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CALL TO CONFERENCE



Greetings District 12 Zontians!



This is your official Call to the 2017 District 12 Conference, to be held on September 22 - 24 at the Doubletree Hotel at Lincoln Park, Greeley, Colorado, and hosted by the Zonta Club of Greeley and the Zonta Club of Fort Collins. All District 12 Zontians are invited and encouraged to attend!

At this year's conference, we are celebrating "Raising Our Voices to Empower Women." Our voices have the power to educate, advocate and break the silence around issues that impact women world-wide. Our voices, whether written or oral, are powerful tools. We need to learn to use them—not be fearful of our power. Zonta's own Amelia Earhart is a fine example; she often raised her voice and, in her actions, served as a role model to improve the status of women. The outspoken Maya Angelou, Lupita Nyong'o and Beyoncé each raised their own voices to

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uplift and inspire women of every race and age.

Eleanor Roosevelt acted as the voice of women through the White House and made the role of First Lady a prominent one, changing the thought process in our country. Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Ida B. Wells and Alice Paul raised their voices for many years so that women could eventually vote. Jeannette Rankin was an early voice of reason in the House of Representatives. Malala Yousafzai now raises her voice so that girls in all countries can go to school and learn to read. Currently, Ruth Bader Ginsberg raises her voice every day as Justice for the U.S. Supreme Court. However, there are many women whose names we do not know – who every day, in all walks of life, raise their voices innumerable times to improve their own lives and the lives of those around them. They advocate, teach and lead by example, thereby empowering women in countless ways.

Think about how raising your own voice can, and will, make a difference. Bring that knowledge and conviction with you to your Conference and show us how to empower women that you know. The time is now. We cannot stand on the sidelines any longer –RAISE YOUR VOICE!

~ District 12 Governor Reneé Coppock

Note from Julie B, President:

I will be bringing some registration forms and hotel forms to the meeting but the earlier you send them in the better. Please contact me as soon as possible if you did not get the call to conference OR respond to the email that was sent – early bird registration is now gone but you can still register and you need to get your hotel room AS SOON AS POSSIBLE to make sure you get the Zonta rate and also get a room!



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Here we are at the official start of the fall, days are getting shorter, swimming pools are closing, school is back in session and in the Zonta World it is the month of District 12 conference coming up.

Early registration is over but that does not mean that it is not possible for you to still register to go to the district conference. This year it is being hosted by the Zonta Clubs of Greeley and Fort Collins in Greeley, just a quick drive north on the I-25 corridor, in a brand new hotel! I encourage all our members to go to conference if you can. It is exciting, there will be wonderful training classes, a chance to meet other Zontians from throughout the district as well as our International visitors.

At District this year every person attending is encouraged to participate in a District-wide service project. We will be donating a library to A Woman's Place, located in Greeley. A Woman's Place is a shelter/transitional house for survivors of domestic violence and their children. They are very excited about this project. In exchange for your donation, you will have a chance to win a fabulous basket worth over \$500! To match their "wish list," please see the article below for ideas of what needs to be donated.

As a club we will also be selling jewelry that has been donated by our club members and our new project of name badge or business card 'pouches'! These are so wonderful - please be one of the first ones to buy yours at our club meeting in September before the conference so we can show our support of our club. All money raised will go to support the club and they are real leather costing only \$15 each. Wait until you see them and you will have to have them!

Looking forward to a great year - I hope you all feel the same way! See you at the meeting in September where one of our grant recipients will speak about their program.

~ Julie Bradley

LIBRARY FOR A WOMAN'S PLACE

This in from Governor Renee Coppock:

As promised, I am giving you more information relating to the service project for the District 12 Conference. We will be donating a library to A Women's Place, located in Greeley. A Women's Place is a shelter/transitional house for survivors of domestic violence and their children. They are very excited about this project. To match their "wish list," you are asked to donate the following, in exchange for a chance to win a fabulous basket worth over \$500:

Entertainment: G, PG, and PG-13 rated DVDs, recently published books for teens and adults such as best-selling fiction (no crime novels please), inspirational stories, parenting guides, cookbooks, self-help, how-to and educational nonfiction. Also of interest are children's books in Spanish.

A donation of books will fit with our Educate Madagascar ZI project. Please let all your members know. Let's make this a FABULOUS library!

Members of our club: You do not need to go to district to participate in this project. If you have some items that will fit the criteria above – please bring them to the meeting and those of us who are going will bring them to district! What a great way to help Survivors of Domestic Violence. ~Julie B



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A donation in honor of Zonta Club of Denver was made to Zonta International Foundation by Renee Coppock.

Please see the message below:

A message from Ms. Renee Coppock rcoppock@crowleyfleck.com.

Happy 90th, Zonta Club of Denver! District 12 is proud of your accomplishments.

Tribute gifts to the Zonta International Foundation enable women to be autonomous and self-sufficient. Zonta believes every woman should have an opportunity - to get an education and a choice to decide whom to marry and when. Every woman should live a life free of violence.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

Each year the International Day of Peace is observed around the world on September 21st. The United Nations General Assembly has declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, both within and among all nations and peoples. The International Day of Peace was established in 1981 by the United Nations General Assembly and two decades later, in 2001, the General Assembly unanimously voted to designate the Day as a period of non-violence and cease-fire. The United Nations invites all nations and people to honor a cessation of hostilities during the Day, and to otherwise commemorate the Day through education and public awareness on issues related to peace.

On September 21st the United Nations Association invites you to join its members at the Posner Center (5:30pm-8pm) to celebrate this special day for a community conversation on gender equity, non-violence and organizing in Denver to achieve the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Come to learn what the new emerging trends of action are and how can people take action in their everyday lives.

Please see the event flyer below in the Upcoming Events section.

You can register to attend the event here: <http://unadenver.org/international-day-of-peace-2017/>

Event moderator: Dr. Marie Berry, Leads the Inclusive Global Leadership Initiative, University of Denver (<https://www.du.edu/korbel/sie/research/igli.html>)

Event panelists:

Sahana Dharmapuri, Director, Our Secure Future (<http://www.oursecurefuture.org/>)

Brandi Brown, Deputy Campaign Manager, Billion Acts of Peace
(<https://www.billionacts.org/>)

Brenda Sears, Program Director, Kellogg Fellows Leadership Alliance
(<https://www.kfla.org/en/>)

Bailey Gent, student at Regis University, SafeCity Denver Advocate (<http://safecity.in/>)

Albus Brooks, Denver City Councilman (<https://www.denvergov.org/content/denvergov/en/denver-city-council/council-members.html>)

Lauren Anderson, Chair of the Board of Directors of SafeCity Red Dot Foundation Global
<http://www.huffingtonpost.com/author/lauren-c-anderson>

Opener: Scott Brown, author of *Active Peace: A Mindful Path to a Nonviolent World*
(www.4activepeace.com) Scott will open the event with a guided meditation/mindfulness activity.

~ Alexis Newton

RECIPE FOR A 90TH ANNIVERSARY DISH

President Julie reads the letter from Zonta International president Sonja Hönig Schoug congratulating ZCD on reaching our 90th birthday.

Start in 1927. Bring together a few handfuls of women who are deeply concerned about their sisters who may not have access to the opportunities they need to be self-sufficient. Put all the hopes and hard work of these visionary women into a pot called Zonta Club of Denver that is large enough to nourish every woman.

Simmer for 90 years. Spice with monthly meetings and biennial international conventions.

Sprinkle in fundraisers regularly. Leaven with bylaws. Stir with grants to local organizations that help women and children find their own successes. Fold in contributions to projects around the world through partner organizations that align with the Zonta International mission.

After 90 years, call together many of the people who have helped nurture this concoction and the spirits of all who have gone before us, and celebrate with a party.

As a delectable side dish, serve up the District Governor who drove from Montana to attend, and pledged \$90 to the Zonta International Fund to recognize ZCD's 90 years. When she heard it was our Mary Benoit's birthday that night, she pledged another ZIF donation to celebrate that notable occasion (39?)

If you're wondering how you can acknowledge ZCD's milestone birthday, a gift to ZIF will not go amiss!

We look forward to participating in many more years of Zonta Club of Denver's productive contributions to the status of women and children locally and worldwide.

~ Wendy Moraskie

2017 JMK SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

The Jane M. Klausman Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce our 2017 scholarship winner, Marley Weaver-Gabel. Marley is entering her junior year at Regis University. She is majoring in International Business and Communication in the College of Business and Economics. You will meet Marley when she attends the September Zonta meeting to receive her award. Nancy, Olette, and Mary Lou served on the committee this year.

We thought you would enjoy reading the essay that Marley submitted as part of her application. Her essay follows.

~ Nancy McWhirter



Marley Weaver-Gabel
JMK Scholarship Essay

Fun fact: I am great at grocery shopping. I have learned to read price tags like a second language, scouring discount racks like I am hunting for a lost wedding ring on the beach. I learned these discount-mongering, sales-searching, bulk-buying skills from my mother, the grand master of stingy spending. It runs in the family. Much of my childhood was spent in sympathetic stress over finances and it became my goal to live a financially comfortable life.

During high school, this goal guided me to an internship with a financial advisor. Through this, I learned about stocks and how to make money work for you through the market. *This is it*, I thought to myself. I am in close proximity to millions of dollars and if I can understand this complex system of monetary manipulation, I can be financially independent.

In the fall of 2015, I enrolled in a paracurricular course at Regis University titled Social Change. I had no idea how much it would actually end up changing me.

In class we visited the Posner Center to speak with a nonprofit that offers solar powered lamps to citizens in Namibia. Elephant Energy produces something so simple – a lamp – that radically improves quality of life. This moment changed my academic plans. Initially I declared as a business administration major with an emphasis in finance, but quickly switched to international business and actively began a life of service.

Through Regis, I have been sponsored to participate in service trips to Nicaragua and Haiti. I have encountered extreme systemic poverty that makes me acutely aware of my own privilege. My social position calls me to be more than a self-serving scrooge; it calls me to serve others. The empowering work I have witnessed, coupled with the impressive businesswomen at the helm of the operations, informs my post-graduation goals. Upon graduation, I want to serve two years in the PeaceCorps on a Community Economic Development project, working in the local economy to provide business opportunities to citizens. After, I envision myself working for a nonprofit to continue developing international economies.

My current pursuits are not centered on monetary fulfillment, but I still need financial support to succeed. The Zonta International Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship will serve as a cushion in my budget and allow me to remain enrolled at Regis University. If awarded, I will use the funds towards tuition. Given assistance with tuition, I can apply my personal savings to my upcoming semester abroad, which will further my understanding of international poverty and supplement my academic and vocational goals. I know that my purpose in life is to serve, with and for others, and I will be more successful businesswoman of service with a college degree. Financially, I cannot get there alone and this scholarship will serve me in achieving my highest goal in life.

THE LENDING LIBRARY

As most of you know, our club has a lending library contained in a rolling suitcase. I have brought it to meetings for the last couple of years. At the May meeting I asked for a volunteer to take on this task and our new member Sara Ball volunteered. Thank you, Sara, for your willingness to help.

The way it works: I will bring the almost empty suitcase to the next meeting. Please bring a book or books that you have enjoyed recently and would like to share. Please no old or out of date books. This is how we grow the library every year. You may take as many books as you can read, return them and find another interesting read. We can spend the next months until May sharing great reading material. Over the past few years we have taken all the books left after the club meeting in May and put them in the club garage sale so we could have a fresh start in September. Now is the time for the fresh start, so bring your books to the club meeting on September 14th.

See you then,

~ Mary Benoit

SEPTEMBER MEETING

Meeting Details

Date:	Thursday, September 14, 2017
Time:	5:00 p.m.
Location:	Fresh Fish Company, 7800 E. Hampden
Price:	Menu prices
Program:	The Gathering Place (2017 Grant Award recipient)

Reservations are essential so the restaurant can set the appropriate number of places. Please contact Liz Savage as soon as possible but no later than noon on Monday, September 11, at esavage2017@gmail.com to make reservations for yourself and your guests.

COMMITTEE REPORTS



ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

We will be sending out another SignUpGenius invitation for you to volunteer to write an advocacy article for the *Smoke Signal*. There are openings for the December, January, and March through June issues (due at the end of the prior month). Or, if you prefer, email me at cbmang@aol.com and tell me what month will work for you. This provides you an opportunity to learn more about a topic related to the Objects of Zonta International that interests you and to share what you learn with the club. That's part of advocacy!

~ Carol Mangold



FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

The Fundraising Committee held an organizational meeting in August at Gwen Fornia's home. Fundraising projects for the year were discussed, including our Day of Film on March 31, 2018, and our Garage Sale on May 19, 2018.

We will be selling these beautiful black and rawhide leather pouches at all Zonta meetings that we attend, including club, Area and District meetings.



The pouches are the perfect size to carry your badge and/or your business cards in. They sell for \$15, and I bought one of each color already! We will have them for sale at our September 14 club meeting and at the District 12 Conference in Greeley later in September. We will also sell jewelry at the District meeting. There is some jewelry left over from our garage sale in May and we welcome any additions that you have laying around – please bring them to the September meeting if you want to contribute.

We are excited about booking the date for our Day of Film and are already reviewing two different movie possibilities for it. It will be held at Metro Turnhalle again. Please be thinking about sponsors you would like us to contact regarding this event. Sara Ball will be handling our sponsorship letters this year so please forward any names and addresses to her when you think of them.

The committee is also reviewing a couple of other possibilities for raising money this year, including iGive and Amazon Smile. If we decide those are viable opportunities, we will give you information on them at a later date.

~ Mary Lou Edwards



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The New Zee Committee is planning an orientation for new members on Saturday, September 30, at 9:30 am at Sheila's house. All members are invited - you will be receiving an invitation soon, so please put this on your calendars!

~ Liz Savage



PR COMMITTEE

Dear ZCD members: Your PR committee starting sketching out a 2017-2018 skeleton calendar at our last meeting. It fleshed out fast!

Looking ahead, we planned out when we need to get geared up for publicizing events and activities, such as Area and District meetings, the International Convention, the Day of Film and the Annual Yard Sale. We'll definitely be asking for lots of help as we get closer to those dates.

We've assigned our Smoke Signal volunteers (Judy Mc, Marian and me) to specific months, although we'll certainly back each other up as needed, when weird "adulting" stuff pops up.

And, we need your continued help to raise our profile out there in the "interwebs." If you find yourself with a few minutes on the computer, please look into Facebook and like our page, or share something posted by our club, district or international to your own page.

We look forward to a great Zonta Year with President Julie leading all our enthusiastic members in support of our ZCD mission!

~ Wendy Moraskie



SERVICE COMMITTEE

SIX MONTH REPORTS AND BEYOND

The end of August and Labor Day bring on the same old things we say every year. Suffice it to say “I can’t believe it.....”

September 1st was the due date for the 6 month reports from our grant recipients from 2017. The reports have been heart-wrenching and inspiring. I am very proud of our work.

Here in brief is how the last six months went: The Gathering Place was able to purchase commercial grade washers and dryers. These are ordinary appliances that we take for granted, but such a wonderful thing for homeless women and children. Dance To Be Free did some wonderful things with the grant. Female inmates of the Department of Corrections were able to receive dance lessons and instruction on teaching dance. Frustrations did abound, such as arbitrary rules and equipment that didn’t function. If you have a battery that fails you can just jump in your car and run to Target for a new one. There are miles of red tape that go with everything that happens in a jail, requiring a lot of patience. The Homeless Women Vets had three motel rooms refurbished with all new linens, mattress pads and pillows. The pictures of the rooms were wonderful, giving six homeless women vets a decent, comfortable place to be secure and feel safe.

Our items for the month of September are feminine hygiene products, \$10 King Soopers Cards, or cash. These items will be going to The Gathering Place. The reason that King Soopers cards were chosen is that Kings is right on the bus line with The Gathering Place. Please bring these items to the September meeting. Lucky for us that our guest speaker will be from The Gathering Place so we can find out why these items are so valuable to their clients. Also, something that I assumed everyone understood, but just to make sure: you are under no obligation to bring “the item of the month” every time. All of us have a lot going on, whether it is time or money, so all of us need to do what we can, when we can.

Please remember our grant applications are due on September 19. Please encourage anyone who would fit our mission to apply for a grant. They must be a 501(c)(3). If you aren’t clear on this, just ask, people know if they are a 501(c)(3).

~ Mary Benoit



MINUTES

90th Anniversary Party at Gwen Fornia's home was called to order by President Julie Bradley at 6 pm.

Introduction of guests was held by each table, both spouses and first time guest of the club.

Welcome to District Governor Renee Coppock who then said she would make a contribution of \$90 in honor of our club's 90 years to Zonta International.

Letter of Congratulations from International President Sonja Honig Schough was read to congratulate us on our 90th anniversary as a club.

Business:

Discussion was held concerning electing alternates to the District 12 conference. Dawn Bali and MaryLou Edwards were nominated and were elected by a unanimous show of hands to represent our club at the Conference as alternates to President Julie and President Elect Marian.

President Julie thanked all who were able to attend the festivities tonight and congratulated the club on our first 90 years wishing all well in the years ahead. The business meeting was then adjourned and everyone enjoyed the rest of the evening's festivities.

Adjourned 6:15p Party to follow.

Respectfully submitted by Julie Bradley
for Penny Burke, Secretary

CALENDAR

September 14	Club meeting 5 pm Fresh Fish Company, 7800 East Hampden Program: Bette "BJ" Iacino The Gathering Place (2017 Grant Award recipient)
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September 21	<p>UNA Denver International Day of Peace Celebration 5:30 - 8:00 pm Posner Center Commons, 1031 33rd St, Denver Program: Panel discussion on gender equity, non-violence and organizing in Denver to achieve the UN Sustainable Development Goals</p>
September 22-24	<p>District 12 Conference Double Tree by Hilton Greeley If you haven't received the Call to Conference emails, let Julie know Register now!</p>
September 30	<p>New member orientation 9:30 am 3635 South Roslyn Way, Denver All members are invited!</p>
October 12	<p>Club meeting 5 pm Fresh Fish Company, 7800 East Hampden Program: Fatou Doumbia, Agile International <i>(non-profit empowering women farmers in West Africa through sustainable agriculture education and training)</i></p>
November 9	<p>Club meeting 5 pm Fresh Fish Company, 7800 East Hampden Program: Women Veterans of Colorado (2017 Grant Award recipient)</p>
December 7	<p>Club holiday party (details TBD)</p>
June 29 - July 2, 2018	<p>64th Zonta International Convention Yokohama, Japan Start saving money now!</p>

UPCOMING EVENTS



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UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION
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A PROGRAM OF THE UNITED NATIONS FOUNDATION
DENVER CHAPTER

celebrating the international day of peace

Community conversation on gender equity,
non-violence and organizing in Denver to achieve
the UN Sustainable Development Goals

Thursday, September 21, 2017 • 5:30pm — 8:00pm
Posner Center Commons, Denver

RSVP Required: <http://unadenver.org/international-day-of-peace-2017>
Free Event. Hashtag: #UNADenver

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2017 Pathways from Poverty

4th Annual Breakfast
Friday, October 6, 2017

NEW LOCATION!

Embassy Suites Denver – Downtown Convention Center
1420 Stout St. Denver, CO 80202

This year's keynote speaker will be Ian Haney López, Boalt Professor of Law at the University of California, Berkeley. The author of "Dog-Whistle Politics: How Coded Racial Appeals Have Reinvented Racism & Wrecked the Middle Class," Haney López's current writings emphasize the connection between racial divisions in society and growing wealth inequality in the United States. Haney López will address how to overcome a decades long history of subliminal racial language to rebuild support for programs that benefit lower- and middle-income Americans.



Keynote address by
Ian Haney López



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Early Registration Ends September 22, 2017 \$60/seat

Late Registration \$65/seat

Registration Ends Friday, September 29, 2017

For information and registration: www.cclponline.org

For more about Ian Haney Lopez, go [here](#).

10th Annual Human Trafficking SYMPOSIUM

Hosted by the Human Trafficking Task Force of Southern Colorado



October 28, 2017 // 8 am to 2 pm

Colorado College's
Kathryn Mohrman Theater
Armstrong Hall
14 E Cache La Poudre St.

Free to attend — For more
information and to register,
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*Human trafficking is real and happening
across Colorado. It is happening in our city,
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