



Trafficking of Women and Girls Fact Sheet

What is Trafficking in Persons?

Trafficking in persons shall mean the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harboring or receipt of persons, by means of the threat or use of force or other forms of coercion, of abduction, of fraud, of deception, of the abuse of power or of a position of vulnerability or of giving or receiving of payments or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control over another person, for the purpose of exploitation. Exploitation shall include, at a minimum, the exploitation of the prostitution of others or other forms of sexual exploitation, forced labor or services, slavery or practices similar to slavery, servitude or the removal of organs.¹

Who are the victims of trafficking in persons?

Approximately 80 percent are women and girls and the majority of whom are trafficked for commercial sexual exploitation. Including trafficking within national borders increases the estimate to two to four million persons per year. It is estimated that between 600,000 and 800,000 victims are trafficked across international borders each year.

Why are victims trafficked?

The root causes of the trafficking of women and girls stem from a lack of women's rights and opportunity. Women and girls are especially susceptible to trafficking due to gender-bias, oppression, discrimination, social and cultural practices, and the prevalence of gender based violence. Potential victims are at even greater risk if they originate from countries experiencing political and economic instability, internal displacement, militarism, civil unrest, internal armed conflict, and natural disasters. By failing to address gender gaps in the law, many governments fail to promote situations in which women's social, civil, political and economic rights are protected.

Where are victims of trafficking?

Trafficking of women and girls is a global issue.

- Girls from villages in Nepal and Bangladesh – the majority of whom are under 18 – are sold to brothels in India for US\$1,000.
- Some 200,000 to 250,000 women and children are trafficked annually in Southeast Asia alone. Girls as young as 13 are trafficked as mail order brides in Asia and Eastern Europe.
- Women from the former Soviet Union States are taken to Israel, other parts of the Middle East or Western Europe; many are under age 16.
- Victims trafficked into South Africa include women and children from all corners of the African continent, and abroad.
- In Latin America, women are trafficked to Europe and the United States of America, and an Estimated 1,700 are trafficked to Japan.
- Between 18,000 and 20,000 trafficking victims enter the United States of America each year.

Resources

¹ United Nations, *Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons Especially Women and Children, Supplementing the United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime*, Web site: www.ohchr.org/english/law/protocoltraffic.htm
UNFPA, Web site: <http://www.unfpa.org>

International Rescue Committee Anti-Trafficking Initiative, Web site: http://www.theirc.org/what/irc_antitrafficking_initiative.html

International Organization for Migration (IOM), Web site: <http://www.iom.int>

Organization of American States, Web site: <http://www.oas.org>

United States Department of State, *Trafficking in Persons Report*, Web site: <http://www.state.gov>

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Special points of interest:

- High Tea Reservations—Time is short!! Please Reserve your spot now!
- International By-Laws Changed Voted on at International.
- Budget FY 2008 attached in email/mailing to members with actuals.

President Judy's Sept Message...



As I write this, the Denver National Convention is coming to a close. My office is downtown and in all of the years I have lived in Denver and worked downtown, I have never seen anything like it! My husband came down for a peek and described it as like a carnival. I thought that was a peculiar choice of words until I saw a group of folks dressed as clowns standing on one corner of the 16th Street Mall!

So the members of the Democratic Party are officially united and next week the Republicans will follow suit. And then—two months of attack ads. Woe is us!

The third step toward wisdom suggested in the *Prevention* article that is tying my messages together is:

"Consider Different Perspectives. The next time you're about to disagree with someone, stop and ask questions. Try to understand his or her point of view." Here's hoping that we can do that with our political discussions for the next few months, and thereafter.

As we all know, Zonta International is asking us to focus on advocacy as a powerful tool to improve the status of women worldwide. Perhaps practice with considering different perspectives in terms of the presidential election would be good practice for our Zonta advocacy. The Merriam-Webster online dictionary defines the verb "advocate" as "to plead in favor of" and the noun "advocacy" as "the act or process of advocating or supporting a cause or proposal." As a professional advocate (lawyer) I know that one of the most important parts of advocacy is understanding the opposing point of view. Only then can I most effectively put forward my point of view.

Our traditional service activities, giving our money to nonprofits that help women in various ways and contributing our time in hands-on service projects, continue. The Service Committee has solicited grants from several agencies working on issues of human trafficking. The Committee hopes to make one or two larger grants this year in an effort to have more impact, and in a focused way.

If you would like to know more about trafficking so you can help to raise awareness of it, consider coming to the District Conference in Colorado Springs, October 3-5, or attending the Human Trafficking Awareness Symposium, also in Colorado Springs on September 20 (see the flyer elsewhere in this issue).

The Fund-Raising Committee has been working hard on the

High Tea at the Brown Palace and, as I write this, is disappointed in the response. If you receive this before September 6 and haven't made your reservation, contact Deb Heckart, me, or Mindy Craig and see if there are still tickets available. A portion of the ticket price will be tax-deductible. ***This is our only fund-raiser for this year and the committee needs everyone's support.*** Without that support, the funds available for our service grants next year will be diminished.

The Membership Committee is indirectly responsible for service and advocacy, too, because without members we can't do either! To whom could you offer the opportunity to learn about, and perhaps join, Zonta? Please answer that question and then invite the person to be the club's guest at the September meeting. You and your guest will have the chance to hear Eileen Sharkey, the club's investment advisor and a nationally-known financial planner, talk about the investment of the club's funds and about some of the industries and companies she thinks are good bets for the future, and why.

I'm looking forward to seeing you in your best duds at the Brown Palace on September 6 and at our meeting on September 11!

In the meantime, be of service, support one another, and guard your own serenity!

Judy McNerny

Live your life in such a way that when your feet hit the floor in the morning, Satan shudders & says... 'Oh shit....she's awake!!'

Birthday wishes go out to Our September Birthdays

Sep 9—Pam Dumonceau
 Sep 13—Sheila Davis
 Sep 14—Linda Corssmit
 Sep 22—Liz Cameron
 Sep 22—Mindy Craig
 Sep 22—Lisa Wright



September General Meeting

When: September 11th
 5:15 p.m. – Social Hour
 6:00 p.m. – Dinner

Where: Four Points by Sheraton Denver Southeast
 I-25 and Hampden **Evergreen Room**

Menu: Potato Leek Soup
 Warm Salmon Salad
 with an Orange Dijon Tarragon Dressing
 Apple Pie with Whipped Cream & Caramel Sauce
 Rolls & Butter
 Seattle's Best Coffee, Decaf Coffee, & Iced Tea

Cost: \$34.00

Greeters:

Inspirational
 Moment:

RESERVATIONS

Please RSVP to Cathy Conley at (303) 691-6926 (home) or (720) 622-0181 (work) and leave a message (or email at cathy.conley@ge.com) by noon on Monday, September 8th

Don't forget to call if you are not on the permanent reservation list, or if you are, but will not be able to attend the meeting. Our contract guarantees us only one additional meal over the number we guarantee on Monday afternoon, so if you don't make your reservation on time, you may have to snack from other members' plates! And, as always, we are billed for the number we guarantee, so we have to bill anyone who makes a reservation (or forgets to cancel a permanent reservation) but does not come to the meeting.

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM Eileen M. Sharkey

Sharkey, Howes & Javer
 Eileen M. Sharkey has degrees from London University in England and Newman University in Kansas. She received her Certified Financial Planner™ certification and opened her financial planning practice in 1978, designing retirement and investment plans and advocating the necessity for lifelong planning. In 1990 she formed the firm Sharkey, Howes & Javer, who are the investment advisors for our Zonta funds. Eileen has served as a consultant on financial issues for several magazines and newspapers, including The Wall Street Journal. Eileen will share information about how our club's funds are invested, and much more! Come with questions about specific companies or industries you've read about in the news—Eileen is almost sure to have more information and ideas about what the future holds.

Reservations

For each general dinner meeting, please remember to call if you aren't on the permanent reservation list. Our new contract guarantees us only one additional meal over the number we confirm on Monday afternoon, so if you don't make your reservation on time, You may have to snack from other member' plates! And, as always, we are charged for the number we guarantee, so we have to bill anyone who makes a reservation (or forgets to cancel a permanent reservation) but doesn't come to the meeting.



Permanent Reservation List

Update!

- Members who are on the permanent reservation list do not have to call to make a reservation for dinner meetings (but you must call to cancel or be billed for dinner anyway)
- If you plan on coming to every meeting—why not add your name if it is not on the list?
- If you are on the permanent list but tend to forget to call and cancel—why not take your name off the list?
- Be sure to call Joetta Williams or Cathy Conley, Membership Co-Chairs, with your request to be added or deleted!

Permanent Reservations

Should your name be listed here?

Carroll Allen

Evie Ashmore

Mary Benoit

Cathy Conley

Linda Corssmit

Shelia Davis

Pam Dumonceau

Nikki Headlee

Deb Heckart

Cynthia Herndon

Kathy Hyzer

Dottie Jenkins

Jennifer Koeller

Kate Linscott

Judy McNerny

Krystie Rose Millich

Wendy Moraskie

Beth Mundell

Linda Rhea

Dorothy Swindt

Joetta Williams

Lisa Wright

Remember to call if you can't come, otherwise you will be billed for the dinner.

Fund Raising Committee

The Fundraising Committee is in full swing for staging our first “High Tea” at the Brown Palace Hotel. This will be a wonderful extravagant event where you will thoroughly enjoy tasting premium brewed teas and dining on scones, garden tea sandwiches and pastries. We still have many reservations open at the writing of this update on fundraising, so please make your reservation and don't miss out on such a special event that will be long remembered. There will be gifts for all attendees and a raffle for some great gifts.

The following three goals for the Fundraising Committee were established for FY09'

1. The Fundraising Committee will successfully complete a High Tea social event at the Brown Palace Hotel and raise a minimum of \$2,200.00.
2. The Fundraising Committee will establish and have a structure in place no later than May 30, 2009 to launch a film festival fundraising event. This structure will include such areas as, hiring an Event Planner, issuing a Request for Proposal (RFP), establishing timelines, contracts, determining tasks, timelines, processes and other responsibilities as they are identified.
3. The Fundraising Committee will find a unique item(s) to sell on the ZCD website, as well as, at other ZCD events where we will have fundraising opportunities.

Our goals can only be met through each member's help and participation.

Never Grow Old!

One reason that people get old and bored is that change baffles them – they feel they can't cope with it. So they retire from confusion and sit back with their horse-and-buggy memories, losing momentum, gathering years and little else.

But welcome change as a friend; try to visualize new possibilities and the blessings change is bound to bring to you.

Let it excite you, arouse your curiosity, and transfuse you with its own vitality, and you'll never grow old, even if you live to be a hundred.

If you stay interested in everything around you, in new ways of life, in new people, in new places and ideas, you'll stay young no matter what your age.

Never stop learning and never stop growing – that's the key to a rich and fascinating life.

Alexander P. de Seversky

THE “CRACKED POT” AWARDS

Thanks to a few “cracked pots” for their imperfect but unique contributions*

— from the June meeting:

Nikki Headlee for her dedication and all her hard work as our club president for 2007-2008

Myrna Camacho for taking care of our website and being one of the regulars at Delores project

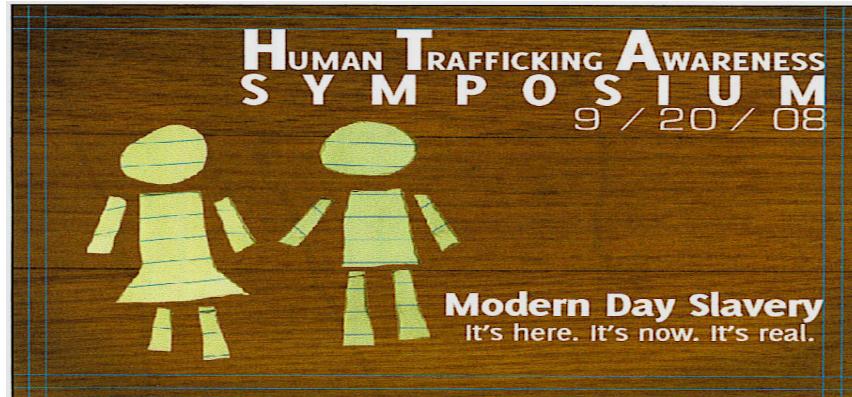
— from the August meeting:

Jacki Sammons for her endless patience helping your new club president figure out the financial stuff

Barb Pellegren for stepping into the breach as club treasurer, and then jumping in with both feet to figure it all out

Dorothy Swindt for serving on two committees last year and doing every last thing that she was asked to do, and doing it promptly

See page 4 of the July Smoke Signal for the fable of The Cracked Pot



Zonta Club of the Pikes Peak Area and Youth With A Mission,
Strategic Frontiers
Present the
Human Trafficking Awareness Symposium

Saturday, 9/20/08
Youth With A Mission Campus
8:30a – 3:30p
505 Pope's Bluff Trail
Colorado Springs, CO 80907



National, State, and Local Information - Featuring:

8:50 am Nola Theiss, Exec Dir, Human Trafficking Awareness Partnerships, Inc.
10:00 am Dr. Ann Janette Alejano-Steele, Coordinator, Polaris Project Colorado
Phil Gazley, Colorado Network to End Human Trafficking
11:15 am James Hearty, Chief of Major Crimes, US Attorney Office

1:30 pm Q & A Panel, plus above speakers

Andrea Wood, Director of Advocacy, TESSA
Lt. Al Harmon, Metro Vice, Narcotics and Intelligence Division
Susan Anderson, Case Management Admin, Lutheran Family Services

2:10 pm Break-out Sessions:

Nola Theiss – Next Step: Develop a Local HT Action Initiative
Dr. A. J. Alejano-Steele & Phil Gazley – Colorado Overview, HT
Susan Anderson – Supporting HT Victims
Lt. Al Harmon – Supporting HT in Law Enforcement/Advocacy

Lunch will be provided (12:40 – 1:30) – Donations appreciated

Please RSVP at 1-800-FOR-YWAM For complete agenda, see websites:

www.htasymposium.blogspot.com www.zontapikespeak.org

OUTCOME OF PROPOSED ZI BYLAWS CHANGES AND DUES INCREASE

BYLAWS PROPOSALS PERTAINING TO TERMS OF INTERNATIONAL DIRECTORS

A.1. Article VI, Officers and Directors, Section 2. Directors. (b) Election, Term of Office.

A.2. Article XI, Zonta International Nominating Committee, Section 5. Duties. (b)(2).

Proposals passed. International directors' terms will no longer be staggered, effective after the 2010 Convention, and Nominating Committee's task modified accordingly.

B. BYLAWS PROPOSALS PERTAINING TO A CHANGE TO AN AT-LARGE INTERNATIONAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE

B.1. Article XI, Zonta International Nominating Committee, Section 1. How Constituted.

B.2. Article XI, Zonta International Nominating Committee, Section 4. Vacancies.

B.3. Article XI, Zonta International Nominating Committee, Section 5. Duties. (b)(3).

In the face of strenuous opposition from the floor to the proposals to elect the entire Nominating Committee at-large rather than electing 10 members by geographic area, the International Board withdrew this proposal.

BYLAWS PROPOSALS PERTAINING TO OTHER INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEES

C.1. Article XII, Committees, Section 7. Public Relations and Communications Committee.

Proposal to eliminate this committee failed.

C.2. Article XII, Committees, Section 8. Status of Women Service Committee.

Proposal passed. Committee now the "Service Committee" with no responsibility for advocacy.

C.2. Article XII, Committees, Section 8. Status of Women Service Committee.

Proposal passed. New "Legislative Awareness and Advocacy Committee" created.

D. BYLAWS PROPOSAL PERTAINING TO DISTRICT NOMINATING COMMITTEES

D.1. Article XIII, Districts, Section 13. Nominating Committee. (a) How Constituted.

Proposal defeated. District Nominating Committees remain limited to three members.

E. BYLAWS PROPOSALS PERTAINING TO MEMBERSHIP

E.1. Article XIV, Clubs, Section 2. Members. (e) Referral Privileges.

Proposal passed. Members will now have the right to transfer from one Zonta club to another.

E.2. Article XIV, Clubs, Section 2. Members. (b) Classified Member.

Proposal passed. Now, a candidate for membership shall be actively engaged in or have experience in a recognized business or profession in a decision-making capacity.

E.3. Article XIV, Clubs, Section 2. Members. (a) Categories.

E.4. Article XIV, Clubs, Section 2. Members. New Clause.

Proposals to create a new class of members, Outreach members, defeated.

E.5. Article XIV, Clubs, Section 2. Members. (b) Classified Member.

Proposal to state that a person working for a nonprofit or working as a volunteer is eligible for membership defeated. (Rationale—this is already permitted.)

E.6. Article XIV, Clubs, Section 2. Members. (a) Categories.

E.7. Article XIV, Clubs, Section 2. Members. New Clause.

E.8. Article XIV, Clubs, Section 2. Members. New Clause.

Proposals to create two new classes of members, retired and associate members, defeated.

E.9. Article IV, Members, Section 2. Zonta Clubs. (b) Diversity of Classifications.

E.10. Article XIV, Clubs, Section 3. Club Dues. (b) Annual Dues.

Proposals not considered because of the defeat of E.6, E.7 AND E.8.

F. BYLAWS AND RULES OF PROCEDURE PROPOSALS WITH RESPECT TO RESOLUTIONS

F.1. Article XVII, Resolutions.

F.2. Rule of Procedure, New Rule 2. Resolutions.

Proposals defeated.

G. PROPOSALS TO REPLACE "CHAIRMAN" WITH "CHAIR"

Both proposals (one from District 15, which includes Michigan and Ontario, and one from District 25, which includes most of the eastern half of Australia) were defeated.

RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS Passed.

INCREASE OF INTERNATIONAL DUES

Proposal 1 to increase annual dues by \$15 effective June 1, 2008, amended to be effective June 1, 2009. As amended, passed.

Proposal 2 to increase annual dues by \$1 per biennium, effective June 1, 2010 withdrawn by the International Board.

Motion to request members to make a voluntary contribution of \$15 toward expenses of Zonta International during the 2008-2009 biennium passed (but with almost 30% of delegates voting against.)

August Dinner Meeting 8/14/08 Liz Cameron's Garden

The potluck dinner and catch up conversation was followed by Judy McNerny calling the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Sheila Davis' inspirational moment was about embracing change.

Nikki Headlee introduced a guest, Stormy Filson, who is a single mother and non-traditional student at Metro State who is receiving our scholarship to help further her studies.

Judy asked for and received approval of the June minutes. Barb Pellegren gave the financial report and indicated there are 6 club checking accounts and 3 Schwab accounts which is a lot to learn about and keep track of.

Committee reports -

Joetta Williams reported the **Membership Committee** will have their first meeting the end of August.

Beth Mundell reported for the **Service Committee** and indicated work is moving ahead on the service grants. Letters are "in the mail".

Deb Heckart as **Fundraising** co-chair talked about the High Tea at the Brown Palace Hotel on Sept. 6th. Price of tickets is \$64 per person and members were encouraged to make reservations as soon as possible as time is short. Deb also said that donations with/without a reservation will, also, be greatly appreciated.

There wasn't a report on **Public Relations**.

Judy asked those who had prepared dinner at Delores Project in July to stand and be recognized. Cathy Conley, Carroll Allen and Linda Rhea were thanked for their efforts. Linda Rhea talked about the on-going Delores Project which is a service project. Club members take dinner to this homeless women's shelter on the 3rd Sunday of each month.

Nikki displayed and passed around a handsome plaque given to the club at Convention in recognition of our club continuing to give 1/3 of our service dollars to International, and being one of the largest club donors to International.

There were several announcement flyers available this evening. One reported the outcome of the proposed ZI by-laws changes and dues increase. Judy summarized the information and reminded members that members are requested to make a voluntary contribution of \$15 toward expenses of ZI for the 2008-2009 biennium. ZI has requested that donations be made to the club and checks be sent by the club treasurer to International.

Another flyer listed the proposed budget for our club for

2008-2009 which was based on our last year's budget. The proposed budget was accepted by all. Last flyer, brought by Mary Benoit, announced a symposium on human trafficking awareness being held on 9/20/08 in Colorado Springs.

Beth displayed the plaque given to our club by Metro State's Institute of Women's Services thanking us for our support and presented it to Jacki Sammons, whose idea it was, twenty years ago, for our club to provide scholarships at Metro for single mothers.

Next on the agenda was the election of delegates and alternates to the District Conference. Judy explained that because the club would be entitled to two delegates if we have more than 40 members on September 1 (we are at 40 now and could have one more member by the end of the month), we don't know yet if we will be entitled to one or two delegates. Under the club bylaws, the president is a delegate and, if the club is entitled to two delegates, the president-elect is the second. It was agreed by consensus to prepare for both situations. Linda Rhea nominated Krystie Rose Millich and Judy Allen as alternate delegates to the District Conference and Jacki Sammons seconded the motion. Motion passed by all.

Dorothy Swindt was presented with the Z Rock award last month and she awarded it to Joetta Williams. Judy presented her now famous Cracked Pots award to Jacki Sammons, for her patience helping Judy understand the club's finances; Barb Pellegren, for stepping in as treasurer unexpectedly; and Dorothy Swindt, in recognition of her service on two committees last year and her immediate performance of any task she was asked to do.

Linda brought the door prize which was won by Barb Pellegren

Upcoming events -

8/28 - Board meeting at Judy McNerny' house

9/6 - High Tea at the Brown Palace Hotel and Spa

9/11 - Monthly club meeting at the Sheraton Four Points

9/20 - Human Trafficking Awareness Symposium in Colorado Springs - see www.zontapikespeak.org or www.htasymposium.blogspot.com for information - rsvp at 1-800-FOR-YWAM

10/3-5 - District 12 Conference, Colorado Springs

After a closing quote by Judy McNerny the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Carroll Allen, Secretary

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Sept 6	High Tea at the Brown Palace (Fundraising Event)
Sept 11	General Meeting Sheraton Four Points Hotel
Sept 20	Human Trafficking Symposium in Colorado Sprgs
Sept 21	International Day of Peace (UN)
Sept 25	Board Meeting at Judy McNerny's Home
Oct 3—5	District Conference in Colorado Springs
Oct 9	General Meeting Sheraton Four Points Hotel
Oct 23	Board Meeting at Judy McNerny's Home
Nov 8	Zonta International Day
Nov 13	General Meeting Sheraton Four Points Hotel
Nov 20 ??	Board Meeting at Judy McNerny's Home
Nov 25	International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

*Upcoming Calendar Events
Save the date!*

Nov 25—Dec 10	16 Days of Activism
Dec 11	Possible Holiday Meeting
Dec 18 ??	Board Meeting at Judy McNerny's Home
Jan 8	General meeting Sheraton Four Points Hotel
Jan 25	Amelia Earhardt Meeting at The Perfect Landing Restaurant at Centennial Airport hosted by Douglas County Club
Jan 22	Board Meeting at Judy McNerny's Home
Feb 12	General Meeting Sheraton Four Points Hotel
Mar 8	International Women's Day/ Zonta Rose Day
Mar 12	General Meeting Sheraton Four Points Hotel
Mar/Apr	Area 3 Meeting
Apr 9	General Meeting Sheraton Four Points Hotel
May 14	General Meeting Sheraton Four Points Hotel