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Smoke Signal - September 2019

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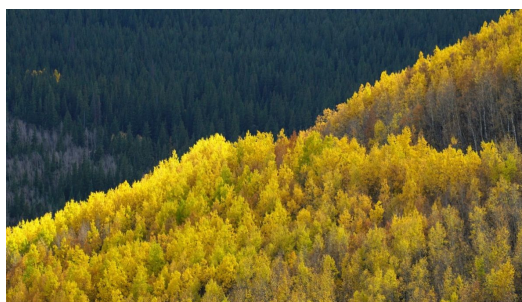
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**"Autumn is a second spring when
every leaf is a flower."**

Albert Camus

September Meeting

Date: Thursday, September 12th
Time: 5:00 p.m.
Place: Fresh Fish Company
7800 E Hampden

Please RSVP to Veronica Hoegler
by September 10th by calling or
texting her at 303-424-2811, or by
email at vehoegler@comcast.net.

Minutes from August 8, 2019 Meeting

Message From Our President



On August 13, 2019 Dawn Bali and I attended the Colorado Women's Centennial Collaborative Meeting in Colorado Springs. Governor John Hickenlooper formed the Women's Vote Centennial Commission to lead efforts to commemorate 100 years since the passage of the 19th Amendment and to recognize women's suffrage in Colorado. We met many influential women across Colorado who are working to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Colorado becoming the first state in the country to grant women the right to vote via state referendum. Through this commission, History Colorado is building connections with and between local museums, libraries, clubs, schools and arts organizations as they plan women's suffrage related events. I thought a review of the history of Suffrage might be interesting and began researching, learning and remembering.....Read what I learned [here](#).

~ Mary Lou Edwards

Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship

The 2019 Jane M. Klausman scholarship was awarded to Taylor Pinson. Taylor is a junior at Metropolitan State University of Denver who is majoring in Marketing and Business Management.

Taylor is an exemplary student. She was enrolled in the Principles of Accounting course which is one of the more difficult courses on the Metro campus. Taylor's instructor for that class commented on Taylor's motivation and professionalism in the classroom. In describing Taylor, the instructor stated, "Ms. Pinson is always professional and engaging in class. Her questions are always astute and



relevant. Her diligence in understanding the material is commendable and demonstrates her motivation for learning as well as her intellectual independence.”

Taylor is a member of the Beta Gamma Sigma Business International Honor Society and serves as the secretary of the Metro chapter. A business student must be in the top 10% of her class to be eligible for membership. As secretary, she has organized events including the Induction Ceremony for new members. Networking with professionals in marketing has been a priority for Taylor. She has shown initiative in making numerous business contacts. One of Taylor’s goals as secretary of the her Beta Gamma Sigma chapter is to make connections with local small business owners to provide more networking opportunities for the other members.

While enrolled in school, Taylor is working as a respite care provider. In addition, Taylor finds time to volunteer with many community organizations like the Battered Women’s Shelter, Mountain States Children’s Home, and Operation Christmas Child.

~ Nancy McWhirter

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The Hershey Charitable Trust was originally established under the will of our club member Edna Jean Hershey “to aid elderly, ill or needy members of the club,” and was later expanded to have funds available to any Colorado Zontian under specified conditions.

[Read more.](#)

~ Pamela Staves

A Word from the Treasurer

At our last meeting held at C.B. & Potts the club operating budget was approved. This is the budget for the operation of the club during the club year 2019-2020. If you missed the meeting, take a few minutes to review the budget. It is posted on the “members only” section of the website.



Also, we recently received a \$5,000 check from Janice Temple (from her IRA) to the Foundation. Please let me know if you know how she is connected to our club. It may be that she is connected with another Zonta club in the world and googled Zonta in Denver and found us. It would be nice to know!

~Julie Bradley

Committee Reports



MEMBERSHIP

We will meet at Fresh Fish Company again on September 12, board meeting at 4 pm and social hour at 5. We have confirmed that you may order food and drinks from their happy hour or regular menu. RSVP by Tuesday, September 10, to Veronica at 303-424-2811, voice mail or text, or email vehogler@comcast.net.

C.B. & Potts closed the Greenwood Village location without warning and its Highlands Ranch location does not have a comparable meeting space. We are revisiting other choices presented from the past as well as additional options. We hope to have more info at the September meeting about where we may meet in the future.

Please consider bringing guests to our September meeting; we have wonderful new members to continue to get to know and an exciting speaker from one of our grant recipient non-profits.

You may also enjoy bringing a guest to our social meeting at 11 am on Saturday, September 14, at the Convention Center wall to learn about the women in Colorado history on a wall Zonta Club of Denver sponsored many years ago! We will have lunch nearby afterwards. RSVP to Veronica at 303-424-2811 voicemail or text or vehoegler@comcast.net.

~ Veronica Hoegler

FUNDRAISING

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Fundraising is looking for lovely costume jewelry to sell at the District 12 meeting in Montana on September 20-22. Perhaps YOU have some – tucked away where you don't always see it. If so could you please donate it to our cause? Bring it to the September meeting and we will help you find a new owner for it. And the sale proceeds will help our club.



Day of Film – March 28th, 2020. Put it on your calendar now. We are searching for a film that will attract the interest of sponsors and members and that will be uplifting for our viewers. Do you have any suggestions? We welcome ideas. Meanwhile we are looking at trailers of films and even looking into something a little different for the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Women's Right to Vote. Stay tuned.

Garage Sale - Wendy Moraskie will be the host of our May 16 garage sale at 1461 Milwaukee Street. Please start looking now for items you can donate. Perhaps you are downsizing or maybe de-cluttering. It's never too late to start collecting things. We have already received some lovely donations from Kay

Meyer, Foothills Zontian member.

If you have some metal shelves you can let us borrow on the day of the sale please let me or any committee member know: Cathy Conley, Nikki Headlee, Cynthia Herndon, Sara Ball, Julie Bradley, Wendy, or Michelle Haggerty.

Symphony Tickets – Stay tuned (no pun intended) for the concerts for which we will be selling tickets soon. The holiday concerts are always a delight to the music lovers.

Pouches – Just in case you don't have one of our glamorous and versatile card holders/pouches you can still get one – or two – at a meeting. \$15.

Our next committee meeting will be on Wednesday September 18 at 5:30 at 3350 South Clermont Street.

~ Jeanette Scotland



SERVICE

The Service Committee provided a taco bar for the mentor training with Making Choices. It was quite well received and we met some interesting volunteers and staff. It was also quite educational as we learned that women who are required to wear ankle bracelets and also do regular drug tests, spend \$277 a week or \$1108 a month. It is hard to imagine being able to walk out of prison with nothing and being able to put together the necessities of life and be able to pay those costs in addition.

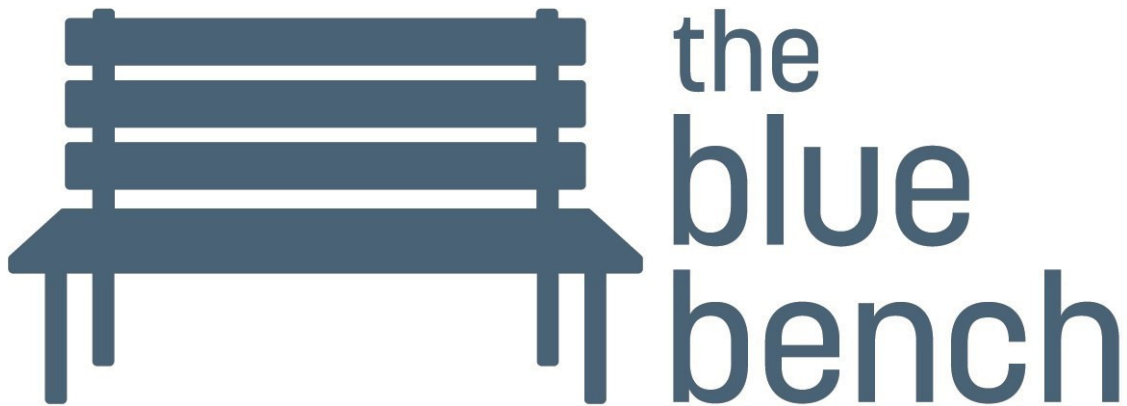
On the positive side, a new referral system is now set up to assist parolees find jobs and housing. The Denver Women's Correctional Facility has also been changed to only provide for women ranked in the 1 to 3 category according to their offense. They previously covered offenses from level 1 to

the most serious crimes, level 5.

We will be collecting **donations for Blue Bench at the September meeting**. Please look at the information provided below. Sheila will be sending a Sign Up Genius request so that you may sign up in advance of the meeting.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in September.

~ CJ Long



Self-Care Kit Supply Drive

The Blue Bench appreciates the Zonta Club of Denver willingness to host self-care drives to join us in directly supporting survivors of sexual assault. The therapists and advocates at The Blue Bench offer self-care items to survivors of sexual assault who seek services with the organization, which provides direct service to about 30 new individuals each month. Self-care drives assist the agency in stocking up the supply for the months to come.

Here's how the process works:

1. Zonta Club members collect self-care items and donations of all kinds (see attached list of suggestions for ideas), to be distributed to clients in hospitals, court rooms, police stations, and our office.
- 2.
3. A bag preparation day will be scheduled at The Blue Bench to assemble the collected items into individual kits to be distributed by The Blue Bench's

advocates.

- 4.
5. This will also provide an opportunity to tour the space and meet other staff members.

Self Care Items for Consideration*

- Journals
- Essential Oils
- Adult Coloring Books
- Stress Balls
- Play-Doh or Putty
- Gum, Mints or Candies
- Travel-size Body Soaps (ex: Dr. Bronner's castile liquid soap)
- Toothbrush + travel-sized toothpaste
- Teas and Cocoas
- Nail Care Products
- Small Blankets or Scarves
- Pocket Games (playing cards, fidgetspinners)

** All self-care items should be able to fit into an 8" x 12" bag, and all genders (ages 13+) should be considered for each kit item, please.*

PUBLIC RELATIONS

PR is starting to work on the update of our club website. Please check out the web sites for Boulder Foothills and Pikes Peak Zonta Club to see how our new site will look. We'll keep you posted on progress.



New club directories will be available at the September club meeting. Be sure to get yours!

~ Kathy Hyzer

Club Calendar

Club Meetings

September 12, 2019

5:00 pm

Fresh Fish Company

October 10, 2019

5:00 pm

TBD

November 14, 2019

5:00 pm

TBD

Special Events

District 12 Conference

September 21-22, 2019

Billings, Montana

International Director Sigrid Duden,
Zonta Club of Heidelberg, Germany,
will attend.

Zonta International Convention

July 4-8, 2020

Chicago, Illinois

Save the dates!

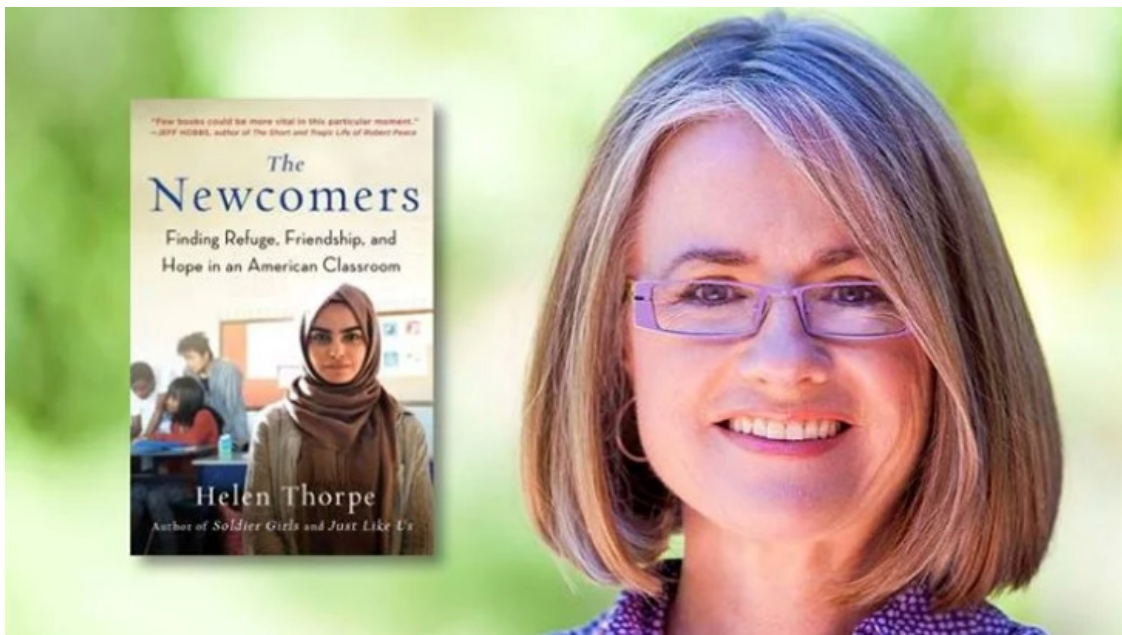
Registration will open later this year.



The poster features a central silhouette of a woman in a Zonta dress with her right arm raised. To the left is a blue square with 'ZONTA 100 YEARS' in white and yellow. To the right is a white square with the Zonta logo and 'ZONTA INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 12 EMPOWERING WOMEN'. The background is dark with a starburst effect. Text at the top reads 'SEIZE THE ZONTA SPIRIT' and 'HONOR and EMPOWER HER'. The right side of the poster has a light green background with orange text: 'District 12 Conference September 20-22 "Seize the Zonta Spirit!"'

Register NOW at (copy and paste this URL into your browser):

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2019-zonta-international-district-12-conference-tickets-65621566873?aff=ebdssbdestsearch&utm-medium=discovery&utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-source=cp&utm-term=destsearch>.



**Don't Miss "An Evening With Helen Thorpe,"
Award-Winning Author**

September 24th at 7:30 p.m. at the Newman Center, University of Denver

For more information and to purchase tickets, go [here](#).



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Minutes of Zonta Club of Denver Meeting

August 8, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

President- Mary Lou Edwards called the meeting to order at 5:30. Introductions of guests.

Dinner

Speakers

Katherine Green and Tim Bearden were introduced by Linda R. They have a non-profit that teaches girls and women in Nepal self-defense to prevent human trafficking. They also, teach women defense class in Denver's children's program.

Maria Coppersmith-Buschman, who has been awarded her second scholarship from Zonta to Metro discussed her life, motivation and plans after obtaining a MS in Social Work. She greatly appreciates her two scholarships from Zonta.

Secretary-Sara C. Ball

Board minutes from the Jun meeting were approved. Julie Bradley was confirmed as Club Treasurer at that meeting.

Treasurer- Julie Bradley

Julie discussed the proposed budget. Julie asked each committee to request their budget in detail before the Sept meeting. Advocacy last year did not have a budget. Julie discussed the need to increase income for budget estimates. Methods to increase income were discussed. King Soopers and Safeway cards, "I Give" app and Amazon's "Smile" gives money to nonprofits at each purchase. Please look into these suggestions. Money has been raised in the past by selling symphony tickets, garage sale and the annual movie in March. The purpose is not to raise club dues.

By-Law changes and standing rules sent out by Judy McNerny approved. Judy discussed some of the new changes. Standing Rules added a provision for Archiving which is essential. New position for Compliance Officer created. Audit committee changed to the Finance committee per International Zonta.

New Liaison for Metro is Pam Staves. Pam is a past recipient of a Zonta scholarship. Niki explained how the Hersey Fund benefits Metro.

Induction of Misty Faucheux by Veronica.

Committee Reports

Membership-Veronica Hoegler

Veronica discussed having meetings the cost, buffet or ordering off menu at C.B. & Potts. Members liked the windows, the openness to socialize, the audio equipment and Happy Hour. The dining room fee is \$ 150.00 which increases members cost to \$4 or \$5 depending on how many attend. It is very important to R.S.V.P. to have enough staff. The Sept meeting will be held here. The night's buffet was discussed and at next meeting members will order off menus.

Service-C.J. Long

C.J. discussed an email received from Shelia inviting members to attend a luncheon sponsored by Service Committee. The luncheon this Sat is for "Making Choices" a program for released prison women. Signup sheet is on back table along with address. Nancy McWhirter is the liaison to the JMK winner. The Zonta grant website will be updated.

PR-Kathy Hyzer

Kathy discussed the urgent need to update and align with other Zonta area clubs. Our updated website will be modeled after the Foothills Zonta club and comply with Zonta International. Kathy needs pictures and articles The Board approved of the \$1500 requested. Julie motioned, Cathy C seconded the motion and the membership approved.

Kathy and Judy McNerny state that only 10-15 members are not opening or reading the Smoke Signal. Some members state the Smoke Signal goes to Spam. After the Smoke Signal has been sent out members will be asked to reply via e mail if they received Smoke Signal.

Advocacy-Dawn Bali

Dawn spoke of the up and coming events

Events:

Aug 13: Co Women's Centennial Vote Collaboration Meeting

Aug 14: Women's Lobby of Co training event which Dawn Bali will attend

Aug 26: Equal Rights Lawn Party at Byers Evans mansion

Sept? : Area # Club Committee meeting to advertise Veteran's day parade in Oct please contact Dawn if interested in attending meeting.

Next Advocacy meeting will be held either Sept 6 or 7th. Dawn will notify committee members.

A booklist on Women's suffrage will be in the next Smoke Signal.

During each Zonta Club Meeting a Woman's Advocacy moment no longer than 5 minutes will be presented by club members. Julie Bradley will sign out via email a signup sheet. Dawn discussed the recent positive changes to women's rights in Saudi Arabia.

Fund Raising –Jeanette Scotland

Next fund raising meeting is on Aug 15 at Jeanette's house.

Archiving- The archiving committee will do the history boards for conference.

Barb's Pellegren's Memorial service was held at the Denver Zoo. The service was inspiring. Many Zonta members attended and presented yellow roses to family.

Mary Lou reminded members of the 2019 Zonta District 12 Conference held Sept 20-22 in Billings Mt. This conference will be celebrating 100 years of Zonta. The club gets 2 delegates and 2 alternates. Gwen Fornia and Mary Lou are the primary delegates. Dawn Bali and Judy McNerny are the alternates. Call to conference fliers are on the back table. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Meeting adjourned with no other business at 6:30.

Secretary Sara C. Ball

The definition of suffrage:

Suffrage is the right to vote in public elections. **Universal Suffrage** means everyone gets to vote as opposed to only men or property holders. **The right to vote is a legal right guaranteed by the 15th Amendment, a right guaranteed to women by the 19th amendment in 1920.**

Suffragettes were members of militant women's organizations in the early 20th century, who, under the banner "Votes for Women", fought for the right to vote in public elections. Profiles of some famous Women Suffragettes (more properly Suffragists):

Susan B. Anthony – a well known suffragist. Her image was put on the U.S. dollar coin in the late 20th century. She and Elizabeth Cady Stanton founded the **National Woman Suffrage Association** in 1869.

Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott organized the **1848 Seneca Falls Women's Rights Convention**.

Alice Paul joined the women's suffrage movement in the 20th century. After visiting England, she brought a more radical, confrontational approach to winning the vote. **In 1917 Paul and the National Woman's Party (NWP) began picketing the White House** where they were harassed and beaten and repeatedly arrested for "obstructing traffic." The women were **sent to Occoquan Workhouse prison in Virginia where they went on a hunger strike to protest awful prison conditions. They were restrained and force-fed.** After the 1920 19th Amendment passed, she proposed an Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution.

Emmeline Pankhurst and her daughters, Christabel and Sylvia, were leaders of the more radical and confrontational wing of the **British suffrage movement, founding the WSPU (Women's Social and Political Union)**.

Carrie Chapman Catt was elected to succeed Susan B. Anthony as President of the NAWSA (National American Women Suffrage Association) in 1900. She represented a more conservative, less confrontational wing of the association and **helped found the Women's Peace Party and the International Woman Suffrage Association**.

Lucy Stone – a leader in the AWSA when the movement split from the NWSA after the Civil War. She is **famous for her 1855 marriage ceremony that renounced the legal rights that men usually gained over their wives upon marriage and for keeping her own last name after marriage**.

Lucretia Mott was at a meeting of the World's Anti-Slavery Convention in London in 1840 when she and Stanton were relegated to a segregated women's section even though they had been elected as delegates. Years later they and Mott's sister, **Martha**

Coffin Wright, brought together the **1848 Seneca Falls Women's Rights Convention**. Mott helped Stanton draft the Declaration of Sentiments endorsed by that convention. After the Civil War she was elected the **first president of the American Equal Rights Convention** and tried to hold the women's suffrage and abolitionist movements together in that effort.

Millicent Garrett Fawcett was best known for her constitutional approach to gaining the vote for women rather than the confrontational approach of the Pankhursts. After **1907 she headed the NUWSS (National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies)**. The Fawcett Library, repository for much women's history archival material, is named for her.

Ida B. Wells-Barnett, a black woman, was active for women's suffrage and critical of the larger women's suffrage movement for excluding black women.

Jane Addams – known for founding **Hull-House** and her role in the settlement house movement, the beginnings of social work.

Elizabeth Garrett Anderson, sister to Millicent Fawcett, a British activist in late 19th and early 20th century for women's suffrage, was the **first woman physician in Great Britain**.

Amelia Bloomer, American feminist and **champion of dress reform** – for comfort, safety and ease.

Barbara Bodichon, a woman's rights activist in the 19th century – wrote pamphlets and publications and **helped win married women's property rights**.

Myra Bradwell was the **first woman in the U.S. to practice law**. She was the subject of *Bradwell v. Illinois* Supreme Court decision, a landmark women's rights case.

~ Mary Lou Edwards

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If no Zontians apply, or there is income remaining after grants to Zontians, every three years that remainder is given to the Edna Jean Hershey Endowed Scholarship at Metropolitan State University of Denver (MSU). MSU in turn, awards scholarships to single mothers who meet the following criteria: a certified need, registered as at least a sophomore with a declared major, GPA of at least 3.0, a Colorado resident, carrying a minimum of 3 credit hours, and funds earmarked for tuition, books and other college related expenses. This year, the ZCD will distribute \$24,547.30 to the Hershey Fund.

MSU has announced the 2019-2020 Hershey Endowed Scholarship recipients. Six \$1,000 scholarships were granted to some extraordinary women. A seventh \$1,000 award will be announced soon. The students’ scholarship essays outline some of their challenges, but more so, describe their incredible tenacity, spirit and hopefulness about the future. They also offered their appreciation: “Thank you so much for this remarkable opportunity” and “Without your help, many students would not be able to achieve their goals.”

Recipients range from sophomores to graduate students studying Social Work, Journalism, Accounting, Africana Studies, Anthropology, and one student doing an Individualized Degree Program in Multiculturalism and Advocacy for Diverse Identities.

Our relationship with MSU has provided the opportunity for us to offer ongoing support and advocacy to women in our community. Another success for ZCD and our colleagues at MSU.

~ Pamela Staves