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SMOKE SIGNAL

September, 2013

WORK OPTIONS FOR WOMEN SUCCESS STORY

From abused wife to independence

Jasmine is a courageous woman.

Last October, just a mere 10 months ago, with only \$200 in her pocket, Jasmine took her four children and left an abusive husband. Jasmine has never had a job outside her home. She was married at 14 and had her first child at 15. During the time she was married, Jasmine was a stay at home mother. After staying in various shelters and seeking different kinds of assistance, Jasmine eventually found her way to the Work Options for Women culinary training program.



WOW student Jasmine

Participating in WOW changed Jasmine's life. WOW helped Jasmine with childcare, housing, furniture, and even in helping register her kids for school. Jasmine started WOW in April and has just successfully completed all phases of the 12 week program. Through working with WOW's career center, Jasmine was supported in learning how to write a resume and in developing interviewing skills. Jasmine is now actively seeking a job.

Jasmine's beautiful smile and positive attitude are inspiring. Her ultimate dream is to be a chef, have her own food truck, and serve Latin and Caribbean food.

Meeting Jasmine was a pleasure. After our interview, Jasmine gave me a tour of the WOW facility. I now have a much better understanding of the WOW program and am glad our Zonta Club has been able to help women like Jasmine through our support of WOW.

Learn more about WOW [here](#).

-Nancy McWhirter

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MORE NEWS FROM NORTH AMERICAN SUMMIT



Check out this picture - some remarkable Zontians!

While we were at the North American Summit we were lucky and very fortunate to take a Zonta History Tour. It was very inspiring.

The photo shows some Zontians you will recognize, some not so much. The young woman in the long black skirt was our tour guide for the Forest Lawn Cemetery.

The Forest Lawn Cemetery is a beautiful grand old cemetery founded in 1849. This is where one of the most famous Zontians, Marion DeForest, is laid to rest. There are a lot of other notables buried there. The most recognizable is President Millard Fillmore, who insisted he have a modest burial and burial site.

As the tour continued I thought a lot about the remarkable Marion DeForest. In my reading I discovered how diverse and remarkable she truly was. She was many things to many people. We know and love her because she is one of our founding mothers, but Zonta was just one aspect of her life. She was a philanthropist, a playwright, a newspaper editor and a lot more. She was a public speaker on radio. She took advantage of the technology of her time in other ways. In 1928, when publicity for her play *Mr. Man* was slow, she and Zonta members hired a plane to distribute promotional leaflets over Western New York.

On the tour we also visited the Statler Hotel, where it all began. The very first Zonta meeting was held there and the Buffalo Club continued to meet there until it was converted to an office building. Although the hotel has seen better days, it is easy to see and imagine how wonderfully elegant a place it was. It is difficult to see it in decline but work is being done to restore it.

Then we visited "The Spirit of Womanhood" Oh, it was the spirit all right! We had to park close to a mile away, cross a very busy street and tromp through high grass and weeds to get to it. As with so much art, people's opinions varied and there was a lot of controversy surrounding this statue, thus its remote placement. I have an article about Marion DeForest and "The Spirit of Womanhood" which I will ask Judy to put it in the next *Smoke Signal*. It is a great ongoing story.

- Mary Benoit

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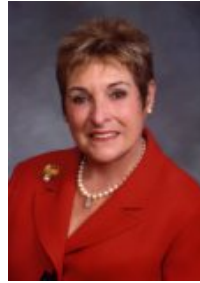
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WOMEN, PEACE AND SECURITY

Women's Participation in Peace Process Still Small



In 2000 the UN Security Council adopted Resolution 1325 calling for member states to ensure the inclusion of women in the process of preventing and resolving conflict.

In December 2011, President Barack Obama released the first ever U.S. National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security (NAP) as an Executive Order. The plan opens with the following powerful statement:

The goal of this National Action Plan on Women, Peace, and Security is as simple as it is profound: to empower half the world's population as equal partners in preventing conflict and building peace in countries threatened and affected by war, violence, and insecurity. Achieving this goal is critical to our national and global security.

We know that an Executive Order can be overturned by a new President (just as an Executive Order in Colorado can be overturned by a new Governor, which is one of the reasons I did not pursue re-creating the Commission on the Status of Women in Colorado.)

On July 31, 2013 the Women, Peace, and Security Act 2013 (H.R. 2874) was introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives by Rep. Jan Schakowsky and 11 co-sponsors. This Act, if passed into law, will ensure that the United States continues to promote "women's meaningful inclusion and participation in mediation and negotiation processes...to prevent, mitigate, and resolve violent conflict and implements the United States National Action Plan on Women, Peace, and Security." The full text of the Act is at .

On a daily basis women and children live in fear of violence and abuse. Women must be on the front lines, not only as victims but also as change agents.

It is incumbent upon us the women of Zonta and other women around the U.S. to make sure that the Women, Peace and Security Act of 2013 has the necessary sponsors sign on to this legislation. Please contact your Congressperson and inform them about this most needed legislation and to sign on as a co-sponsor.

As Advocacy Chair for Zonta Denver, let me say this: I do not care if you are a Republican or Democrat. This is an issue that should and must be addressed by both sides of the aisle.

For more information and to learn more about the Act go to the website of Women's Action for New Directions, wand.org or wandactioncenter.org/2013/07/31/the-women-peace-and-security-act-of-2013/

- Alice Borodkin

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SEPTEMBER MEETING

Meeting Details

Date: September 12, 2013
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Location: Hacienda Colorado
4100 East Mexico Ave.
Denver, CO 80222

We have arranged that each member can order from the regular menu and each member will be responsible for and pay her own dinner and drinks bill. There will be an 18% gratuity added on each bill. One thing the restaurant would appreciate is that you stay in your place until the bills are paid. We need to give them time to sort out each payment.

Please let Judy Allen know by 10 a.m. on the day of the meeting if you plan on attending. (However, if you are unable to attend, you will not be billed.) Email Judy at Judith.allen@ch2m.com or call her at

The restaurant is located immediately North of the Colorado Blvd exit from I-25 on the East side of Colorado.

You are welcome to come earlier than 5:30 if you like.

Membership Committee members will be greeters and give directions to the room. We feel this will be a good experience for us and we hope you all enjoy the new environment.

720-286-5012. Don't call her home phone or use personal email.

Speaker

Karen Sugar, Founder and Director of Women's Global Empowerment Fund, graduated with a Master's degree from the University of Colorado in 2008. Her studies focused on gender and development concentrating on the concept of microfinance and its potential to alleviate poverty. Sugar created the Credit Plus model which offers a unique and transformative microfinance and social capital building program, including a focus on leadership development.



Sugar has worked for non-profits addressing women and poverty issues throughout her career. She founded WGEF in April 2007, believing in the transformative power of MF and the critical need of women in northern Uganda for economic, social and political opportunities. To date WGEF has served thousands of women and families, providing microcredit loans, critical educational programming and leadership development in post conflict northern Uganda. Sugar travels frequently to Gulu, Uganda to work with the staff and clients of WGEF and is motivated by the belief that women are natural leaders and when given an opportunity, women can rise above poverty with dignity.

Birthdays

Happy September birthdays to Olette (3rd), Pam (9th), Sheila (13th), Mary Lou (20th) and Liz (22nd)!

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Service Committee

The Service Committee met on August 19 at Perkins. Kathy H. attended to let us know what service funds would be available to us.

Camille Shortridge, our Jane M. Klausman recipient, will attend the September meeting to accept her check. Unfortunately, Camille was not selected as the District 12 nominee.



We decided on the following schedule for our Items of the Month:

September	white T-shirts and black sharpies (WOW)
October	coffee, tea, and sugar (The Delores Project)
November	item to be determined for women veterans (VOA)
December	toys for children ages 0-5 (Friends of the Haven)
January	women's undergarments (Friends of the Haven)
February	baby Wipes (Open Door Ministries)

A discussion was held about future service projects. Ideas included playing Bingo during dinner at The Delores Project; to support WOW, have a scheduled lunch together at Café Options; and a reading night for Open Door Ministries. We also talked about doing more projects as a club. One idea was to have a Christmas wrapping party. It was suggested that we designate two Zonta meetings a year to do service projects together.

Olette organized a delicious Delores dinner for August. The women enjoyed a sumptuous salad bar provided by Olette, Kathy H., Cynthia, Nancy, Sheila, Kate, Julie, and Mary. Thanks, ladies! We are in need of more people to help with the September dinner.

Grant applications are due on September 14. At the next committee meeting on September 16, the applications will be reviewed and the site visits will be determined. The final selection meeting is on October 21.

We have received grant reports from Friends of the Haven and The Delores Project, and a nice letter from Open Door Ministries. Please look at these on the Service Projects/Grant Recipients page of our website. Click on Grant Reports.

Nancy McWhirter

Membership Committee

Membership met on August 20 at the Hacienda and had a great meal.

We aren't going to include Whole Foods into our new venue search. We will go back to the Embassy Suites for our October meeting and then to DU Women's College in November.



At meetings, please find a NEW MEMBER and introduce yourself to them. We have four great but very different women who have many attributes to share with you.

We are putting together the speakers for the coming year, if you have someone you think would fit into our Mission then let us know.

Holiday party TBA soon.

Membership and the PR Committee are working together on District Conference.

Next committee meeting will be September 17 at Perkins on Colorado Blvd.

Judy Allen

Fundraising Committee

Fundraising will be meeting next on Tuesday September 10th at Perkins at I-25 and Colorado Blvd. at 6 p.m. We will be working on sponsorships for the film. We will be passing out "to do" cards for members reminding them of opportunities to help in the coming months, invitations, sponsorships, jobs needed filled at the film, etc.



The club will have a table at District 12 conference selling tickets for several door prizes and we will also be selling membership Plaques. Those members that remember these from years past, if

you have any leftover, please contact Julie Bradley to add them to our stash to sell.

The big news is that the Film Festival VOICES has been pushed back a couple weeks to March 17th -23rd, so our showing will be March 22nd! So make sure you change your calendar to March 22nd from the 8th for the Day of Film date! There will be a special showing at the Film Center on the 8th for International Women's Day but our film showing will be two weeks later on the 22nd.

Please mark your calendars!

- Julie Bradley

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SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

For September, the Items of the Month are for WOW:

- white T-shirts, sizes large and extra large
- black Sharpies

T-shirts can be purchased reasonably at places like Hobby Lobby or Michael's.

Save these dates:

September 19, 1:00 p.m. - Lunch at Cafe Options (for a fun social activity and to support WOW)

October 17, 7:00 p.m. - Reading night at the Treasure House for Open Door Ministries (We will bring children's books to read to the children before bedtime and also bring used adult books to donate to the mothers.)

December 8, 2:00 p.m. - Gift wrapping party and cookie exchange (All members will be assigned a child for whom to purchase a Christmas gift. We will gather for a gift-wrapping party and cookie exchange for members to enjoy a little holiday cheer.)

- Nancy McWhirter

JANE M. KLAUSMAN WOMEN IN BUSINESS SCHOLARSHIP

Camille Shortridge Is ZCD 2013 Recipient



Camille Shortridge just completed her third year of study in Business Administration / International Business at the University of Denver Daniel's College of Business. Camille resides in Denver and is a citizen of the U.S. and France. Camille's academic goal is to graduate from DU with a degree concentrating in international business. Following graduation her goal is to live and work abroad with an international organization that aims to connect developed and less developed nations through business transactions. As a woman striving to work in the international business industry, Camille plans to use her abilities to influence and create the change that is needed in the international community in order to help less developed countries reach a higher global standard.

During the summer of 2013 Camille gained additional international experience by participating in the University of Denver's competitive Bosnia and Herzegovina "Moving Forward" International Service Learning Program. The program took her to Sarajevo for two months as an intern for an international non-profit that works with global business standards and solutions. Given that Bosnia and Herzegovina's economy is still hindered

from the Bosnian War of 1992, this is a project that will help further develop their economic system and the opportunities for its citizens.

Camille currently pays for her own education at DU by working part time during school, plus income from scholarships and loans. A faculty recommendation for Camille describes her as "exceptionally bright, seriously compassionate and thoroughly professional." Her work supervisor at DU's Student Life Center describes her as having "outstanding and exemplary personal character, commitment and positive attitude," in addition to providing excellent customer service and rapport with customers and co-workers. Camille has also dedicated much of her co-curricular time helping others by volunteering in the community for Habitat for Humanity, Invisible Children, Food Bank of the Rockies, The Delores Project, Junior Achievement and others. She is fluent in French and English.

- Jeanette NewVille

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AUGUST MEETING MINUTES

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm at Liz Cameron's home.

Request was made for Stand-in Secretary and Julie Bradley said she would do it.

Inspirational Moment was a memorial moment about long-time member Marjorie Pickett who recently passed away this past week at 95 years old.

Guests at our dinner tonight included Carnin Popure from MiCasa, Ysaye Zamore and Krista Ocker who are guests of Katie Boysen, Elaine Gilley, our Accountant, and Penny Burke, guest of Wendy Moraskie.

There were no July minutes published in the SS last month and we will have both months' minutes in next Smoke Signal.

Treasurer's Report was presented by Kathy Hyzer. Judy Allen mentioned that there is a change in the budget that new member dinners will be paid for at their initiation not their first dinner meeting. Because some people come to a few dinner meetings before actually joining, this amended process should be more fiscally responsible. Also we added the \$15 initiation fee to international. Judy moved we approve the budget as sent out in the email and Mary B seconded the motion and all approved the 2013 - 2014 budget.

Committee reports:

Service stated that they are working on getting one service opportunity per month from our grantees for specific service projects and will be adding them to the sign-up board. This month Open Door Ministries is asking for 'readers' to the children at the treasure house. Delores Project dinner needs two more people for the August dinner and need signups for the September dinner.

PR wanted to let us know they are switching to do our newsletter in Constant Contact (an email-able newsletter) and ask that members of the club help with more articles for the newsletter. Please email Judy Mc or Katie with full articles. A wide range of contributions will make this the 'Club's Newsletter'. PR will meet on August 29 at Katie's.

Fund Raising showed the membership a possible fundraising opportunity of selling butter braids dough. After discussion of the

possibility the group decided they did not want to do this. Also, Julie had a film offered by the film society 'Austenland' and we had two tickets for members of the club to attend. Nikki said she would go to represent the club.

Membership reported on the research on a potential new monthly dinner meeting site. Following the committee's assessments of members' suggestions, they have narrowed the choices to our current site or one of three others. We will try the new sites, then vote to determine a site for meetings in 2014. Meetings in Sept - December will be as follows: Sept: Hacienda Colorado; October: Whole Foods; November: DU. Membership is having their August 20 committee meeting at Hacienda Colorado. December's meeting/holiday party will be at the same location (Country Club) as last year.

Old Business:

We have two nominations for Zontian of the year and the committee will decide shortly.

Mary spoke about the Interdistrict meeting held in Niagara Falls this summer talking about the 'Be the Change' theme asking members to focus on the mission of Zonta in all things.

Mary also spoke about the Zonta Says No Event on November 25, telling us about the 'No more empty shoes' project and the art show at McNichols building downtown along with members needing to sell tickets to this event \$25 (\$30 at the door).

New Business:

Laurie Peterson has resigned from Zonta and the Board. Some rearrangements were proposed to fill the gaps: Mary Lou volunteered to step in as secretary and Alice agreed to serve a 1 year term as director to chair the Advocacy Committee. Judy Mc moved to approve the recommendation, Cathy C seconded the motion and the membership approved.

District Conference in Canon City:

- Mary Benoit will handle our Zonta Says No Presentation
- Dorothy Swindt will do the memorial for Marjorie Pickett on Sunday
- Judy & Katie will handle the Net+1 membership report
- Zontian of the Year - Wendy
- Evie will handle the cheerleaders and write the cheers/get new pompoms & lead rehearsals - suggestions for cheerleaders: Nikki, Judy A, Judy Mc, and perhaps Olette, Gwen or Marian?
- Julie is handling the Zonta Store
- Delegate: Wendy, Alternate: Katie

Zonta Rock was presented by Katie to Judy Allen for her efforts on the membership meeting locations

There was no Door prize

Announcements:

Barb Pellegrin fell while on vacation and broke her wrist and hit her head - cards would be appreciated.

Nikki asked that we remember that if 100% of our membership gives to International Foundation that we will be recognized at the International Convention and she will be sending emails to the membership to remind them. Also Pam D has pledged to donate \$25 per member if we do 100% participation.

Thank you to Liz for once again graciously hosting the 'August Garden Party Membership Meeting'

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm

~Respectfully submitted,

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DOMESTIC DIVA

Chicken Bites with Honey Mustard

- 1 - 1/2 cup milk
- 2 eggs
- 1 T salt
- 3 lb boneless, skinless chicken breast cut into bite size pieces
- 2 - 1/2 cup flour
- 1/4 cup powdered sugar
- 4 t salt
- 1 T pepper
- oil for frying

Honey mustard:

- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 2 T yellow prepared mustard
- 1/4 t garlic powder
- 1 T vinegar
- 1 T honey
- dash of paprika

In a bowl, mix milk, eggs, and 1 T of salt - add chicken pieces and cover.
Marinate at least 4 hours, but better if overnight.

In another bowl, mix flour, powdered sugar, 4 t salt and 1 T pepper. Add some chicken pieces to a large zip lock bag, add some flour mixture and shake to coat. Fry in batches at 375 degrees in a deep fryer or large Dutch oven. It only takes 3 or 4 minutes.
Drain on paper towels or wire rack.

For honey mustard sauce, mix the mayonnaise, mustard, garlic powder, vinegar, honey and paprika in a small bowl, cover and refrigerate. Make ahead so it has a chance to blend together.

- Julie Bradley

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Zonta Year is taking shape, forming around our familiar touchstones. The monthly Smoke Signal and member meetings; the Day of Film; the yard sale; "Zonta Says No;" the grant applications, reviews and awards; the District meeting next month in Cañon City; the International Convention next July in Orlando; The Edna Jean Hershey Zontian of the Year award; service projects with our grantees, and more. All these provide structure to the club's functions and give you and me an outlet for our need to be a part of something larger than our individual selves.



We're in the midst of re-framing our vision for the monthly meetings. The hotel conference room paradigm is comfortable for us, but may not be the most welcoming or attractive to the new members we'd like to recruit. So, being the resourceful, adaptive women we are, we're trying some new ideas. I'll have to check out the dinner page in the next few Smoke Signals to make sure I show

up at the right place!

"But," my routine-loving heart says, "we've always had our meetings at the hotel. If we change, I'll have to learn something new-arrgh!" And if the new routine means new ideas and a new generation of members into the club? Hmmm....

I'm looking forward to our partnership with the other Area 3 clubs to bring awareness to gender violence and speak with one voice at the "Zonta Says No" event on November 25. Kicking off the ZISVAW 16 days of Action Against Gender Violence, it's an innovative idea to bring the community's eyes and hearts to share an art experience, be awakened to what's happening in our own neighborhoods and learn that we each have the power to stop it.

The Service Committee is developing many opportunities for members to touch back to our club's service roots. As the sign-up sheets go around, keep your eye out for the chance to share your talents with our grantees in activities such as gathering critical donations, reading to children, painting, weeding, wrapping gifts, providing food, and more. With such a variety of opportunities, several will call to our Zonta hearts, and wiggle their way into our busy Zonta schedules.

- Wendy

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IN MEMORIAM

Marjorie Nell Pickett

Long-time club member and past District governor, Marjorie Pickett died in August. The following remembrance was written by her great niece Donna with input from other family members. Her family and Zontians who knew Marjorie will long remember and miss her.



Many of us have dreamed at some point in our lives of running away to join the circus. Well, Aunt Marjorie did that. She enjoyed telling the story of being bitten by the circus monkey and being sent home.

That was the first other efforts to lead her own life and be her own person. She spent much of her life doing the unconventional and unexpected.

After graduation from CD School of Pharmacy, she answered her Country's call and joined the Navy in World War II. She served at the Mare Island Naval Hospital in California where she became **not only** one of the first female pharmacists in the navy, but one of the first female Navy Chief Petty Officers ever. She told us fun stories about sneaking into the officer's club. She met the actor Tyrone Power at a local night club. He was so charming to her and her friends, she kept his picture on her refrigerator from 1943 until this January when she moved to assisted living.

After her honorable discharge from the Navy, she worked in several Denver hospitals as a pharmacist and eventually became the Chief Pharmacist at General Rose Memorial Hospital. Always doing things her way, she rose from childhood in a poor Colorado mining town, to a distinguished career in the Navy, to being one of Denver's prominent female executives. One of her proudest memories was being invited to join Zonta. Zonta is an international women's service organization that promotes the status of women throughout the world. Her years of service were honored by the Mayor of Denver who named the anniversary of her fifty years membership in Zonta as Marjorie Pickett Day.

Aunt Marjorie once told one of her employees at Rose Hospital, "There are two ways of doing things while you are working for me: my way and the wrong way." That employee became one of her dearest friends who valued Marjorie's opinions and guidance and thoroughly enjoyed watching her unflinching talent for getting what she wanted.

Aunt Marjorie loved her family and always supported her mother and father whom she loved dearly. She helped her sister Nona stay in her home until her death and loved her home in Louisville where her family settled in the 1920's. She loved the mountains. She would often arrange a family "Pickett-nic" and would produce a sign that read "don't step on the aunts" and we would head for the hills to find a soft rock near a quiet stream. She loved to water ski with her brother's family at Baseline Lake. She didn't fish, but would often take her father fishing on the Poudre River. She didn't like horses, but came to watch her niece and nephew ride. She traveled widely and enjoyed learning new things. She gave every family member a dollar to keep in our wallets whenever we traveled. She helped reunite her father with his long-lost brothers and attended Pickett family reunions in Tennessee. In her last years she enjoyed the role of family Elder and loved sharing our rich family history with all of us.

Aunt Marjorie and I (Donna) had a special bond and became best friends. I wanted her to be happy and smile. So whenever I could, I visited her and would sneak her out for dinner or ice cream or a ride in the mountains. I loved her dearly and will miss her.

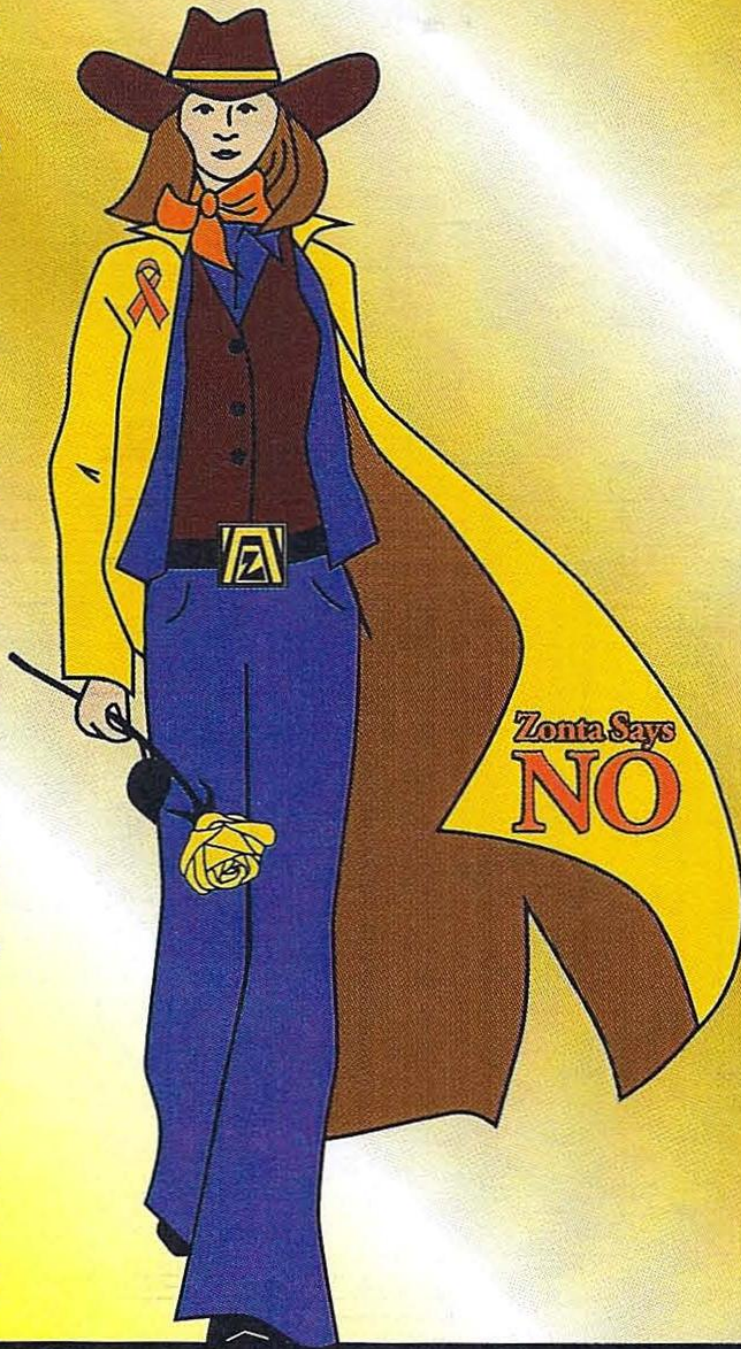
Aunt Marjorie dedicated her life to her family and friends and she was a living history of this town. She will be missed by all.

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CALENDAR

Date	Event	Time	Location	Details
September 3	Olette's birthday			
September 9	Pam's birthday			
September 12	Club Meeting	5:30 p.m.	Hacienda Colorado 4100 E. Mexico	Speaker: Karen Sugar Women's Global Empowerment Fund
September 13	Sheila			
September 15	Service Opportunity		The Delores Project	Serving dinner
September 18	Fundraising Committee meeting	6:00 p.m.	Perkins on Colorado at I-25	
September 20	Mary Lou			
September 22	Liz			
October 4-6	District Conference		Abbey Events Center Cañon City, CO	Blazing Trails for Zonta's Future
November 25	Area 3 Zonta Says No Event— Empty Shoes	TBA	McNichols Center Civic Center Park Denver	
March 22	2014 Zonta's Day of Film	TBA	Sie FilmCenter Denver	NOTE DATE CHANGE
May 17	ZCD Annual Garage Sale	7:00 am to 3:00 pm	1360 Glencoe Street	START SAVING STUFF NOW
June 27 – July 1	Zonta International Convention		World Center Marriott Orlando, Florida	orlando2014.zonta.org

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