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Advocacy Options available on the Internet!



**Empowering Women
Through Service and Advocacy**



Just wanted to let you know if you haven't explored the internet - or used Facebook very much - you have a wealth of information at your fingertips to educate yourself about issue that our Zonta Club is concerned with. Community information is available. If you go on Facebook and 'like' Zonta International as well as other local organizations information comes to you at an instant! - ~~Julie B.

Here are just a few!

From Zonta International's Facebook Page:

(Image above is from their facebook page)

It takes a movement to end child marriage. And look at what this

movement has achieved! Zonta International is proud to be a part of the Girls Not Brides partnership to end child marriage and for our work to end child marriage in Niger with [UNFPA](#).

Read [Girls Not Brides](#)' five-year progress report: bit.ly/2cGGW77

From 'SayNO Unite to End Violence Against Women's Facebook Page:

Egypt has approved a law that will increase jail terms for those who perform female circumcisions, raising the maximum sentence to seven years from two. [#EndFGM](#)

From UN Women's Facebook Page:

Evidence shows: when women participate in peace agreements, peace lasts longer. What are we waiting for to finally include more women in peace processes? [#UNSCR13](http://ow.ly/8MAt304bEKq)
[25](#)

and also this:

On International Day of Older Persons, let's remember that, while ageing is inevitable, its gendered injustices are not. Because of a lifetime of discrimination, women often end up with fewer savings and assets and find it harder to maintain an adequate standard of living in old age. Universal social pensions and other social policies can be powerful political tools to make a difference for women. Learn

more: <http://ow.ly/TIJf304JVpx#UNIDOP>

From the Women's Foundation of Colorado's

Facebook Page:

Raising Colorado's minimum wage will boost incomes for approx. 290,000 Colorado women and 20% of all Colorado households while augmenting our state's GDP by \$400 million. This is why WFCO's board has voted to support Amendment 70. Read the research and our statement of support.

~~ Julie Bradley
(with the help of Facebook posts)

2016 Governor's Conference in Deadwood, SD



The 2016 Governor's Conference was a fun and productive event this past weekend! Everyone gathered in Deadwood, South Dakota to be updated on new biennium goals, membership growth and plans for the coming year.

Zonta Club of Denver won The Travel Award with 6 members traveling from Denver, and Zonta Club of the Black Hills won the First Time Attendee Award with 6 members present.

Robin White was the high bidder for a signed copy of "My Life on the Road" by Gloria Steinem which was donated by Zonta Foothills Club of Boulder County's Kay Meyer.

We recognized the Zontians of the Year who were present at the event. They included: Kelsey Snyder-Ruzicka [Zonta Club of Spearfish](#), Mary Helland [Zonta Club of the Black Hills](#), Olette Stanberry [Zonta Club of Denver](#), Johnna French [Zonta Club of Laramie](#), Janet Sharon [Zonta Club of Billings](#), Carrie Moor [Zonta Club of Southern Black Hills](#), Jane Page [Zonta Club of Pierre/Fort Pierre](#), and Colleen Farrell [Zonta Foothills Club of Boulder County](#). All of the winners received a yellow rose pins from District 12 Governor [Renee Coppock](#).



The DVI Gala was on September 24 at Mount Vernon Country Club. Debbie, Cathy C, and Nancy attended. In addition to participating in the Silent Auction, we enjoyed listening to the speakers and learning more about DVI.

OCTOBER 13TH MEETING

Meeting Details

Date: Thursday, October 13th
Time: 5:00 p.m.
Location: Fresh Fish Company
Advocacy Moment:
Price: Menu prices
Program: Ashlee Lewis from 2016 grant recipient Domestic Violence Initiative (DVI) will be speaking about their programs.

Reservations are essential so the restaurant can set the appropriate number of places. Please contact Liz Stewart as soon as possible but no later than noon on Monday, October 10th, at esavstew@yahoo.com to make reservations for yourself and your guests.

**Item of the Month:
Children's DVDs-New or Used
For DVI
Please bring to the October Zonta Meeting**

COMMITTEE REPORTS



ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

On Saturday September 17 th I was able to attend the 9 th annual Human Trafficking Symposium. I was wondering, as I am sure you are what else they will talk about. It amazed me and I am sure it will continue to amaze.

Of course, they started with the basics of human trafficking. Human trafficking 101, for those attendees that were just being introduced to the horrors of human trafficking. It wasn't long before we got in the meat of the meeting and I am sure everyone learned a lot.

First the shocking statistics: Currently there are 20.9 billion persons are victims of human trafficking, 68% are in forced labor, 22% are in forced sex, of those 55% are female and 45% are male and of those 74% are adults and 26% are children. This major crime has major profits of \$150 billion; \$99 billion is from the sex trade. These are educated guesses, but with the refugee issues it could be a lot higher and most likely will continue to grow.

The emcee for the event was A. J. Alejano-Steele. Many of you know her from the Laboratory to Combat Human Trafficking. She had a great hand out called the Colorado Action Plan. It was gratifying to know there is a plan and many people are working on this problem. If you are interested in seeing the action plan, let me know and I will get you a copy.

There were other great speakers with a lot of information. One of those speakers was Brad Riley, president and founder of iEmpathize. Brad has worked in the non-profit arena for over 20 years. He has made appearances at the Human Trafficking Day at the Capital and was at the first Zonta Says No event a few years ago. Brad founded iEmpathize in 2009. Why the name?

Because if you sympathize the feeling is of helplessness, but if you empathize you express willingness to act. You hate the injustice, you love justice and calls for action. You are willing to fight the apathy.

What can we do? There are many things: A. J. Steele gave us the 4 Ps, protect victims, prevention through education, prosecution, partnership with like-minded organizations. If you see something do something. I would like to ask you to program these numbers in your cell phones. Colorado Hot Line, COHNET, 866-455- 5075. If you happen to be out of Colorado, the national hot line, 888-373- 7888. You might ask what if I am not sure and it might nothing? I say I would rather make a mistake than have something horrible happen to someone. Please

join other abolitionist at the Human Trafficking Day at the Capital. This will be in February and as soon as the date has been announced I will let you know. Be a responsible consumer.

Purchase fair trade coffee and chocolate and realize a lot of what we purchase could be made by slave labor. Do research and get educated.

Be the change you want to see.



FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

The Fund Raising Committee is working on the Day of Film. The next committee meeting will be Wed, Oct 12 at 5:30 at Gwen's home.

Judy Allen and her group did a great job selling our jewelry at the Governor's Conference. There was not much time available to sell, but we still made \$83 on the sale. The money will go to Club Service, which funds our JMK Scholarship and the grant to Zonta Wings.



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Our next regular club meeting is Thursday, October 13 at Fresh Fish Company.

This month we invite everyone to arrive at 5 p.m. instead of 5:30 p.m., in order to better facilitate a 6 p.m. start time for the meeting and ending before 8 p.m. Our guest speaker will be Ashlee Lewis from 2016 grant recipient Domestic Violence Initiative (DVI).

Our next committee meeting will be Thursday October 20 at 5:30 pm at Citron Bistro, and anyone is welcome and encouraged to attend! Items on the agenda will include: 1) Updating the New Member Installation presentation and materials provided to new members with newer materials available through ZI; 2) offering newly available membership recruitment materials, including a "Voices for Gender Equality" Toolkit, to guests/prospective members at monthly meetings, the grant awards dinner, the annual garage sale, and other club events; 3) discussing the new Young ZI Professionals pilot program; and 4) planning and coordinating the members-only holiday party on December 8, 2016, with the Service Committee and Gwen Fornia, who has graciously offered her home for the event - thank you Gwen!! The holiday party will include a service project to provide warm clothing and kid-friendly DVDs for the women and pre-teen children at DVI.

Finally, we have reserved the private room at the Bent Noodle for the 2017 Grant Awards Dinner, which will be on Thursday February 9, 2017.



SERVICE COMMITTEE

September has been a busy month for the service committee. All the grant applications were read and discussed at the meeting on September 12. Site visits were made to selected grant applicant locations before the October 3 service meeting.

The Hands of the Carpenter Car Clinic was on September 17. Mary Lou, Judy Mc, Judy A, Nancy, and Cynthia attended and provided all the refreshments for the women, children, and mechanics. We enjoyed getting to know the women who were waiting on having their cars serviced and also connecting with the other

volunteers in attendance. The children enjoyed playing and creating at the activity table. All the activity books and the cars our club donated were appreciated by all. The DVI Gala was on September 24 at Mount Vernon Country Club. Debbie, Cathy C, and Nancy attended. In addition to participating in the Silent Auction, we enjoyed listening to the speakers and learning more about DVI.

The Making Choices backpacks will be filled in October. If you are interested in attending the Making Choices graduation ceremony in November, you will need give a copy of your driver's license to CJ or Olette by October 10 for a security check.

The COVA service opportunity will be on Friday, Oct. 7, at 10:00 a.m. at the COVA office at 1325 S. Colorado Blvd. Suite 508B. If you signed up to participate, you will be contacted by Penny.

The next service meeting will be on Oct. 3 at 6:00 p.m. at Perkins.

For the November meeting, the Item of the Month will be Children's DVDs-new or used for DVI.





Hands of the Carpenter Event!

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MINUTES

September Minutes

Call to Order: 5:58p Katie Wienecke, President

Introduction of Guests:

Nikki Headlee introduced her guest Linda Lucero.

Sheila Davis introduced her guest Jeanette Scotland a friend of Kay Meyer.

Brenda Lucero our Jane M Klausman award winner

Dr. Vie Thorgren the head of Making Choices grant award person.

Advocacy Moment: Marian Lee

Marian talked about the organization "I am that girl" in CA. She talked of their manifesto focusing on girls 14-22 developing self respect. <http://www.iamthatgirl.com> The following is their manifesto:

I have a brilliant heart and a beautiful mind. I am me, a perfectly flawed, beautyFULL work in progress. I promise to lift other girls up, have their backs, and make it safe for them to be exactly who they are. I'm on a mission to raise the standards for how we treat each other, how we treat ourselves, and how we treat the world. Every time I look in the mirror I'll remind myself that I'm not alone, that I'm beautiful, that my voice matters, and that I am enough.

History Moment: Shelia Davis from archiving spoke for the committee about the many scrapbooks pin, awards etc that we have collected. Members include Nikki Headlee, Judy McNerny, Barb Pellegren, Joetta Williams and Sheila Davis as chair. Picture of our club members from 1938 was passed around and Sheila pointed out member Edna Jean Hershey in the photo.

Approval of Minutes, August 11th, 2016 were approved as published in SS

Speaker: Dr. Vie Thorgren from Making Choices

CJ introducing Vie and mentioned out upcoming service opportunities with their organization to assist with the graduation at the women's prison – we will take cake for the party. In order to participate members must give your name, date of birth and driver's license to get a clearance for the prison which has to be done with by Oct 10th. Please give that info to CJ or Olette. We are still collecting money for backpacks etc.

Dr. Thorgren talked of the program and how Zonta is making a difference to the lives of the women in our prison system. Their program started in 1999 to empower women in prison and help them with re-entry into the community from prison. Making choices has a recidivism rate of only 8% compared to the rest of the prison system of 54% within 3 years. Making choices (Center for spirituality) - - have to be able to participate in the community – come to class for 2hrs once per week to learn good decision-making.

The program transforms the lives of women and helps in healing the community.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Presentation of the Budget. Judy McNerny motioned to approve the budget as presented, Nikki Headlee seconded, there were no comments and the budget was unanimously approved by the club.

Service Committee:

Presentation to our Jane M. Klausman Award winner, Brenda Lucero

The committee had many good applicants and Brenda who is a native to the Denver area – local schools, bachelors degree at DU (finance & Spanish) has masters at Regis was our winner. Nancy McWhirter presented her with our check. Brenda mentioned how she was inspired by our club. She grew up in Denver Public Schools and is currently working as budget administrator for DPS. She is a member of the Latin American professional board – mentor for women in undergraduate studies. Her pride and passion is for education, advocacy and empowerment of women in the community. She is working fulltime and working on her master of science of organizational leadership. She decided to pay tuition out of pocket – so it means a lot to have this award. Degree – developing as a leader with path at DPS to - paying it forward to women to inspire them. (Olette, CJ and Robin our members of our Scholarship committee)

Nancy noted that our grant applications are dues this Sat – so far we have received 7 and the service committee will be meeting on Monday to review them.

Olette Stanberry talked about the backpack items or money for RTD passes and dinner options for the

ladies – CJ showed the backpack for the ladies. Vie Thorgren will be meeting with us to fill the backpacks at the end of the month. Also we will have a service opportunity with Making Choices in Nov when we will help to host the graduation ceremony with the women.

Mary Lou Edwards, spoke about the Hands of the Carpenter event this coming Saturday from 7:30 -12. We will bring refreshments to the car clinic. Woman can get their car worked on – there should be approximately 32 women where half of them will bring kids. There is a sign up sheet for bringing food as well or if you cannot bring food Mary Lou will also take money to help pay for the food. The clinic is across the street from Casa Bonita on Colfax

Penny Burke spoke of a Service Opportunity with COVA helping them with conference prep for their conference. Please sign up to help on Friday Oct 7th at 10a at the COVA office on Colorado & I-25. COVA offered our club one conference registration to attend their conference at Keystone October 23 - 26. Gwen offered that person a stay at her condo during that time. If you can attend – please let Penny or Nancy know.

Debbie G: DVI is having their first ever gala and would like our help at the gala at Mt. Vernon CC on Sept 24th (If you can attend – please let Debbie know by 9-10. You will get a free \$100 admittance ticket to go to the gala, there will be a Silent auction and comedian Nina G (comedian and social activist on disability awareness).

Thank you to the Service Committee for all the projects.

Fundraising Committee: Kathy Hyzer mentioned that the club will be selling jewelry again at the Governor's Conference. Please give to Cynthia, Nikki, Kathy, Gwen, Julie, etc – suggestion: any type of jewelry if we hadn't used it in 2 years – donate it and the money will be used for the Jane M. Klausman. We will take finer jewelry etc. but suggest costume jewelry. Judy Allen is the coordinator for this sales event. Please mark your calendar for our Day of Film Saturday March 4th

New Business: Birthday recognition
Olette Stanberry (3 years)
Sheila Davis (14 years)
Mary Lou Edwards (13 years)
Not present: Pam Dumonceau and Liz Cameron.

Installation of New Member: Enid Brodsky

50/50 Drawing Julie Bradley \$35 for the club

Zonta Wings – allocated \$500 victims of Trafficking. We recently helped a victim in Orlando by provided transportation and luggage to get her to Denver for \$208 which brought her to safety

115 years celebration for Mathias Lock & Key is this month, Mary invited the club.

Adjournment:

Respectfully submitted
Julie Bradley for Carin Paupore.

Dates to Remember:

Sept. 10 - Grant Applications Due
Sept. 12 - Service Meeting at Perkins at 6PM
Sept. 13 – Trustees Meeting at 3PM

Sept. 15 – Board Meeting Tony's on Broadway 5:30
Sept. 17 - Hands of the Carpenter Car Clinic (serve refreshments)
Sept 23&24 – Governor's Seminar Deadwood, SD
End of September - Fill backpacks for Making Choices (date to be determined)
Oct 3 – Service Meeting at Perkins at 6PM
Oct. 7- COVA Service Opportunity, 10:00 a.m. (Help prepare items for conference)
Oct. 23-26-COVA Convention at Keystone
Nov. - Provide refreshments for the Making Choices graduation (date to be determined)



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Dear fellow Zontians,

It is with overwhelming gratitude for the amazing Zontian community that I am a part of that I sit down to write my message. In our busy lives it is easy to forget the wonderful sisterhood we are part of and all the kind and generous things we do as a club internationally, locally, and for each other. Thank you to all my Denver Zontians. You make the world a better place by being in it.

I'd like to take a moment to highlight one of our newest international projects that was decided on at this year's Convention. Our club delegates from around the globe overwhelmingly voted to support Let Us Learn Madagascar. Zonta International has committed US\$1,000,000 to the U.S. Fund for UNICEF to create opportunities for vulnerable and excluded girls to realize their rights to an education in a secure and protective environment. Partnering with the Ministry of National Education and others, Let Us Learn Madagascar will promote a common vision of investing in junior secondary education for girls as an entry point for equity. To learn more, please check out <http://foundation.zonta.org/Our-Programs/International-Service- Program/Let-Us- Learn-Madagascar>.

In September, I also had the opportunity to sit in on our Service Committee's first round of grant

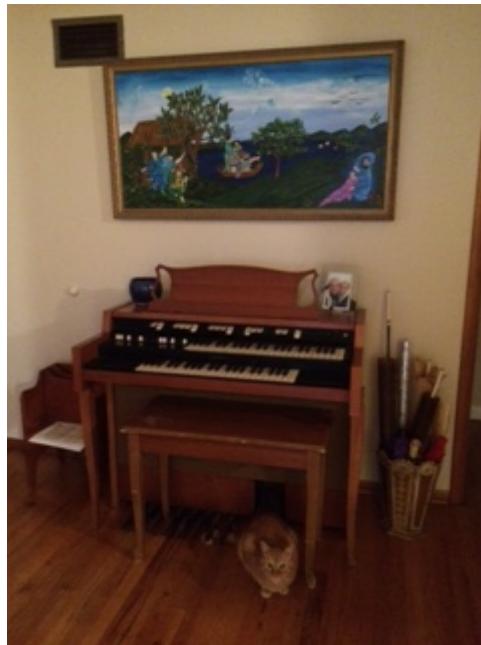
decision making. I was so impressed and I hope the rest of the club is to. Last year our club supported some really dynamic organizations helping women in the Denver community and I have a feeling that this year we will all be equally impressed! Our committee's do so much work for the club and it is wonderful to serve on them. Right now, one of our committee's is looking for more members. If you have an interest in helping to increase our membership and be a part of planning our meetings, please speak with Liz Stewart. She would love to have you join her on Membership!

On a personal note, thank you to all the club members who have congratulated me on my buying my first home, helped me with finding plumbers and repair men, and even supported my safety by changing my locks (Mary B, I'm looking at you!). I think about

when I first moved to Denver and had no idea where to turn to find a mechanic or vet and so for years returned to Laramie to take care of my car and cats. It has been such a comfort to have this group of women to turn to for so many things that arise in my life. Thank you to all of you.

Katie

PS – the organ found a home! Mine! Dan is a piano player and so we are hoping he will be able to turn his skills on the piano into skills on the organ and fill our home with music. Please keep your fingers crossed.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, October 7, 10:00 a.m.-

Service with COVA at 1325 S Colorado Blvd, Suite 508 B

Please read the Service Committee report for more information.

Reminder: Denver Santa Claus shop loves used toys and dolls you, your family or neighbors are clearing out this fall. Linda Rhea can get out of your car at meetings or arrange pickup. 15000 Needy children will thank you this Christmas.

CALENDAR

- Service Cmte Meeting Oct 3rd at Perkins 6p
- COVA service opportunity Oct 7th 10a
- General Meeting Oct 13th at Fresh Fish Company
- Membership Cmte Meeting Oct 20th at Citron Bistro 5:30p
- COVA Annual Conference Oct 23-26
- ZDC Board Meeting 5:30p Oct 27th Tony's Market
- General Meeting Nov 10th at Fresh Fish Company

- ZDC Board Meeting 5:30p Dec 1st Tony's Market
- Holiday Party Dec 8th at Gwen Fornia's home
- February 9th Grant Award Meeting at Bent Noodle during our regular meeting



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