



## Zonta Club of Pikes Peak Area

*Member of Zonta International*

### President's Message

HAPPY HOLIDAYS EVERYONE

This is a very busy time of year for all of us with getting decorations up and packages wrapped, etc. But I want you to know how proud I am of all of you and what you are doing for our club. We had a good turn out for the bagging of the nice fresh nuts we have for sale each year as one of our fund raisers. We have only 10 lbs remaining! Contact Pat if you would like to purchase the last few.

Our general meeting in November was so close to Thanksgiving and many of our members were out of town, but those of us who were there received an update about what is happening with the Glass Slipper Ball preparation and Sharon and Lorie did such a good job explaining where we are and what we need to be doing now and for the next few weeks to make sure we are successful in getting everything put together for the big gala. Many of you have been talking with

businesses to get them to put an ad in our program or to have them donate items for our mystery gifts or the silent auction.

Shannon and her committee had a meeting on Sat. for brainstorming and making plans to contact businesses and sending emails to others giving them a chance to donate something in their company's name.

Please know that we don't expect everyone to be contacting businesses, etc., but there are jobs to be done as we get closer to the time and we will need all the help we can get. If you can, please set aside the whole day on the 20<sup>th</sup> and maybe even some time during the week before. It is a big undertaking, but by all pulling together we will make it happen.

SEE YOU AT OUR HOLIDAY PARTY ON THE 3<sup>RD</sup>.

Rosalie

### Zonta International Service Projects

There are currently 3 International Service Projects and Issues which ZI is focusing:

- Poverty and HIV/AIDS
- Education and Health in Afghanistan and in Bolivia
- Economic Self-Sufficiency

HIV/AIDS is a disease that affects the health, social, and economic status of women. Women now account for almost half of all cases of HIV/AIDS. In countries with high prevalence rates, young women are at higher risk of contracting HIV than young men.

Research shows that limited access to information and low income levels dramatically increase the risk of HIV infection, particularly among women.

The West African nation of Niger is the second poorest country in the world, according to UN Human Development

Indicators. More than 50 percent of the population lives in absolute poverty, on less than US 40 cents per day. The majority of women's labor in the home and fields is unpaid, and the rural poor have little access to banking or credit facilities.

Because only 4 percent of Niger's land is arable, men seek work in neighboring countries for a portion of each year; then return home for a portion of each year often with HIV/AIDS. In the Bouza District of the Tahoua Department (state) in Southern Niger more than 80 percent of households take part in this massive migration. The impact of HIV/AIDS is so devastating here, the district is known as "the Valley of the Widows" because of the high number of young married men who have died in recent years.



## Status of Women Information

[http://www.zonta-district12.org/pp\\_status/status200611/StatusofWomenMain.htm](http://www.zonta-district12.org/pp_status/status200611/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 World section:  
Nordic Europe is the guiding light for gender equality in the world, topping a global list of 115 countries and laying claim to the world's best maternity leave, the best political participation rates and an education system in which women now outnumber men. The

World Economic Forum's Global Gender Gap Report 2006 named Sweden as the world's most progressive country when it comes to quality of the sexes, followed by Norway, Finland and Iceland. Ranking the countries according to economic participation and opportunity, education, political empowerment and health and survival, Canada came in 13th and the United States ranked 29th. The small Middle East nation of Yemen came last in the global list. The United States "lags behind many European nations" and also falls behind Canada, mainly due to its average score on political empowerment.



## Musings of Past Presidents

by Betty H.

In 1991 there were two Zonta clubs in Colorado Springs, my club the Colorado Springs Club started here in 1947 and the Pikes Peak Club started in 1980. I had just become President of the Colorado Springs club as a member of only 2 years. Both clubs were quite small and struggling to stay afloat but valued contributing to our community by helping women improve their lives ?^? become successful. I There weren't enough women to carry the responsibilities in either club. As Betty E, Rosalie D, myself and others talked we came to the conclusion that merging the two clubs was the way to bring renewed life and energy to our members. Initially District XII officers were against our merging but realized the importance of our work in the community. We

agreed to keep the charter of the Colorado Springs Club and adopt the name of the Pikes Peak Area club in our merge. This did indeed bring new energy and enthusiasm for our calling. The women who belong to our club then and now have a passion and commitment to help other women and thereby make our community and the lives of families a better place. I'm excited to be a part of a group who believe they can make a difference. By combining we found great new friends and have had a lot more fun since we combined our efforts. We are growing and stepping out in faith that we can do better and bigger things, helping women and their families succeed and therefore making this community and this life a better place.



## Quotation of the Month

"All adventures, especially into new territory, are scary."  
- Sally Ride

*"Men, their rights,  
and nothing more;  
women, their rights,  
and nothing less."*

- Susan B. Anthony



## Featured Link of the Month

The BBC on the Internet

International news

[www.bbc.co.uk](http://www.bbc.co.uk)

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.

16 November - 10 December  
Join the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence Campaign.  
This year's theme is "Advance Human Rights - End Violence Against Women."



*January 20, 2007*

## Dates to Remember

- 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



*Zonta Founders.*



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**Zonta International**  
*Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide*

We're on the Web!

[www.zontadistrict12.org/pikespeak.html](http://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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