



**October Status of Women Month welcomes**

**Sisters of Color United for Education (SCUE)**

Some of you may have not heard of this terrific organization, but they have been working in the community for over 15 years. Their mission statement is “SCUE believes that indigenous communities have the inherent ability to achieve health equity through education, community mobilization and systems change.” This agency embraces values of empowerment, social justice, human rights and respect for differences. SCUE provides underserved, and under-insured, populations with health education supporting physical, mental and spiritual health. They offer the opportunity to be trained to provide service to their communities and families through *promoters of health*, or *promotoras*, with culturally relevant education. Although they are inclusive of both women and men, the following is one representation of their primary focus.

*“Maria, a stay-at-home mom with three children, thought it her wifely duty to have unprotected sex with her husband. She never thought much about the marks on his arms, and never dreamed her own husband was secretly using injection drugs, but he was. A lack of culturally appropriate education on issues such as domestic violence and HIV/AIDS put Maria at risk and she never even knew it. Maria died from AIDS, two years after her husband, leaving her three children orphaned.”*

The lack of proactive health services for women in their community was recognized and SCUE began providing educational and prevention materials offering safe and supportive environments to address sensitive health issues. They then moved to begin developing preventative health programs reflecting traditional Latino cultural values with emphasis on building trusting relationships while recognizing the impact of intergenerational familial relationships within the context of treatment.

**Don’t miss this one!!**

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**Special points of interest:**

Maya Angelou’s Perfect Poem replicated in this issue as it was read at the Sept meeting for the inspirational moment.

## President Judy's Oct Message...



Can you believe that summer is over and 1/3 of our club year is behind us? Two members (Susan Leibsly and Donna Hultin) have resigned. Our only fund-raiser of the year is history . . . I can feel my blood pressure going up!

Steady, girl: Focus on the Positive. That is *Prevention's* fourth step toward wisdom. "Don't waste brain resources on negative thoughts—they drain mental energy."

Okay. My favorite season, autumn, has just begun and we are having truly beautiful days. 2/3 of my term as president lies in the future. I am excited about attending the District Conference on October 3, 4 and 5. I hope to learn some new things, have fun, and take a break from my routine with Zonta

We have recently welcomed two new and enthusiastic members into the club, Krystie Rose Millich and Gayle Erickson-Ash. Krystie Rose has already brought a friend to a meeting and her friend is considering joining the club! Michael Lindsay may soon become our first male member! I hope many of us "old" members will make an effort to get to know Krystie Rose, Gayle, and all new members, welcome them into the club, teach them a thing or two about Zonta, allow their energy to rejuvenate us, and use their new ideas to make us a stronger club.

Although the High Tea was not as well-attended as we would have liked, the Fund-Raising Committee did a wonderful job planning a delightful afternoon! An elegant display of door prizes greeted us at the check-in table; the setting, of course, was perfect; the scones were to die for; and we learned a thing or two about the Brown Palace and Denver history that most of us didn't know before. At the September meeting, the committee collected evaluations from quite a few members about the High Tea so we can figure out what we could have done differently to make it more successful. (A quote I really like is "Failure is success if we learn from it.")

However, I would like all of us to think about whether, as a club, we want to focus our energies on fund-raising, or whether instead we should try to plan a major service project. I don't think any of us feel it would be appropriate for us to come to meetings to socialize, give away the money Edna Jean Hershey and other members have left to us, and call ourselves a service club. But giving money to other organizations is not the only way we can help to improve the status of

women. For example, Carroll Allen read about a New York woman who single-handedly collected thousands of pairs of pajamas for foster children. A former member of our club, Susan Davenport, and her sisters have raised enough money through their own efforts to build and support an orphanage for some of the many children orphaned by AIDS in Ethiopia. What could 40 of us do if we put our minds to it?

Several of our members attended the Human Trafficking Symposium in Colorado Springs and are hyped about the Human Trafficking Awareness Conference scheduled in Denver for October 25 (see more details elsewhere in this issue). If you are appalled at the thought of women, children and even adult men being used as slaves in the 21<sup>st</sup> century anywhere in the world, but especially in our nation of "liberty and justice for all," please attend the October 25 conference. Armed with knowledge gained at the conference, let's each commit to share information about trafficking with at least one person a week until we run out of people who aren't aware of this issue.

The Service Committee will be considering grants to organizations working to eliminate human trafficking and to help its victims, and the Membership Committee plans programs to continue our education about the subject. How can we make an impact, individually and as a club? Kathy Hyzer has suggested that we consider a film festival as a way to raise awareness of the issue of trafficking rather than as a fund-raiser. What do you think?

*Judy McNerny*

*Birthday wishes go out to  
Our October  
Birthdays*

*Joetta Williams—23rd*

*Dottie Jenkiins—24th*

*Dolores Lowery—26th*

# October General Meeting

When: October 9th  
5:15 p.m. – Social Hour  
6:00 p.m. – Dinner

Where: Four Points by Sheraton Denver Southeast  
I-25 and Hampden  
**Evergreen Room**

Menu: House Salad with Italian Dressing  
Mediterranean Style Chicken Kabob  
over a bed of Vegetable Orzo  
Rolls and Butter  
Chocolate Cake  
Coffee and Tea

Cost: \$34.00

Greeters:  
Inspirational Moment:

**Remember—Guest are always welcome!!**

## RESERVATIONS

Please RSVP to Cathy Conley at (303) 691-6926 (home) or (720) 622-0181 (work) and leave a message (or email at [cathryn.conley@ge.com](mailto:cathryn.conley@ge.com)) by *noon on Monday, October 6th* Don't forget to call if you are not on the permanent reservation list, or if you are, but will not be able to attend the meeting. Our contract guarantees us only one additional meal over the number we guarantee on Monday afternoon, so if you don't make your reservation on time, you may have to snack from other members' plates! And, as always, we are billed for the number we guarantee, so we have to bill anyone who makes a reservation (or forgets to cancel a permanent reservation) but does not come to the meeting.

## OCTOBER PROGRAM : Sisters of Color

*Sisters of Color United for Education believes that indigenous communities have the inherent ability to achieve health equity through education, community mobilization and systems change. Please read the information on Page 1 about this marvelous organization.*

## Reservations

For each general dinner meeting, please remember to call if you aren't on the permanent reservation list. Our new contract guarantees us only one additional meal over the number we confirm on Monday afternoon, so if you don't make your reservation on time, You may have to snack from other member' plates! And, as always, we are charged for the number we guarantee, so we have to bill anyone who makes a reservation (or forgets to cancel a permanent reservation) but doesn't come to the meeting.



## Permanent Reservation List Update!

- Members who are on the permanent reservation list do not have to call to make a reservation for dinner meetings (but you must call to cancel or be billed for dinner anyway)
- If you plan on coming to every meeting—why not add your name if it is not on the list?
- If you are on the permanent list but tend to forget to call and cancel—why not take your name off the list?
- Be sure to call Joetta Williams or Cathy Conley, Membership Co-Chairs, with your request to be added or deleted!

## Permanent Reservations

Should your name be listed here?

- Carroll Allen
- Evie Ashmore
- Mary Benoit
- Cathy Conley
- Linda Corssmit
- Shelia Davis
- Pam Dumonceau
- Nikki Headlee
- Deb Heckart
- Cynthia Herndon
- Kathy Hyzer
- Dottie Jenkins
- Jennifer Koeller
- Kate Linscott
- Judy McNerny
- Krystie Rose Millich
- Wendy Moraskie
- Beth Mundell
- Linda Rhea
- Dorothy Swindt
- Joetta Williams
- Lisa Wright

**Remember to call if you can't come, otherwise you will be billed for the dinner.**

## Fund Raising Committee

The Fundraising Committee would like to give a big THANK YOU to all Zonta members and their guests who attended the High Tea at the Brown Palace Hotel on September 6th. This special afternoon included a menu of scones, sandwiches and pastries while enjoying great conversation in the luxurious atmosphere of the Brown Palace.

The afternoon concluded with a lively presentation by the Brown Palace Historian detailing past events and people who are a part of the hotel's rich past. Each attendee received a goodie bag and a lucky few were winners of artistic door prizes.

The committee also received great feedback from club members who responded to a post-event survey. If you would like to receive a copy of the survey results, please contact Jennifer Koeller.

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### By-Laws Changes Vote at Oct. Meeting

The Bylaws Committee and the Club Board propose the following changes to club bylaws. Based on the votes at Convention, the Section 1 change is permitted if clubs want to make such a change and the Section 2 change is mandatory. We will ask you to vote on the Section 1 change at the October club meeting.

#### *Partial Changes to Article V - Membership*

#### ARTICLE V

#### MEMBERSHIP

#### SECTION 1. **Categories.**

- a) **Classified Member.**
- 3) To be invited to membership, a candidate shall be actively engaged *or have experience* in a recognized business or profession, in a decision-making capacity.

SECTION 2. **Referral Privileges.** A member of another Zonta club who moves to the geographical location of this Club may be elected to membership provided the required dues have been paid. A new member fee shall be paid to the Club.

#### **Replace Section 2 with the following:**

*SECTION 2. **Transfer Privileges.** A member of another Zonta club who moves to the geographical location of this Club may **request transfer to membership** provided the required dues have been paid. A new member fee shall be paid to the Club.*

## Service Committee

At the request from members for more "hands on" service projects, the Service Committee will be naming a Service Project of the Month, starting with October.

The project that was selected for this month is Addis Heywet Necklaces Sales on Saturday and Sunday, November 1 and 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Pax Christi World Market. This project is an approved Service project for our club. We will be manning the sales booth for both days. Schedules will be available at the October meeting – or call or e-mail Beth or Kathy for times.

This should be a fun event – Pax Christi is one of the largest markets in the area – come to volunteer and do your holiday shopping at the same time!

### Addis Heywet Necklace Project

Missionaries in Ethiopia were heartbroken at the poverty they saw in 1990. The country had been ravaged as a result of constant wars and the communist rule after 3000 years of self rule. The missionaries, natives of Lakewood, formed a women's income project in 1994. The jewelry making supplies were donated by Jayne's sisters Susan (a former member of our club), Sally and Julie. Jayne taught the women to make Ethiopian necklaces.

There are now 42 families participating in the project. They are all living in homes that they have built; the women are feeding their children, who are now in school. The project is self supporting, and 100% of the proceeds from the sales go back to the ladies in Addis Ababa.

Pax Christi Catholic Church is located at 5761 McArthur Ranch, Littleton, 80124. The hours for the sale are Saturday 9-7 and Sunday 9-2.



JOIN SUDANESE AND AMERICANS OF ALL AGES IN SECOND ANNUAL

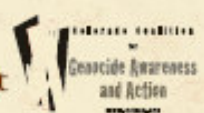
# WALK FOR SUDAN

EACH STEP BRINGS HOPE

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18TH  
1:00 TO 3:30 P.M.**

**CAMPUS MIDDLE SCHOOL/CHERRY CREEK STATE PARK  
4785 SOUTH DAYTON ST, GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111**

Help up raise funds for projects supporting the people & country of Sudan, which is recovering from 20 years of civil war. Proceeds from this 5K Walk/Run will support eleven Sudanese-related organizations:



*Denver Coalition to Save Darfur*

*Bor Women's Association USA*

HONORARY CHAIR - Colorado Speaker of the House, Andrew Romanoff

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER, PLEASE VISIT  
[WWW.WALKFORSUDAN.ORG](http://WWW.WALKFORSUDAN.ORG)**



Presented at the  
September 2008  
general meeting as  
an inspirational moment  
by Judy Allen.  
Please enjoy!

### **MAYA ANGELOU'S' BEST POEM EVER**

*A WOMAN SHOULD HAVE ...  
enough  
money within her control to move out  
and rent a place of her own,  
even if she never wants to or needs to...*

*A WOMAN SHOULD HAVE ...  
something  
perfect to wear if the employer,  
or date of her dreams  
wants to see her in an hour...*

*A WOMAN SHOULD  
HAVE .  
a youth she's content to leave behind....*

*A WOMAN SHOULD HAVE ..  
a past juicy  
enough that she's looking forward to  
retelling it in her  
old age....*

*A WOMAN SHOULD HAVE ...  
a set of screwdrivers, a cordless drill, and a black lace bra...*

*A WOMAN SHOULD HAVE ..  
one friend who  
always makes her laugh.. and one who lets her cry...*

*A WOMAN SHOULD HAVE ...  
a good piece  
of furniture not previously owned by anyone else in her  
family...*

*A WOMAN SHOULD HAVE ..  
eight  
matching plates, wine glasses with stems,  
and a recipe for  
a meal,  
that will make her guests feel honored...*

*A WOMAN SHOULD HAVE .  
a feeling of  
control over her destiny..*

*EVERY WOMAN SHOULD  
KNOW...  
how to fall in love without losing herself..*

*EVERY WOMAN SHOULD KNOW...  
how to quit  
a job,  
break up with a lover,  
and confront a friend  
without;  
ruining the friendship...*

*EVERY WOMAN  
SHOULD KNOW...  
when to try harder... and WHEN TO WALK  
AWAY...*

*EVERY WOMAN SHOULD KNOW...  
that she can't change the length of her calves,  
the width of her hips, or the nature of her parents..*

*EVERY WOMAN SHOULD KNOW...  
that her  
childhood may not have been perfect...but it's over...*

*EVERY WOMAN SHOULD KNOW...  
what she  
would and wouldn't do for love or more...*

*EVERY WOMAN SHOULD KNOW...  
how to live  
alone... even if she doesn't like it...*

*EVERY  
WOMAN SHOULD KNOW.. .  
whom she can trust,  
whom she can't,  
and why she shouldn't take it personally...*

*EVERY WOMAN SHOULD KNOW...  
where to  
go...  
be it to her best friend's kitchen table..  
or a  
charming Inn in the woods....  
when her soul needs  
soothing..*

*EVERY WOMAN SHOULD KNOW..  
What she can and can't accomplish in a day...  
a  
month...and a year...*

## Zonta Club of Denver September 2008 Dinner Meeting Sheraton Four Points Hotel

During the social hour prior to the start of the meeting, Ken Bingenheimer took pictures of any member wanting a new one for the club membership directory. Thank you, Ken.

President Judy McNerny (wife of Ken) called the meeting to order at 6:00.

Judy Allen read an inspirational message written by Maya Angelou.

Guests were introduced which included Ken Bingenheimer, Michael Lindsey with Beth Mundell, Judy Bederman with Mary Benoit, and Regan Jennings daughter of Robin.

The program was presented by Eileen Sharkey, CFP, with Sharkey Howes & Javer entitled Prudent Investing in Precarious Times. She has directed the activity of the club's investments for a number of years. Among other things she explained the account activity of the Hershey Charitable Trust, the ZCD Foundation, and the ZCD Discretionary (Cash Reserves) from the end of March 2004 thru June 2008.

Judy asked for and received approval of the August minutes as published.

Evie Ashmore led the induction ceremony for new member Gayle Erickson-Ash. Mary Benoit is her sponsor. All members welcomed Gayle and are glad she wanted to join.

Barb Pellegren reported 18 members have sent in checks responding to the request from International for additional funds to cover this year's budget. Additional members wishing to participate need to send a check to Barb in the amount of \$15 (or more if you wish) soon. Barb will be sending a check to ZI representing our clubs contributions rather than each member sending a check to ZI. Barb reported that all of the club's accounts are in good order.

Cathy Conley, Co-Chair of the Membership Committee, reported that 24 members were in attendance this evening plus 4 guests. She explained the 3 options the committee is considering for a holiday party. The committee would like input from each club member with their preferences.

- 1) The suggestion for the usual meeting night of December 11<sup>th</sup> is a potluck dinner. Members will bring gifts for less fortunate ones who are yet to be identified. Dinner will be shared and gifts wrapped to music of the holiday season. The cost of dinner will be minimal in comparison to past holiday parties so the thought is members could use the savings to purchase the gifts.
- 2) The afternoon of December 7<sup>th</sup> members can attend a performance of the Denver Symphony – Handel's Messiah. Our own Wendy Moraskie will sing in this production. The performance can be followed by dinner at a restaurant.
- 3) Members can attend a different performance of the Symphony on December 14<sup>th</sup> which will be Christmas music – same option of dinner after.

Please contact Joetta Williams with your preferences soon so the committee can fine tune the details for the events. The holiday celebration doesn't have to be just one of the above. We could have the potluck event and attend a performance of the Sym-

phony – just let Joetta know asap.

Kathy Hyzer, Co-Chair of the Service Committee, led a discussion of the on-going Delores Project. Interest seems to be waning in the project. There are volunteers for September and October currently. The cost of cooking entrees can be high. Nikki suggested a monetary donation could possibly be given by those who don't want to cook. Or possibly service funds could be used to help defray the costs. There was discussion on how to finance the project, simplifying the menus, etc. The big question is whether club members would like for this project to continue. A ballot will be sent out to get members opinions.

Six RFP letters for service grants have been sent out and are due back Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The speaker for the October 9<sup>th</sup> dinner meeting will be from Sisters of Color.

Deb Heckart, Co-Chair of the Fundraising Committee, talked about the High Tea at the Brown Palace which was just last Saturday. Participation wasn't as high as expected. **Feedback is needed from all members whether they attended the tea or not.** Judy has e-mailed a copy of the evaluation form and there were copies available at the meeting. If you have not filled one out, please do so and e-mail or mail to Deb. Even though more in attendance would have been great, the event was a lovely occasion and the Brown Palace historian was very entertaining. Final numbers aren't available yet but a report will be given at a later date.

Deb mentioned the upcoming film festival is a concern of hers. This new venture will be a big commitment of club funds and a huge commitment of member's time to get off the ground. She is concerned there may not be enough members to pull it off. There seems to be some reticence about fundraising. Considering our ability to rely on Foundation funds, should the club focus more on service? We should all be thinking about fundraising for future discussions.

Nikki Headlee explained the Seniors Inc. organization which she is volunteering with. She asked for the inclusion of this organization as a club service project. Deb Heckart seconded the motion and members concurred so the motion passed.

Judy presented Cracked Pot Awards to members of the Fundraising Committee in appreciation of all the efforts to put on the High Tea.

Beth's "Zonta Zinger" this evening was in the form of a question. What was the name of Amelia Earhart's plane? See the answer below.

### Upcoming Events –

- **Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> – Human Trafficking Awareness Symposium in Colorado Springs**
- **Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> – Club Board meeting at Judy's home**
- **Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> – Ballot Issues Forum, Montview Presbyterian Church – The Zonta Club of Denver is a co-sponsor with the League of Women Voters on this important program**
- **Oct. 3-5 – District 12 Conference in Colorado Springs**
- **Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> – October club meeting at the Sheraton Four Points**

With all business being concluded Judy presented a closing quote and the meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.

**Answer: It was a Lockheed called "Electra".**

Respectfully submitted by Carroll Allen, Secretary



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*Upcoming Calendar Events*  
*Save the date!*

Oct 3—5	District Conference in Colorado Springs
Oct 9	General Meeting Sheraton Four Points Hotel
Oct 23	Board Meeting at Judy McNerny's Home
Nov 8	Zonta International Day
Nov 13	General Meeting Sheraton Four Points Hotel
Nov 20 ??	Board Meeting at Judy McNerny's Home
Nov 25	International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women
Nov 25— Dec 10	16 Days of Activism
Dec 11	Possible Holiday Meeting
Dec??	Social Get together??
Dec 18 ??	Board Meeting at Judy McNerny's Home

Jan 8	General meeting Sheraton Four Points Hotel
Jan 25	Amelia Earhardt Meeting at The Perfect Landing Restaurant at Centennial Airport hosted by Douglas County Club
Jan 22	Board Meeting at Judy McNerny's Home
Feb 12	General Meeting Sheraton Four Points Hotel
Mar 8	International Women's Day/ Zonta Rose Day
Mar 12	General Meeting Sheraton Four Points Hotel
Mar/Apr	Area 3 Meeting
Apr 9	General Meeting Sheraton Four Points Hotel
May 14	General Meeting Sheraton Four Points Hotel