



## Zonta Club of Pikes Peak Area *Member of Zonta International*

### Did you know? - Zonta International History

The founding of Zonta International occupies a unique moment in women's history. Established in Buffalo, New York, USA in 1919, early members were among the first generation of college-educated women, the first generation of North American women to vote, and a part of the growing, though still comparatively small, legion of women entering the workforce.

Over the decades, Zonta International has grown into a worldwide service organization of executives in business and the professions working together to advance the status of women. There are more than 31,000 members in more than 1,200 clubs in 66 countries all over the world.

#### Inspiration and Founder

While working in a prominent role at the Buffalo Express at a time when women rarely held leadership positions, playwright and journalist Marian de Forest conceived the idea of an organization that would bring together women in executive positions. She envisioned a strong network that would help women reach their rightful places in the professions.

By March of 1919, five women had chartered Zonta International's first club, in Buffalo, New York. Membership grew rapidly. By 1920, a confederation of nine Zonta clubs had formed with 600 members.

#### Helping Shape Women's Lives in the 20th and 21st Centuries

While Zonta shared a common vision with hundreds of women's clubs in the first part of the 20th century - encouraging women's teamwork, courage, risk-taking, and self-reliance - it also represented something of a departure.

Zonta's strict business and classification system required its members to be employed at least 50 percent of the time at an executive or decision-making level in a recognized business or profession. In addition, each club could have just one member per business classification, a requirement that ensured clubs would consist of "experts" in a broad range of fields. The founders foresaw the benefits of having clubs made up of architects, artists, educators, entrepreneurs, executives, doctors, government officials, lawyers, pilots, scientists and more. This diverse expertise meant clubs could offer their communities and the world optimum service, backed by a broad range of understanding and insight.

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Early members were keenly aware of the challenges of carving a place for themselves in what was still a predominantly male domain. Many Zonta clubs actively pursued gender equity in employment opportunities.

During the 1930s, Zonta International grew to 130 clubs in six countries spanning three continents and continued its push for gender equity in employment. After the United States passed the "Married Persons Law," which predominantly affected wives by prohibiting more than one family member from working for the government, Zonta adopted a resolution to demand repeal of the law; and, in 1944, delegates to the Zonta International Convention endorsed the elimination of gender discrimination in job opportunities and rates of pay. The organization also expressed support for women's reserves to the military service.

While Zonta's work to achieve gender equity in employment dates back many years, so do its efforts in other critical areas of women's lives. Education has been a focus since the adoption of the Vocational Education for Girls Project, Zonta's first US service program, in 1928. The project asked Zontians to provide information on their job descriptions, work conditions, compensation and training requirements for a centralized job bank available to high school libraries, universities and colleges.

In 1923, Zonta supported relief efforts to care for 115,000 orphan children in Smyrna, Turkey, an event that marked the beginning of Zonta's dedication to helping women internationally. As technology made the world a smaller place and Zonta clubs sprang up around the globe, international service projects, initially dedicated to world peace and women's role in attaining it, increased. Action for World Peace expressed support for the fledgling United Nations (UN) and was adopted at the 1946 Convention.

The Amelia Earhart Fellowships Program, launched in 1938, commemorates groundbreaking aviator and Zontian Amelia Earhart. Ellen Parks, then serving as Zonta International President, remembered, "At that time few women considered a career in aerospace engineering, yet not one voice of doubt was raised as to the success of such a scholarship." Ten years later, the Z Club Program was established to promote youth leadership and career mentorship. Today, these programs stand as Zonta's longest running programs, two of several dedicated to improving educational, leadership and youth development opportunities for women around the world.

In 1956, when Soviet troops marched into Hungary, Zonta International worked through the UN to provide food and shelter to Hungarian refugees. Since then, Zonta has frequently funded UN projects through the International Service Fund. Projects such as the Vocational and Teacher Training Center for Women in Ramallah, Jordan; Mobile Medical Units to serve mothers and children in rural Ghana; the Young Mothers Hostel Project in Uruguay; and the Revolving Loan Fund for Village Women in the Delta and Upper Egypt have improved thousands of women's lives.

One of the first service organizations to understand women's unique role in achieving world peace, Zonta International continues to promote justice and universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms.

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

– Susan B. Anthony



Zonta Clubs still select, fund and participate in community projects fundamental to promoting women's economic self-sufficiency, political equality, access to education and health care and the elimination of violence against women.

Each year, Zontians dedicate thousands of volunteer hours and millions of dollars to affecting these changes, while the Zonta International programs funded by the Zonta International Foundation impact these issues on a global level.

For more information see [www.zonta.org](http://www.zonta.org)



## Congratulations new officers and committee chairs!

President, Sharon R  
Vice President, Sonya B  
Treasurer, Diane R  
Secretary, Betty H  
Director, Laura S  
Director, Pat D

Membership – Pam S  
Service – Deborah M  
Legislative Awareness and Advocacy – Karen P  
Public Relations and Communications – Sonya B  
Programs and Fellowship – Laura S  
Human Trafficking – Helen S  
GSB Chair, Julie M  
Nut Sales Chair, Shannon R





Welcome back from Iraq, Deborah!

## Message from our Club President

Recently I found this thought on another Zontian's Facebook page and decided that I'd adopt it as my own motto. It said "I want to be the kind of woman that when my feet hit the floor each morning, the devil says 'Oh Crap—She's Up'"

As Zontians we are women of good will and strong purpose. We are a fearsome force as we work to see that all women are happy, healthy and safe. Our challenge is to defeat lethargy, to embrace action and to use our talents, our energies and our voices to improve the lives of women everywhere. By so doing, we make our world better for all.

Having been elected your President for the 2010-2011 club year, I am humbled by the responsibility and ecstatic about the opportunities that we have as a group of diverse, yet like-minded, individuals to pursue the Zonta mission of advancing the status of women. We're off to a fast start with energetic and enthusiastic chairmen for our committees, and officers to lead the charge. Membership has grown and we're feeling the benefits of both experience and new ideas as we formulate our plans for the coming year.

The momentum is building and we're ready for "take off."

Go Get em Gals!!  
-Sharon Roggy  
President



## Zonta Pikes Peak Area Calendar

### 2010

July 8	Committee goals/budgets due
July 12	Board Meeting 5:30pm
July 19	New Z's Meeting 5:00pm
July 19	General Meeting 5:30pm
	Program: Effective Uses of Social Media
	Brittany Bermensolo, Red Energy
August 11	Board Meeting 5:30pm
August 29	Ice Cream Social
September 13	Board Meeting 5:30pm
September 20	New Z's Meeting 5:00pm
September 20	General Meeting 5:30pm
September 25	Human Trafficking Awareness Symposium
September 30- October 3	District 12 Conference - Laramie
October 6	Board Meeting 5:30pm
October 18	New Z's Meeting 5:00pm
October 18	General Meeting 5:30pm
November 11	Board Meeting 5:30pm
November 18	General Meeting 5:30pm
December 12	Holiday Gathering
December 13	Board Meeting 5:30pm

### 2011

January 6	Board Meeting 5:30pm
January 11	Amelia Earhart Day
January 17	New Z Meeting 5:00pm
January 17	General Meeting 5:30pm
February 5	5 <sup>th</sup> Annual Glass Slipper Ball
February 12	Board Meeting 5:30pm
February 21	New Z Meeting 5:00pm
February 21	General Meeting 5:30pm
March 8	International Women's Day
March 14	Board Meeting 5:30pm
April 11	Board Meeting 5:30pm
April 16	Area 4 Meeting
April 20	New Z Meeting 5:00pm
April 20	General Meeting 5:30pm
May 11	Board Meeting 5:30pm
May 16	New Z Meeting 5:00pm
May 16	General Meeting 5:30pm
May 21	Planning Retreat

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## Zonta Club of the Pikes Peak Area ICE CREAM SOCIAL



Please join us for an old fashion ice cream social presented by the Program and Fellowship Committee of the Zonta Club of the Pikes Peak Area.

Board members will provide the ice cream. All other club members will bring toppings, cookies, etc.

When: Sunday, August 29, 2 o'clock pm.

Where: The Laura S. Residence

RSVP: Pat D by Thursday, August 26

Please invite anyone who might be interested in Zonta's mission, our service to this community, our international connection, or just meeting the amazing and talented members of our club!



# Zonta International

*Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide*

### ***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.

### **Find out more about Zonta:**

[ZontaPikesPeak.org](http://ZontaPikesPeak.org)

### **Member Information**

Nearly 31,000 members belong to more than 1,200 Zonta Clubs in 66 countries.

*Fulfilling our mission locally and globally.*

For membership information, please contact Pam

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