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Zonta Club of Pikes Peak Area

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International Women's Day – March 8, 2011



The Zonta Club of the Pikes Peak Area will join forces with Soroptimist International of Colorado Springs and The Pikes Peak Chapter of United Nations Association of United States of America (UNA-USA) to host the 1st Annual Community-Wide Colorado Springs International Women's Day on March 8, 2011. The theme of the event is **"The rising of the women is the rising of us all."**

The objectives of the event are to:

- Celebrate and highlight International Women's Day
- Highlight women's issues to help girls and women
- Help people connect with other women's groups
- Raise the awareness of individual clubs

This celebration will be held at the Colorado Springs Country Club, March 8, 2011, 6:00pm to 9:00pm and the cost is \$32. Registration is online at:

www.iwd-coloradosprings.org

Confirmed participating organizations include: American Association of University Women (AAUW), Human Trafficking Task Force of Southern Colorado, and The Women's Foundation of Colorado. We are coordinating with other organizations, so expect the list will grow.

-Sonya B.



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Trampled Rose *by Shannon R.*

Women in Ethiopia, as in many impoverished regions, are frequently pushed into marriage and childbirth at a young age. Aside from the psychological damage and perpetuation of poverty from one generation to the next, the practice can have tragic physical consequences as well. At nearly epidemic levels, a disability known as [fistula](#) plagues many of these women, sometimes lasting from teen years through maturity, sometimes ending in premature death, always resulting in social ostracization.

One amazing woman, Colorado Springs native Becky Kaiser, discovered this tragic situation as a tourist and was moved to devote her life to Ethiopian women stricken with fistula. For the past two years, the Zonta Club of the Pikes Peak Area has been a supporter of Kaiser's organization, The Trampled Rose. Located in Adis Abbaba, the organization operates a center where women can live while awaiting fistula surgery and where they can come afterward to learn skills to become self-sufficient.

With funds from last year's Glass Slipper Ball, Zonta purchased uniforms for the students at the Trampled Rose. Becky said that she was blown away by the difference those uniforms made on the women's self esteem. Having worn the same filthy dress for years, these women, for the first time in their lives, now own two pretty dresses and matching shoes. They now see themselves as learners gaining the skills necessary to become valuable members of society.

On Dec. 21, Becky hosted a tea and dessert evening for those interested in knowing all the latest news from Ethiopia. Zontian Shannon Rowan and several members of her family attended and this is what they learned.



Becky reported that she now lives and works full time in Adis Abbaba, coming home only for short visits every few months. Many other changes have also occurred during the past few months. The most important of these changes stemmed from a chance encounter with a member of another organization trying to eradicate fistula in Ethiopia, Amharic

Regional Development Association. This encounter has led to an exciting partnership between the two organizations. Now the women who come to the Trampled Rose go to one of the four hospitals that are under the auspices of this new organization for their fistula operations.

A new class of women, many of whom have been living with fistula for 20 to 50 years, are now living at the Trampled Rose, going through literacy and entrepreneurial programs. Basic math and reading programs have been condensed and intensified so that skills can be mastered in as little as two months. Jewelry making and hair styling are still taught but new business skills in soap making, pastry making and chicken raising have been added. The chicken raising has been particularly successful!

Recently, the Ethiopian government finally allowed The Trampled Rose to purchase a vehicle, which they will use for going into the countryside to pick up women living with fistula and also for transporting women to and from the hospitals. It was a grueling, frustrating, two-year process, requiring Becky to make daily trips to government offices to get one required document after another.

The vehicle will prove invaluable as Becky works to heal the minds and hearts (and hopefully the bodies, too) of the now **26,000** women who are on a waiting list to get into The Trampled Rose. At the close of her remarks, someone asked her whether it was realistic to believe that The Trampled Rose could serve 26,000 women. Becky responded, "Who thought, 7 years ago, that I would ever have been able to meet my original goal of helping five women with fistula? Reasonable is not the right word. It's what we have to do."

That's Becky!

Visit the Trampled Rose web site <http://trampledrose.org> and read Becky's November 21, 2010 Journal entry: <http://trampledrose.org/2010/11/21/361#more-361>

You Tube – Extraordinary Women
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3JgR5vf192I>

The Zonta Club of Royal Gorge presents
 Lunch with Author **Sandra Dallas**
Saturday, January 22, 2011, 12 pm - 2 pm
 Limited Seating - \$25 (includes lunch)

Reserve your tickets before January 14 at Shadow Hills Event Center 1232 County Road 143, Cañon City, CO 81212 719-275-0603 or online at <http://zontaroyalgorge.org>
 Award-winning author SANDRA DALLAS was dubbed “a quintessential American voice” by Jane Smiley in Vogue Magazine. She will be speaking on the process of writing, during a luncheon presented by the Zonta Club of Royal Gorge. Sandra will have her books for sale and will be signing books during the event.
 Sandra’s novels with their themes of loyalty, friendship, and human dignity have been translated into a dozen foreign languages and have been optioned for films. Sandra is the recipient of the Women Writing the West Willa Award for New Mercies and is a two-time winner of the Western Writers of America Spur Award for The Chili Queen and Tallgrass. Go to <http://www.sandradallas.com> for more information!

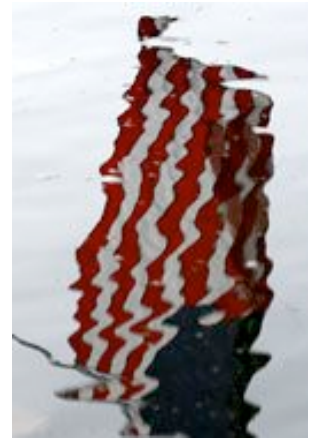
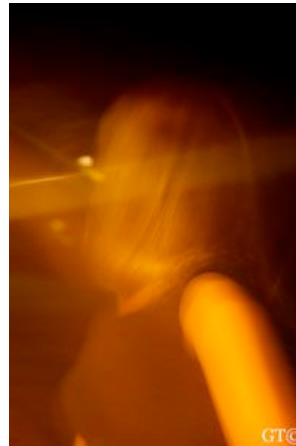


Zonta Pikes Peak Area Calendar 2011

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 th Annual Glass Slipper Ball
February 12	Board Meeting 5:30pm
February 28	New Z Meeting 5:00pm
February 28	General Meeting 5:30pm
March 8	International Women’s Day
March 14	Board Meeting 5:30pm
April 1-2	Area 2 Meeting – Cheyenne
April 9	Area 3 Meeting - Boulder
April 11	Board Meeting 5:30pm
April 15-16	Area 4 Meeting – Royal Gorge
April 20	New Z Meeting 5:00pm
April 20	General Meeting 5:30pm
April 29-30	Area 1 Meeting - Spearfish
May 11	Board Meeting 5:30pm
May 16	New Z Meeting 5:00pm
May 16	General Meeting 5:30pm
May 21	Planning Retreat
September 23-25	District 12 Conference – Rapid City
July 7-12, 2012	Zonta International Convention Torino, Italy

**Human Trafficking Awareness Day
 January 11, 2011**

1/11 is Human Trafficking Awareness Day. See <http://humantrafficking.change.org> for the latest information and news from around the world including events scheduled for 1-1-11, Sara Kruzan’s story & her recent commuted sentence, the practice of kamlari, the coffee you drink, the fragile situation of native Alaskan women & girls, the impact of the clothing we buy & football on human trafficking. The 2010 Human Trafficking Zeros and Heros are featured. Keep up with what is happening locally by attending the monthly meetings announced on <http://ht-colorado.org>



The 5th Annual Glass Slipper Ball to be held Saturday, February 5, 2011 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Colorado Springs.
 It’s an extravaganza of delicious food, wine, music and decor.
 For ticket information visit:
www.zontapikespeak.org/gsb



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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

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: info@ZontaPikesPeak.org