



Z O N T A

# Smoke Signal

**THE ZONTA ZINGER WANTS TO KNOW—**

**Which ZCD member is volunteering to fight hunger?**

**What woman in high office has recently made a difference in the campaign to end violence against women?**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**... So, where do the bees go in the winter?**

*It depends on the kind of bee or wasp. Honeybees will hibernate in their hive. Workers bees stay alive throughout the winter. They surround their queen, in the hive, forming a "bee ball" made up of constantly moving bees. This movement creates warmth that keeps the hive from freezing. For another example, the bald faced hornet queen will go underground and hibernate, usually under a log, while all her workers die off after the first hard frost. – Peace Bee Farmer*

Aren't you glad we are bees and not hornets? Personally, learning all this interesting bee information has been a joy. That there seem to be parallels to ZD club life is fascinating (well, to me anyhow).

With cooler weather it might seem luxurious to hunker down and hide under a log until spring comes a-calling, but ladies, we've got work to do. First and foremost, of course, is the District Conference. Sheila and her committee have busted their "bee-butts" to make this conference awesome. I have learned that while all conferences take significant time, energy and commitment from host club members, the conferences with a Zonta International Representative

take even more. I am humbled with the amount of detail that is required for this endeavor and I do want to thank those who have been able to step up and be involved. I would encourage those who have been buzzing around the edges, not involved or not certain if they can/will attend, this is the District Conference you DO want to participate in. Your presence is needed, your perspective is invaluable and dang, it looks like it is going to be FUN! If you have not registered, "git 'er done"...if you are not sure you can afford to attend, please call me.

That being said...we are also looking ahead for November and December; Santa Claus Shoppe, Ringing Bells for Salvation Army, Delores Project, voting on service grants, etc., enjoying giving back to those who very much need the special kind of support our Zonta club can provide with cheer and warmth. There will also be discussions and input required to set the tone for the remainder of our club's fiscal year, and the next year ahead. Bee there.

It is now time to "be bees" and keep the hive warm and alive. As



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“attractive” as it might sound, this is not a time to burrow under a log, allowing the rest of the hive to die. Harsh words from this Bee? Perhaps, but hear

me, everyone is needed, and everyone is welcomed. We are not wasps...we are BEES, dagnabbit!

With warmth - Beth

## COMMITTEE NEWS

### MEMBERSHIP

The Membership Committee is planning a wonderful Holiday Party for the club members and their guests on Thursday, December 10th. This dinner will be held at Landry’s Seafood House located at 7209 S. Clinton in Englewood, just off I-25 South. We are planning a buffet so there will be something for everyone to love! All donated gifts will benefit the Empowerment Program. Details with time and cost will be coming later.

At the January membership meeting, we will be working on a hands-on project with the Service Committee. The meeting will be held on Thursday, January 14, 2010, at the Lowry Conference Center located at 1061 Akron Way (northeast corner of the former Lowry Air Force Base). The dinner will be catered and details as to cost will be in your January Smoke Signal along with driving directions. Another fun social evening!

—Kate and Dottie

### FUND RAISING

The Fund raising committee will begin meeting in early November to begin planning the film event, which will be held in March, hopefully to coincide with International Women’s Day again. We are most excited to have partnered with the Starz Film Center and the Denver Film Society. They have already come up with a couple of possibilities—excellent films which should appeal to a varied audience.

Fund raising will also have items for sale at the District Conference Oct 30 – Nov 1. Included will be some great coffee roasted especially for our club, along with some other items. Carroll Allen still needs help with the Zonta Store, so if you have some time available between sessions, please contact Carroll.

—Kathy H

## SERVICE

### **SERVICE HOURS**

Do you have service hours to report volunteering for any Zonta Club of Denver-approved projects? They are:

American Cancer Society  
Bonfils Blood Center  
Center for Work Education and

Employment (CWEE)  
Conflict Center  
Delores Project  
Denver Kids/Teen Moms  
Dress for Success  
Ethics Committee of the Colorado Bar Association  
Excelsior Youth Center  
Gathering Place

Hewyet Ethiopian necklace sales  
Hope Communities  
Imagination Library  
Leukemia and Lymphoma Society  
Lupus Foundation of Colorado  
Metropolitan Denver Homeless Initiative  
RAAP  
Race for the Cure

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## November Meeting

- When:** Thursday, November 12, 2009  
5:15pm – Social Hour  
6:00pm – Dinner
- Where:** Doubletree Hotel Denver  
3203 Quebec Street  
Denver, CO 80207  
Crystal I Room
- Menu:** Chef's Choice  
Vegetarian available (please tell Kate)  
Salad & Dessert
- Cost:** \$30
- Cocktails:** Can be purchased in the bar near the meeting room
- Greeters:** Linda Rhea and Judy Allen
- Inspirational Moment:** Alice Borodkin

### RESERVATIONS:

Please RSVP to Kate Linscott, at 303-520-8136 (cell) or [clinscott14@msn.com](mailto:clinscott14@msn.com) no later than **Monday, November 9th, at noon.**

**NOVEMBER PROGRAM:** We have invited the two organizations who were our grant recipients for 2008-2009 to give us an update on how the funds they received have helped their organizations. Both of these organizations do so much to help women and their success stories are very uplifting. They will have time to answer any questions you may have.

A.J. Alejano-Steele from the Polaris Project Colorado will update us on their project called "Enhanced Coordination of Services to Victims of Human Trafficking" which helps to provide services to victims of human trafficking in Metro Denver and Colorado.

Carolyn Lease, Executive Director of the Empowerment Program, will update the members on "The Chrysalis Project," which improves the lives of women who are or have been involved in street level prostitution.

Don't forget to invite a guest or two!



### Lots of Birthdays

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| Bonnie Parker (for Minnie) & Julie Andrews—Oct 1 | Madame Curie & Joni Mitchell —Nov 7     |
| Mahatma Gandhi—Oct 2                             | Bonnie Raitt—Nov 8                      |
| John Lennon—Oct 11                               | Mary Travers—Nov 9                      |
| Eleanor Roosevelt—Oct 11                         | Grace Kelly—Nov 12                      |
| Bela Lugosi—Oct 20                               | Georgia O'Keefe—Nov 15                  |
| <b>Joetta W</b> & Pelé—Oct 23                    | <b>Dorothy S</b> & Abigail Adams—Nov 22 |
| <b>Dottie J</b> & Kevin Kline—Oct 24             | <b>Minnie L</b> & Harpo Marx—Nov 23     |
| <b>Dolores L</b> —Oct 26                         | Carrie Nation—Nov 25                    |
| John Adams—Oct 30                                | Winston Churchill—Nov 30                |
| Will Rogers—Nov 4                                | <b>Barb P</b> & Mary Martin—Dec 1       |
| Pat Tillman—Nov 6                                |   |

### Club directory corrections—

- Cathy C's work phone number should be 720-622-0181  
Alice B's email address should be [alice321@aol.com](mailto:alice321@aol.com)  
Is there a mistake in your entry? Please let Judy Mc know.

**ZONTA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**  
**DISTRICT 10—2010**  
**YA'LL COME!**  
**JUNE 25-30, 2010**



Why the stars in the Convention Logo? They represent President Sten's vision of simplicity, transparency, accountability, and responsibility in Zonta = STARZ



Is your image of San Antonio based on John Wayne's 1960 movie, *The Alamo*? Well, guess again! Today's San Antonio is not that dusty frontier outpost, as you can see in the photo at left.

Go to [visitsanantonio.com](http://visitsanantonio.com) to learn about what San Antonio has to offer in the 21st century and to start planning your trip there next June!

*FROM THE ZONTA INTERNATIONAL  
WEBSITE*

**President's Message**

Dear Governors, International Committee Chairmen, Foundation Ambassadors, Past International Presidents, all Zontians,

Please find below some very helpful information in our continued efforts to fund our promises to women who do need our support NOW!

**Co-branding Zonta International / UNICEF partnership**

UNICEF has produced an excellent DVD called *Missing Mothers*. As the message may very well not only be related to women that will die during pregnancy or childbirth but also to our service project in Rwanda, where deaths of HIV positive mothers have created a wave of orphans.

We are grateful to UNICEF for allowing co-branding with Zonta of this production that will increase the understanding and importance of funding to the international service projects we have promised to support.

Although this DVD is produced by UNICEF and we do relate it to our Rwanda project, the message and statistics of *Missing Mothers* are as relevant for our service project in Liberia together with UNFPA. Prevention of obstetric fistula is not only repair and reduction through surgery, it is a matter of changing attitudes relating to the underlying reasons such as girl marriage (resulting in too young girls being pregnant) and the practice of FGM (female genital mutilation).

*(To see the video, log on to the ZI website and follow the link on the home page.)*

# 16 DAYS of activism against gender violence

## NOVEMBER 25 - DECEMBER 10

### 2009 Campaign Theme

#### **Commit • Act • Demand: We CAN End Violence Against Women!**

Each year since 1991, tens of thousands of activists from every region of the world have taken part in the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence Campaign. The campaign's central messages—women's rights are human rights and violence against women constitutes a violation of human rights—have been a rallying call of the women's movement. Recognizing that violence against women affects people from every country, race, class, culture, and religion, the 16 Days Campaign provides an opportunity for activists to work together in solidarity and draw upon this period of heightened international attention to gain support for their local efforts.

The 2009 theme is: Commit ▪ Act ▪ Demand: We CAN End Violence Against Women!

#### **Commit:** We are All Responsible

In 1991 when 23 women from around the world met together at the first Women's Global Leadership Institute at the Center for Women's Global Leadership and envisioned the 16 Days Campaign, it was unlikely that any of them could have foreseen the incredible success of the campaign as a mobilizing tool. Because of their efforts and the commitment of so many other activists over the past 19 years, well over 2,000 organizations in 158 countries have organized around the 16 Days Campaign, and the issue of gender-based violence has received a significant amount of international attention. We all have a responsibility to end gender-based violence together as women, girls, men, boys, and individuals of all generations, religions, occupations, sexual orientations, abilities, political persuasions, and socio-economic backgrounds.

#### **Act:** We Can All Make a Difference

2009 will mark the 10th anniversary of the United Nations' formal recognition of November 25th as International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. There are many other landmark dates and documents that are the direct result of ACTION that women's rights activists and defenders have taken. The anti-violence against women movement provides one of the best illustrations of how local activism can translate into global action. Every action, no matter how big or small, can make a difference!

#### **Demand:** We Are All Accountable

At the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing in 1995, women's organizations from around the world met with government representatives and collaboratively produced the Beijing Platform for Action—one of the most forward-thinking government negotiated documents on women's rights to date. This ground-breaking document set forth a list of actions, which, if implemented, would significantly reduce incidences of violence against women. 2010 marks the 15th anniversary of the Beijing Conference on Women. Therefore, we must all demand implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action, as well as other key documents, and demand state accountability for ending impunity, allocating adequate resources, and implementing good laws and national action plans to address violence against women (VAW). We also call on the UN to take bolder action on the UN Secretary-General's "UNiTE to End VAW" Campaign Framework for Action. We are all accountable for playing our part in reducing violence at the individual and community levels, as well as at the nation-state and global levels.

The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence is an international campaign originating from the first Women's Global Leadership Institute sponsored by the Center for Women's Global Leadership (CWGL) at Rutgers University in 1991. Participants chose the dates, November 25, International Day Against Violence Against Women, and December 10, International Human Rights Day, in order to symbolically link violence against women and human rights and to emphasize that such violence is a human rights violation.

In the Zonta Club of Denver, we will be celebrating the 16 days of activism with articles in the *Smoke Signal* and daily emails during those specific 16 days—reminding everyone to Commit, Act and Demand accountability around the world for women and human rights.

## MORE COMMITTEE NEWS

### SERVICE, *continued*

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*More Zonta Club of Denver-approved projects—*

Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic  
 Rocky Mountain Parents as Teachers  
 Rocky Mt. Public Broadcasting System (RMPBS)  
 Ronald McDonald House

Salvation Army  
 Samaritan Counseling Center  
 Santa Shop  
 Seniors Inc.  
 Women's Bean Project  
 Work Options for Women

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

### **DELORES PROJECT**

Many thanks to all of you that have served dinner and brought beverages for the women at The Delores Project. Until further notice your Service Committee is collecting beverages for The Delores Project at club meetings. What that means is coffee, tea, hot chocolate or any other dry drink mixes. So as you shop, clip coupons or just generally feel like making the lives of the women at Delores better please purchase some beverages. You may also bring the beverages when you come to serve dinner.

When I spoke to you at the club meeting a few weeks ago I talked about the other needs of the women at The Delores Project and, as promised, here is the list.

Ongoing needs, the stuff there is never enough of:

Liquid hand soap (gallon size preferred)  
 Disposable gloves (latex medical

and food service)  
 Multipurpose cleaner, bleach (gallon refill size preferred)  
 Trash bags (all sizes)  
 Household items, new or used  
 Coffee cups  
 Silverware, serving utensils  
 Brooms, dust pans, vacuums  
 Bath towels, wash cloths  
 Blankets, quilts (twin size preferred)  
 Pillows, pillowcases (standard size preferred)  
 Water pitchers (plastic preferred)

They are very picky about the clothes they accept, because their storage space is limited. They can always use:

New underwear  
 New T-shirts (including promotional t-shirts from an event)  
 New sweat pants and shirts  
 New socks

Here are the long term items needed:

Mattress covers, twin bed, vinyl  
 Pillow covers, vinyl  
 Professional restaurant type carafes

Bus tubs for dirty dishes  
 Chairs for dining room  
 Sleep mats, cots, blow up mattresses for overflow clients  
 Rubbermaid style bins for clients' belongings  
 Shower curtains, narrow, industrial, locker-room style  
 Single beds, metal  
 Laundry cart with sides

Since there would only be so much room for these items it would be prudent to contact The Delores Project before donating.

A carpet cleaning service willing to clean carpets, no charge.

If you have questions, please ask!

### **DRESS FOR SUCCESS**

Did you leave your donation at home or forget to gather the things just waiting for a new home? No worries! We will have another collection for Dress For Success in January. There will be more announcements later.

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## SIGN UP SHEETS

Thanks to everyone who signed up for the various Salvation Army bell ringing and Addis Hewit Necklace Sales. You know who you are, but I will send reminder



emails soon. The sign-up sheets will be at the next two club meetings along with the sign-up sheet for the Santa Claus Shop as soon as a date and location are announced.

—Mary B.

## ADVOCACY / UNITED NATIONS

### UNITED NATIONS STEPS UP WOMEN-FOCUSED EFFORTS

The week of September 21, 2009, saw the U.N. General Assembly adopt a resolution to create a more potent women's agency: a single U.N. body to promote the advancement of women around the world.

By merging the four existing U.N. offices that deal with women's affairs, headed by an under-secretary-general (the third highest ranking position within the U.N), the effort is a bold move to put women's issues front and center on the international stage.

Is this then another step in recognizing the global plight of women? Is the United Nations once again becoming the venue to restore our humanitarian efforts? And what, if any, is the role of ZONTA, in moving the agenda forward?

As your new U.N. Chair and as part of our Advocacy Committee, I say Zonta can and should be part of the movement to erase the tragedy of our Sisters around the globe.



Women's rights are human rights. Just look carefully at what ZI has put in place for Biennial Goals: "support the programs and advocacy of the UN for the advancement of women," the CEDAW resolution, "use the

Commission on the Status of Women recommendations."

Notice also that directly under the United Nations goals in our directory Legislative Awareness and Advocacy are listed. They are linked!

Our job is to move these agendas forward, but I cannot do it alone. I must have your support.

Let's stir the pot and see what actions we can take over the next year. Let's set some strategy, let's plan an agenda, let's wipe out the misery of our sisters around the globe!

As Nicholas Kristof maintains in a recent *New York Times* article... "Women are not the problem...they are the solution."

—Alice Borodkin, UN Officer



The flag of the United Nations was adopted on October 20, 1947, and consists of the official emblem of the United Nations in white on a blue background. The emblem's design is a map of the world centered on the North Pole, in a wreath of olive branches. The blue color that appears in the background of the insignia was chosen to be "the opposite of red, the war color."

On September 30, led by Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, the U.N. Security Council approved a resolution to specifically mandate peacekeeping missions to protect women and children from rampant sexual violence during armed conflict. Clinton said, "The dehumanizing nature of sexual violence doesn't just harm a single individual or a single family or even

a single village or a single group, it shreds the fabric that weaves us together as human beings." Provisions of the resolution include the strengthening of monitoring and reporting on sexual violence, the retraining of peacekeepers, national forces and police, and calls to boost the participation of women in peacebuilding and other post-conflict processes.

*Zonta Club of Denver September Dinner Meeting  
Doubletree Hotel 9/10/09*

Social hour was from 5:15 to 6:30 when President Beth Mundell called the business meeting to order. Elizabeth Suarez was introduced as a guest and speaker. Beth asked for and received approval of the August minutes as published.

**Finance Report** – Nikki Headlee gave an abbreviated financial report as of the end of July. The quarterly report will be given next month.

**Membership Committee Report** – Kate Linscott asked that each member fill out a copy of a survey at tables and turn in by the end of the evening. The Holiday Party is scheduled for December 10th (save the date) and will probably be at Landry's. The October meeting will be at Sheila's house with the last minute projects for the District Conference will be finished.

**Fundraising Committee Report** – Kathy Hyzer reported that we have received a check in the amount of \$560 for our wine tasting event at Solera. The "Playground" movie event was good and gave us more ideas regarding our film fest being held in March.

**Public Relations and Communications** – no report due to the passing of Wendy's mother.

**Service Committee Report** – Mary Benoit talked about the Delores Project. It is going well with a lot of volunteers. Members are encouraged to bring drinks to our monthly general meeting for the Delores ladies, i.e., coffee, tea, powered lemonade, Tang, etc. Recently, they have been very short on coffee especially. Mary thanked the members who brought clothing tonight for the women at Dress for Success. She reported the committee on grants. Joetta Williams has service slips that can be filled out tonight if needed. Also, sign up sheets for upcoming service projects were passed.

Dottie Jenkins introduced our guest speaker Elizabeth Suarez whose presentation was entitled "Tools to Produce Results". Elizabeth's area of expertise is conflict resolution.

Sheila Davis led the Zonta Bees in a skit promoting the upcoming District Conference which our club is hosting the last weekend in October at the Red Lion Hotel.

Nikki gave an update on the artifacts from the chapel at the old University Hospital. The items are a door frame, door, marble, tree of life, pews and electric organ. A committee consisting of Barb Pellegrin, Kate Linscott and Kathy Hyzer will decide the best way to dispose of these items.

Beth talked about communication and how critical it is. She asked that members respond to her e-mails whether the answer is "yes" or "no", an answer is necessary. She can't assume anything; she needs to know for sure.

Judy McNerny had the beautiful new directories at the meeting and has asked that any corrections, change of address, etc. be sent to her.

Beth announced she will be the delegate to the International Convention next year in San Antonio and Kathy Hyzer will be an alternate.

This month Judy Allen bequeathed the Zonta Rock to Kate Linscott.

Judy Mc is the Zonta Zinger lady and gave out chocolate to all who knew the answer from the Smoke Signal.

Beth gave Z – Bee awards to Kathy Hyzer, Nikki Headlee and Mary Benoit for special club service.

Judy Bederman brought the door prize and it was won by Dorothy Swindt. Judy, also, had volunteer slips to be filled out for members to be greeters at the District Conference.

On October 23rd a movie will be out in your neighborhood theater about Amelia Earhart. Keep your eye out for it.

Upcoming Events – Delores Project Dinner 9/20/09

Club Board meeting @ Mathias Lock & Key 9/24/09 at 6 p.m.

October Club meeting @ Sheila Davis' home 10/22/09 at 5:15 p.m.

District 12 Conference, Denver 10/30/09 – 11/1/09

Diane Twining presented an inspirational moment followed by adjournment as all business had been successfully completed – time 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Carroll Allen, Secretary



# Zonta Club of Denver

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## Upcoming Calendar Events—Save the Date!

Oct 15th	Service Committee Meeting
Oct 20th	Board Meeting, Mathias Lock & Kkey 1123 Delaware
Oct 22nd	General Meeting—Sheila's home
Oct 23rd	Joetta's birthday
Oct 24th	Dottie's birthday
Oct 26th	Dolores' birthday
Oct 30—Nov 1	District Conference in Denver!
Nov 12th	General Meeting—Doubletree Hotel, 3203 Quebec Street
Nov 22nd	Dorothy's birthday
Nov 23rd	Minnie's birthday
Nov 26th	Thanksgiving

Dec 1st	Barb's birthday
Dec 10th	Holiday Party/General Meeting
Dec 25th	Christmas
Jan 31st (firm date)	Amelia Earhart Brunch—Fiske Planetarium, Boulder
Jan 14th	General Meeting
Feb 11th	General Meeting
Mar 11th	General Meeting
April 8th	General Meeting
April 10th (firm date)	Area 3 Meeting
May 13th	General Meeting
June 25th—30th	International Convention