



Zonta Club of Pikes Peak Area

Member of Zonta International

Zonta International Service Projects

Women's equality is not yet a reality. Women worldwide face systemized discrimination - they lack opportunities to live healthy lives, free from legal, social, economic and political inequality.

Zonta International empowers women to overcome barriers to their equal human rights through its Int'l Service Projects funded by the Zonta Int'l Foundation.

Since 1923, Zonta has provided more than US\$6 million to projects benefiting over 2 million women representing 25 countries.

Fast Facts

In sub-Saharan Africa, 57% of adults with HIV are women and young women 15 to 24 are more than three times as likely to be infected as young men.

Globally, more than 80% of women do not have sufficient knowledge about HIV/AIDS

and many women do not have the power to say no to sex with an infected partner.

Every year an estimated 4 million women and girls are bought and sold worldwide.

In Bosnia, more than 10,000 victims of trafficking are in the country at one time.

More than 59 million school-aged girls are not in school and female illiteracy rates remain higher than men.

About 530,000 women die annually in pregnancy or during childbirth, mainly due to lack of access to health care.

History

Since 1962, the International Service Program has supported training, education, health, sanitation, agricultural, and micro-credit assistance to women in more than 20 countries, primarily through the agencies of the United Nations.

Betty's Bits

District 12 Conference, 2006

This year's conference was a bitter-sweet event for the Pikes Peak Area Club. Bitter, as it was the weekend that we lost Kris W, and sweet, in that our club made a good showing in many ways.

The support from the attendees was very comforting. There was a genuine outpouring of sympathy for us due to the fact that so many district people knew and loved Kris. There was just a simple statement at the Sunday memorial service with the knowledge that our club would have memories of her for the 2007 memorial service.

You might wonder how so many district members would know Kris and other PPA members. For years, the PPA club has provided officers and committee chairmen for the district board. We have always had interest and support for the Zonta effort in all four states in our district. For instance, this year we have had Susie N. as the D12 Webmaster

(since 2000), Sharon R. as the D12 Nominating Committee Chairman, Kris W. as the Area 4 Vice Area Director, and Betty E. as the D12 Foundation Ambassador.

Susie presented on a panel concerning Club Newsletters and Websites along with Anita Z., the D12 Directory Chairman. Susie's knowledge and straightforward approach to this topic always amazes me. Good job, Susie.

At the Saturday evening banquet, the Zontians of the Year were honored, and I was pleased to receive the D12 certificate and the beautiful yellow rose for our awardee, Laura S. I'm sure I didn't do justice to all the support and leadership that Laura has provided our club this last year. Congratulations, Laura.

There will be a quick conference report on other events, at our next meeting.



Status of Women Information

http://www.zonta-district12.org/pp_status/status200610/StatusofWomenMain.htm



From Around the World

Courtesy of Lee O.
Status of Women Committee

Don't miss this in-depth resource regarding current information about women around the world!

Included in the Middle East section: Women Face Violence in Afghanistan, Iraq: UN. [Times of India] Women are facing increasing violence in Iraq, Afghanistan and Somalia, especially when they speak out publicly to defend women's rights, a senior UN official told the UN Security Council.

Noeleen Heyzer, executive director of the UN Development Fund for Women, called on for fresh efforts to ensure the safety of women in countries emerging from conflicts, to provide them with jobs, and ensure that they receive justice, including compensation for rape.

"What UNIFEM is seeing on the ground — in Iraq, Afghanistan, Somalia — is that public space for women in these situations is shrinking," Heyzer said Thursday. "Women are becoming assassination targets when they dare defend women's rights in public decision-making."

Celebrate ZONTA ACTION
16 Years of 16 Days
25 November - 10 December 2006

Advance Human Rights
End Violence
Against Women

*"Men, their rights,
and nothing more;
women, their rights,
and nothing less."*
– Susan B. Anthony

Zonta International invites all Zonta Clubs, Zontians and friends of Zonta to join this global campaign against gender violence. Campaign participants have been instrumental in bringing issues of violence against women to the forefront of local, national, regional and global arenas since the first campaign originated in 1991.

This year's campaign emphasizes the connections between women's human rights, violence against women and

women's health, and the detrimental consequences gender violence has on the well-being of the world as a whole. For millions of women, the experience or fear of violence is a daily reality and increasingly so is HIV/AIDS. Women and girls are at greater risk of and are more vulnerable to HIV infection because of deep-rooted, pervasive gender inequalities, in particular violence against them.

See www.zonta.org for more details.



Quotation of the Month

"Women are the real architects of society."
– Harriet Beecher Stowe



Featured Link of the Month

Today in Women's History

<http://womenshistory.about.com/library/cal/today.htm>



25 November - International Day Against Violence Against Women was declared in July 1981 in Bogota, Colombia to commemorate the violent assassination of the Mirabal sisters.

1 December - World AIDS Day marks the beginning of an annual campaign to demand governments keep their policy commitments related to HIV/AIDS. In order to keep their promises, they need to fulfill commitments on violence against women as well.

10 December - International Human Rights Day marks the celebration of the 1948 adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.



January 20, 2007

Dates to Remember

- November 6, 2006 5:30pm Board Meeting Monday – Pat K's home
- November 6, 2006 Nut Bagging at Pat K's home
- November 8, 2006 5:00pm NewZ's Meeting
- November 20, 2006 5:30pm General Meeting
Guest Speaker: Emily Voorhies, Women of Global Action
- December 3, 2006 Holiday Party, Stamp home
- January 20, 2007 First Annual Glass Slipper Ball! Sheraton
- March 31, 2007 Area 3 Meeting Denver Club
- April 14, 2007 Area 1 Meeting Pierre-Fort Pierre
- April 21, 2007 Area 4 Meeting Lamar
- April 28, 2007 Area 2 Meeting Cheyenne
- Sept 29–30, 2007 District 12 Conference Spearfish, SD



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Zonta International
Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

We're on the Web!

www.zontadistrict12.org/pikespeak.html

Our Mission: To advance the status of women and serve our community through local and international contributions, and to achieve personal and professional growth in a nurturing and supportive environment.

About Our Organization...

The Zonta Club of the Pikes Peak Area has been serving our community since 1949 by advancing the status of women. Our club has devoted funds to scholarships for women returning to the workforce as well as to high school seniors seeking to further their education in Public Affairs or Aeronautics and other highly technical fields. Many funds as well as hands-on service hours and mentorships have been dedicated to TESSA, Intercept, Full-Circle, and support of the locally-placed Liberian refugees.

Member Information

Nearly 33,000 members belong to more than 1,200 Zonta Clubs in 68 countries.

Fulfilling our mission locally and globally.

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