



# Smoke Signal

Many thanks to Tarrie Burnett for forwarding the news that this bill has passed the US House of Representatives (and the Senate)!! In a nutshell it is as follows:

**110TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION H. R. 7311 (attached)**

**To authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2008 through 2011 for the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, to enhance measures to combat trafficking in persons, and for other purposes.**

On December 10, 2008, Congress passed historic anti-trafficking legislation. The Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act (TVPRA) passed both the House and the Senate within several hours. That timely victory was more than two years in the making and represents the triumph of one man’s passion and a broad coalition’s power.

It is safe to say that the legislation would not exist without the whole-hearted passion and the incredible commitment, dedication, skill and determination of Michael Horowitz, a Senior Fellow at the Hudson Institute, who has for over a decade presided over a loose, broad-based coalition of left-right activists who unite in opposition to human slavery and exploitation but differ on almost every other issue. Keeping that group of diverse leaders united and focused is in itself a monumental accomplishment, but satisfying the different expectations required a level of expertise that is rare indeed.

It is also safe to say that the legislative victory would have been impossible without the grassroots involvement of organizations like Concerned Women for America and the Southern Baptist Convention — two conservative groups that have been intimately and extensively involved in the nitty-gritty lobbying and negotiating that were essential to passage of the legislation. It is rare for conservative groups to get headlines for their involvement in what is commonly referred to as “social justice” issues, yet CWA, the Southern Baptists, and the Salvation Army, along with many other evangelical organizations, are usually found in the trenches when such battles are being waged, whether domestically or internationally. Certainly, in the fight against commercial sexual exploitation and labor slavery, conservative leaders are essential to success.

Further, this legislation is an outstanding achievement of the Bush Administration, who first called the crime of human trafficking “modern-day slavery.” From the outset, President George W. Bush was an outspoken champion of those who are sexually exploited and used as a commercial commodity. He spoke at the United Nations and on national broadcasts about the necessity for protecting those women and girls who are entrapped by the criminal networks who traffic in human beings. No doubt, President Bush’s support of anti-trafficking efforts will be a major legacy of the Bush Administration.

Ironically, Bush, a Southern evangelical, depended upon a Jewish strategist to seal the deal on his

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## President Judy's January Message



I hope everyone had a happy holiday season—now it's time to start another brand-new year!

The next habit to cultivate if you want to be wise is: "Question certainty. Any sentence that begins 'There is no doubt that ...' or 'It is an established fact that ...' should be viewed skeptically." Well, your board has questioned some of the ways we "have always done it" and tried a number of new things.

Just to mention a few, if you attended the November meeting, you know that we experimented with having the business meeting during dinner. The feedback I have received is positive. What did you think? If I don't hear to the contrary, I will assume everyone liked it and we will continue to do this.

In December, the Membership Committee turned our holiday party on its head—instead of a fancy party for us, it was a party for others, too. Those of you who missed the party missed a really enjoyable evening with good food (naturally) and time for and a setting that allowed us to do a lot of visiting. Thank you, Jacki, for opening your home, and decorating it, for us! Membership is also looking at alternative locations for our regular meetings. A suggestion that we might meet at the offices of Rocky Mountain PBS didn't work out. We are considering other locations where we could have meetings catered, as well as a number of hotels around town. If you have suggestions in this regard, let Joetta or Cathy know.

The film festival we decided on as a new fundraiser is in the planning stages. If you think the design of a whole new event isn't a challenge, you are assigned to the Fundraising Committee! Our newest members will be joining that Committee and contributing their enthusiasm and fresh perspectives.

Very quietly, the Service Committee has moved in new directions too. During my years in the club, I have heard members say many times that we shouldn't spread our service dollars among so many different projects. But, each time, the task of selecting just one or two projects, and rejecting others that seemed equally worthwhile, was too difficult. This year, under Kathy Hyzer and Beth Mundell's leadership, the committee succeeded in whittling the grant applications down to just two successful ones. Be sure to come to the February meeting to hear from each of the recipients but, in the meantime, if you didn't read the recent Rocky Mountain News story about the Empowerment Program, check out this link:

<http://www.rockymountainnews.com/news/2008/dec/26/mothers-kids-stay-connected-through-jail-program/>

The second effort that the Service Committee has made is to provide us with at least one different service opportunity a month. Since service is what we're all about, I hope everyone will take advantage of their efforts.

It's easy to find excuses not to volunteer one's time and, if you need help coming up with an excuse, I have extras to spare! Re-

cently, though, I accepted a number of different opportunities and found each of them so rewarding!

I was able to be present when the gift bags we filled at our holiday party were presented at the Women's Bean Project. I am happy to report to everyone who purchased a gift card and/or other items included in the bags that the women were thrilled to receive them. I give that experiment an A+!

Monthly dinners at the Delores Project continue. With a larger number of members providing food, and menus planned around modestly-priced entrees, it is a pretty easy way to make a difference for women who are struggling. If you don't like to cook, sign up for something you can buy readymade. I brought food and helped to serve in November and December, and was very touched by the women's enjoyment of our food and by the many expressions of gratitude.

At the risk of proving myself un-wise, I do believe it is an established fact that trying new things is invigorating, if challenging. And, there is no doubt that 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' Feel free to be skeptical, though—volunteer for something you haven't done before and decide if I'm right or wrong!

*Judy McNerny*

### New Member:

**Julie Schmidt** **2008**

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Birthday: April 16<sup>th</sup>

### Birthday wishes go out to

#### Our January Birthdays



Wendy Moraskie—Jan 7<sup>th</sup>

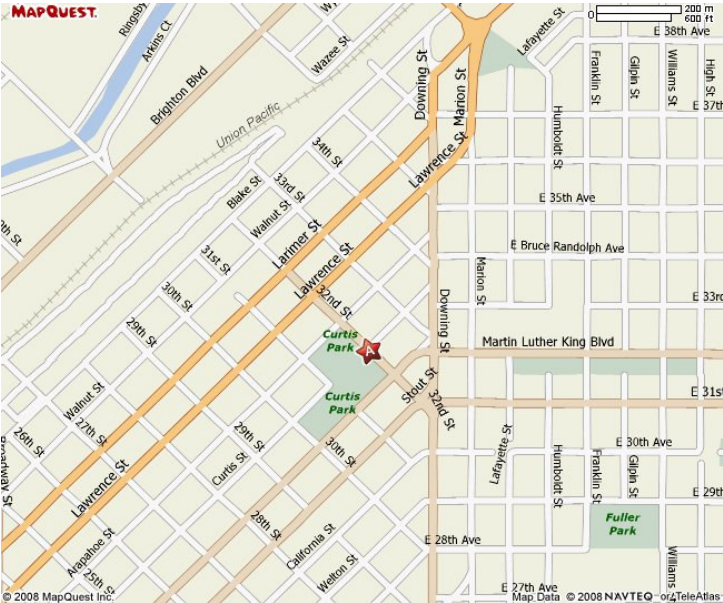
Marjorie Pickett—Jan 15<sup>th</sup>

Amanda Megill—Jan 17<sup>th</sup>

# January General Meeting

When: Thursday, January 8, 2009  
 5:30 p.m. – Social Hour (no wine available)  
 6:00 p.m. – Dinner

Where: Women’s Bean Project  
 3201 Curtis Street, 80205



Menu: 2 of Women’s Bean Project Soups  
 & their famous chili!  
 Salad, Rolls and Butter  
 Dessert & Beverage

Cost: \$10.00



**Remember—Guest are always welcome!!**

## RESERVATIONS

Please RSVP to Cathy Conley at 720-622-0181 (work) or 303-691-6926 (Home).

Also may use my email [cathryn.conley@ge.com](mailto:cathryn.conley@ge.com)

*Don't forget to call if you are not on the permanent reservation list, or if you are, but will not be able to attend the meeting.* We need to let Women’s Bean Project know by **Wednesday afternoon!**

## JANUARY PROGRAM :

Bob MacDonald, Deputy Director of the Women’s Bean Project will be our speaker , letting us know all about the programs taking place there at their facility.

## Reservations

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



## Permanent Reservation List Update!

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

## Permanent Reservations

Should your name be listed here?

- Carroll Allen
- Evie Ashmore
- Judy Bederman
- Mary Benoit
- Cathy Conley
- Linda Corssmit
- Shelia Davis
- Pam Dumonceau
- Nikki Headlee
- Deb Heckart
- Cynthia Herndon
- Kathy Hyzer
- Dottie Jenkins
- Jennifer Koeller
- Kate Linscott
- Judy McNerny
- Krystie Rose Millich
- Wendy Moraskie
- Beth Mundell
- Linda Rhea
- Dorothy Swindt
- Joetta Williams

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

## Fund Raising Committee

The fundraising committee sends our holiday greetings to everyone as we end 2008 and look forward to 2009 and all the opportunities that are ahead in a new year.

Our committee is working on putting together a film festival based on the movie "A Walk To Beautiful". Thanks to a lot of ground breaking work by FR committee member Mindy Craig, we will be staging this event in March. Mindy has already talked to the film's producer who is excited about working with us and may be coming her to speak after the film's showing.

We have more work to do in January to pull all the details together, like finding a location, determining advertising methods, etc. and we believe this has a lot of potential in pulling in a large audience.

To learn more about this film see:

<http://www.walktobeautiful.com/>

Our next FR Committee meeting will be held on January 5<sup>th</sup> at Mathias Lock and Key.



## Membership Committee

We hope everyone had a good time at the Christmas party at Jacki's. Thank you, Jacki, for opening up your house to all of us! It surely seemed that we all had a chance to talk to each other and socialize in a more relaxed manner rather than trying to cram that into the half hour before our regular meetings.

Don't forget that the January meeting will be at the Women's Bean Project. They'll give us a tour of their revitalized facility and we'll have a fun meal afterwards. What a wonderful opportunity to see first hand one of the organizations we have benefited with money in the past and with hands on service.

And, if you would like to come to the meeting but need a ride please contact Liz Cameron who is the ride arranger.

## Service Committee

The ZCD Service Committee hopes everyone is recovering nicely from the holidays and is well on the way to achieving all of those New Year's resolutions. We had so much going on during December, please know how much everyone's time, energy and resources have helped to achieve our service goals for this last month of 2008. There were some "oldies but goodies" in December and some new projects too.

Nine Zonta members, friends, and Julie's grandson, rang bells for the Salvation Army at Macy's. Thanks to Evie, Kathy H, Beth, Diane, Cynthia, Joetta and Julie. The sun was shining this year, but the wind was challenging. The bigger challenge was the traffic getting in and out of the mall parking: 30 minutes to get in, 10 minutes to park, and 40 minutes to get back out on to the main streets again...didn't any of these shoppers know we are going through an economic crisis this year????

On Sunday, Dec 21, we served a delicious dinner at the Dolores Project. The ladies enjoyed spiral sliced ham, garlic mashed potatoes, fruit salad, bread, and cake for dessert. Providing food were Linda R., Myrna, Carroll, Judy M, Kathy H and Lisa. The ladies, as usual, were most appreciative. Beth delivered 26 pair of gloves that were left over from the gift baskets. They will be greatly appreciated. It was a cold night, and many of the Delores ladies did not look like they were prepared for such. The next date will be Sunday, January 19. We still need 2 volunteers for that night!

Again this year, many Zontians assisted Linda Rhea with the Santa Claus Shop, in the doll room. Linda will be reporting on that at a later date - she is already shopping sales getting dolls for next year! There was a terrific article in the Denver Post. If anyone missed it, let Linda know... I'm sure she will share. ***Please accept a very huge THANK YOU to all who participated in the volunteer projects in 2008.***

Now, as we head into 2009 please consider helping at Delores Project, it is really a wonderful service project for our club, and as Beth's grandmother used to say, "Many hands make work light". As we head into spring, we will start to assist the ladies in the Empowerment Program's Chrysalis Project; they are one of two service grant recipients for 2009. Their needs are significant, so please start saving your toiletries (hotel shampoos and lotions, lipsticks from the Clinique's bonus, anything that you think they can use). If you see things pajamas, underwear, slippers, bedding (twin), etc., on sale after Christmas, they need it. Keep in mind some larger sizes in clothing, they especially need large sizes. More detailed information on that in January and February.

Respectfully submitted: Kathy Hyzer and Beth Mundell

## Human Trafficking Awareness...

**Friday, December 12, 2008 — Time: 1:23:33 PM EST**  
**Theiss honored as Purpose Prize Fellow**  
**(Nola Theiss spoke in Co Springs this past fall at HT Conference)**

Civic Ventures ([www.civicventures.org](http://www.civicventures.org)), a national think tank on boomers, has designated Sanibel's Nola Theiss as one of its 2008 Purpose Prize Fellows.

The Purpose Prize is a \$9 million program for people over 60 who are taking on society's biggest challenges. The Prize, now in its third year, is the nation's only large-scale investment in social innovators in the second half of life.

Theiss was named a fellow for her work in combating human trafficking through public outreach, training and community organizing. Theiss has been a leader of the Lee County Human Trafficking Task Force since its inception in 2005. She founded Human Trafficking Awareness Partnerships, Inc., a 501(C)3 non-profit organization in 2006 and has spoken to citizens around the country, helping them organize working groups to combat human trafficking in their own communities.

"In tough economic times, we need more creative solutions to long-standing social problems," said Marc Freedman, co-founder of The Purpose Prize program and author of *Encore: Finding Work That Matters in the Second Half of Life*. "It's reassuring to note that as America ages, we have creativity in greater abundance. Purpose Prize Fellows such as Nola that experience and innovation can go hand in hand, that inventiveness is not the sole province of the young."

The Purpose Prize is part of the Encore Careers campaign ([www.encore.org](http://www.encore.org)), which aims to engage millions of boomers in encore careers, which combine social impact, personal meaning and continued income in the second half of life — and produce a windfall of human talent to solve society's most pressing issues.

"There is no such thing as too young or too old to accomplish something, as long as the will and the skills are there and we all work together," said Theiss. "My work fighting Human Trafficking by helping communities figure out ways to most effectively use each others talents has taught me that. "

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trafficking and other social justice initiatives. Michael Horowitz is totally unrelenting in pushing for causes that involve human exploitation — whether it happens in North Korea, in brothels and dives around the world, in hovels of the worst poverty-stricken ghettos of international disgrace, in diplomat's homes in D.C. suburbs, or in truck stops and back alleys of American cities. Michael keeps pushing — even when he is ruffling feathers or attacking those who slack off in the endeavor. He is single-minded in defense of the vulnerable and perceptive in seizing the opportunity for political advantage. His skill in brokering legislative victories is unparalleled.

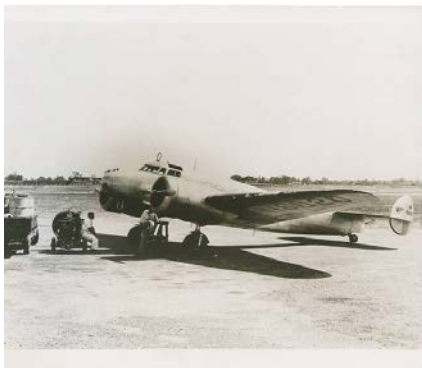
The specifics of the TVPRA were hammered out by Michael and a wide variety of experts — including both of the Directors of the State Department's Trafficking in Persons Office (TIP), Ambassadors John Miller and Mark Lagon — in hours-long sessions over months and months of discussions and negotiations. The inevitable compromises and changes in language necessary for acceptance were the result of Michael phoning and meeting with various involved parties dozens and dozens of times over the past two to three years. Three senior House staff members received many of those phone calls — David Abramowitz, Bobby Vassar and Lou Debaca — and provided leadership and expertise in the negotiating process. The impetus and passion for the bill's passage came from Michael's demanding phone calls and e-mails that pushed and shoved, praised and cajoled. The wide disparities between various interested parties and the divergent members of the coalition were brought together by Michael's vision for unity in a cause bigger than any of our individual organizational missions.

The TVPRA represents democracy at its best — American people coming together to help protect the most vulnerable among us and to ensure the triumph of the righteous over those who would engage in evil purposes against those who are desperate and at the mercy of people to whom much has been given.

Coming Soon!!



Amelia Earhart Dinner  
 January 25, 2009  
 5-9 PM  
 The Perfect Landing  
 Restaurant  
 At Centennial Airport



Hosted by  
 Zonta Club of Douglas Co  
 Guest Speakers  
 Silent Auction  
 Be sure to reserve this date  
 on your calendar.  
 Registration included.  
 Guests Welcome

# Save the Date!

**Join Us in Denver for  
 Next Year's  
 District 12 Conference  
 October 30-  
 November 1, 2009**



The Zonta Club of Denver has been chosen to host the District 12 Conference next October 30<sup>th</sup> through November 1<sup>st</sup>. Planning has already begun, and Judy McNerny and I (co-chairs of the Conference Committee) are looking for a few good women to help us. Two good women, Nikki Headlee and Beth Mundell, have already agreed to be our Treasurer and Z-Bee Leader respectively. We will be soliciting other members to chair the following committees; Registration/Credentials, Program, Hospitality, Hotel Arrangements, Zonta store, Printing/PR, and Protocol.

The somewhat unusual (Halloween) conference dates were set by Zonta International to streamline the travel schedules of the International Directors who attend all of the District Conferences. Maria Victoria P. Vergel de Dios, will be our representative, and will be joining us for the conference. Even though it usually snows or rains or both on Halloween, we will be ready to put on a great conference for everyone in attendance. Don't forget to Bee in Denver!

Sheila



Zonta Club of Denver  
Nominations for 2009-2010 Officers and Directors



It is time again for Denver Zontians to indicate their preference for officers and directors for the coming year and to guide the nominating committee in preparing the slate for the coming year. Only classified members are eligible to hold offices and directorships.

I suggest the following Zontians as officers of the Zonta Club of Denver for the 2009 to 2010 fiscal year (more than one name for each office will be appreciated):

President Beth Mundell is automatically president

President-Elect \_\_\_\_\_

Vice-President \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_

I suggest the following Zontians as directors for the two year term of 2009 to 2011 (two must be elected; if a director whose term has not expired is nominated for an office, there will be a need to elect a director to serve the unexpired one year term), (one director must be a past President of the Zonta Club of Denver):

Directors

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I suggest the following Zontians to serve as members of the nominating committee for the 2009 to 2010 fiscal year.

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If you are interested in serving on the Board, please include your name and interest on this form.

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Nominating committee: Nikki Headlee ([nheadlee@solucian.com](mailto:nheadlee@solucian.com)); Cathy Conley ([cathryn.conley@ge.com](mailto:cathryn.conley@ge.com)); Minnie Lundberg ([mlundmini@aol.com](mailto:mlundmini@aol.com))

Please return this form or the information requested by **February 12th** to any one of the nominating committee. They will be meeting soon to make decisions.

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*Upcoming Calendar Events  
Save the date!*

Jan 8	General meeting Women's Bean Project: 3201 Curtis St.
Jan 22	Board Meeting at Judy McNerny's Home
Jan 25	Amelia Earhardt Meeting at The Perfect Landing Restaurant at Centennial Airport hosted by Douglas County Club –make your reservations NOW!
Feb 12	General Meeting Sheraton Four Points Hotel
Feb 26	Board Meeting at Judy McNerny's Home
Mar 8	International Women's Day/ Zonta Rose Day
Mar 12	General Meeting Sheraton Four Points Hotel

Mar 26	Board Meeting at Judy McNerny's Home
Mar/Apr	Area 3 Meeting
Apr 9	General Meeting Sheraton Four Points Hotel
Apr 23	Board Meeting at Judy McNerny's Home
May 14	General Meeting Sheraton Four Points Hotel
May 28 ??	Joint Board Meeting
Oct 30— Nov 1, 2009	District Conference in Denver!