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District 12, Area 3 September 2003

Zonta International is a worldwide organization of executives in business and the professions working together to advance the status of women

September General Meeting! Permanent See you Reservation When: Thursday, September 11th Where: Marriott Southeast Hotel list: Time: 5:30 p.m. social hour at the Conference 6:00 p.m. dinner Judy Allen Cost: \$23.00 Evie Ashmore Invocation: Linda Rhea in Billings Mary Benoit Please RSVP to Cathy Conley at 303-673-1534 wk or Julie Bradley 303-691-6926 hm and leave a message. Remember—you must make your reservation by Monday, Sept 8th at Nancy Bruner-Koontz noon. If you are on the permanent reservation list you Elizabeth Clinton must call to cancel by noon Monday. Cathy Conley Menu Sheila Davis Garden Salad with choice of dressing Rising Sun Sesame Chicken Nikki Headlee Shrimp Pot sticker Cvnthia Herndon Fried Rice Happy Birthday Chef's choice Vegetables Dottie Jenkins Lemon Sorbet & Cookie To our Kate Linscott **September** Judy McNerny Program "Life Balance: How to Wear Many Hats **Birthday Girls** Karen Murphy and Keep your Head on Straight" by Karen Susman, National Speaker & Corporate Trainer. Linda Rhea Come listen to Karen who will help you rebalance your life! Sept 13th Sheila Davis Carmen Teufel There is no such thing as being permanently in balance. Sept 14th Linda Corssmit The answer is to focus to the moment, get your Diane Twining "Zonta New Balance in Life To Do List". You can have it all Sept 22nd Liz Cameron but not all at once. HOW MANY HATS DO YOU WEAR??? Sept 26th Elizabeth Clinton Karen will have "Top Dog Guide books"™ series available for purchase at the meeting.

*Mission Statement of Zonta Club of Denver:* The Members of Zonta Club of Denver are committed to the support and well-being of our community, our club, and ourselves, by improving the status of women and children and upholding the Objects of Zonta International.

President of Zonta Club of Denver: Evie Ashmore

Editor: Julie Bradley

Governor of District 12: Mary Benoit

## President's Message for September ...



Gosh, the summer has flown by so very quickly! I do hope you all had a refreshing and relaxing summer.

We are well into our new Zonta year. For those of you who were able to attend the August 14 meeting – our Salad by Committee Meeting, I hope

that you had an enjoyable time. I found it to be very relaxing and a change of scenery from the Marriott. It is fun to do something different during the summer.

District Conference is upon us. It is being held in Billings, Montana September 26, 27 and 28 hosted by the Zonta Club of Billings. The Zonta Club of Billings has a wonderful agenda planned including speakers, a fundraiser, elections, voting issues and a very special guest Betty Jane Bourdon who is the District 12 Representative and International Vice President. (She likes to be called BJ.) I hear there is great shopping very close to the hotel and lots of sightseeing opportunities. The meeting and lodging will be at the Historic Northern Hotel in downtown Billings. Several members have already signed up and I strongly encourage you to attend. I have found District Meetings to be very meaningful and a chance to network with other Zontians! I will be attending as our Delegate and Diane Twining will be our Alternate. I hope to see you in Billings! We also want to support our District Governor Mary Benoit.

I hope that you have taken the time to read the Outreach - the District 12 newsletter. I want to call your attention to a message from our Governor Mary. Mary received a letter from International President Margit Webjorn. She reminds us to keep our mission to improve the Status of Women in out sights. She also mentions several times the Website, which is an invaluable tool for all of us. She suggests that we could be more knowledgeable about Zonta if we used the Website to full advantage. Further, the biggest challenge is the recruitment of members. Our International President's advice is in order to increase membership; Clubs must show that what they do is meaningful for women, locally and internationally. I

## Convention 2004—New York City July 3-8, 2004 Marriott Marquis in Times Square

Join Zontians to discover first hand...the arts, culture, business, finance, economics, fashion, transportation and many other aspects of what makes New York City "tick"

## District 12 Conference Billings, Montana September 26th—28th, 2003 See you there!

See page 6 for the call to conference registration form. You may use this or if you did not receive yours, please contact a member of the board for the information.

thought this hit home for us. Currently, we have 39 members and we all need to do our part to recruit new members to join our wonderful club. The Zonta Club of Denver is no longer the largest club in Area 3. Let's go for it ladies!

I am proud to announce that Julie Bradley, who is our nomination for the 2003 Leader of Excellence Award, will receive this outstanding award during a ceremony scheduled in February 2004. The Colorado Women's Leadership Coalition (CWLC) will be presenting the award during the ninth annual Women Leaders of Excellence Awards event. The purpose of the event is to recognize outstanding leaders from the affiliate organizations of CWLC. The Zonta Club of Denver is an affiliate member! As in past years, we have nominated our Zontian of the Year from the previous year to receive this award. Congratulations to Julie!!!!

I am sad to report that Lydia Scherck has moved to Florida as her husband, Don has accepted a job there. We will miss Lydia. As her Director position is now vacant and in accordance with the Bylaws, I have asked Shari Dorton to accept the position. I am happy to report that Shari has graciously agreed to serve on the Board and will make a wonderful addition to our Board. Thanks Shari!

Yours in Zonta, E Vie

Zonta Club of
Denver
2003-2004
Board of Directors
Monthly Meetings
4th Thursdays at
5:30 pm, at Evie
Ashmore's House
5795 S Danube Cir.
Aurora, CO 80015

Thurs, Sept 18th (Dist Conf. Sept 25th) Thurs Oct 23rd No Board Meeting in Nov & Dec. Thurs, Jan 22nd Thurs, Feb 26th Thurs, Mar 25th Thurs, Apr 22nd Thurs, May 27th

To include information in the Smoke Signal please contact:

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Smoke Signal Deadline for the October issue is September 20th

## UPCOMING SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

## RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE DI NNERS

Participating Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup> are Nikki Headlee, Evie Ashmore, Judy Allen, and Linda Rhea. October and November sign-up sheets will be available at the September dinner meeting.



Family Pathways

Family Pathways is a residential treatment center for girls and boys located in I daho Springs. They are hosting a golf tournament and silent auction fund-raiser on Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at the I nverness Hotel and Golf Club in the Denver Tech Center. Volunteers are needed to assist with check-in, handing out goodie bags, and greeting golfers between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Silent auction volunteers are needed from 4:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Participating so far are Margaret Fomer, Barb Pellegren, and Linda Corssmit. More help is needed. Please contact Mary Benoit at 303-582-1533 to join the fun and help out kids in need.

Race for the Cure

Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup> when the club will be participating again this year in the Race For The Cure. Club members will walk together with other area clubs, wearing Zonta T-shirts, and supporting this worthy cause. Details will be forthcoming at the September dinner meeting.

## Service Grants for 2003-2004

Twenty-one grant solicitation letters were sent out during August for this year's service grants. These organizations include:

Marycrest Sewing Circle Conflict Center Family HomeStead Joy House Northeast Women's Center Salvation Army Preserve Sight - CO Delores Project Mile High Ministries Dress for Success CWEE

Cherubim Foundation Denver Rescue Mission Hope Communities Mi Casa Resource Center for Women Rape Assistance Awareness Program Grandparents Resource Center Work Options for Women Bridge Project Women in Community Service Day of Caring for Breast Cancer Awareness

Applications are due to the Service Chair by Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. Review of the applications and on-site visits will take place throughout October, with recipients finalized by the end of October.

## Service Thank You's

The Salvation Army's "Child Spree" held on August 9<sup>th</sup>, was fun for Zontians Julie Bradley, Barb Pellegren, Shari Dorton, and Sheila Davis. They assisted children in need during shopping trips at area Mervyn's stores. Kids could buy up to \$100 in school clothes, all of which was on sale. I tems were further marked down at the register, and no tax was charged on the final amount. This made for quite a shopping bag full of goodies for each child, and also made for a very worthwhile morning for the volunteers.

Interim funding reports from Joy House, Marycrest Sewing Circle, Family HomeStead, and Young Americans can be viewed on our web site on the service activities page.

## District 12 Club Happenings:



Do you have any info for the District 12 Scrapbook? Julie Bradley, PR/Historian is looking for program materials, newspaper clippings, International items (from last year in Sweden), and any other items that may need to be in the scrapbook. Please contact her or mail her the information. Thanks!



### Dear Friends,

Just wanted to send out a huge "Thank You" for your support this year for my Red Cross Fat Tire pledge hike. You helped me raise (drum roll please)

\$5,556.39. Hooray for caring friends like you who reach out through various causes to help people, whether you know them or not. I could not

have done it without you. Give yourselves a pat on the back or give your halo an extra little polish. A little over \$400,000 was raised this year to help individuals and families in need.

Thanks again for your friendship and your financial support and I'll see you next year.

## Denver City Happenings....

Sept 9. "Herbs and Herb-Drug Interactions: An Introduction" featuring Gretchen Frye, MD by Colorado Women's Health Care Coalition. Warwick Hotel 11776 Grant. \$8 includes break-fast. 7:45-9:00 a.m. RSVP: marilyn\_ruth@mho.com or 303-753-0027.

Sept 1.1 Colorado Women & Tobacco Coalition. Featuring Erin Leary of American Heart Assn. on the 2004 tobacco excise tax initiative. 10:00-11:30. Cleere Rm, Colo Dept of Public Health & Environment, 4300 Cherry Creek Dr So. Free. Info: 303-692-2506 or heather.tolby@state.co.us

Sept 19. LARASA Conference and Bernie Valdez Awards Luncheon. 303-722-5150 or bva@larasa.org

Sept 20. "Colorado's State Budget Crisis and Its Impact." Speaker: Chaer Robert, DWC Director. By Colorado Coordinating Council of Women's Organizations. Cherokee Restaurant. 1201 Cherokee. Breakfast 9 AM Program 10 AM. \$15. RSVP by 9/17 to Florence Arellano 303-935-3013

Sept 24-26. Women in Law Enforcement Rocky Mountain Regional Conference. Colorado Springs. www.rmwle2003.org or call Amanda Terrell-Orr, El Paso Co Sheriff's 719-520-7274.

October 9-10. "The Exercise & Enforcement of Civil Rights Post 9-11." Civil Rights Education Forum. For registration material contact Valerie Graf, Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Dept of Health and Human Services. Valarie.Graf@hhs.gov or 303-844-7896.

October 20. Colo Federation of Business & Professional Women Awards reception. At Pinnacle Club, 555 17th St. Cynthia Wieme 303-328-4310.

Sept 13-Oct 25. Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting by in America. Play by Joan Holden adapted from book by Barbara Ehrenreich. Acoma Theatre. Thurs-Sat. 8 PM, Sun 2 PM. Tickets \$18 & up.303-623-0524. www.curiousatacoma.com

Hotel Reservations for District 12 Conference in Billings, MT Historic Northern Hotel, 19 North Broadway, Downtown Billings

For reservations, call toll free: 800-542-5121 Please mention that you are with the Zonta District Conference.

Reservation deadline for this special rate is Sept 10th \$62 per night (+tax) for single or double occupancy \$75 per night (+tax) junior suite

## Conference Special Events

- \* Special Guest: ZI VP Betty Jane Bourdon
- \* Thurs night (early arrivals) no-host dinner
- Friday Night Trivia, hors d'oeuvres, museum admission (casual attire)
- \* Sat night Banquet African Theme & "Celebrate Your Heritage" Registration Form page 6

Cathy

#### Zonta Club of Denver - Proposed Budget June 1, 2003 - May 31, 2004

	Proposed 6/1/03 - 5/31/04		Actual 6/1/02 - 5/31/03		
Receipts	<u></u>		0.1102 010	1100	
 Dues - net 38 @63	2,394.00				
New members full year 3@63	189.00				
Half year @ 3@39	117.00				
Initiation fees-Full year 3@25	75.00				
Half year 3@25	75.00				
	2,850.00		2,762.00		
Dinner meetings - net	50.00		225.45		
Raffle (pays for speakers and guests dinners)	275.00		171.00		
Amelia Earhart dinner	-		423.80		
Discretionary Fund interest	650.00		658.00		
Miscellaneous income	-		59.06		
Transfer for International Convention	3,518.00				
Total Receipts	\$	7,343.00	_	4,299.31	
Disbursements					
Committee Expenses					
Membership					
Brochures	-		278.72		
Cards/ Misc	25.00		21.93		
Club Directory	132.00		132.00		
Area Meeting for New Members			25.00		
Dist. 12 for New Members			250.00		
Holiday Party			400.40		
Holiday Party Expenses	07.00		180.19		
Name Tag / Pins Expense New Member Dinner Expenses	97.00 220.00		97.43 220.00		
New Member Briner Expenses	83.00		82.25		
Postage/Membership Mailings	78.00		78.44		
Retreat Meals	70.00		58.00		
Speaker Dinners	66.00		66.00		
Zonta District Club Plaques	-		70.00		
Membership Committee - Other	-	701.00	-	1,559.96	
Fund Raiser	100.00			-	
Status of Women	125.00			121.68	
Service	75.00			-	
Communications** Smoke Signal	550.00			524.90	
Website ***				167.40	
Registering Name	52.00				
Bylaws	60.00			7.20	
Delegate expenses					
International Convention					
Registration 2@125	250.00				
Hotel 2@168*6	2,016.00				
Air Fare 2@350	700.00				
Meals 2 x 6 days @46	552.00	3,518.00		-	
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CWLC District Directory	125.00 72.00			125.00	
District Directory Gifts/Awards	72.00			-	
Memorial gifts	75.00 50.00			50.00	
Miscellaneous	100.00			116.08	
PO Box	112.00			-	
Stationery, stamps,misc supplies	100.00			-	
President's annual report ( Margret)	50.00			31.50	
President's expenses	100.00			128.01	
Presidents Pin	319.00			310.00	
Storage Unit	600.00			505.00	
Treasurer	37.00			37.00	
Total Disburgmonts	*	0 046 00	*	A 640 45	
Total Disbursments	\$	8,216.00	_\$	4,610.43	
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\*\* Directory cost included in membership budget

\*\*\* Covers 2 years

	Smoke Signal						
2003 Zor	nta International Dist	rict 12 Conferenc	e				
Septe	mber 26-28, 2003 Bi	llings, Montana					
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Please make your check payable to:	Zonta Club of Billings						
Return this form, with appropriate payment, to: Pam Seward, Conference Treasurer 492 Declaration Ave, Billings, MT 59105							
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## Zonta Denver Club General Membership Meeting August 14, 2003

The August General Membership Meeting took place at the lovely home of President Evie Ashmore. During social hour, Mary Benoit gave our member moment, as she discussed the current governmental affronts to Title IX, as we know it. This information was quite useful, and Zontians were called upon to be involved in their relations with schools, students, and teachers to help assure girls were not "passed over" in school activities and sports, given the new and varied interpretations that might be given to Title IX. After a wonderful dinner of "Salad by Committee", the meeting was called to order at approximately 7 p.m. Twenty-two members and one guest were in attendance.

Invocation was given by Kate Linscott. Minutes from the June 12 membership meeting were approved.

<u>Treasurer's report</u>: Judy Allen gave the a detailed report. Evie mentioned the budget will be reviewed by the Board at the August 28, 2003 Board meeting, and then will be presented at the September 11 general membership meeting.

<u>Related Budget I tem</u>: Sheila Davis, Service Committee Chairperson, discussed the annual donation to Denver Kids, Inc. The Service committee wished to present a proposal to approve \$10,000 for the Denver Kids, Inc. budget year 2006-7. Denver Kids, Inc. helps at risk students in the Denver Public Schools by providing training and mentoring in order to raise graduation statistics. Zonta Club of Denver was a founding member of Denver Girls, which evolved into Denver Kids, Inc. Rather than awarding a <u>fixed amount</u> for the following year budget, the committee introduced the idea of providing a <u>percent</u> of our clubs fundraising dollars. Further, we would ask Denver Kids, Inc. assist Zonta Club of Denver with its publicity efforts. Discussion ensued, and several ideas were brought forth:

- \* Initiate the percentage method now, rather than waiting until the next year budget process. This would help Denver Kids, Inc. focus on helping Zonta's fundraising efforts, as the more we raise, the more they receive.
- \* Require Denver Kids, Inc. to submit a request for funds outlining its proposed plan for the funds, as other recipients of Zonta Club of Denver's funds do.
- \* Require the proposal specify how the money would help female students, instead of funds going to general use. General use fund might inadvertently benefit males rather than females. Targeting females will help fulfill the club goals to further the status of women.
- \* Jackie Sammons gave specific information regarding contractual monetary obligations of the Zonta Club of Denver to Denver Kids, Inc. A decision was made to return the Denver Kids, Inc. budget proposal to committee.

Membership Committee: Kathy Hyzer indicated that Cathy Conley had scheduled a speaker on the topic of "Dealing with Stress".

<u>Service Committee</u>: Sheila Davis stated that volunteers Judy Allen and Diane Twining had great fun at the Taste of the Nation. The Ronald McDonald House dinner was on July 20. Opportunities for future service include the Family Pathways golf tournament and silent auction on September 15, from 4:30 to 9:00 p.m. Mary Benoit volunteered to be our club's contact person for this event, since she is on the board of Family Pathways. Sheila gave an update on the status of the service grants. Cynthia Herndon and Karen Murphy have processed twenty-two solicitations. The application deadline is September 19. Applications will be reviewed from September 30 through October 20. The committee suggested awards to a smaller number of groups this year, such as 4 to 6, in order to augment the effects of the awards.

<u>Fundraising Committee</u>: Diane Twining reported that three possible dates in 2004, one in October and 2 in November, have been tentatively reserved for our fundraising Bazaar at the Tivoli Center on the Auraria campus. Diane has been working with Joannie Wetzel, chair of women's studies at Metro State College. Ms. Wetzel is planning to incorporate volunteers from student groups as OMNI, in order to assist with our fundraising efforts. Diane also reported that Metro State might be interested in forming a "Golden Z" club. This type of club is a Zonta affiliated campus group.

<u>Communication Committee</u>: Julie Bradley reported the club directory was going to press soon. She asked that members check info for updates. <u>Status of Women</u> – Linda Rhea indicated the scholarship for YWPA is in process; suggestions for recipients are being sought. <u>Unfinished Business</u>: There was no unfinished business.

New Business:

- \* *Election of a delegate to District Conference*: Because our club has 39 members, fewer than the 41 required for two delegates, we have only one delegate. According to the Bylaws, President Evie Ashmore is our delegate. Jackie Sammons motioned that Diane Twining, as President –Elect, be our alternate delegate. Mary Benoit seconded the motion.
- \* Raffle item for the District Conference: Judy Allen volunteered to donate an item for the raffle.
- \* Zontian of the Year and Memorial Service: Evie indicated that Marjorie Pickett would have information for Mary Ethel Meyer's memorial, and asked that Judy Allen gather information for Billie Smith.
- \* Proposal to change investment managers: Jackie Sammons reported that the Board has approved a proposal to remove U.S. Bank as the club investment manager, and to appoint Sharkey, Howes, Wagner, and Javer, to manage the trust funds, and Bank of Cherry Creek to manage the operational accounts. Eileen Sharkey was one of the original financial planners in Denver, and has mentored many women in their careers. Personnel at the Bank of Cherry Creek were former trust officers on Zonta Club of Denver accounts when held by Central Bank. Central Bank was then acquired by Colorado National Bank, which after several mergers became U.S. Bank. Thus it was felt the personnel would be familiar with the accounts and attentive to the club. Linda Rhea motioned that the club ratify the Board's decision to remove U.S. Bank as funds manager. Liz Cameron seconded the motion.
- \* Metro State Magazine: Evie discussed her interview in the Metro State Magazine.
- \* *Cell phone donation program*. Area 3 Presidents wish to continue the cell phone donation program. Kate Linscott is investigating working with the Women's Crisis Center or Franklin Covey on this program.
- \* Amelia Earhart dinner has been scheduled for January 28, 2004.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45 p.m.

# September Smoke Signal

Julie A. Bradley, Editor Zonta Club of Denver PMB 209 303 16th St #016 Denver, CO 80202-5657

Smoke Signal							
Sept 9th	Fund Raising Committee @ Denver Kids 5:30 p.m.	Dec 11th	Holiday Party				
Sept 11th General Membership Meeting		Dec 25th	Christmas—Happy Holidays!				
		Jan 8th	General Membership Meeting				
Sept 15th	Ronald McDonald Dinner	Jan 22nd	Board Meeting at Evie's House				
Sept 15th	Family Pathways Golf Tournament and Silent Auction	Jan 28th	Amelia Earhart Dinner for Area 3				
Sept 18th	Board Meeting at Evie's House	Feb 12th	General Membership Meeting				
Sept 26-28 Next E	Next District 12 Conference in Billings,	Feb 26th	Board Meeting at Evie's House				
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Oct 9th	General Membership Meeting	Mar 25th	Board Meeting at Evie's House				
Oct 12th	Race For The Cure	Apr 8th	General Membership Meeting				
Oct 20th	Ronald McDonald Dinner	Apr 22nd	Board Meeting at Evie's House				
Oct 23rd	Board Meeting at Evie's House	May 13th	General Membership Meeting				
Nov 13th	General Membership Meeting	May 27th	Board Meeting at Evie's House				
Nov 17th	Ronald McDonald Dinner	July 2004	International Convention in New York City				