

Smoke Signal



Fall Shopping Spree is Here!

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The Fall Shopping Spree is almost here! We have 30 vendors participating this year along with several more on a waiting list. They are:

- Creative Memories
- Arbonne Swiss Cosmetics
- Tupperware
- Pampered Chef
- Mary Kay
- Discovery Toys
- Homemade Gourmet
- UNICEF
- Grasshopper Tango Designs

- Mile High Jewelry
- Timberline Toffee
- Destiny Designs
- Front Range Potters
- Idea Women
- Shaklee
- Indian Hills Mercantile
- Princess House Crystal
- Tomboy Tools
- Partylite Candles
- Weekenders
- Lillian Leanne (Children's Décor)
- Southwestern Accents
- Sunrise Art Works

- Women's Bean Project
- Another Glassterpiece (Purses & Watercolors)
- Silpada Jewelry
- Nicholas Blankets & Gifts
- Pagochea Caribbean Hot Sauce
- Laotian Scarves

Be sure to invite all your friends, family, and neighbors to this event by sending out the invitations and posting the flyers that were in the packets distributed at the September dinner meeting or mailed to your home. We need all club members to participate by staffing one of the Zonta tables, providing a make or bake item, and selling raffle tickets.

This year's event is sure to be great fun, and a big money-maker for the club. See you on the 7th and 8th!

November Meeting Moved!!!

The November meeting will be held on the 1st Thursday of the month due to The National Samaritan Award Dinner on the 2nd Thursday of the Month.

Joint fellow Zontians honoring Margaret Fomer at the National Samaritan Award ceremony at Denver Marriott City Center on Thursday Nov 10th. Reception

6:15 with dinner following at 7:00 pm. Cost: \$55 per Zonta member (\$205 per couple)

Please contact Jacki Sammons if you plan to attend. Checks can be sent to:
The Samaritan Institute;
2696 S Colorado Blvd, Ste 380;
Denver, CO 80222
and mention "Zonta Table"

Special points of interest:

- Summary of Member survey from February 2005
- District Conference Information.....registration forms in Call to conference or available at the August meeting.



President Linda's October Message...

The ideals of Zonta were in the air in Boulder during the 54th Annual District 12 Conference. What a fabulous opportunity to meet members from other clubs and find out how they advance the status of women through service, fundraising and increasing membership.

International Vice President Beryl Sten from Sweden is a delightful lady who attended the entire conference. She delivered our International President Mary Ellen Bittner's remarks via power point. The Presentation included all the areas Zonta International takes part in on our behalf. She gave us great detail on the international service projects:

Fighting trafficking of women in Bosnia-Herzegovina, working in Afghanistan to create the Afghan Institute of Learning and Health Care and education and vaccination against maternal and neonatal tetanus, and creating Mata Masu Dubara(Women on the Move) to fight the aids epidemic in Africa. Our international service projects are a great tool in recruiting new members to Zonta so is good for us to be able to list them easily when speaking to others about Zonta.

At the District level the news was fantastic. Evie Ashmore was elected treasurer for the 2006-2008 Biennium and Diane Twinning was elected Area 3 Vice Director!!!! Congratulations and thank you to these talented and tireless examples of professional, giving Denver Zontians.

The presentation of the Zontian of the Year is always exciting and this year's winner is a shining example. And was she surprised! It is a surprise to you too! Come to the meeting to see who it is.

The membership breakout presented

by Lt. Governor Bev Morrow painted a less inspiring picture. Membership has dropped from 33,320 in 2002 to 32,689 in 2005. District 12 had 719 members last years and the number is no at 643. The 1.8% decline internationally is overshadowed by the 10.5% decrease at the district level. Our club lost 5 of our 41 members for a 12.1% decline.

As a club we set a goal of increasing membership beyond 41. At the June dinner meeting we all nodded in agreement that each member would recruit 1 new member before January 31. This is a great time of year to recruit members for clubs. People are settling in for the rest of the year and looking at their personal goals. Those who feel very busy now through the holidays will commit to visiting once now and joining in January. The one missing ingredient is your invitation. And remember marketing experts say it takes at least 3 attempts to get your prospect to make a positive decision. So mention Zonta to your friends all the time. Let them know what fun you had at your last Zonta meeting or service project. Ask them to join all the time. And ask them to our Fall Shopping Spree Fundraiser October 7 and 8.

Zonta International wants us to increase our awareness of Stem Cell Research. It has a large impact on women, their bodies and their choices. Janell Will of the Douglas County club is a former member of our club and daughter of our member, Delores Lowrey. Janell put a very informative power point presentation regarding the facts of Stem Cell Research. Look for more information to come from International.

CEDAW (Conference on Ending Discrimination Against Women.) is another topic of interest to Zonta

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Board of Directors Meetings:

Zonta Club of Denver 2005-2006

Board of Director's Meetings

The board will be meeting at President Linda Rhea's home on the 4th Thursday of each month.

- October 27th
- November 17th
- December
- January 26th
- February 23rd
- March 23rd
- April 27th
- May 25th

Thank You Again!
Thanks to the club for the airline certificate I was given as Zontian of the Year last year...I used it for my trip to Brazil!
Cynthia Herndon

October Birthdays

- Bobbie Razee—5th
- Joetta Williams—23rd
- Dottie Jenkins—24th
- Dolores Lowry—26th
- Susan Davenport—28th

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International. The District 12 experts are our own Evie Ashmore and Kay Meyer of Boulder. Their presentation was very informative. The countries that have not ratified CEDAW are United States, Brunei, Tonga, Somalia, Sudan, Qatar, Palau, Oman, Nauru, Marshall Islands, Iran, and Holy See. This is a list we need to get off.

Last but certainly not least, thanks to everyone who helped at the conference on our behalf. Fundraising Committee members spent hours at the Zonta store: Sheila Davis, Cynthia Herndon, Judy Allen, Mandy Ziegler, Diane Twining and many more. The stir sticks were very cute and the stationary was looked wonderful. The decals turned out great. Support for Imagination Library was also generated. We sponsored the Remem-

brance Service. Julie Bradley did a beautiful job on the program and Mary Benoit was a gracious hostess making sure the candles, roses and room set up were in order. Thank you all!!!! As Evie always reminds us: together we can do so much.

I hope I gave you a flavor of the content of the District Conference. We will give you a flavor of the fun at the October meeting where we celebrate Marjorie Pickett's 50 years in Zonta. Remember to bring your white gloves and dress in the feel of the 50s. The ladies were very elegant in the 50s for their business meetings and all of you add elegance to the world.

"A better world for women is a better world"

*Mary Ellen Bittner,
Zonta International President*

Linda

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

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

October General Meeting

When: Thursday, October 13th

Where: Sheridan Four Points Hotel
I-25 and Hampden Ave.

Time: 5:30 p.m. social hour; 6:00 p.m. dinner

Cost: \$25.00

Invocation: Nikki Headlee

Greeter: Nancy Koontz & Evie Ashmore

Program: Sue Anne Flaherty

Sue Anne talks of her years in foreign service in China, Korea, and elsewhere. What is it like living in a foreign country, How are the people "women" treated, etc....

Please RSVP to Cathy Conley at 303-691-6926 (home) or 720-249-5889 (work) and leave a message. Remember—you must make your reservation by Monday, October 10th at noon. If you are on permanent reservation list you must call to cancel by noon Monday.

You are Invited!

UN60 Luncheon/Reception
Mon, Oct 24th (UN Day)
U of D Ritchie Center
"Gottesfeld Room"
\$25 per person
Reservations:
www.blacktie-colorado.com/rsvp

Menu

Spring Mixed Greens with
Crumbled Goat Cheese
Pecans & Raspberry Vinaigrette

Couscous with Sea Scallops,
Vegetables, Cilantro & mint

NY Style Cheesecake with Strawberry Compote

Upcoming Service Opportunities

The Gathering Place Lunch

Need: 1 or more to serve lunch 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Ronald McDonald House Dinner

Third Monday each month through Dec. 2006



Please remember that our Zonta Club of Denver is registered with the Bonfils Blood Center as a donor group. We will get recognition in the Bonfils printed list of donors. Please give our registration number of **5675** or mention Zonta when asked if we are donating in the name of a group.

Bonfils website (www.bonfils.org) has information about blood drives, donor centers, eligibility, recipient stories and how to make appointments. If you have questions about eligibility, please call 303/363-2202.

SERVICE HOURS TRACKING – Important...Really!

Kathy Hyzer and Myrna Rivera have kindly offered to keep us all keep on track for our service hours. They will be sending info via email concerning our volunteer commitments and service hours tracking and making phone calls as necessary. Please help us to keep on top of this. I understand, with all of our giving natures that we don't always keep track of the time we generously give, but please get in the habit of noting volunteer time, meeting time and other volunteer time that might be usable for our club. If you have questions about what you can utilize, please contact Beth Mundell at bdiva53@earthlink.net. I will still bring the paper tracking sheets to monthly meetings, but feel free to email instead if that works better for you! **THE IMPORTANT PART IS TO KEEP TRACK!**

Thanks Myrna and Kathy, and thanks to all of you who have been sending me hours!

SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Service/Status of Women committee is meeting this month to review grant applications, make site visits and to determine who we will be supporting with a grant this next year in 2006.

GRANTS FOR 2005-2006

RFP's for grants mailed out....the committee is busy looking at

- The Conflict Center
- Rape Assistance and Awareness Program
- Work Options for Women
- Day of Caring
- Women's Bean Project
- Hope Communities
- Excelsior Youth Centers
- Center for Work Education and Employment
- Samaritan Counseling Center
- Rocky Mountain Parents as Teachers
- Providence Network
- Damen Project
- Mi Casa Resource Center for Women
- The Women's Wilderness Institute
- Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic
- The Bennie E. Goodwin Educational Foundation
- The Cherubim Foundation
- The Salvation Army
- Northeast Women's Center
- The Delores Project
- The Lighthouse Project
- Smart Girl, Inc.
- The TAME Foundation, Inc.

The members of Zonta Club of Denver are committed to the support and well-being of our community, our club, and ourselves, by improving the status of women and children and upholding the Objects of Zonta International.

ZONTA CLUB OF DENVER MISSION STATEMENT
(Adopted Nov, 13, 1997)

Fund Raising Committee ..

****Fall Shopping Spree****

Report on how things went in the next Smoke Signal. The venue was much better and we had more shoppers...we will see!!

Imagination Library

Imagination Library is on a tear. To date, we have registered 91 kids. The first books will be delivered in October. In addition, many of the siblings of these children were signed up. An additional 49 were picked up last week. We did enrollment at back-to-school events where parents attended. Some of the sites had far less than 100% participation at those nights. We left applications for those parent who were unable to attend. What a great job this committee has done:

- * Great work by Sheila Becker and Robin Forti to get something together for District. We collected two \$27 donations (funds two kids) and several wanted to sign up grandkids. Two children paid for by grandparents, etc., will fund one child within the 80205 zip. The booth will be up and running at our fund raiser.
- * Myrna Rivera has taken charge of the database and input all these children. In addition her ability to speak Spanish has been invaluable to sign ups.
- * Robin has done a great job coordinating the project and being the liaison with Imagination Library

Please give a hearty thank you to these new members who have taken the ball and run with it.

Thanks to Margaret Fomer, Linda Corssmit, Kathy Hyzer, Sheila Becker, Myrna Rivera, Robin Forti, and Nikki Headlee for going to the Head Start sites and enrolling the kids. All the parents were very excited and appreciative. If I've missed one of the volunteers, forgive me. Please remember to report these hours to Beth.

Sheila Becker has agreed to head up the fund raising portion (paying for the additional kids) and will be aided by Margaret, Robin, Kathy, and Nikki.

Last but never least, Kathy Hyzer will coordinate with post offices for returned books.

Nikki Headlee

Membership Committee

Listed below are those members who signed up for duties of invocation or greeters. If you are interested please contact Julie Bradley to sign up.

Month	Invocation	Greeter
Oct	Nikki Headlee	Nancy Koontz Evie Ashmore
Nov	Diane Twining	Dolores Lowery
Dec	Jacki Sammons	Mary Benoit Sheila Davis
Jan		
Feb	Dolores Lowery	Diane Twining Kate Linscott
March	Mary Benoit	Cynthia Hern-don
April	Kathy Hyzer	Sheila Davis
May	Evie Ashmore	
June		

Need Business Cards??

Contact Julie at 720-841-7728 or julieqbradley@comcast.net

Membership would like to remind everyone that there is a potential member around every corner—you just have to look. Do you know a professional (man or woman) who is interested in service to the community and the world at large?

Who do you know who is interested in the mission of Zonta? We should be interest ed in them!



Convention 2006 Melbourne, Australia



24-29
June



action alert

September 26—October 14

The UN Division for the Advancement of Women will host a three-week online discussion on violence against women. View the discussion or pre-register to participate by visiting:



Ww.un.org/womenwatch/daw/vaw/discussion.html

October 24 & 25th

9 pm et/pt



Lifetime Television for Women will air the original miniseries, Human Trafficking, starring Mira Sorvino and Donald Sutherland. The four-hour series is an uncompromising drama about the brutal realities behind the international trafficking of women for sex and the battle to rescue its victims enslaved in America.

November 25—December 10

Join Zonta in the global campaign 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violent. This year's campaign focuses on Violence Against Women and HIV/AIDS



Important Dates	
Call to Convention	September 2005
Early Registration	Before Saturday, 1 April 2006
Accommodation Deadline	Before Monday, 15 May 2006



Have you gotten your Zontian?? Included in the Zontian is the registration information for Convention 2006!

Join thousands of Zontians around the Globe!



23,000 members registered by **OUR GOAL** Convention 2006 (hosted by District 23)

Zonta Clubs that achieve 100% registration on Zonta's website will see their names on the International Web site and receive special recognition at the Melbourne Convention.

Zonta Clubs Making the Connection with 100% member registration!

- * Marquette Area, Michigan, USA
- * Bundaberg, Queensland, Australia
- * Taipei I, Taiwan
- * Taichung, Taiwan
- * Tainan Charming, Taiwan
- * San Antonio, Texas, USA

Web site Registration



Zonta Club of Denver General Meeting Minutes September 8th

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm.

Julie Bradley described the Salvation Army's efforts to help the 350 Hurricane Katrina victims housed at Lowry, including food, clothing, rental housing and jobs. The original one-month commitment has been extended to six months. Julie noted that 100% of donations to the Katrina relief fund go to programs. Julie Bradley provided the invocation.

Guests: Bonnie Seligson of the Tame Foundation attended as the guest of Beth Mundell.

Program: Diane Twining and Judy McNerny conducted the program on ways to attract and keep new members. Members brainstormed ideas and shared them with the group.

Minutes: *August minutes were approved as printed in the Smoke Signal.*

Treasurer: Judy Allen distributed the proposed budget. The Membership Committee has asked for money to recruit new members. Nikki Headlee made a motion that any member who goes to the District and/or Area Conference within a year of joining be reimbursed in full for registration fees. Sheila Davis seconded, and the motion carried. Judy Allen will amend the budget to reflect the additional expenses, and the budget was approved as amended.

Service: Beth Mundell distributed guidelines for reporting service hours. Qualified organizations are those that have been approved by the club, to which the club has given a grant, or which members serve as a group. In addition, members may apply to the Service Committee for approval of organizations that improve the status of women and children, in keeping with the club's mission. Requests for grant applications have been mailed. Beth distributed a list of recipients. Robin Forti reported the Imagination Library Committee has signed 80 children. The committee is trying to get a meeting and photo op with Dolly Parton when she's in town October 6th.

Membership: Julie Bradley handed out Zonta business cards she made for each club member. She also distributed the new directories. Julie suggested that Christmas giving be aimed at the Teen Moms program in place of Adopt-a-Family. Hats and gloves are suggested for next month's general meeting, when we will celebrate Marjorie Pickett's 50th anniversary as a Zontian. The November meeting has been moved to Thursday the 3rd, as Margaret Fomer will be presented with an award on November 10th. Tickets for the award dinner are \$150 per person. Margaret's husband will subsidize 50% of the ticket price for club members. Julie and

Cathy Conley have more information.

Fundraising: Sheila Davis displayed items that will be for sale at the District 12 Conference and the Fall Shopping Spree. Mary Benoit had Zonta note cards available for sale at the meeting; they'll also be sold at District. Eighteen vendors have signed for the Fall Shopping Spree. Joetta Williams will take names of potential vendors, who may sign up until September 30th. Members are asked to contribute to the Make-or-Bake table, and to sign up for shifts at the event. Cynthia Herndon has sent out 400 invitations. Julie will send out e-mailable invitations, and each member received a packet of flyers to post locally. Signs and newsletter ads will go out closer to the event. The raffle license has been delayed due to a missing report from last year's raffle. The license should be in hand by the end of September for District. Raffle results will be announced at the Christmas Party.

President: President Linda Rhea reported that the club has received a Certificate of Recognition as an "inspiring face of international Colorado" from UNICEF. There will be a luncheon for honorees Monday, October 24th, United Nations Day. The Salvation Army has invited representatives from ZCD to a reception Tuesday, September 20th in recognition of support.

Old Business: Diane Twining displayed Zonta window decals, which are a joint project with the Zonta Foothills Club of Boulder. They will be sold on the District 12 and Zonta International websites. Any profits will go to the membership budget.

Announcements:

- * Mandy Ziegler read an excerpt for the book I Told the Mountain to Move by Patricia Raybon. The passage spoke highly of the Zonta Chapel at University Hospital.
- * Mary Benoit announced that Great Harvest Bread Company will open this Sunday, with all income going to Hurricane Katrina relief.
- * Bell ringing for the Salvation Army is scheduled for Saturday, December 3rd.
- * The Santa Claus Shop will be December 14th through the 17th, with work sessions prior to those dates.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Corssmit, Secretary

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Improving the status of women worldwide



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

Sept 29—Oct	District 12 Conference (in Boulder at Broker	Nov 17th	Board Meeting at Linda Rhea's house 5:30 pm
Oct 4th	Membership Committee at Cathy Conley's	Nov 21st	Ronald McDonald House Dinner
Oct 7th	Let's Party 10 am—7pm at First Plymouth Congregational Church Colorado Blvd & Hampden	Nov 25th	Smoke Signal Deadline
Oct 8th	Let's Party 9 am—4 pm at First Plymouth Congregational Church Colorado Blvd & Hampden	Dec 3rd	Ring Bells at Park Meadows Mall
Oct 13th	General Membership Meeting	Dec 6th	Fundraising Committee at Sheila Davis's house 5:30 pm
Oct 17th	Ronald McDonald House Dinner	Dec 8th	Holiday Party at the Brown Palace Hotel 6 pm
Oct 18th	Area 3 President's Meeting	Dec 19th	Ronald McDonald House Dinner
Oct 27th	Board Meeting at Linda Rhea's house 5:30 pm	Dec 23rd	Smoke Signal Deadline
Oct 28th	Smoke Signal Deadline	Jan 12th	General Membership—Work Meeting making Baby Blankets for Teen Moms
Nov 1st	Fund Raising Committee at Sheila Davis's house	Jan 16th	Ronald McDonald House Dinner
Nov 3rd	General Membership Meeting *** 1st Thurs-	Jan 26th	Zonta Board Meeting at Linda Rhea's house
Nov 8th	Zonta International's Birthday!	Jan 27th	Smoke Signal Deadline
Nov 10th	Samaritan Award dinner honoring Margaret	Feb 9th	General Membership—Grant Recipients
		Feb 20th	Ronald McDonald House Dinner
		Feb 23rd	Zonta Board Meeting