



Smoke Signal

44 for '08



Open House

The Open House was a success! Six potential members attended, each of whom would be an asset to our Club. The committee will invite all to attend a future Club meeting and we hope at least a few of the six will decide to join.

Thanks to all who suggested names for our guest list, brought food, beverages, roses, punch bowls, etc., attended the open house, and/or helped to meet, greet, set up and clean up. (Special thanks to Dorothy Swindt for lining up the lovely Three Fountains clubhouse for us to use, and to Jennifer Koeller, a member since June, 2007, who brought two guests, twice as many any other member!) It was a Club effort, not just a committee effort, and the success belongs to us all.

Mentors

Keeping current members is our foremost goal Would you like the opportunity to be a mentor to a new member of our Club? If so, and you didn't sign up at the September meeting, please call or e-mail Judy or Joetta. This is your chance to really get to know one of our newest "radiant, loyal, honest and trustworthy" members, and to share your enthusiasm for Zonta!

Remember, the more members we have, the more good things we can do for women in need of a helping hand.

Guests

Did you just remember someone who would make a great member? It's not too late! The Club will pay the cost of a dinner for any potential member you bring to a meeting. Just make a reservation for your guest and let Cathy Conley know he or she is a potential member. (We're still hunting for that first good male member!)

Christmas Party

December is the season of sharing. Share your spouse, significant other, mother or best friend with your Zonta friends at the annual Christmas party on Tuesday, December 11 at the Lakewood Country Club. If this isn't on your calendar yet, please add it now – this is the one glorious "meeting" with no meeting, just fun!

Programs

Ideas needed! Programs for the 2008 meetings are needed. If you have a speaker to propose, or just a topic you would like to be the subject of a program, let any committee member know. We may not be able to use all suggestions, but when is too many good ideas a bad thing?

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Special Points of Interest this month!

- Fund Raising for 2007-2008

President Nikki's October Message...

Summer has flown by so very quickly. Time seems only to fly by faster the more mature we get. That also means the Zonta year flies by faster than we would like. The first part of our Zonta fiscal year seems always to be busy as we get committees up and running and work toward completion of the goals that we set at the beginning in June.

A very important project is always the Open House for New and Prospective Members. Once again, Judy McNerny and the Membership Committee created a fabulous event on September 19th. We had guests who were brought by one of our newest members as well as those brought by long-standing members. The food, as is always the case, was wonderful. More wonderful, though, was the great energy that ran through the room. My guess is that we will easily meet the goal put forth by the Membership Committee of 10% growth. But, just as important as acquiring new members, is retaining our longer standing members. Feeling useful and valued is a key to retention. We are working hard toward that goal. But, if there are any of you who don't feel useful and valued, please communicate that to me. Building a successful organization takes open and honest communication between members and their Board.

Sometimes it may seem to many of you that our standing committees are not really doing anything. That feeling may come because you are not hearing reports. So, I thought you'd like to know that the Long-Range Planning Committee met this past week. You, the members approved that plan at our August meeting. Our goal at this point was to measure our progress to date and to make sure that we were working

toward implementing and achieving all the objectives and that none would fall by the way side. Every aspect of that plan is being worked on. The committee will not meet again until next April when they will again review progress and report.



The By-Laws Committee has met and gotten a good start on updating our By-Laws and Standing Rules, an onerous task to be sure. They will have their full report sometime in the beginning of the year.

Last year's Audit Committee has successfully completed the audit, another onerous annual task.

The new Archiving Committee will meet in October to start the project of transferring pertinent Club history and data to CDs and/or flash drives. This will eliminate the need for a storage unit to physically hold all that "stuff." Sheila Davis and I can verify that there is a lot of "stuff."

Those are the highlights of our progress.

Hope to see all of you at our very special October meeting where we will be hosting the Teen Moms from Denver Kids at Linda Rhea's Good Sheppard church. Products from the Women's Bean Project will be used for dinner. Hats off to the Service Committee for such a creative idea!

Nikki

FYI

Myrna has updated the Service Projects on our Web Site and included links to our recipients where possible.

Board of Directors Meetings:

**Zonta Club of Denver
2007-2008**

Board of Directors

(rotating at various board members' homes)

October 25

November 15

December 27

January 24

February 21

March 20

April 24

May 22

Happy Birthday to our October Birthday girls



Joetta Williams—23rd

Dottie Jenkins—24th

Dolores Lowery—26th

October General Meeting

When: Thursday, October 11, 2007
5:15 p.m. Cocktails
 6:00 p.m. dinner

Inspirational

Moment: Cathy Conley
Greeters: Judy McNerny & Beth Mundell

Where: Good Shepherd Catholic Church,
 620 Elizabeth Street

Cost: **\$20.00** (any “profit” on this meeting will be spent on the Teen Moms)

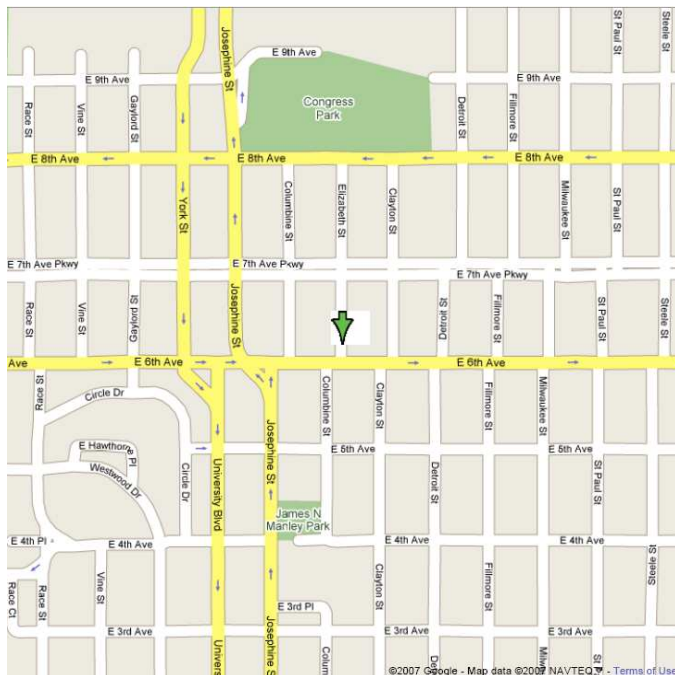
Please RSVP to: Cathy Conley at 303-691-6926 (hm) or 303-444-4491 ext 113 (wk) and leave a message. (or email at cathryn.conley@ge.com. Remember, you must reserve your seat by **noon, Mon., Oct 6th**

Program:

Essie Garrett and some of the Teen Moms will be our guests. Essie will share some of her life struggles and experience, and how she became a long-distance runner, with us and the Teen Moms.

Menu:

- Women’s Bean Project Chili and Soups
- Corn Bread
- Brownies



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

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

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

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

UPDATE YOUR STATUS ON THE LIST!

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

Permanent Reservation list
 Should your name be listed here?

- Carroll Allen
- Evie Ashmore
- Mary Benoit
- Cathy Conley
- Linda Corssmit
- Mindy Craig
- Sheila Davis
- Pam Dumonceau
- Robin Forti Jennings
- Essie Garrett
- Nikki Headlee
- Deb Heckart
- Cynthia Herndon
- Dottie Jenkins
- Jennifer Koeller
- Susan Leibsly
- Kate Linscott

- Nancy Long
- Amanda Megill
- Judy McNerny
- Wendy Moraskie
- Beth Mundell
- Marjorie Pickett
- Linda Rhea
- Robin Smith
- Dorothy Swindt
- Diane Twining
- Joetta Williams

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Membership Continued...

Membership Committee 2007-2008 Goals and Plan

(inadvertently omitted from the last Smoke Signal)

Objectives for 2007-2008 club year:

1. Achieve a 10% net increase in membership
2. Retain all members who have joined during the past two club years
3. Recruit at least 2 new members from occupations or classifications not already represented in club membership
4. Increase members' commitment, engagement and participation

Plan:

1. Arrange an early fall open house
2. Publicize the open house among members starting immediately
3. Develop mentoring goals
4. Develop procedure for 'New Z' sub-committee
5. Develop, implement and communicate to members recruitment and retention ideas
6. Engage the Board/LRPC/past governors in creating an interesting and informative program for open house
7. Engage the Board/LRPC/past governors in creating interesting and informative "Zonta minutes" for each meeting
8. Plan at least 3 fellowship (could be related to service or fund-raising, such as coffee after a service project) events during the club year
9. Consider ways to increase the number of spouses and other guests that members invite to attend the Christmas party

Indicators:

1. Achieve objectives 1-3 above
2. Fund-raising goals are met
3. Member participation in service projects increases

ZONTA CLUB OF DENVER MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY AND BEYOND (Corrections)

Okay, nobody is perfect. (But don't you like the table of contents?)

Page 2-Dorothy Swindt is a member of both the Membership Committee and the Fund-Raising Committee

Page 9-Liz Cameron's work phone number is (303) 297-7398

Page 20-Mandy Ziegler's e-mail address is mandy.ziegler@comcast.net (dot between mandy and ziegler)

Please report other errors, and changes, to Judy McNerny

Zonta Club of Douglas County

Rock Around the Clock

! Sock Hop !

Sat, Nov 3rd @ Kirk Hall, Douglas Co. Fairgrounds

For tickets contact

- Valerie Holden (303-841-5703)
- Janell Will (303-667-4309)
- Mary Lou Edwards (303-688-9787)

Fundraiser & Breast Cancer Awareness



Quarterly financials will be available at the October meeting. If you cannot attend and want a statement, please call Mandy Ziegler for a copy. Ask and ye shall receive.

Service Committee

Grant applications have all been received, and the committee meets October 1st to vote.

Thanks to those who donated to the Dress for Success collection. Your items will have new life and help some less fortunate women develop new lives for themselves.

The October general meeting will be held at Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 620 Elizabeth Street, Denver 80206. Social time starts at 5:15. The church is just north of 6th Avenue, and east of Josephine, which goes north from University at Cherry Creek shopping center. We will be hosting several of the DKI Teen Moms to a Women's Bean Project supper, and sending them home with the ingredients to make the same meal. Our own Essie Garrett has graciously agreed to be the speaker. Cost of the dinner will be \$20.

The Delores Project dinners will begin October 13th, a Saturday. We'll be feeding 55 women in emergency and transitional housing their evening meal. DP's new, permanent facility is light and airy, and has a big kitchen area. Linda Rhea is coordinating for October. Look for the sign-up sheet for coming months.

Don't forget that Imagination Library subscriptions make excellent holiday gifts. It's not too early to start planning.

The Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure is Sunday, October 7th. If you don't want to run/walk, you can also "Sleep In for the Cure". More details on this year's event at www.komendenver.org.

Thanks so much for volunteering your time, money, energy and talents to Zonta service projects!

Fund Raising Committee

Theatre Events;

Oct 11th is last day to pay the \$35 for "La Cage Aux Folles" which is scheduled for the Arvada Center on Sat, Nov 17th at 7:30 p.m.

Mary and Steve Benoit are hosting a heavy hors d'oeuvres pot-luck at their home at 5 p.m. that

evening. They live at approx. 80th & Simms, which is north and west of the Arvada Center at 69th & Wadsworth.

There will be a sign up sheet at the Oct 11th Meeting.

The Tickets for "Always Patsy Cline" are available and will be sold on the 11th for \$35 each. This is at the Town Hall Center, 2450 W. Main, in Littleton on Sat. Feb 9, 2008 at 2 p.m. for \$35, change from previous, Barbara got us a discount.

Last event is "Little Shop of Horrors" on Sun, Apr. 27th, 2008. These are \$55.

Raffle Tickets;

Cynthia Herndon & Barbara Pellegren have handed out the allotted raffle tickets to the members. If you need extras, they will available at the Oct 11th meeting. Please turn in the money and tickets stubs of those sold at the Nov meeting. You may bring in any last minute ticket sales to the Dec 11th holiday party—this will be when we draw the winner of the \$1,000 so you need to have your stubs, etc back by then to have them included in the drawing! Remember, tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10.

Gift Bags and Pin holders:

A big thank you to all that have helped with the making of the Gift Bags and Pin Holders. We made 43 bags and 36 pin holders. These will be available for sale at all meetings thru December, bags \$10 and pin holders \$5 to \$8. Then the next time will be the Amelia Earhart Meeting.

SAVE THE DATE THE ZONTA CLUB OF THE PIKES PEAK AREA The Glass Slipper Ball Saturday March 1, 2008

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

Mary Benoit

In Your Thoughts.....

Keep Elaine Gilley, our accountant in your prayers.. Clyde, Elaine's husband has been the hospital since the 24th of August. Last week he went to Rehab he was doing so well and Elaine was quite excited. Sunday he went back to the hospital with pneumonia and a very severe infection in his bowels and is now in isolation, on a different antibiotic. In addition, where the needle from the surgery for the heart bypasses (3) in his neck was leaking and whenever he gets well enough will have to have a skin graft.

Zonta Club of Denver

Presents

Theatre Events - 2007 & 2008

1

"La Cage Aux Folles"

Arvada Center

6901 Wadsworth

Sat. November 17, 2007

7:30 p.m. Cost \$35

Pre-Show Potluck, 5:00 p.m.

Mary Benoit - 7566 Union Ct., Arvada

2

"Always Patsy Cline"

Town Hall Center

2450 W. Main, Littleton

Sat. February 9, 2008

2:00 p.m. Cost \$ 40

After Show Wine and Cheese

3

"Little Shop of Horrors"

Boulder Dinner Theatre

5501 Arapahoe Ave., Boulder

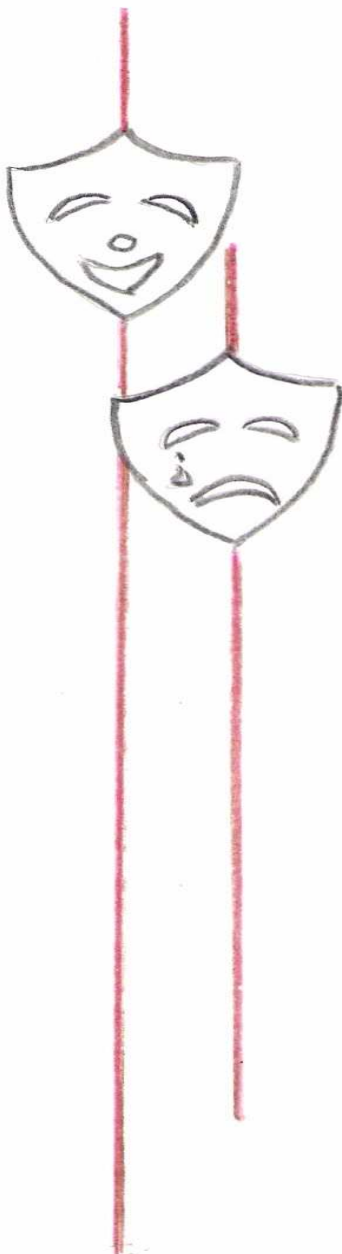
Sun. April 27, 2008

12:15 p.m. Cost \$ 55

Coming Attraction

"Zonta Yellow Rose Tea"

Non Attendance Fundraiser March 6, 2008



Zonta Club of Denver General Meeting Minutes September 13, 2007

President Nikki Headlee called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Guests: Mary Benoit introduced her guest, speaker Carol Lease.

Inspirational Moment: Beth Mundell provided the inspirational moment.

Status of Women: Judy McNerny gave a selection of historical facts from the website of the National Women's History Project regarding the development of legal rights for women in the U.S., including the right to vote.

Word of Dutch: Linda Corssmit offered a few words of Dutch in preparation for the coming ZI Convention in Rotterdam.

Zonta Moment---Foundation: Judy McNerny described statutory changes that may affect the name change from Zonta Denver Service, Inc. to Zonta Club of Denver Foundation.

Program: Carol Lease of The Empowerment Program described services offered by her organization, which include education, employment assistance, housing referrals and support for disadvantaged women. Clients may need help because of HIV/AIDS, homelessness, or involvement in the criminal justice system. The Empowerment Program aims specifically at decreasing rates of recidivism by offering alternatives to choices that may lead to criminal behavior.

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

Treasurer: Mandy Ziegler gave the financial report.

Membership: Volunteers are needed for the September 19th Open House at the Three Fountains clubhouse. The Christmas party will be on December 11th this year, a Tuesday. Cynthia Herndon will pass the "Zonta Rocks" rock to Carroll Allen when she returns from vacation. Linda Rhea reported that the October 11th general meeting will be an event with the DKI Teen Moms at Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 620 Elizabeth Street, Denver 80206. She asked for volunteers to prepare Women's Bean Project products for the meal.

Service: Linda Rhea described the Santa Claus Shop ser-

vice opportunity. She will provide sign-up sheets for volunteers. She also introduced a new service project at the Delores Project. ZCD will provide dinner there the third Sunday of each month. Zontians are invited to the Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic Open House on Tuesday, September 18th.

Fundraising: The committee offered decorated fabric wine bags and pin holders for sale, and distributed flyers for upcoming theater events. Money for tickets to La Cage aux Folles, November 17th at the Arvada Center, is due by October 11th. Cynthia distributed raffle tickets to be sold.

New Business: Diane Twining was announced as Zontian of the Year, and received a gift card. She will also be recognized at the District 12 meetings.

Announcements:

- Mary Benoit has information cards for the National Domestic Violence Hotline.
- Excelsior Youth Center was featured on Good Morning America. Evie Ashmore circulated the newspaper clipping.
- Julie Bradley has offered to print Zonta business cards for those who are interested.
- The Komen Race for the Cure is October 7th. Linda Rhea described ways to support the effort, including donating, walking, or sleeping in for the cure.
- New membership directories were distributed at the meeting. Liz Cameron noted that her correct work number is 303-297-7398. Mandy Ziegler stated that her e-mail is mandy.ziegler@comcast.net.
- The next wine bag sewing session is Monday, September 24th.
- District 12 will meet in Spearfish South Dakota, September 28th through the 30th.

Marjorie Pickett won the door prize.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Corssmit for Secretary Carroll Allen

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Upcoming Calendar Events Save the date!

Oct 7	Komen Race for the Cure	Jan 24	Board Meeting
Oct 11	General Meeting 620 Elizabeth in Denver (Good Sheppard Church) 5:30 pm Last day to pay/reserve for La Cage Aux Follies	Jan 27	Amelia Earhart Dinner at 5 PM at The Soiled Dove (The Tavern @ Lowry)
Oct 13	Delores Project—bring dinner	Feb 9	Always Patsy Cline—Littleton Town Hall Center
Oct 25	Board Meeting	Feb 14	General Meeting at Four Points Hotel 5:30 pm
Nov 3	Douglas County Zonta Sock Hop	Feb 17	Delores Project—bring dinner
Nov 8	General Meeting at Four Points Hotel 5:30 pm Turn in Raffle stubs & money	Feb 21	Board Meeting
Nov 15	Board Meeting	Mar 6	Yellow Rose Tea (non-event)
Nov 17	Theatre: La Cage Aux Follies—Arvada Center	Mar 13	General Meeting at Four Points Hotel 5:30 pm
Nov 18	Delores Project—bring dinner	Mar 16	Delores Project—bring dinner
Dec 11	Holiday Party @ Lakewood Country Club	Mar 20	Board Meeting
Dec 16	Delores Project—bring dinner	Apr 10	General Meeting at Four Points Hotel 5:30 pm
Dec 27	Board Meeting	Apr 24	Board Meeting
Jan 10	General Meeting at Four Points Hotel 5:30 pm	Apr 27	Little Shop of Horrors—Boulder Dinner Theatre
Jan 20	Delores Project—bring dinner	May 8	General Meeting at Four Points Hotel 5:30 pm
		May 22	Board Meeting