all face disproportionate barriers to accessing lifelong, high-quality education. Education remains essential for gender equality and sustainable development. It contributes to the autonomy, self-sustainability, and economic and social empowerment of women and girls. It is a highly effective tool for alleviating poverty for individuals and communities. Yet too often women and girls do not equally benefit from education, preventing them from realising their potential. Furthermore, in places where women are on average *more qualified* than men, their educational achievements are not translated into equal pay, promotions or leadership positions in the workplace. Education should include gender awareness training to avoid perpetuating gender inequality.

These actions and strategies will support girls and women of all ages to have full and equal access to education:

- Education services should be extended to women and girls who are migrants, refugees, internally displaced persons or unaccompanied minors, including those in transit and in refugee camps. Sufficient funding must be allocated to these specialised services.
- Children not receiving appropriate, quality education must be identified and provided with alternative schooling so they can catch up with their peers and reintegrate into the education system.
- Policies promoting access to education should also promote lifelong access to vocational training and non-formal education to benefit girls and women of all ages.
- To promote women's equal access and participation in STEAM subjects, gender sensitive interventions should be used.
- All educational environments and associated facilities must be made safe for women and girls to enable full and equal participation.
- Safe, inclusive and accessible transportation must be made available to all those attending school.
- Provide girls and school staff with practical information, sanitary products and private and safe water, sanitation and hygiene facilities to decrease absenteeism and help girls manage menstruation in a healthy, safe and dignified manner.
- Gender awareness training must be included in all professional training, including for education professionals.
- Eliminate or reduce school fees and hidden costs of education, such as requirements to buy essential school resources or uniforms, that create barriers to entry.

Gender-based Violence

Gender-based violence remains one of the most significant barriers to achieving gender equality. Violence prevents women and girls from being equal participants in society at every level. Violence against women and girls is a fundamental human rights issue and a central sustainable development challenge. Intimate partner violence, child marriage, female genital mutilation, sexual violence, and other forms of gender-based violence are at epidemic proportions. With a third of all women having experienced physical or sexual violence, concerted action to combat gender-based violence is urgently needed; progress towards the Beijing Platform for Action commitments to reduce rates of gender-based violence has been unacceptably slow.

To combat gender-based violence, SI and ZI offer the following recommendations:

- Take immediate action to make all forms of violence against women and girls illegal under criminal and human rights law. This includes legislating against female genital mutilation, domestic violence, rape, trafficking, psychological abuse and other acts that causes physical, sexual or psychological harm as defined in the Istanbul Convention.
- Develop, fund and implement national-level plans to end child marriage.
- Provide training and support to all those who interact with and assist victims of violence so they can better recognise, understand and respond to all forms of violence against women.
- Dedicate specific resources to essential services for women and their families escaping violent situations. Services requiring increased support include women's refuges, healthcare services, legal aid, social services, and education institutions.
- Include community leaders, and men and boys, in efforts to eradicate violence against women and girls.
- Recognise and support NGOs and civil society as key contributors to providing essential services to women and girls and as organisations that lead on approaches to eliminate gender-based violence.

Human Rights

With changing political climates, women's and girls' rights, and women human rights defenders are at risk. These rights are essential legal tools for achieving gender equality and the Beijing Platform for Action. Human rights processes facilitate accountability and address power imbalances. Women's human rights defenders play an essential role in realising the rights of women; it is vital that these women and their efforts are supported and protected, not attacked. The following recommendations support the realisation of women's rights as a critical dimension of gender equality:

- All states should ratify, remove all reservations and implement and participate in international human rights instruments, including CEDAW and its Optional Protocols and the Universal Periodic Review. Implementation must include transformation: incorporating international law into national legislation, policies and decision-making.
- Human rights-based approaches should be taken in all Beijing Platform for Action implementation efforts.

- Women and girls must be equipped with knowledge of their rights and the legal protections available to them.

Policy Administration for Gender Equality

Progress towards achieving gender equality as envisioned by the Beijing Platform for Action will continue to be slow without effective approaches to implementation. Guidelines on implementation methodologies and approaches that expedite the achievement of gender equality should be available to all stakeholders and included in National Action Plans. These guidelines should take into account the interconnectivity of the Beijing Platform for Action and the Sustainable Development Goals, and include:

- A requirement to include women at all levels of decision making and leadership.
- Advice on using gender mainstreaming across all policies and programmes.
- Guidance on using gender budgeting as a means to deploy resources more efficiently and effectively to achieve gender equality.
- A requirement to develop accountability mechanisms that ensure that those making decisions and implementing policies are answerable to women and girls who the policies endeavour to benefit.
- Guidelines on collecting qualitative and quantitative data, disaggregating data, and gender-sensitive monitoring and evaluation.

Conclusion

The world has changed rapidly since the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action was agreed in 1995. However, this agenda remains powerfully relevant today, especially in the context of renewed action on achieving gender equality prompted by the 2030 Agenda. We must all adjust our efforts to achieve the 12 Critical Areas of Concern in light of the current international context. Climate change and natural disasters disproportionately affect women. Austerity measures adopted after the global financial crisis also have unique effects on girls, women and their families. Migration, especially due to conflict, political instability, economic strife, disasters and climate change, exacerbates existing vulnerabilities and puts women and girls at risk. The Beijing Platform for Action directly addresses these challenges through the Critical Areas of Concern “Women and the Environment” and “Women in Conflict”, among others. This agenda bolsters the Sustainable Development Goals and continues to provide a comprehensive road map for the achievement of gender equality.

The interconnectivity between the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the 2030 Agenda and Sustainable Development Goals simultaneously offers challenges and benefits to the implementation of efforts to achieve gender equality and women’s empowerment. Challenges include assessing, planning, implementing and evaluating actions taken to realise gender equality. However, the advantage is that the best actions could have a dramatic impact, expediting the achievement of women’s empowerment and gender equality. Getting it right now means we should not have to wait another 25 years to achieve gender equality.



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Zonta Club of Denver Hershey Endowed Scholarship

Although I have already written a personal thank you note to Nikki Headlee, I want still want to take this opportunity to thank you (and all for this generosity! It helps so much as I pursue the Master of Social Work.

As a very busy single mom of four (three of whom are still minors living at home), the demands of the MSW program are significant. The program requires that, in addition to all of the coursework, students complete internships that are 20 hours per week. It is very demanding. Being awarded a scholarship helps to relieve the pressure, and helps me keep student loan debt at a minimum. I am very grateful, and I want you to know that I will most definitely pay this forward when the time is right for that.

This article may be of interest to you all. <https://insider.msudenver.edu/running-the-road-out-of-darkness/>

I will continue to put my best effort into being a successful student as I prepare myself to further serve the community. Blessings to all of you!

Maria Coppersmith-Buschman

Zonta Club of Denver Hershey Endowed Scholarship

Angela Ortiz

I feel like I can not express my gratitude enough for selecting me as one of the recipients of your scholarships. Receiving this additional financial support has changed my life for the better, which means I am able to provide for my son with more stability and confidence. THANK YOU!!! Today is my birthday and I feel extremely lucky to have your support.

Zonta Club of Denver Hershey Endowed Scholarship

Charlene West

I want to extend my gratitude for the donors of this scholarship. Being a single mother in college and working is not an easy task. It is so refreshing and reassuring when there are others that recognize this and offer their assistance in any way that they can. This scholarship will help ease my mind and allow me to focus on attaining my degree and being the best mother I can be to my son. I am so appreciative of this scholarship and want to thank you for your generosity.

Zonta Club of Denver Hershey Endowed Scholarship

Jennifer Plack

Zonta Club of Denver Hershey Endowed Scholarship,

I would like to tell you thank you very much for choosing me as a recipient of your scholarship. I was very surprised and happy when I received notification about being honored with this scholarship. It has been such a big help for me. Since money is very tight for me, being a single mother, it has helped more then I can say. I have been working most diligently to learn all I can in the MSW program here at MSU Denver. I am very excited to continue learning and working toward my masters degree in social work. Thank you again for the honor of receiving your scholarship. I will continue to strive and do my best to finish with top honors. I know that someday soon, because of your help, I will be a social worker and able to help those in need. Thanks again.

Warmly,
Jennifer Plack