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Over the Edge

**Zonta Area 4 Meeting
April 16, 2011 -by Pat M.**

"Do not fear risk. All exploration, all growth is calculated. Without challenge people cannot reach their higher selves. Only if we are willing to walk over the edge can we become winners."

-Zonta Club of the Royal Gorge
Area 4 Meeting Flyer

As I approached the Bighorn Mountaintop Lodge for the Area 4 Meeting with three of my Zonta sisters, I was immediately struck by the symbolism that obviously inspired the theme "Over the Edge". The lodge, built on the precarious edge of the Royal Gorge, created the setting for a breathtaking view of the river cutting through the gorge and the bridge overlooking it. Someone in our midst commented that construction of the lodge for the enjoyment of posterity must have been a risky venture. "Do not fear risk", I remembered from the quote on the flyer. "All exploration, all growth is calculated". I wondered if there were any women on those construction crews. I also wondered if the meeting would inspire me like the quote had.

We were joined inside the lodge by members of the Zonta Pikes Peak Area, Royal Gorge and Prowers County Clubs as well as district and area leaders. Following a continental breakfast and raffle sales for baskets and wine brought by each of the clubs to raise money for the District 12 Scholarship Fund, Sharon B., from the host club, Royal Gorge, welcomed us and introduced the speakers.



Sheila Davis, District 12 Lt. Governor opened the program with remarks for both herself and Kay Meyer, District 12 Governor, who was unable to attend the meeting. As stand-in for Governor Kay she requested feedback on whether the district was meeting the needs of the individual clubs and what concerns or suggestions the individual clubs had for the district. As Lt. Governor she discussed her main role as head of the District Membership Committee and offered suggestions for recruiting and retaining members. She also reported on the district's progress in creating new clubs in Pueblo and Greeley.

Next each club shared their best ideas and greatest challenges. Interestingly, the successes and challenges were in the same areas: fund raising and membership recruitment and retention. Continued on page 2





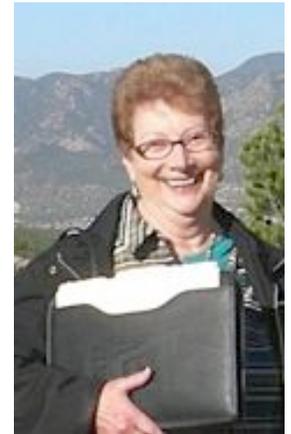
Zonta Area 4 Meeting continued

After a short break and an icebreaker activity, Dave Bergin, Deputy District Attorney in Pueblo and former bill drafter for the Colorado Legislature, spoke to us about the process state legislation goes through. In both the House and Senate a bill follows the same steps: first reading in committee, second reading at which time the bill gets debated and third reading at which time the bill either passes or dies. It is helpful to our advocacy efforts to understand this process and use it to follow a bill we want to support.

Mary Lou Edwards and Nikki Headlee, International Foundation Ambassadors, helped us better understand how the service funds we donate to Zonta International (ZI) are used by showing a short video on ZI's 2010-2012 service projects: Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV and Gender-based Violence in Rwanda, Elimination of Obstetric Fistula and the Reduction of Maternal and Newborn Mortality and Morbidity in Liberia, and Safe Cities for Women Project in Guatemala and El Salvador. Mary Lou and Nikki also discussed the 2010-2012 ZI Strategies to End Violence Against Women (ZISVAW) programs, which involve ending burn violence against women in Cambodia, Nepal and Uganda and ensuring gender-responsive recovery strategies in Haiti, all in cooperation with the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM).

Before the final events of the day, we were treated to a Mexican buffet lunch. During lunch, we had a chance to visit and become better acquainted with each other.

The final speaker, Crystal Jonas, nine-time published author, image consultant and powerful motivational speaker held us all spellbound with advice on how to interest others in the Zonta cause by building confidence in ourselves and our ability to move others to action. This can be accomplished she said, by listening to and respecting others, then showing them how participation in our cause will benefit and enrich them. She laughingly warned us not to tell people what a lot of hard work Zonta requires and then expect them to dive in. The universe rewards recognizable results, not hard work, she said, so showing people the results of our efforts is the best way to motivate them to join us.



Our hosts wrapped up the activities by recognizing those attending an area meeting for the first time and drawing raffle tickets for the baskets and wine. Laura Stamp, Area 4 Director presented the organizers of the event, Janet Bergin and Sharon Brookins with potted columbines in the Zonta colors of mahogany and yellow.

As I walked out and looked "over the edge" with my Zonta sisters, I felt more like a winner and more ready to work for results. The meeting had inspired me. *-Pat M.*



April Outreach Meeting



On April 18th, the Zonta Club of the Pikes Peak Area held their annual Outreach Meeting. After a very brief business meeting, we hosted a dinner for interested friends. The ice breaker was very effective in sharing the Zonta experience -- Zontians and guests read short testimonials taken from club members on why they are glad to be a part of the Zonta club and mission. Sharon R., the Club President presented the Young Women in Public Affairs Award to Emmie M. Sarah L., the first Zonta Scholar, told her story and thanked the club for helping her in her pursuit of a nursing degree. The evening program, "Challenges on the High Seas - Women, Education and Income," was presented by Fran P. She provided an interactive and engaging review. –Sonya B



Zonta Pikes Peak Area Calendar 2011

May 11	Board Meeting 5:30pm
May 16	New Z Meeting 5:00pm
May 16	General Meeting 5:30pm
May 21	Planning Retreat
June 3-5	Inter-District Conference Reno, Nevada
September 23-25	District 12 Conference – Rapid City
July 7-12, 2012	Zonta International Convention Torino, Italy



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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.

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