



Zonta Club of Pikes Peak Area

Member of Zonta International

Zonta Day at the Colorado State Capitol by Sonya B.

On February 4th, three Zonta PPA club members (Faun M., Pat M. and Sonya B.) joined Zontians from all over Colorado for Zonta Day at the State Capitol.

The leader of this event was the Honorable Alice Borodkin, who served Colorado House District 9 for eight years. During her eight years in the Colorado Legislature, she was the lead on the issue of human trafficking, passing legislation to control the trafficking of human beings. Borodkin was the founder and chair of the Women's Legislative Health Care Caucus, the chair of the Legislative Arts Caucus and served eight years on the Transportation and Energy Committee, the Business Affairs and Labor Committee, and the Finance Committee. She is also a member of the Denver Zonta Club.

Alice shared many insights of the Colorado legislative process throughout the day. The first meeting was in a private conference room, where Representative Joe Miklosi and Senator Joyce Foster addressed the Zontians, talking about drafting bills and coordinating with stakeholders.

Then we attended the Twenty-fourth Legislative Day of the House of Representatives, where we heard announcements for Teacher of the Year, a Tribute to a local Journalist, the passing of the resolution to wear red for Women's Heart Health, and the passing of the resolution to declare February 6, 2011 as Ronald Reagan Day in Colorado. Unfortunately there wasn't enough time to complete a second reading of scheduled House Bills, even though there wasn't any debate about the resolutions. It made the Zontians realize the need for patience and persistence in the legislative process.

After the House of Representatives, we sat in with the Committee of Legal Services, where they were reviewing the rules of air quality control commissions.

During the course of the day we learned many things about the legislative process:

- The Session of the Sixty-eighth General Assembly is scheduled to convene on January 12, 2011 and end on May 11, 2011.
- Each House Representative is allowed to submit 5 House Bills during a Session
- The Speaker of the House decides what Committee will be reviewing each Bill
- A House of Representatives Legislative Bill requires three official readings
 - The first reading is in Committee; many Bills do not make it out of Committee
 - The second reading is with the House of Representatives, this is where the Bill gets debated
 - The third reading is again with the House of Representatives, if a Bill gets to this step then everything has been worked out and it is pretty much understood if the Bill will pass or not

The tour was wrapped up by having lunch with Alice in the Capitol Building cafeteria, where she answered questions and discussed possible future events. Some clubs offer the recipients of their Young Women in Public Affairs Award an opportunity to shadow a Colorado Legislator and it was discussed that this could be done for more clubs as well, including our own.

If you don't know who your elected officials are, go to either www.lwvcolorado.org (League of Women Voters) or www.colorado.gov/apps/maps/neighborhood.map and enter your address. Scroll down to see who your elected officials are and go to their websites for contact.

If you missed this exciting opportunity to visit our State Capitol, Alice said she would be happy to organize another trip any time.



International Women's Day Celebration

Mary Lou Makepeace will be the Key Note Speaker at the upcoming International Women's Day Celebration on March 8, 2011 at the Colorado Springs Country Club.

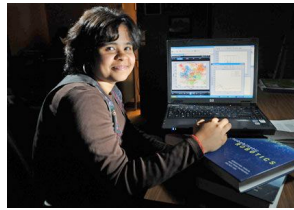
Mary Lou Makepeace was inducted into Colorado Women's Hall of Fame in 2008. She was elected Colorado Springs' first female mayor in 1997 and served two full terms. Colorado Springs had been Ground Zero for Amendment 2, which restricted what cities could do in terms of offering equal benefits, equal opportunity, and equal protection for gay and lesbian citizens. It was ultimately overturned, and under Makepeace's leadership as mayor, the Colorado Springs City Council passed several equality measures, including domestic-partner health benefits. The city's first female municipal judges were appointed by Mayor Makepeace. She had a substantial impact on the community through her tireless efforts.

After leaving public office, Makepeace was driven by her beliefs in equality, diversity, and inclusivity to become the Executive Director of The Gay and Lesbian Fund for Colorado, whose mission is to enhance Colorado's equality of life. She has been responsible for awarding an annual average of \$2 million to hundreds of nonprofit organizations across Colorado and helping those organizations grow, flourish, and succeed while collectively instigating a cultural shift to inclusivity and equality for all citizens, building healthy families, and encouraging civic involvement. Makepeace is an outspoken supporter of organizations that build strength in women and is particularly involved in the Latina Initiative and Denver's Mi Casa Resource Center for women, both of which foster women's self-sufficiency and encourage education and participation in the electoral process.

- Sonya B.



International Women's Day Celebration Planning (l to r) Fran P, UNA-USA, Dianne H, Soroptomist Club & Sharon R, Zonta Club of the Pikes Peak Area



Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics

On January 29th, Zonta PPA club members (Betty E. Sharon R., Laura S. and Sonya B.) attended the AAUW presentation of their research on Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. After a brief review of the research, three different panels spoke – (1) Education K-12, (2) Education Post-Secondary, and (3) Industry.



The Education K-12 Panel shared how they are working to get girls interested in these fields of study. Some key points were that girls need to develop a growth mindset and it is good to let them struggle through challenges instead of coming too quickly to their aid. It was also pointed out that Tinker Bell is an engineer and one teacher encouraged girls to watch the recently released Tinker Bell DVD.

With the Post-Secondary Education Panel, there were students who shared their experiences of being women in these fields of study – both good and bad.

Progress is being made, but there is still some work to be done. The full AAUW report can be found at

<http://www.aauw.org/learn/research/whysofew.cfm>.

-Sonya B.



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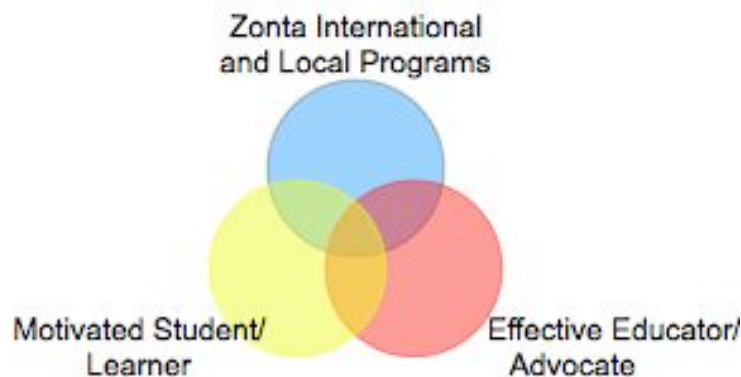
Our club member, Deb, gives 110% in all aspects of her life. After spending the weekend working in Denver with the Army Reserves, she rushed back to Colorado Springs on Sunday night, quickly changed out of her Army clothes into her party attire to join in her club's December meeting, service project and celebration. Deb joined Zonta in 2008 and was soon deployed to Iraq for a year. We are happy to have her safely back with us and her enthusiasm is contagious. What a Zontian!



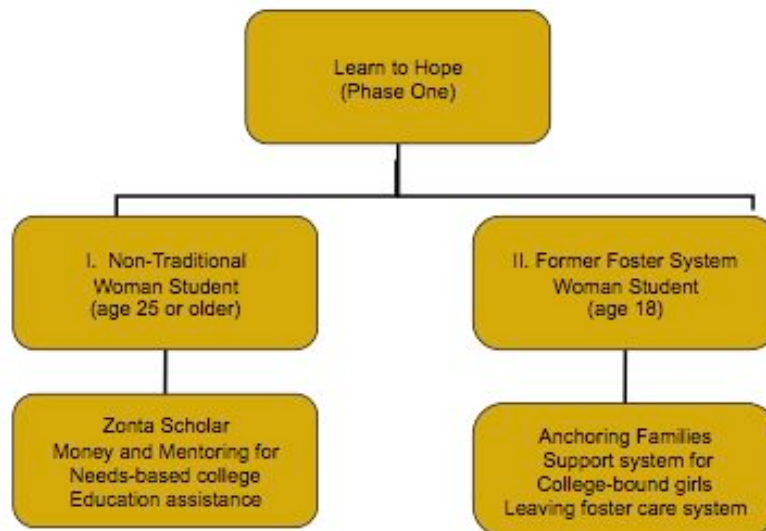
LEARN TO HOPE -- NEW SERVICE INITIATIVE APPROVED

Why educate a girl? An extra year of primary school boosts girls' eventual wages by 10-20%. An extra year of secondary school boosts her eventual wages 15-25% more. Girls who stay in school 7+ years typically marry four years later and have two fewer children than drop-outs. Fewer dependents per worker allows for greater economic growth. (Time; February 14, 2011) **We recognize that EDUCATION is the key to successfully advancing the status of women and have made a deliberate choice to focus our efforts DIRECTLY in that area.**

A three-pronged program is envisioned. The first portion of our service initiative consists of existing programs to which we continue our deep commitments. They include our support of Zonta International programs, our support of the Human Trafficking Task Force for Southern Colorado and the Young Women in Public Affairs Award.



Phase One of our new initiative is shown as "Motivated Student/Learner" on the graph above. It was unanimously approved at the general/program meeting on February 28, 2011. It will consist of two specific initiatives, described below as the "Zonta Scholar" and "Anchoring Families" programs.



Anchoring Families is described in more detail on Pg 4 of this newsletter. The Zonta Scholar effort will be highlighted in the next edition of our newsletter. Development of Phase Two of the initiative will continue throughout the coming club year.

This is an exciting new direction for Zonta PPA. It marks a departure from our previous approach of funding existing agencies (a pass through of money) to a more direct approach of sponsoring our own initiatives. It brings focus, continuity and the potential for measurable impact that we can all support, promote and describe when asked "What does Zonta do?"

GROWN-UP KIDS NEED FAMILIES TOO

College-Bound Foster Girls Live In A Loneliness Gap You Can Fill

Turning 18 usually calls for celebration. For foster children, 18 is the year for graduating not only from high school but from the foster system itself. With emancipation comes freedom, independence...and loneliness. Funding for further education is available but those kids who go on to college learn quickly that they are different. No "care packages" from home, no haven for weekend laundry, often no place to go at all if their dorm closes for holidays. Only 2% -3% will succeed in getting their four year degree.

The 10 or so girls from El Paso county who choose each year to go on to college will have a better chance at success if they have the same kind of emotional (not financial) support system back home that their classmates have. The Zonta Club of the Pikes Peak Area wants to create that emotional support system to help these girls become successful.

This exciting program of assistance to college-bound girls who have aged out of the foster care system will be similar to the "Sponsor a Cadet" program which has been so successful for 40 years at the USAFA. Families will be recruited by Zonta from throughout El Paso County to be "Sponsor families" for the girls. The families will be screened and trained by DHS at sessions hosted by Zonta. Their open homes at holiday times, the care packages that they will send, the encouragement and the phone calls that they will make will be the support system that might make the difference in whether these girls succeed in furthering their education or whether they drop out.

Would you like to get involved in this exciting program? Would you like to help create the brochure, develop the name and design the program? Do you know of a group of people to whom we should send out recruitment materials? Zonta needs you to help begin this program. Contact Shannon R if you would like to be a part of this new venture to launch a former foster girl toward success. *-Shannon R*



Zonta Pikes Peak Area Calendar 2011

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 16	Area 4 Meeting – Royal Gorge
April 18	New Z Meeting 5:00pm
April 18	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



The Glass Sipper by Laura S.

Serve in martini glasses with Meyer lemon rubbed on edge and coated with cosmo sugar

Mix 2 parts Whipped flavored Pinnacle Vodka with 1 part Vanilla-Apricot White tea. Add about 10 shakes of rose water, a dash of grated nutmeg, cinnamon and a few drops of almond flavor. Mix in ice and strain into glasses. Top with a slice of Meyer lemon, a yellow rose bud and a dab of whipped cream.



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Book Club Meeting at Pat M's House

On a bright Saturday morning at 9:00am on February 12th, six members of the Zonta Club of the Pikes Peak Area met at Pat M's House. After a delicious breakfast, we watched a documentary of Muslim women from France protesting the banning of the veil and Muslim women from Tehran protesting the forced wearing of the veil. The short discussion that followed centered on allowing free choice for women rather than forcing them into one position or another. It was a great opportunity to get to know the club members in a relaxed atmosphere. After the documentary discussion, we reviewed several book suggestions for our next meeting, but decided as a group that we would like to study a woman who made a difference locally or globally. We chose Julie Penrose, the woman who started the Fine Arts Center in Colorado Springs, as our subject of research for the next meeting which will be held in early April. Each of us will do individual research on Ms. Penrose and bring our findings to the meeting for discussion. This book club is evolving – we don't always read books, but we always have a good time. All Zonta PPA members are invited to join us. –Pat M



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