



Smoke Signal



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DISTRICT 12, AREA 3

SEPTEMBER 2004

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

September General Meeting

When: Thursday, September 9th
Where: New Sheraton Four Points
 (formerly the Marriott SE.)
 please check in lobby for location in
 hotel
Time: 5:30 p.m. social hour
 6:00 p.m. dinner
Cost: \$23.00
Greeter: Marjorie Pickett
Invocation: Barbara Pellegren

Please RSVP to Kathy Hyzer at 303-282-1062 and leave a message. Remember—you must make your reservation **by Monday, Sept 6th at noon**. If you are on permanent reservation list you must call to cancel by noon Monday.

Menu

Ranch Salad

Butter lettuce, sweet corn & tomatoes with buttermilk dressing

Sugar & Chili Cured Pork Loin

Country mashed potatoes & honey barbecue sauce

Chef's choice dessert

Program

Bob Whitson, from Boulder, will be talking about starting the Imagination Library literacy project in the Boulder area. This is a project that our club is considering.

International Election Results 2004

President-Elect: Olivia Ferry

Vice-President: Beryl Sten

Treasurer/Sec: Darlene Kurtz

International Directors (2004-2006)

Annette Binder

Elba Pereyra de

Gomensoro

Maria Imelda (Dandy)

Santos Gomez

Lynn McKenzie

International Directors (2005-2007)

Simone Ovarth Bruno

Maria José Landeira

Østergård

A.O. Omotayo Morgan

Permanent Reservation list:

Judy Allen

Evie Ashmore

Mary Benoit

Julie Bradley

Nancy Koontz

Cathy Conley

Sheila Davis

Sue Anne Flaherty

Nikki Headlee

Cynthia Herndon

Dottie Jenkins

Kate Linscott

Dolores Lowery

Judy McNerny

Marjorie Pickett

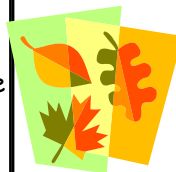
Linda Rhea

Dorothy Swindt

Carmen Teufel

Diane Twining

Joetta Williams



Happy Birthday to our
September
Birthday Girls!

Sept 13th

Sheila Davis

Sept 14th

Linda Corssmit

Sept 22nd

Liz Cameron



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: Diane Twining

Editor: Julie Bradley

Governor of District 12: Evelyn Haskell

President's Message for September . . .

Greetings To You All,

This has been such a wonderful summer; friendly, fun and helpful Zontians from around the world and in our own back yard; warm sunny weather and finally some rain to ease our long drought. Who could ask for anything more?



I want to thank all of our members, fellow Zontians and friends who supported our Club's Theater Event. We sold over 50 tickets to view the dancing and hear the music of 42nd Street, held at the Littleton Town Center. This Broadway hit seemed to strike gold yet again on Main Street in Littleton.

Please keep your calendars open for November 5th & 6th for "Let's Party". We'll have many duties to assign and will need all of your help to make this event fun and successful!

Additional events around the District are:

- The Cheyenne Club has their annual Treasures from the Past Antique Show and Sale, Saturday & Sunday, September 11 -12. We have been invited and Zontians are being offered a reduced admission charge of only \$3.50! More information appears in this Smoke Signal.
- I hope most of you are planning to attend our District 12 Conference, being held from September 24th through the 26th in Lamar, Colorado. Early registration is available through September 3, so be certain to get those registration forms sent in soon to qualify for the lower rate. I hope to see all of you there.
- The Komen Denver Race for the Cure will be held Sunday, October 3. Area 3 is gathering a group of Zontians to participate in this fun and worthwhile event. Want to join us?

Our potential Service projects are coming in fast, with hands on and Grant applications keeping the Service Committee very busy. If you know of any worthwhile organizations that fit into the scope of our mission, please contact the committee chairs or direct the organization to our web site. Grant application deadline is mid September!

The NYC Convention initiated positive changes for access to U.N. and International Project information with the creation of a new web site. I encourage you to see what is available. To access the website and learn more about MDGs, (Millennium Development Goals) please go to the Conference website at www.UNdpiNGOconference.org. For additional information on the DPI/NGO Section (U.N. Dept. of Public Information/Non-Government Organizations) visit www.un.org/dpi/ngosection.

All of this should keep us busy through the coming months. Hope to see many of your faces at these events, helping our community while having fun too.

Yours in Zonta,
Diane

Zonta Club of Denver
2004-2005

Board of Directors
Monthly Meetings

Board will meet regularly on the
4th Thursday of the Month
At various member homes

September 23rd

at Linda Corssmit's house

October 28th

at Kathy Hyzer's House

November 18th

December 16th

January 27th

February 24th

March 24th

April 28th

May 26th

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**Smoke Signal Deadline for the
October issue is
September 24th**

**Business Card Space Available
Advertise your business
\$5 per issue
Business card size—you design,
use your own art or give info
and thoughts to Julie Bradley
and I will design.
Contact Julie at the above ad-
dresses.**

Service Opportunities



ZCD and Bonfils Blood Center

Zonta Club of Denver is now registered with Bonfils Blood Center as a donor group. The actual number is 5675, but all we have to do is mention Zonta when asked if we are donating in the name of any group. We will get recognition in the Bonfils printed list of donors.

The website at www.Bonfils.org has information about blood drives, donor centers, eligibility, recipient stories and making appointments. If you have questions about eligibility, please call 303.363.2202

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE DINNERS

- September 20th
- October 18th
- November 15th
- December 20th
- January 17th
- February 21st
- March 21st
- April 18th
- May 16th

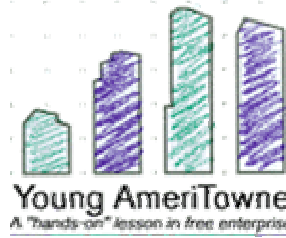
Sign up and help!



For those of you that know Elaine Gilley, the ZCD accountant. She is now an official 'Hot Air Balloon Pilot'. She has worked long and hard for this license. So - when you see her give her your congratulations.

Service Grants for 2004-2005

It's that time again! If you know of an organization that meets our goal of improving the status of women, and think they would like to apply for a grant, please let them know to check our website for an application. Linda Corssmit can also be contacted to add the organization to our list of organizations that will receive application letters.



Young American's Bank International Towne
 Wednesday, October 20th, from 8:30am to 3:30pm we have been asked to volunteer at the Young Americans Bank for one of their International

Towne days.

This is a wonderful opportunity to help 7th graders in the Denver Public Schools learn about running countries and dealing with other communities around the world. The bank has an entire floor set up with booths and common areas. Kids spend all day in this environment. As the day progresses, they have to trade goods and services, meet as a United Nations group, and attend to affairs in their own country. They also spend quite a bit of time in their classrooms before attending this session studying international affairs. Roles for the day are pre-assigned including a President, Vice Pres., Finance Minister, etc. for each country. Each one of us will be assigned a country, and our role will be to assist the kids with activities in that country.

I volunteered for Ameritown (for 5th graders) several years ago, and it was VERY fun and exciting to watch the kids learn and deal with each other. Please email or call me to sign up. There will also be a sign-up sheet at the September dinner meeting.

There is a short training session for volunteers on Tuesday evening, October 5th from 6pm - 7pm.

Sheila 303-721-9325.



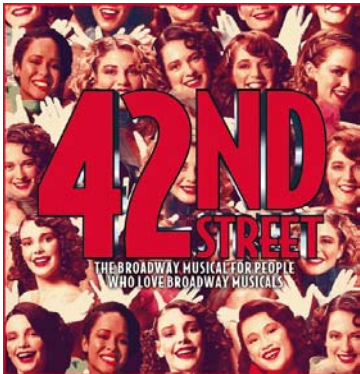
Fund Raising!!!

Let's Party Needs!!!!

- ✓ Needed—NAMES of vendors, names or artisans—Call Joetta Williams at 303-753-6650
- ✓ Needed—NAMES of friend to send invitations to the event. A post card will be sent to everyone that we can to invite to our event. Every member can help by sending 10 names of at least individuals you may work with, neighbors and friends. Send names to Julie Bradley. We would like to have everyone who has email to consider sending an email invitation to everyone in their email database in the Denver area.
- ✓ Raffle sales will be easy this year! The raffle prize is \$1,000. Tickets will be \$5 each or 3 for \$10. Think it will be hard to sell chances at \$1,000? We don't think so. Tickets will be available shortly and every member is asked to help sell tickets!



Shopping..... Shopping..... Shopping.....shopping.....



An enjoyable time was had by all who attended the ZCD Fundraising Summer Theatre Event showing of **42nd Street** at the Littleton Town Hall Center on August 22nd! 57 tickets were sold, and an additional \$200 in donations from members came to a total of **\$827 raised**. The show was described in a recent write-up as "upbeat and just sheer fun!"

Many thanks to Zonta Club II and the Zonta Club of Boulder for their participation and support.



With the success of this fundraising effort, we look forward to more great theatre events in the future.



IRON JAWED ANGELS

**DON'T FORGET TO
VOTE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
IT IS A PRIVILEGE AND
YOUR RIGHT, THAT MANY
FOUGHT FOR YOU TO
HAVE.**



"Courage in women is often mistaken for insanity."

Subject: Remember how women got the vote!

The women were innocent and defenseless. And by the end of the night, they were barely alive. Forty prison guards wielding clubs and their warden's blessing went on a rampage against the 33 helpless women wrongly convicted of "obstructing sidewalk traffic."

They beat Lucy Burn, chained her hands to the cell bars above her head and left her hanging for the night, bleeding and gasping for air. They hurled Dora Lewis into a dark cell, smashed her head against an iron bed and knocked her out cold. Her cellmate, Alice Cosu, thought Lewis was dead and suffered a heart attack. Additional affidavits describe the guards grabbing, dragging, beating, choking, slamming, pinching, twisting and kicking the women.

Thus unfolded the "Night of Terror" on Nov. 15, 1917, when the warden at the Occoquan Workhouse in Virginia ordered his guards to teach a lesson to the suffragists imprisoned there because they dared to picket Woodrow Wilson's White House for the right to vote.

For weeks, the women's only water came from an open pail. Their food--all of it colorless slop--was infested with worms. When one of the leaders, Alice Paul, embarked on a hunger strike, they tied her to a chair, forced a tube down her throat and poured liquid into her until she vomited. She was tortured like this for weeks until word was smuggled out to the press.

So, refresh my memory. Some women won't vote this year because--why, exactly? We have carpool duties? We have to get to work? Our vote doesn't matter? It's raining?

Last week, I went to a sparsely attended screening of HBO's! new movie "Iron Jawed Angels." It is a graphic depiction of the battle these women waged so that I could pull the curtain at the polling booth and have my say. I am ashamed to say I needed the reminder.

There was a time when I knew these women well. I met them in college--not in my required American history courses, which barely mentioned them, but in women's history class. That's where I found the irrepressibly brave Alice Paul. Her large, brooding eyes seemed fixed on my own as she stared out from the page. Remember, she silently beckoned. Remember.

I thought I always would. I registered voters throughout college

and law school, worked on congressional and presidential campaigns until I started writing for newspapers. When Geraldine Ferraro ran for vice president, I took my 9-year-old son to meet her. "My knees are shaking," he whispered after shaking her hand. "I'm never going to wash this hand again."

All these years later, voter registration is still my passion. But the actual act of voting had become less personal for me, more rote. Frankly, voting often felt more like an obligation than a privilege. Sometimes, it was even inconvenient.

My friend Wendy, who is my age and studied women's history, saw the HBO movie, too. When she stopped by my desk to talk about it, she looked angry. She was--with herself. "One thought kept coming back to me as I watched that movie," she said. "What would those women think of the way I use--or don't use--my right to vote? All of us take it for granted now, not just younger women, but those of us who did seek to learn." The right to vote, she said, had become valuable to her "all over again."

HBO will run the movie periodically before releasing it on video and DVD. wish all history, social studies and government teachers would include the movie in their curriculum. I want it shown on Bunko night, too, and anywhere else women gather. I realize this isn't our usual idea of socializing, but we are not voting in the numbers that we should be, and I think a little shock therapy is in order. It is jarring to watch Woodrow Wilson and his cronies try to persuade a psychiatrist to declare Alice Paul insane so that she could be permanently institutionalized. And it is inspiring to watch the doctor refuse. Alice Paul was strong, he said, and brave. That didn't make her crazy. The doctor admonished the men: "Courage in women is often mistaken for insanity."

<http://www.hbo.com/films/ironjawedangels/>

<http://iron-jawed-angels.com/>

If you wish to see the video, Julie Bradley has a copy and will bring it to a movie for you to borrow.

On 26 August 1920, women in U.S. were given the right to vote with the ratification of the 19th amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Here are some web sites that may be of interest to you in educating yourselves and others on voting processes.

National Woman's Party, educating public about equality for women under the law: <http://www.sewallbelmont.org/>

Women's Voices. Women Vote. A nonpartisan organization dedicated to getting women engaged in our democracy: <http://www.wvv.org/>

The Alice Paul Institute, empowers women and girls to accept leadership challenges in their lives and communities and workplaces: <http://www.alicepaul.org/>

**Save the Date
24th Annual Day of Caring for Breast
Cancer Awareness Conference**

- Seminars
- Resource Areas
- Survivor Fashion Show

**Saturday, April 30, 2005
Denver Merchandise Mart
I-25 at 58th Avenue**

Polly Howard & Barbara Lipkin, Co-Chairs

Get a free copy of the 2004-2005 Colorado Breast Cancer Resources Directory in English or Spanish, or see it online at www.BreastCancerColorado.org

The directory has information on support groups and organizations, product suppliers, wellness resources, online resources and much more.

Call 303-239-3434 for more information or visit them at www.DayofCaringOnline.org

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Email: info@DayofCaringOnline.org



Zonta Resource Room with Zontian Volunteers 2004

Take Charge of your breast health. Here are some important things to know and do:

- Early detection and treatment for breast cancer offer excellent odds for survival
- Learn how to do breast self examination correctly, and examine your breasts every month. Get to know your own body, and you'll know when something is different.
- If you discover a lump or another change in your breast, have it checked by your health care provider. Most lumps are not cancer, but they should be checked.
- Have a breast exam done by your health care provider every year.
- Have a baseline mammogram done by age 35 if there is a history of breast cancer in your family, and have a mammogram every year beginning at age 40.
- No one has to go through breast cancer alone. There are many sources for information and support. Call Day of Caring for a copy of the Colorado Breast Cancer Resources Directory to find a wealth of support resources.
- Millions of breast cancer survivors are leading long, full and healthy lives.



Area 3 is sponsoring a team at the Race for the Cure 2004

More Information coming soon!

Save the Date: October 1, 2004

Sign up and be a part of a great cause to help improve the status of women!



NYC Report With Bits & Pieces

(Edited for the Smoke Signal)

Evie went into such great detail about all of the happenings in the Big Apple that I feel there's nothing left to report. However, as you all know I'm sure I can find just one more thing to share.

I'd like to take a somewhat different approach to our Convention report than Evie, perhaps getting more to the "feel" of the convention and not giving you just the technical or official aspects of the event. First I must say that Club and city/country pins are another type of currency at Zonta Conventions. The more you have the greater your wealth. What a wonderful and fun way to meet many women from different countries and speak the universal language of trading. Of course the Zonta Store had many unique items for sale and trading was done in everyday U.S. greenbacks. I'll have several pieces to sell at future events.

What I found to be interesting was the opportunity for members to have their own unique experiences while at Convention. Delegates have a much more structured itinerary, but periodically you have the freedom to pursue different activities of interest either as a group or alone. There were many "pick up" lunch and evening partners during the time of the Convention.

As Evie reported, our very own Club was honored on Tuesday and again Wednesday, for their financial support of Zonta International Foundation. Our total contribution for the Biennium was \$36,800, a quite impressive sum! Santa Clarita, a Club of over 72 members, was the top Club and gave \$43,000. As I noted in my August Presidents Message in the Smoke Signal, we may be small in member numbers but very large in our financial support. Also notable is the fact that District 12, one of the smallest Districts

worldwide was 11th in total financial contributions! Are we good or what! I must share with you that being honored by the Foundation is a really "big" deal, not

only in the pride we all felt (for all District 12 Members) but the in the political points recognized by the Foundation. I know most of you have heard of the politics that surround Zonta, especially internationally. Most of the time we avoid this topic. However I feel it's important that we all understand that politics affect who is supported for higher offices and how a Club is viewed internationally. Does this 'culture' turn off some members? In some cases yes, but we are women who work with and through politics everyday in our professional lives. I truly believe that we must acknowledge this fact and use this culture or atmosphere to promote our "North American" agenda and members running for International Offices. Politics is not a dirty word (although it will certainly seem that by November). Politics is a way for us to work together to encourage the passage of positive projects and people to help women worldwide. Our Club's contributions help our members who may be interested in attaining higher offices with Zonta and what better way of having our thoughts heard than having our own personal representatives there speaking on our behalf!

Moving along through Wednesday's convention activities was the Memorial Service attended by numerous Zontians and highlighted by each District's Governor. A Business Session was originally scheduled to begin @ 9:15 a.m. However, due to Zonta's own 'hanging chad' and elevator issues, we were running behind schedule and this particular morning we began at 8:45. We had two wonderful speakers during this session, Terry Von Thaden, winner of this year's Amelia Earhart Fellowship. She had many interesting slides of her grandmother Louise McPhetridge and Amelia Earhart; friends and aviatrixes. Terry has continued in her grandmother's arena, pursuing studies related to human behavior in airplane cockpits, obviously affecting the safety of all crews and passengers. These historical slides provided us with a wonderful visual history of our organization and the

strides of women over the decades. It also highlights how much still needs to be done so that our granddaughters can pursue their dreams, no matter what they are or what the field of interest.

Wei Ying Zhang, is the recipient for the International Jane M. Klausman Women in Business award. What a poised young woman! She is currently enrolled in the University of South Carolina and is studying accounting and management science with a focus on international business. Yes, follow the money and you will go far.

Most of us attended a special U.N. Luncheon where several speakers, including Catherine Shaw, from the UN gave us updates on how the Zonta funded projects have positively affected many women's lives. One amazing statistic was the reduction in neonatal deaths due to tetanus, dropping from 787,000 in 1988 to 180,000 in 2002. Figures that are almost unbelievable! However, on a more somber note, worldwide, women's lives are under attack from an increase in HIV infections; growing from 38% to 51% and even 58% in some areas in just several years. Imagine what these horrendous rates of infection mean to our children of the future. We also must realize that in many cultures women do not have the right to say no. They have no way to protect themselves. Much still needs to be done, by women for women.

Later that afternoon, the convention attendees were given presentations on the status, financial and success, of all the 2002 - 2004 Service Projects. Honorary Member Dame Margaret Anstee gave an absolutely marvelous speech. Whoever said politics aren't funny, never heard her talk about her experiences. On this evening several of us treated ourselves to the Broadway hit "The Producers". All I can say is that this play is typical Mel Brooks, irreverent, very funny and recurring. Other Club members saw Chicago, 42nd Street, Rent and whatever else they could get tickets for. Broadway certainly lived up to its marvelous reputation.

Thursday, July 8th, voting on By-Law revisions were undertaken @ 7:45 a.m.! You can thank me after the meeting that I will not go into the details of every By-Law issue. Suffice to say that every proposed By-Law revision was voted on and not held over to 2006! This is a success and I'm thankful that Zontians will

not have to delay any local By-Law issues due to a lack of action by the International Board and Delegates during this year's Convention.

Two Resolutions were presented and discussed. The Resolution on Umbilical Cord Blood, Stem Cells and the Involvement of Women generated the most discussion. I had anticipated that the U.S. Members, given our current political climate, would have the most reservations and voice the largest opposition. I was completely wrong! Delegates from France generated the greatest concern. After many thought provoking objections the Convention Delegates voted to support this resolution, which primarily supports educating ourselves on the issues in order to protect and control our bodies.

Closing Ceremonies were indescribable in the camaraderie and friendship that were everywhere. The food was actually quite good, which is no easy feat given the size of the group, and my food was even warm. They actually ran out of space to serve dinners, so many attendees came for the ceremonies only and had to sit on the higher level and not on the main floor. We were treated to an amazing show, starring 4 Broadway performers singing and dancing their hearts out. It was very obvious that only in New York City would we be able to see such show with such talent!

In summation, Melbourne in 2006 is a long and expensive flight. I'm saving my money now and encourage all of you to join me for what promises to be a fantastic 58th Convention!



Melbourne Australia

BIENNIAL REPORT 2002-2004 ZONTA INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

This is my report of the biennium 2002-2004. It is of course a summary report and parts of it will be detailed by others during the Convention.

Two years ago, we stated that globalization is changing the world, for better and for worse. It brings new opportunities, but also new treats to women. WE agreed that as an organization, Zonta International must strengthen its identity and adapt its working methods to the changing times.

Zonta's mission remains the same, and I decided to go back to our long-term theme. **Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide.**

Our first Goal for the biennium was to Focus on Our mission. As an international organization, we should also address global issues.

We have done that through out international service programs, carried out by the Zonta International Foundation. Total contributions were about 2.65 million US\$, the highest amount in Zonta history, exceeding our contribution goals. I applaud this achievement and thank you for your generosity. Foundation President Gerda Senkyr will give us a detailed report later on, We had the support of the Status of Women Service Committee, seven co-ordinators under the able leadership of Chairman Kirsten Theisen.

Education is crucial for women, Knowledge is power, and studies tell us that girls' education is central to development, social progress and human freedom. To encourage young women, we gave awards at different levels of studies through

- Young Women I Public Affairs Awards, 10 International and 54 District awards
- Jane M. Klausman women in Business, 10 International and 42 District awards
- Amelia Earhart Fellowship Awards, 70 International Awards

You will meet one recipient of each award during Convention. Ursula Birker-Eckert, Anu Hämäläinen and Holly Anderson were co-ordinators for these important programs. The final Michael J. Freeman scholarships for women in Ireland were given. This fund is now being spent down as women's conditions in Ireland have improved, and Mr. Freeman would be very happy if he could see the positive change in his country.

We had four International Service Projects this biennium. Some members were concerned about the number of projects, but this approach proved to be successful. We

raised more money than ever for this fund. Projects addressed violence against women in India, trafficking in Bosnia-Herzegovina, and women's education and health in Afghanistan. Kirsten Theisen will tell us more about them, and about fruitful site visits to India and Bosnia-Herzegovina. In tow of these projects, we worked in partnership with UNIFEM and UNICEF, confirming our long-standing relations with united Nations agencies.

Violence against women is a global issue, and domestic violence is the leading cause of injury and death for women. This issue was also addressed through our ZISVAW program. 7 grants were given to Zonta clubs who worked with others to promote violence-free conflict resolutions. Susan Noakes was the ZISVAW co-ordinator. Districts have worked actively to raise awareness of the Zonta mission. District Conferences included speeches and workshops on women's issues and many Foundation Ambassadors have worked hard to increase contributions.

Do clubs focus on our mission in their local activities? Judging from reports to the Avenue of Service and Advocacy, it's hard to tell. Service co-ordinator Carol Rainey is presenting those during Convention and I encourage you to look at them to have ideas and food for thought. Many clubs have marvelous projects that really make a difference to girls and women in their communities. Thank you for those. Other clubs continue project that they have had in the past, projects that do not always advance the status of women. To really achieve results, and to strengthen the Zonta identity, please look at your local service for next biennium and try to have more Zonta projects.

In some districts, clubs give important service by supporting Z Clubs and Golden Z Clubs, guided by co-ordinator Judith Cohen. These young people develop leadership skills, and are encouraged to become active citizens. 21 new Z Clubs and 15 Golden Z Clubs were chartered this biennium.

Our second Biennial Goal was to Combine Service and Advocacy.

Gender equality does not exist in any country. To really improve the status of women, we must advocate to change laws, to promote implementation of laws, and to change attitudes, in men and women. Legislative Awareness and Advocacy co-ordinator Denise Conroy has stated that Zonta is always going to be 'limited' in fund-raising, but we are 'unlimited' with respect to advocacy. By combining service and advocacy, addressing the same major issues, we can increase the impact of our work.

This has started to happen. Many clubs have combined fund-raisers with advocacy efforts. This has also attracted the interest of media and clubs have gained positive PR

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effects. In some districts, co-ordinated efforts have been made to influence legislation and raise public awareness on women's issues.

This biennium has been a learning period, also at international level. This is natural. Zonta has a long history of service but has just recently began to use advocacy more consciously. The LAA subcommittee has developed and improved our tools. Fact Sheets were provided on issues on which Resolutions have been adopted by Zonta International conventions. Please look at those, you will find them very useful for actions at club and district levels. Our Advocacy Policy was revised and a Protocol for Advocacy was developed. The ZI Board developed a Policy on Zonta Affiliation with other Organizations. IN those documents, we state that Zonta is non-partisan and non-sectarian. WE must base our actions on facts, not on momentary emotions, and we should address issues that are of real importance to women. WE can act only at levels where we have authority to do so.

At international level, we sent letters to the President of Nigeria, and to the UN High Commissioner on Human Rights, on the case of Amina Laval. Many organizations did the same, these actions were successful and her life was saved. A letter was sent ot President Bush, requesting support to ratify CEDAW. The US is the only developed country that has not ratified the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women. IN all countries, we can be watchdogs to check that our governments live up to their promises. My own country, Sweden, was the first to have an equal number of men and women ministers in 1995 but now we have fewer women ministers again. Work for equality is like housecleaning, it will have to go on forever.

The United Nations give us the best opportunities for advocacy at international level. Zonta has consultative status with important UN agencies and our UN Committee, chaired by Jackie Shapiro, has done wonderful work to help us utilize this position. Jackie will give details of committee work later on. Each year, in early March, I and other Zontians attended the annual session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women here in New York. WE were proud during the opening of this year's session, when UNIFEM Executive Director Noeleen Heyzer commended Zonta International on our support. WE made the Zonta voice heard in seminars and workshops. Joint written and oral statements were given by us and our partners in Five-O: the International Council of Women, the International Federation of Business and Professional Women, the International Federation of University Women, and Soroptimist International. This year, we also developed procedures for future co-operation. I encourage all of you to partner with these organizations at club and district levels to increase the

impact of your work.

Some of my recommendations for the future are to integrate our advocacy efforts into all our programs and to improve the sharing of information on advocacy within the organization.

The third Biennial Goal was to Recruit, Retain, Rejuvenate.
Organization, Membership & Classification Chairman Olivia Ferry and her committee worked to support this process.

We were quite successful in recruitment for new clubs and we added tow new countries. A first club in Mongolia has been chartered in Ulaanbaatar. I presented the charter to the club of Skopje in the Republic of Mascedonia and enjoyed making friends with women in this young democracy. We welcomed a total of 52 new clubs in Zonta this biennium, 2/3 of them in Europe. District 30 had a special record of 12 new clubs.

However, we lost 4 countries. All of them had only one club and this is a lesson to be learned. Clubs need the support of others, and we need several clubs in each country. In all, we lost 46 clubs and many clubs are struggling with memberships numbers that are too small. Retention and rejuvenation are real issues in many districts and we have to take this seriously. We have not turned the down-going trend. Zonta is not a goal in itself but we have an important mission. To fulfill that mission, we need more members. Today's executives do not need a local social club. But I'm confident that many of them feel strongly about the Zonta mission and would want to join and stay in clubs that are active and result-oriented. They also want to network with other women internationally.

At international level, we have worked to provide new tools to increase membership. The new classification system has been developed and implementation at club level is under way. We thank staff at HQ and Denise Conroy who helped with this sometimes tedious work. Hopefully, the system will enable us to find members with expertise in different fields. This will help us improve Zonta work, and also facilitate networking at all levels of Zonta. A new Networking Policy has been worked out, and procedures for online networking are being prepared.

The Zontian magazine has been improved and is now modern and more reader-friendly. This is important, since the magazine gives direct information to each and every member. A big step forward has been taken with the new ZI web site, which is now worthy of an organization of executives in business and professions. Special thanks to our staff at HQ for the amount and quality of work that has been put into those communication tools.

More districts and clubs have established and improved their own web sites. These new tools make communication easy and we should train our members to use them.

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The Public Relations and Communications Committee, chaired by Bridget Baker, has provided a PR tool Kit to facilitate work at club and district levels. The committee also arranged a PR contest and many entries were submitted. The result will be presented by Bridget and is displayed during Convention for your information and inspiration. We still need to improve our external PR efforts.

Good Governance and Management are essential for Zonta. The International Board worked hard and had very full agendas at its 6 meetings. Special thanks to parliamentarian Dorine Kenney for her guidance, and to Executive Director Janet Halstead for her excellent support. Staggered terms of directors on the Zonta International Board have been fully implemented this biennium. New directors quickly became part of the team, and will now help secure continuity in the next biennium.

The Bylaws and Resolutions Committee led, by Chairman PIP 'Folake Solanke, gave advice and support to the board and districts. The committee had to deal with a great number of proposed bylaws, amendments, and resolutions, and Chairman 'Folake spent many hours preparing the report for this Convention.

The Finance Committee was chaired by Kathleen Hughes and worked to secure proper budgeting and finance reporting. Like last biennium, we have outsourced finance management to HQ. This has been successful, procedures have been streamlined, and I have not had any complaints on financial matters this biennium. The finance staff is so well integrated with our own that in the daily work, we tend to forget about this arrangement.

The Zonta staff at HQ in Chicago has worked very well this biennium. Executive Director Janet Halstead has a great sense of responsibility and can always be trusted to do her best. As you know, Janet is very good with words and we are grateful for the quality of written documents. She has built a hardworking team of managers to support her and the entire staff has co-operated, sometimes through periods of heavy workload. Personally, I owe special gratitude to HQ. It's not easy for staff to work with a President in another continent but I have always had a positive response and very good support.

Planning for the Future is essential for the effectiveness of Zonta.

To reach our goals, and to improve the organization, we should build on the work of our predecessors, and try to help the next team to be more successful than we were.

At Convention 2002, we adopted the document "A Course for the Future" as a basis for planning at all levels of

Zonta. That document identified our Vision and Mission. We agreed to emphasize a few general goals and began to give guidelines on how to reach them. As part of normal planning process, this document has now been revised and will be presented for your approval by President-Elect Mary Ellen Bittner.

Some district and clubs are now planning their activities more consciously and I encourage all of you to join in this process.

This biennium, the ZI Board developed Goals and Objectives for our international service programs. Apart from cost effectiveness, the guiding principle has been to Focus on Our Mission. As a result, some changes were made to programs and I will go into these in some detail later during Convention.

"A Course for the Future", and the Goals and Objectives, will be parts of the basis for a real Strategic Plan at international level. A strategic plan will help us set priorities, not least for work at HQ. It will be a tool when we approach major outside donors as we hope to do in the future. A task force has been formed with members from the two Boards. It had its first fruitful meeting in May, and work will continue during the next biennium.

The efforts of the Nominating Committee are important for our future. The committee, under PIP Mary Magee, has worked actively to find our future leaders at international level, and presented a slate of candidates for elections here in New York. The committee has also tried to improve the nominating process and information to voting members. Together, we have agreed on a new format for the Meet the Candidates session later today.

Important decisions for the future of Zonta will be made by this Convention. The Convention Committee, with Chairman Tebbie Clift, has worked hard with staff and many D3 Zontians to welcome members and guests to New York City. As you will understand, they have done an enormous amount of work. Their support to me has been wonderful and I have felt very dated during preparations. Let us honour their work by co-operating to make this a fruitful and memorable event.

I thank all of you, at club district and internationally levels, for your dedicated work and for your encouragement during the past two years. Together, we have made a difference, and we have taken a few steps towards a better world for women.

Respectfully submitted,

Margit Webjörn

Zonta International President 2002-2004

Welcome New Members

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Sponsor: Linda Rhea

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Sponsor: Kathy Hyzer

Interests: Founded orphanage in
Ethiopia, Supports 42 families with
Bead Project for Women

Welcome back former members:

Dorothy Swindt

Sandra Stemmler

District & Area 3 Info!

- **District Conference in Lamar, CO! Sept 24-26, 2004**
For those of you who have received your Outreach, you have the registration form. Those who don't—let a board member know and they will get one to you ASAP! Conference is amazing! This year we plan to visit the Japanese internment camp which was located near Lamar during World War II.
- From 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 11; and from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 12, **Zonta of Cheyenne will host its Umpteenth Annual Antique Show and Sale.** Dealers in antiques and collectibles from all over our region will have wares on display in the Exhibition Hall on Frontier Park, 8th Avenue and Carey Avenue. Wares range from beautiful furniture of all sizes to one of the best postcard collections I've ever seen! The jewelry dealers are incredible. Linens, lace and glassware galore! Gumball machines and toys and lamps and rugs - you name it, it will be there!

Besides that, we sell home baked goods and homemade lunch, all made by Cheyenne Zontians.

Admission is just \$4 - bring proof you're a Zontian and tell them Mona said you could get in for \$3.50! Lunch items sell so inexpensively that you can eat for \$5 or less - sandwich, soup or chili and chips, along with a drink - you can't beat it! We raffle a homemade quilt and a \$200 gift certificate from one of the jewelry vendors - he has YUMMY bling!! Raffle tickets are only \$2...

We'd love to see our sisters from District 12 - round up a carload and come to Cheyenne September 11 or 12 - or spend the night and attend both days, enjoying more of Cheyenne while you're here! Two days' admission for just \$3.50 for Zontians! And!!! For the first time in a lot of years, we have room for more dealers, so if you know of someone who sells antiques who might like to come display for the weekend, we'll hook them up with our manager to get reservations made. Four table booth is \$185; five table booth \$205 and six table booth \$225. Really affordable!

If you want more information or directions to the Exhibition Hall, email me at pearl@wslc.com

Ya'll come! And bring friends!!

Mona Pearl Antique Show Chair, Zonta of Cheyenne

**ZONTA CLUB OF DENVER
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
August 12, 2004
MINUTES**

President Diane Twining called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Guests were Michelle Haedrick, an investment broker; Myrna Rivera, networking for the Denver Public Library in computers, Susan Davenport, Pharmacist, and Beth Mundell, Grants Manager for RAAP.

Invocation was given by Nancy Koontz.

PROGRAM: Evie Ashmore and Diane Twining gave a fascinating narrative and description of International Convention in New York. Attending from our club was Kate Linscott, Linda Rhea, Cynthia Herndon, Jacki Sammons, Barb Pellegren, Judy Allen, Marjorie Pickett, Mary Benoit, Diane Twining, Evie Ashmore, Nikki Headlee and Dolores Lowery. Evie and Diane noted that a record 2,824 members attended convention in New York.

MINUTES - of the June membership meeting were approved as printed in the July Smoke Signal.

TREASURER'S REPORT – none

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership: 25 members and 4 guests were present this evening. Karen Murphy who has not rejoined as yet will be presenting a program in the spring about her Antarctic experiences this past year.

Service: Sheila Davis reported a volunteer opportunity that is coming up at Young American's Bank Ameritown – they need volunteers to help man International town in October. Due to a grant from the Daniel's Fund, all 8th graders in Denver Public Schools will be able to go. Linda McBurney noted sign up sheets being passed around for Ronald McDonald Dinners, Gathering Place lunches and other opportunities. Grant letters are going out to various organizations in the next few days. Service will meet after this meeting to coordinate their next meeting.

Fund Raising: Nancy reminded everyone about the fund raiser at Littleton Town Center Theatre on August 22nd. We have 4 members of the Boulder Club attending, 2 members from Zonta Club of Denver II with a total of 56 tickets sold currently. We can get more tickets if needed. There is handicapped access. Parking is near by. Tickets will be available at will call. The November Fund Raiser is coming along. Next meeting is August 19th at Linda Rhea's. The fund-raising team will be calling.

Status of Women: no report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – none

NEW BUSINESS – A discussion of the by-law changes printed in the Smoke Signal was held. A vote was taken and the changes passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- MiCasa will be having a Fiesta at Buell Theatre on August 19th with a standup comic. Kathy Hyzer noted the cost is \$75 and she is going.
- Menopause the Musical is being presented at 'The New Denver Civic Theatre' at 721 Santa Fe Drive in Denver. Evie Ashmore attended and noted that EVERYONE would love it!
- District 12 Conference in September will be in Lamar. Highlights of Friday evening is a tour of the Japanese/American Detention camp
- Cathy Conley thanked everyone for their contributions toward her Red Cross Fat Tire sponsorship. She raised over \$4,000
- Marjorie noted that her niece, Sue Anne Flaherty's husband has Colon Cancer and will be having surgery on September 1st.
- Judy McNerny noted that the "Lending Library Traveling Books" will be for sale for \$1 a book, money to go to operating.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 P.M.
Respectfully submitted, Julie Bradley, Secretary.



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SMOKE SIGNAL

Sept 8th	Fund Raising Committee at Linda Rhea's house 5:30	Nov 25th	Thanksgiving
Sept 9th	General Membership Meeting, Imagination Library Program	Dec 9th	Holiday Party
Sept 11-12th	Zonta Club of Cheyenne Antique Show	Dec 20th	Ronald McDonald Dinner
Sept 20th	Ronald McDonald Dinner	Dec 25th	Christmas
Sept 22nd	Fund Raising Committee at Linda Rhea's house 5:30	January	Amelia Earhart Dinner (Area 3)
Sept 23rd	Board Meeting at Linda Corssmit's house	Jan 13th	General Membership Meeting
Sept 24th	Smoke Signal Deadline	Jan 17th	Ronald McDonald Dinner
Sept 24-26	District 12 Conference in Lamar, CO	Jan 27th	Board Meeting
Oct 5th	Training session for International Towne 6-7 pm	Feb 10th	General Meeting
Oct 6th	Fund Raising Committee at Linda Rhea's house 5:30	Feb 21st	Ronald McDonald Dinner
Oct 14th	General Membership Meeting, UNICEF Sales	Feb 24th	Board Meeting
Oct 18th	Ronald McDonald Dinner	Mar 10th	General Meeting
Oct 20th	Fund Raising Committee at Linda Rhea's house 5:30	Mar 21st	Ronald McDonald Dinner
Oct 20th	International Towne at Young American's Bank 8:30-3:30	Mar 24th	Board Meeting
Oct 27th	Fund Raising Committee at Linda Rhea's house 5:30	Apr 14th	General Meeting
Oct 28th	Board Meeting at Kathy Hyzer's house	Apr 18th	Ronald McDonald Dinner
Oct 29th	Smoke Signal Deadline	April ??	Area 3 Meeting
Nov 3rd	Fund Raising Committee at Linda Rhea's house 5:30	Apr 28th	Board Meeting
November 5-6	"Let's Party" Fund Raiser!! At Tivoli Turnehalle	April 30th	Day of Caring
Nov 11th	General Membership Meeting		
Nov 15th	Ronald McDonald Dinner		