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September Meeting

Date: Thursday, September 13th
Event: General Meeting
Time: 5:00 p.m.
Place: Fresh Fish Company
7800 E Hampden, Denver

Message from our President



Share the Joy of Zonta!

Summer's end is drawing near. Our lighthearted gatherings of July and August are over. Fall is in the air, students have returned to school, and things are quieting down. It's time to re-engage with Zonta.

As we begin the "meaty" part of our Zonta year with our September 13 meeting, think about how good it feels to be a Zontian – to give grants and volunteer time to worthwhile local organizations, to support Zonta International in its worldwide projects, and to enjoy the fellowship of interesting, caring, like-minded women.

Please consider sharing the Zonta experience by bringing a guest to the meeting. September will be a great meeting for guests, as we'll have two inspiring speakers: Our JMK scholarship winner, Holly Brouwer, and Vicki Wilson from Friends of the Haven, one of our favorite organizations. It promises to be an uplifting, high-energy meeting.

I look forward to seeing you there!

~ Marian Lee

August Minutes

Women Have Economic Equality, right??

A few thoughts...

[Waiting for governments to drive change for women's economic participation is as likely as a swift Brexit](#)

Avon's CEO, Jan Zijerveld notes that current research demonstrates that still, after years of progress, much change is needed to bring women full to the economic opportunity table.

"The International Labour Organization (ILO) has estimated that 50 percent of women's productive potential is underutilized..."

Deep-rooted cultural biases and laws that protect them need to be changed.

"In 18 countries, men can legally prevent their wives from working. 49 countries lack laws protecting women from domestic violence. And women hold just 23.7% of parliamentary seats around the world."

[Women: The Catalyst for Economic Growth? Women around the world still face obstacles to fully participating in the workforce, limiting a country's potential growth.](#)

Lindsay Huth in a March 2018 article for US News & World Report reported that "greater gender equality can play a role in boosting economic growth." She cited Saudi Arabia's decision to lift its ban on women driving as having been partly driven by economic interests, according to Prince Khaled Bin Salman, Saudi ambassador to the U.S.

"By removing such restrictions, the country's leaders said they aimed to increase women's participation in the workforce from 22 percent to 30 percent in the next 12 years, a component of the Vision 2030 Plan government blueprint for economic growth. With oil prices down, the country is seeking to diversify its economy by turning, in part, to women."

The article continues:

"Greater gender equality can play a role in boosting economic growth, say analysts, prompting a number of countries to launch efforts to increase the number of women in their labor forces. In fact, higher labor force participation by women can offset a shrinking workforce, according to the International Monetary Fund."

"Today, in 2018, we have a strong body of evidence that shows that women's participation in the economy is critical because when women are able to fulfill their economic potential, GDP goes up and poverty goes down," says Rachel Vogelstein, senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations in Washington, in referring to gross domestic product."

[Women May Be Key to Boosting U.S. Economy; Education, policy changes may hold answers to improving country's economic performance, analysts say.](#)

Sintia Radu wrote, in a December 2017 article for US News & World Report, that a Standard & Poor's study shows the U.S. economy would be \$1.6 trillion larger today if American women entered and remained in the workforce at the same rate as women from Norway. Another way to conceive of the increase: \$1.6 trillion would translate to roughly \$5,000 more for every American.

And from just up the road in Sweetwater, Wyoming, this week, comes a guest column, [OPINION: Women's Issues are Economic Issues](#), in which Miritt Comforti, a PacifiCorps purchasing manager says we are undermining our contributions and our impact by marginalizing issues of economic equality, childcare access, job opportunities and more as "women's issues."

"So-called 'women's issues' are economic issues, and they directly affect our wallets. Previous and current investment in women has demonstrated direct benefits to taxpayers."

Edna Jean Hershey Trust & Metropolitan State



"One of the investment funds that we have is the Edna Jean Hershey Trust. This fund is available to a Zontian with a certified financial need, first in our club, next in Area 3, and last available to clubs in Colorado. In order to keep the 501 c 3 status of the fund, every three years the unused income is transferred to the Edna Jean Hershey Scholarship Fund at Metro State University. This fund is available to women at MSU who are single parents, have at least a 3.0 average and are at least a sophomore, and have a certified financial need. As of June 30, 2018, the scholarship fund has a balance of \$154,827. Total monies given by the Zonta Club of Denver to MSU Denver are \$192,187.

The Spring 2018 recipients included:

Maria Coopersmith-Buschman, Social Work, graduate student
Caitlin Floyd, Human Nutrition-Dietetics, graduate student
Margaret Nation, Anthropology, junior
Stacy Long, Human Development, graduate student
Renee Miller, Psychology, junior
Angela Ortiz, Individualized Degree Program, junior

There will be another batch of women who will receive money in the fall.

Just another example of the good that we do in our community!"

Our Speaker for September - Welcome Holly!



Holly Brouwer is the 2018 Jane M. Klausman scholarship recipient. Holly received her B.S in Finance and Business Information and Analytics from the University of Denver. While pursuing her undergraduate degree, Holly worked and interned in finance. Her supervisor at CAM Investor Solutions commented on Holly's ability to adapt quickly to an entrepreneurial environment. She was able to demonstrate her analytical skills and understanding of how to better improve a process while keeping the focus on the client experience. In addition, Holly volunteered with the Office of Student Engagement as an Executive Board member and Event Planner for DU's Programming Board. She was also a student leader with DU's Ethics Bootcamp Program. Holly is currently working on a master's degree in Applied Quantitative Finance at the University of Denver, Daniels College of Business. Holly is passionate about social justice and social responsibility, especially in the finance industry. She aspires to work in an environment where client needs and education are a priority. Holly is extremely interested in nonprofit finance. She wants to make a difference in people's lives while loving her career. Talented in problem-solving, working with people, and gaining insight from data, Holly is someone who considers the impact of her future career greater than any financial award.

A Word from the Treasurer

At our last meeting held at Spero Winery, the ZCD Operating budget was approved. This is the budget for the operation of the club during the club year 2018-2019. If you missed the meeting, take a few minutes to review the budget. It is posted on the "members only" section of the website.

~ Evie Ashmore



Committee Reports

MEMBERSHIP

Membership committee has been busy this summer arranging speakers for this year. September's meeting will feature an update by new Friends of the Haven Executive Director, Vicki Wilson. Our Jane M. Klausman Women in Business scholarship recipient Holly Brouwer, will also make a presentation, about obstacles she has encountered in her education by virtue of being a woman. RSVP to Veronica Hoegler at vehoegler@comcast.net or 303-424-2811 by Sept 10.



A survey of membership interest in social activities indicates that the strongest interest is in a happy hour. In addition, eight or nine people indicated interest in Thurs nights at Sipping N'Painting, Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum, Kirkland Museum, and the Denver Art Museum. Watch for news how to sign up for an event in Oct or Nov. Maybe some who didn't respond to the survey will also join in!

~ Veronica Hoegler



ADVOCACY

I must admit to feeling a little lost these past few months as I adjusted to my new home in Wisconsin after twenty years of building supportive relationships and friends in the Denver area. This summer I received an unexpected call from Pam Knackert, Membership Chair, of the Milwaukee Zonta Club inviting me to attend their meetings. This invitation was orchestrated by Kay Meyer of the Zonta Club of Boulder and long time leader in Zonta District 12 by informing her contact in the Milwaukee Club of my relocation. Kay wasn't asked to make this connection, but it's in her nature to proactively look out for her Zonta friends and I'm deeply grateful. This recent outreach gesture by Kay reminded me of how important it is for women to support and mentor other women. We are fortunate to be a part of an organization that recognizes the power of women when we work together. I'm pleased to report that I attended a meeting of the Zonta Club of Milwaukee in August where I was warmly welcomed. Many thanks to Kay.

Participation of Women in Government 2018

Dawn reported in July on the record number of women running for office in the United States this election year. This is encouraging

news, but when we compare the representation of women in government globally, we realize that we have a long way to go. The June 1, 2018 statistics compiled by the Inter-Parliamentary Union found on the United Nations Women's website revealed that the United States ranks number 102 in descending order out of 193 countries in the percentage of women in the lower or single house of parliaments or governing bodies. The total number of seats, number of women occupying those seats and percentages for the upper house or senate rankings are listed but not ranked in order.

For the lower or single house, Rwanda tops the list with 49 of the 80 seats of the lower house (61.3%) occupied by women. Although not in order of rank, it should be noted that Rwanda's upper house or senate has 26 seats with 10 occupied by women (38.5%). Cuba is second with 322 women (53.2%) occupying the 605 available seats in the single house. Bolivia, Grenada, Namibia, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Sweden, Mexico and South Africa complete the list of the "Top Ten" lower house percentages of the 193 countries in the report. The United States House of Representatives ranks #102 on the list of nations with 84 women occupying the 431 seats or 19.5%. The U.S. Senate has 22 women occupying the 100 available seats or 22%. As the 2018 election approaches, I hope we are all doing our homework in order to make informed decisions.

Information in the table compiled by the Inter-Parliamentary Union based on information provided by National Parliament by June 1, 2018.

Facts and figures - Women in national parliaments
unwomen.org/en/what-we-do/leadershipandpolitical

~ Carol Mangold & Dawn Bali

SERVICE

Since all of our current Grantees have received donations, the Committee has decided to collect items for the Delores House at our September meeting. Please consider providing: African-American hair products, breakfast or snack bars or Ziploc bags-sandwich or gallon size, Thanks to everyone for your generosity, We want to remind everyone that September 22nd is the last day for grant applications!

~ CJ Long





FUNDRAISING

Denver Symphony

If you love the Denver Symphony and want to attend at a specially discounted rate for Zonta members, this is your chance!!! Zonta member Wendy Henry-Moraskie, who also sings in the Symphony Choir, has arranged for us to get tickets for five different events if the events haven't been sold out. Prices are \$35. Deadline to buy these fall tickets is Thursday, September 13 at the Zonta meeting.

Here are the early winter choices:

Britten War Requiem --- Friday, Nov. 2

Ten Tenors – Home for the Holidays --- Sunday December 9 at 6:30 pm

Colorado Christmas (all carols – adult and children's choirs) ---- Friday December 14

Party Party!! Invite some friends to go with you and count up all the tickets you will need. Make out a check for \$35 per ticket and give the check to Cynthia Herndon by the September 13 th Zonta meeting for the number of tickets you would like. Last year Zonta made over \$150 through Symphony ticket sales. We think you love the music and will want to support both the Symphony and Zonta by purchasing a ticket to a marvelous experience.

Day of Film

The committee is researching films to show on March 30 th , 2019. The emphasis is on a topic that will stir you to take some action locally to help vulnerable women. We have also begun to firm up the details of the event by preparing the budget, selecting the caterer, and preparing for the showing. So stay tuned.

Pouches

Zonta initialed pouches are for sale at our meetings . These pouches can hold your Zonta or other business cards, gift cards you've received, cards for frequent buying, membership cards such as The Art Museum, some ear buds, cards that get you discounts and even some ear buds for your phone. Pouches cost only \$15 each. Think of a prospective member and give her a pouch too. They make lovely gifts.

~ Jeanette Scotland

PUBLIC RELATIONS

We are starting to see cooler evenings and mornings (thank goodness!), telling us fall is around the corner. We have a number of great Zonta activities coming up that we can share with our Friends of Zonta and the larger community. We'll have monthly dinner meetings with great speakers that we should invite friends to, events with our grantees, and work beginning on the 2019 Day of Film, among other endeavors.



To make sure the Zonta Club of Denver continues in strength through the next 100 years and beyond, we need to share our mission and impact with others. Remember to like the ZCD Facebook page postings, share on your Instagram and Snapchat--sure, you betcha--some of our members are active on lots of different social media! Carry your Zonta cards and tell folks at the doctor's office, yoga studio and nail salon. We never know who might be the next person looking for a meaningful connection with a mission like ours.

~ Wendy Moraskie



BY-LAWS

The Bylaws Committee met on August 7 and discussed several potential changes to our club bylaws and standing rules. Most important, the Committee voted to submit one change immediately to the club board and members for approval. That proposal appears after this article.

A few bylaws changes are "automatic," to conform to changes in the Zonta International bylaws approved at the Yokohama Convention. For example, there will be no references to "young professional" members. They are just members, but a member who has not yet reached her 30th birthday pays "under 30" dues. Also, in Article V, Section 1a, references to classifications described in the Zonta Club Manual and/or the Zonta International Marian de Forest Membership Manual will be changed because classifications are no longer in those Manuals, but are on the ZI website under Membership Tools—Membership Planning.

Additional changes to the bylaws and standing rules are under consideration by the committee and will be submitted to club members for a vote later in the year.

~Judy McNerny

Proposed Zonta Club of Denver Bylaws Amendment

The Bylaws Committee proposes the following change to the club bylaws:

Article VIII, Section 2:

SECTION 2. Qualifications. To be eligible for the office of President, or President-Elect or Vice President, a member must have been at some time a member of the Club Board for at least one year.

The rationale for this change is the difficulty of filling Board positions and the fact that a candidate for Vice President is no longer making a commitment to move up to President-Elect and then President, as was once the case.

The Board recommends that the members approve this change. The change will be put to a vote of the members at the September 13 club meeting.

Special Events!



Denver II Fundraiser September 23rd:
Wine tasting at the DU culinary school
and the students make and serve the
food. It is an absolutely wonderful
location! Choose from either a regular
ticket or VIP ticket

*Regular Ticket Price: \$45.00 per person
– admission for all wine tasting and hors
d'oeuvres*

*VIP Ticket: \$55.0 per person. This is
new this year. The VIP ticket will also
provide access to Port and Chocolate
tasting and a short seminar at \$4.00 pm
on Port.*

Logon to Zonta Denver II website to buy
tickets! <http://zonta-denver2.org>



Athena Project

Honor Killing is a suspenseful and compelling story of New York Times reporter Allisyn Davis who is investigating the honor killing of a young Pakistani woman at the hands of family. Allisyn is denied entrance to Pakistan, but armed with the most current technology, she conducts her investigation remotely from Dubai. Through a series of cultural collisions, candid interviews, and dangerous encounters she learns the horrifying details of the killing. Cultural bias, technology, and the limits of ethical reporting converge in this tale of two women trapped by their circumstances and culture.

Honor Killing was chosen from over 250 scripts submitted to Athena Project's development series, Plays In Progress. Our series accepts the scripts of women playwrights. Scripts chosen for development are presented as workshops, staged readings, or table readings. Honor Killing was presented as a table reading during our 2017 Athena Project Arts Festival, and then was refined and enhanced with support from our director, dramaturg, and audience feedback. Since 2017, the play has enjoyed a world premiere at the Florida Studio Theatre in Sarasota, Florida and we are delighted to bring a fully produced production to Denver audiences.

The show will run from September 8th through the 30th on Friday and Saturday nights at 8 PM with Sunday matinees at 2 PM.

*This play addresses brutality against women. <http://www.athenaprojectarts.org/premiere-production/>

Club Calendar

Club Meetings

September 13, 2018

5:00 p.m.

Fresh Fish Company

7800 E Hampden Blvd

October 11, 2018

5:00 p.m.

Fresh Fish Company

7800 E Hampden Blvd

November 8, 2018

5:00 p.m.

Fresh Fish Company

7800 E Hampden Blvd

Save the Date

December 14, 15, 17, 18, 2018

Santa Claus Shop

Special Events

Denver II Wine Tasting Fundraiser

September 23rd

DU's Joy Burns Center

<http://zonta-denver2.org>

District 12 Governor's Seminar

October 5-6, 2018

Lamar, Colorado

Committee Meetings

Fundraising Committee

September 11, 2018 ~ 5:30p

Jeanette Scotland's house

3350 S Clermont St

Membership Committee

September 20th 4 p.m.

Panera's at Riverpoint @ Hampden
and Sheridan

Service Committee

October 1st 5:30 p.m.

Citron Bistro 3635 S Yosemite



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Zonta Club of Denver
August Meeting
Spero Winery
8.9.18

President Marian called the meeting to order at 5:37pm

Advocacy Moment

Dawn's advocacy moment touched on feminism and relatively low rates of women that identify as feminists, and some reasons why this may be. She asks us all to reflect on what feminism means to us.

Approval of June Minutes

June Meeting Minutes were approved as published in the Smoke Signal.

Treasurer's Report

Evie presented the 2018-2019 budget to the club. Judy Mc moved to approve the budget as presented. Nikki seconded. The budget was approved unanimously.

Veronica reminded the club to take Julie's survey on the optional social gatherings. We are considering raising money by paying a little more than the cost of events and donating the additional expense to the club.

Mary introduced us to **a new fundraiser that the Zonta Club of Douglas County** is putting on for a tour of Canada through EF Tours. Cities visited will include Toronto, Ontario, Quebec, and Montreal. It will be a 10 day tour including buses, hotels etc for \$4000 including airfare. They will do payments in installments. More information will be available on the club's website. They are discontinuing their trivia night fundraiser.

Marian & Julie presented on the international convention in Yokohama. A lot of very interesting information was shared and these are just a few highlights:

- The breakdown of the club's international membership by region is roughly 17% Asian, 47% Europe, 19% USA, and 10% Australia.
- Zonta did pass a resolution for participation in Zonta International without being affiliated with a local club.
- Zonta Club of Denver was recognized as 4th in the country for our donations to Zonta International.

August birthdays were recognized:

Mary Benoit - 25 years of service, born August 10th
Bev Myers - 1 year, born August 25th
& Clare Prohaska who was not in attendance but is missed

50/50 Drawing

Pam Staves won \$22 and the club generated \$22.

Evie gave thanks to Nikki for helping with the transition to Club Treasurer and developing the budget.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm