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Happy Halloween!

October Meeting

Date: Thursday, October 10th
Time: 5:00 p.m.
Place: Lucy Restaurant
5345 Landmark Place
Greenwood Village

Please RSVP to Linda Rhea
by October 7th by voicemail or text
to 303-667-9956, or by email
at ThriveEveryDay@gmail.com.

[Click here for Minutes from
September 12, 2019 Meeting](#)

Zontians, share your passion! Please sign up to present an **Advocacy Moment** at a club meeting or prepare an **Advocacy Article** for the Smoke Signal. The Sign Up Genius page can be found [here](#).



To my Zontian Sisters:

Thank you so much for your lovely cards, kind words and get well messages. I so appreciate your kindness. With no warning, I was very surprised to experience what I thought were chest pains. Jim took me to the ER and when you are experiencing chest pains you go to the front of the line. Parker Adventist was busy that Tuesday morning. After lots of tests, they determined it was not my heart. More and more tests revealed my enzymes were 15,000 when they are supposed to be around 300. Attention then went to my pancreas and then to gallbladder.

Of course, I am googling things and remember that other tests a few months ago showed that I had gallstones. At that time, I went to a surgeon and he asked me if I was having any trouble and I said no. He said wait until you do. Well apparently this was it – those darn gallstones. The surgeon said they had to come out. Of course, I told him I didn't have time for this, as I was hosting a fundraiser the following Thursday.

From what I have determined, I think this is a way we attempt to get control of the situation when you don't have any choice. I was operated on at 1 am and was the only one in the OR – kinda creepy, as the lights are out and the janitors are cleaning up. I did make the fundraiser, as it was at my house, but of course had to fake it and rely on lots of help. But I did it. I am recovering nicely and my only restriction is on what I can lift.

Thanks again for your kind wishes.

Evie Ashmore



ZCD members at the District 12 Conference in Billings on September 20-22, 2019.

Message From Our President



Congratulations, Zonta Club of Denver! We won the traveling award (most members traveling the furthest) at the District 12 conference in Billings, MT last weekend. Eleven of us went, and had a great time. The Billings club did a really good job – our days and evenings were full of interesting destinations (winery, museums and colleges), and speakers that included our District's International liaison, Sigrid Duden, as well as Cassidy Shaver, the 2018 Zonta International and D-12 Jane M. Klausman award recipient, and Rachel Steinberg from UNICEF, who presented UNICEF's strategy for Ending Child Marriage. There were well-organized business meetings (a new board was elected for the next two years – Ann Hodgson is our new Governor), and educational workshops (Marian Lee taught one), and the food and drink was plentiful and delicious.

Although Dawn Bali and Julie Bradley wore authentic suffragette outfits to the opening banquet, we didn't win the award for best costume – nurse Clara Barton won it with her glass lantern purse – imagine! Julie Bradley was recognized as our club's Zontian of the Year at the Saturday banquet, and we honored four of our prior members who passed away this biennium (Barbara Pellegren, Minnie Lundberg, Ann Misun and Jackie Freudenstein) at a Memorial Service. Mary Benoit presided over her "Wall of Wine" fundraiser and made over \$1,000, and we sold some jewelry and even some of our

pouches in the Zonta store. All in all, a very successful conference.

Now we can plan for, and look forward to, our Zonta Convention in Chicago next Summer. Wouldn't it be awesome if every Zonta Club of Denver member could make that trip? Zonta will be celebrating its 100th birthday and I know the celebration will be terrific. I am looking forward to touring Zonta's headquarters and seeing what interesting side trips Chicago has to offer.

Also, I have appointed, and the board has approved, a three-member special committee to look into how we can improve our dwindling Discretionary Fund and also the viability of our Club Service Account. Nikki Headlee, Gwen Fornia and Kathy Hyzer will give us their report by the middle of December.

~ Mary Lou Edwards

A Word from the Treasurer

This month, we released the income from the Edna Jean Hershey Trust (which we do once every three years) so that it can be used for our Zonta Metropolitan State University Endowment Fund. The income from the past three years totaled \$24,547.30, which will be given to Metro for scholarships to help single women and moms to earn their degrees.



District 12 basket drawings, jewelry and pouch sales netted \$182.00 in income to the operating account.

Our club is in the process of filing our 990's for our various accounts this next week.

Lastly, if you plan to attend the 100th year convention in Chicago next July, Terri Otley, former treasurer of D12 has prepared a spreadsheet outlining the anticipated expenses so you can plan your budget accordingly. Please click [here](#) to see the spreadsheet.

See you all in October!

~Julie Bradley

THANK YOU!

Thank you all for the wonderful honor of being named Zontian of the Year 2019. It is always a great honor to be chosen, but even more of an honor to be able to serve our Zonta Club.

This club and the friends I have made here have given me so much more than I have given it. The friendships and support in times of personal need, the ability to give of myself to others outside in our community is invaluable to make all our lives grow.

Thanks again for your support and the beautiful gift of a necklace and earrings as well as the honor at District 12 conference as well.

~Julie

Committee Reports



MEMBERSHIP

A few of us had an interesting visit to the wall at the Convention Center honoring women in Colorado history, which our club funded several years ago. A happy hour this fall is in the works!

Those attending our general membership meeting in September indicated an interest in trying Lucy's Restaurant on October 10. In the Landmark center, the address is 5345 Landmark Pl. The closest exit off I-25 is Belleview. There is parking in the lot and an underground garage just past the restaurant. Lucy's is upstairs, above Comedy Works, and there is an elevator to the left when you enter. They offer separate checks, but require everyone to order an entrée from a reduced menu. October's menu will include a Lucy Burger, Mac n cheese with crab and bacon on request, Caesar salad with choice of chicken or shrimp, angel hair pesto, chicken Marsala, or roasted salmon. All attendees must pay a share of the room fee, which will be \$6 per person at the door by cash or check. Please RSVP for the meeting to Linda Rhea by voicemail or text at 303-667-9956, or by email at ThriveEveryDay@gmail.com. We will try it to see if we like it!

A new member orientation will be held Sunday, October 20, 11am-1pm, at Veronica Hoegler's home. Anyone who would also like a refresher about Zonta is invited. Brunch will be provided.

We hope to see you at our fall meetings!

~ Veronica Hoegler

FUNDRAISING

Thank you all for your donations of jewelry for our sales at the District 12 Conference in Montana, especially to Judy Allen who took a box! Julie Bradley was able to sell several pouches using our new Square device, which enables us to accept credit cards for sales. We received some lovely donations from Kay Meyer of the Boulder Zonta Club that Julie Bradley made into lovely baskets. Our club raffled them at District and thanks to Kay and Julie, we made about \$100 for the baskets. Other items from Kay will go into our Garage Sale on May 16, 2020.



Did you ever wonder why you have certain tendencies to do what you do? You can learn more about yourself and others in your family or at work by taking the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator. Marian Lee, who is certified to administer the MBTI, will give the assessment and present a workshop that explains the tool and helps participants to understand their results. She will donate the hours required to process the assessment and prepare and present the workshop. The cost is \$20, and the proceeds will benefit our Zonta Club. So we hope you will participate in this event - it's a lot of fun! If you are interested, please contact Jeanette Scotland at jscotland@gmail.com. We will set the date in November when we have the names of interested participants.

The committee is discussing possible Colorado Symphony events in December. Our club ticket price has increased to \$40 as the Symphony has increased their ticket prices. Also, we will have fewer tickets available to each event, as fewer tickets will be available to our own Symphony Singer, Wendy Moraskie. Stay tuned (no pun intended) for your December Symphony concert dates.

Save the Date: March 28, 2020, our **DAY OF FILM**. The Fundraising Committee is now busy looking at movie trailers for the Day of Film, and we will make a decision soon. We are looking for something that will be uplifting and timely as we celebrate women getting the right to vote in 1920. We are moving ahead on choosing a good caterer too, and on approving our budget for the entire event. And on October 1st we will secure the venue for the 2021 event! Good things keep happening. Speaking of Day of Film, please patronize Argonaut Wine and Liquor at 706 E. Colfax, as they donate the champagne for our brunch every year. It would be great to support those who so generously support us.

The next meeting of the Fundraising Committee will be on October 16, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at my home.

~ Jeanette Scotland



SERVICE

This month included some activities with two of our current Grantees. Hope House had the Grand Opening of their beautiful new building. The completion of this dream will go far in expanding their outreach. They have class rooms, office spaces and a commercial kitchen. It was a very good turn out and Mary, Nikki and myself were glad to attend.

Three members of the Service Committee also offered our services for the Whole Health Festival that the Asian Pacific Development Center was sponsoring. Nancy, Pam and I helped them set up and then welcomed attendees. After our responsibilities were completed we were able to enjoy some of the activities being offered, including Tai Chi, Yoga, Bhangra dancing, and more. It was quite fun and inspiring as you can see from the photo below.



The committee has also reviewed the eleven grant applications we received this year, which were varied and interesting. We will be visiting six of the agencies this month for further review.

Hope House is the organization for which we will be collecting donations for this month, and we will send a message to the club when the items are determined.

~ CJ Long

PUBLIC RELATIONS

We are looking for photos of any Zonta-related event to post on the club's website. Please send me anything you can provide, along with a short explanation. I would appreciate pictures from District in particular. Thanks for your help..



~ Kathy Hyzer



ADVOCACY

ENDING CHILD MARRIAGE

(submitted by Julie Bradley)

Worldwide, almost 650 million women alive today were married before their 18th birthday, and an estimated 280 million more girls are at risk of becoming brides. If current trends continue, the number of girls married as children will reach nearly one billion by 2030.

Child marriage is a global violation of human rights that can be found in cultures, religions, ethnicities and countries around the world. Recognizing that only a long-term strategy will ensure the desired outcomes, UNICEF and UNFPA have joined forces and formally launched a multi-country initiative to protect the rights of millions of the world's most vulnerable girls.

*The **Global Programme to Accelerate Action to End Child Marriage** brings together governments, civil society, families and young people in a collective effort to prevent girls from marrying too young and to support those already married as girls. To date, more than 1 million girls have been reached through life skills and school attendance support and 1.67 million individuals have been engaged in community-based behavior change and sensitization activities.*

[Quoted from Zonta International Foundation website.]

In The United States, we also have a problem, whether we want to admit it or not. One of the ways we as citizens and Zontians can help is to advocate for state laws that prohibit marriage under age 18, with no exceptions. Colorado just passed a law that went into effect on August 2nd of this year. Here is a summary of the bill. It is better than it was, but doesn't go all the way to 18 with no exceptions.

Marriage of underage persons - issuance of marriage license - rights and conditions - appropriation.

The act prohibits persons under 16 years of age from obtaining a marriage license. A person who is 16 or 17 years of age may only obtain a marriage license if a juvenile court determines that the underage party is capable of assuming the responsibilities of marriage and that the marriage would serve the underage party's best interests. Prior to making this determination, the court shall appoint a guardian ad litem for the underage party to investigate the underage party's circumstances and best

interests and to file a report with the court addressing the factors listed in the act and stating a position regarding whether the issuance of a marriage license is in the underage party's best interests. The act authorizes the juvenile court to appoint a guardian ad litem for purposes of judicial consent for underage marriage.

The act clarifies that an underage married person has certain rights under law, including the right to establish a separate domicile from the married person's parents; the right to file motions and petitions in the married person's own name; the right to enter into enforceable contracts, including leases for housing; and the right to consent to their own medical care. The act clarifies that both parties to a proxy marriage must be 18 years of age.

The act prohibits complete social security numbers from appearing on marriage forms and certificates issued by county clerks and recorders and allows certain documents to prove the applicant's identity.

For the 2019-20 state fiscal year, the act appropriates \$59,850 from the general fund to the judicial department for use by the office of the child's representative for operating expenses and for court-appointed counsel.

[see leg.colorado.gov]

While looking at this problem, I saw an interesting conversation online as well as a program that was aired on TV a couple of months ago about this very subject in the US. The online 'show' is called the **Red Table Talk** which airs on Facebook and is done by Jada Pinkett Smith, her daughter Willow, and her mother Adrienne Banfield Norris. They talk about a variety of subjects, but I happened upon an episode about Child Marriage called **Children Forced Into Marriage: A National Disgrace** (*In 48 states it's still legal for young girls to be forced into marriage. Two brave women who were child brides share the harrowing details of how they were forced to marry older men and why the laws desperately need to change*)

The Television show/movie was called *I was a Child Bride: The Untold Story* (on A&E) and can be found on Amazon as well as A&E online.

I hope that some of these ideas will spark questions. I will continue with this thought in our Advocacy moment at our October meeting.

~ Julie B



Come Volunteer With Us!

It's an exciting time at The Women's Foundation of Colorado!

We are growing in staff, programming, and impact - all we need is you!

This summer, we expanded our statewide engagement program and now offer more opportunities to engage with WFCO than ever before. If you would like to volunteer for us, click [here](#) to email our statewide engagement manager, and we can get you engaged as we work to create a state where all women can thrive. Here are some of the opportunities:

- Join a regional committee! We have active committees in Colorado Springs, Fort Collins, Pueblo and Vail. Don't see one where you live? Start one!
- In the Denver-metro area? We need volunteers to come into the office and help build our presence in the community.
- Be a fundraiser! Our development team needs help with events around the state.
- Staff a table for The Women's Foundation at a community event. We can get you materials and training, all we need is you!
- Attend an advocacy training. If we don't currently have one scheduled in your area, let us know you are interested.
- The Women's Foundation of Colorado is a unique statewide community foundation, and we are proud to represent women and their families throughout every corner of our state.

There has never been a better time to engage - join us today!



The Women's Foundation of Colorado
The Chambers Center for the Advancement of Women
1901 East Asbury Avenue | Denver, CO 80208 | (303) 285-2960

Club Calendar

Club Meetings

October 10, 2019

5:00 pm

Lucy Restaurant

November 14, 2019

5:00 pm

TBD

December 12, 2019

5:00 pm

TBD

Special Events

2020 Day of Film

March 28, 2020

2020 ZCD Garage Sale

May 16, 2020

Zonta International Convention

July 4-8, 2020

Chicago, Illinois

Save the dates!

Registration will open later this year.

Mark Your Calendar!

Zonta International 2020 Convention

4 July - 8 July 2020

Chicago Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile, Chicago, IL, USA

Join us for the 65th Zonta International Convention in Chicago, USA. Registration will open later this year, and more details will follow. Click [here](#) to visit the Convention website.



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Zonta Club of Denver Meeting Minutes

Sept 12, 2019 at Fresh Fish Company at 5:30

CALL TO ORDER

President- Mary Lou Edwards called the meeting to order at 5:30. Introductions of guests.

Dinner

Mary Lou introduced three guest Zontas from the Douglas County. The guests were impressed with the Smoke Signal.

Speakers

Zonya Dawson from the Asian Pacific Center was introduced by Pam. Zonya discussed how Zonta funds have been used to support programs that aid physically, emotionally, and financially abused, immigrant women.

Nancy McWhirter introduced the JMK Scholarship Winner, Taylor Pinson. Taylor is a junior at Metro and she discussed her life and career plans.

Secretary-Sara C. Ball

Board minutes from the Sept meeting were approved as corrected.

Treasurer- Julie Bradley

Zonta will have 2 baskets at the District for a fund raising drawing. One basket is a picnic theme. The other basket is a Thanksgiving theme.

Judy McNery thanked Mathias Lock and Key for printing the new Zonta directory.

Committee Reports

Membership-Veronica Hoegler

C.B. and POTTS at Arapahoe has been closed. Veronica discussed the difficulty in locating a restaurant for meetings. "LUCY'S" a restaurant at the Landmark, I 25 and Bellevue, will be the location for the next meeting. Members need to have at least a \$13.00 bill for our meeting at LUCY. LUCY's menu was passed around.

New member orientation will be held at Veronica's. All members are invited.

Service-C.J. Long

Currently there are 9 applicants for grants. The deadline is Sept 13, 2019.

PR-Kathy Hyzer

The Denver Post has been running articles in the "Hub" section about The Women Wall at the Denver Convention Center. One of the articles stated that Denver paid for the Wall. Kathy called the author and stated that Zonta paid for Women Wall. There are four Zonta names on the wall.

Advocacy-Dawn Bali

Dawn stated that Zonta's application for the Veterans Day parade, Nov 9, has been approved. Dawn wants Zontans to dress as suffragettes. Suffragette costumes can be purchased on Amazon. Zontas will carry a banner saying "Zonta 100 Years". The Colo. Springs Zontas will be participating in the parade. At district, Dawn will have fliers advertising the parade encouraging other Zontas to participate.

Advocacy moment was given by Gwen. Gwen discussed the United Nations' "Eight ways to help Women". Contact Julie Bradley to sign up for the advocacy moment.

Dawn will notify committee members of the next advocacy meeting.

Fund Raising –Jeanette Scotland

Jeanette discussed some of the options for the Day of Film. One of the best options may be "Hear My Voice" presented by Living Voices. "Hear My Voice" discusses the fight for women's suffrage thru dynamic solo performances with archival film and sound. This turns history into a moving and personal journey.

Jeanette is looking for storage space for items for the Zonta garage sale in May 2020.

Jeanette will be selling pouches and jewelry at District. Jeanette is asking for jewelry donations.

Next fund raising meeting is on Sept 18 at Jeanette's house.

Archiving- Marian will bring the Zonta history board to District.

Mary Lou reminded members of the 2019 Zonta District 12 Conference scheduled on Sept 20-22 in Billings, MT. This conference will be celebrating 100 years of Zonta. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Zontian of the Year Award was presented to Julie Bradley for outstanding participation and leadership.

Meeting adjourned with no other business at 6:30.

Secretary Sara C. Ball

Zonta International Conference - Chicago, IL
July 3, 2020

	Due Date	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Total
		7/2/2020	7/3/2020	7/4/2020	7/5/2020	7/6/2020	7/7/2020	7/8/2020	
Airfare	February 12, 2020	\$ 325.00							\$ 325.00
Registration	February 12, 2020	\$ 410.00							\$ 410.00
Hotel	July 7, 2020	\$ 110.95	\$ 110.95	\$ 110.95	\$ 110.95	\$ 110.95	\$ 110.95	\$ 110.95	\$ 665.70
Meal - Breakfast Hotel - American		\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 150.00
Meal - Lunch		\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 150.00
Meal - Dinner		\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 450.00
		\$ 735.00	\$ 260.95	\$ 210.95	\$ 235.95	\$ 260.95	\$ 210.95	\$ 235.95	\$ 2,150.70

	Weekly	Monthly
9/24/2019	20	5
Air & Reg	\$ 37.00	\$ 147.00
	41	9
Hotel & Meals	\$ 35.00	\$ 157.00
Total to save	\$ 72.00	\$ 304.00