



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

The Zonta “Un-Book” Club Meeting/Jewelry Fundraiser

Four members of Zonta PPA and guests attended the book club meeting at Laura S's house on Thursday, June 23rd. Laura dubbed it the “Un-book Club” meeting because for the second time we thought outside the box and did something different. At the February meeting we watched a film from the Women's Film Festival collection, which sparked a discussion about Muslim women's choices to either wear or not wear the veil. At the June meeting, we not only discussed magazine articles rather than books, but also held a Lia Sophia jewelry party to raise funds for Zonta. We were all impressed with Lindsay, the Lia Sophia jewelry rep, who wants to help women's causes such as Zonta. All proceeds of jewelry sold at the book club meeting will go to Zonta. In addition, half the proceeds of parties booked as a result of the book club demonstration will also go to Zonta.

Prior to the meeting, we read articles from the May and June issues of MORE magazine. The article about Ashley Judd in the May issue generated the most discussion. Ashley wrestled with depression and a difficult childhood to later become an ambassador for Population Services International, helping some of the most impoverished people on the planet (p. 99). An article on p. 110 highlighted women on the FIERCE list. We talked a bit

about Beth Klein, a Colorado attorney, featured on the FIERCE list for her work on the 2010 Anti-Human Trafficking Law.

We were all intrigued by an article Laura presented from the June issue of National Geographic about child brides in India. One young bride was 5 years old! Marriage for girls under 18 is actually illegal in India, but old traditions die hard. In the villages, fathers and grandfathers arrange early marriages as they have for centuries and hold them clandestinely at night. Although forced early marriage, especially of 5 year olds, sounds sickening to those of us who strive to advance the status of women, it is important that we understand the full cultural implications of the practice. Once a girl is designated publicly as married, she is no longer at risk of losing her virginity to someone besides her husband. Early marriages are actually a way of protecting young girls from later rape. **Read this fascinating article online by googling National Geographic June 2011 issue.**

ALL Zonta PPA members are welcome to join us for book and un-book club meetings. Suggestions for future book, film, or magazine selections are welcome. However, join us even if you haven't had time to read the selection and just enjoy the social time and discussion. It is always fun.

-Pat M.

RUN FOR CONGO WOMEN -Deb M

I have created a team for the Run for Congo Women 5K - A global run/walk movement benefiting Women for Women International's Congo program

Denver, CO – July 31, 2011 (3.1 mile)

<http://www.runforcongowomen.org>

Join us for Run for Congo Women - Denver on Sunday, July 31, 2011 at Washington Park! This is a 3.1 mile run/walk in the park (mostly paved terrain). Dogs and strollers are welcome, and the event is on rain or shine. We'll have live music and raffle prizes! Check-in/registration begins at 7am and the run/walk begins at 8:30am.

Online registration is available on this site until Friday, July 29th at 3pm eastern. After that, event-day registration is welcome at 7am on the 31st.





Veronica



Faun



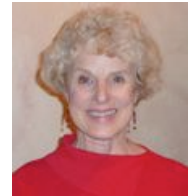
Lucky



Doris



Fran



Dee

Amazing New Z's by Pat M.



Our newest Zontians, like our longstanding Zontians, have broken gender barriers and lived life with a joie de vivre that many women before the early 1900's were unable to comprehend. Each of these women wants to help other women do the same and that is also amazing. The following stories of six of our newest members illustrate the Zonta spirit:

Veronica C is a parole officer with the Colorado Division of Adult Parole, Community and YOS. She is also a firearms instructor for the division and for the Law Enforcement Academy at Pikes Peak Community College. Recently, at a firearms conference, as the only female on a team, she outshot everyone on the team and was dubbed "queen" by her male counterparts. Veronica stands 5'2" and weighs 113 pounds. Interestingly, her husband stands 6'1" and weighs in at 230 pounds and was a hair stylist for many years. That is the perfect role reversal. Veronica joined Zonta to help other women break the gender barrier and reach their full potential.

Faun M is a business owner whose entrepreneurial spirit has taken her in many directions from owning and operating an art and frame shop to hiring and training staff for the family auto paint repair service. Faun also was instrumental in starting a charter school in Ft. Collins, sitting on their Board of Directors. Last year, on her son's nineteenth birthday, she decided to push the envelope and join him in a skydiving adventure. "Free falling at 120 mph was not only invigorating", says Faun, "but it was beautiful." Faun is the co-chair of the 2011-2012 Glass Slipper Ball and is using her leadership talents to help us raise funds for women's causes.

Lucky S is a retired attorney whose law practice was very unique – most of her cases involved animals. In one case that hit the front page of the Los Angeles Times, Lucky defended a horse and the owners of a horse and carriage business. In this particular case, the horse was pulling a carriage holding a couple honeymooning at Long Beach Harbor, when a speeding drunk driver slammed into them, injuring the horse and driver badly. Lucky won the case with maximum award and also obtained another \$50,000 for her clients under California's Victims of Violent Crimes Compensation Act. "The horse" she says, "had \$17,000 in vet bills, but came through it like the champ he is and couldn't wait to get back to work." Her passion for advancing the status of women is as obvious as her passion for animals. She is the 2011-2012 Legal Advocacy and Awareness Committee Chair for Zonta PPA and also is sitting on the Human Trafficking Committee.

Doris R-B is a realtor in Colorado Springs. From the years 2003 to 2008, however, Doris was a deputy with the El Paso County Sheriff's Office and a member of the Special Response Team (similar to a SWAT Team). During this time, although a strong woman with a career in law enforcement, Doris was abused and manipulated by her then-husband. She mustered up the courage to leave him, but shortly after she left he began stalking her. One late night in 2006 he kidnapped her at gunpoint in her own driveway. His intent was clear – he planned to kill her. She escaped using the same mind tactics he had used on her. The next day he was arrested and after a lengthy trial received life in prison without parole. In late 2007, the Oprah Winfrey Show sought her out and asked her to tell her story on the air. She agreed to appear and she says, "my story touched many lives including some that came forward who were female law enforcement going through the same thing." Now Doris wants to make a difference for other women and that is why she chose to join Zonta. Doris is the 2011-12 Co-Chair of the Glass Slipper Ball and is spearheading Macy's Shop for a Cause, both events which will help us raise funds for women's causes.

Fran P, Ph.D., is a Political Science Professor at the U.S. Air Force Academy. She has a PhD from Yale University and was the 2010-2011 Case/Carnegie Colorado Professor of the Year. She has written and spoken extensively on sexual violence in conflict and the rights of women. She also sits on the Board of Directors for TESSA, the domestic violence prevention center and safe house in Colorado Springs. She has just been awarded her second Fulbright Scholarship, this time to teach in Mongolia at the Mongolian Diplomatic Academy from January to June 2012. Her first Fulbright two years ago took her to South Africa, a trip, she says, that had a huge impact on her life. The Fulbright Scholarship program is an international educational exchange program sponsored by the U.S. government and designed to promote mutual understanding between the people of the U.S. and other countries. Recipients are chosen for their academic merit and leadership potential. Her background in championing women's issues will be put to good use with her membership in Zonta. She has already spoken to Zonta PPA about pay equity for women in the workplace.

Dee N is a retired administrative assistant of finance with the City of Colorado Springs. She handled the financial affairs of the Colorado Springs Senior Center for a number of years and prior to that held numerous jobs in the administrative office for all the community centers in the city. Dee has jog/walked the Pikes Peak Ascent four times, once with her daughter. The Pikes Peak Ascent, by the way, is a half marathon, but, in this case, 13 miles UP. She and her family are now training for their upcoming six-day hike of the Salkantay Trail at Machu Picchu in Peru, which will take them to altitudes of 15,000+ feet. She has also bicycled the White Rim Trail in Utah. Dee likes to volunteer and is especially interested in volunteering to raise the status of women through Zonta. She is the 2011-2012 Zonta PPA Club Treasurer and Foundation Treasurer.



Trampled Rose – Ethiopia – E-mail Message from Becky

Hello! I've been back in Ethiopia for just a little over two weeks now. It was so nice to be in the USA and see so many of my friends, eat Nachos and drink Margaritas and have some time to spend with my family.

The weather here is just moving into our rainy season. So the mornings are cool, then by afternoon we are having showers almost everyday. Being from Colorado, I know that sounds refreshing but let me explain the rain here. I think the best definition is "drenching". It starts without notice, it's very cold, and it causes quick flooding on the streets and roads. Because we have a severe lack of toilets that adds a full new dimension, We don't have electric heat (actually often we don't have electricity at all) so there is no way to ever get really warm. The rains will continue getting worse until it rains about 24 hours per day for about two and a half months. Just when I start feeling miserable, I remember the homeless people who have to live in this. The human ability to survive is amazing.

I've lived in the same rented home for about five years now. It really is quaint. There isn't a straight wall nor corner anywhere. It was built as an original feudal home and it is over 100 years old. It's very little but sweet. One of the things I love to do is walk up the hill from my house early in the morning. I met a lady who lives on a corner of the street next to the Federal Police Station. Her little corner is covered in plastic and her floor is made of cardboard and some blankets she has been able to collect. When I first met her I had compassion (and a bit of horror) because she had a new baby. I started bringing her a few things and our friendship began.

The funny thing is that she loves fashion and make up. I've started bringing her a few items of clothing and a little bit of Mary Kay lipstick. So when I was walking on Saturday afternoon she stopped me to invite me in her box home to be part of a little party. She had on a little gray dress with purple flowers I had picked up at TJ Maxx and had colored her whole face in a purple toned lip stick. I guess we have to give her credit for trying. I did get a photo of her on my iphone so I'll try to send it as soon as I have a connection fast enough to send photos. As I continued my walk I was thinking about how we are all the same. As soon as I finished my walk I was on my way to a house warming party for my friend Corolla. What's the difference in sharing with our friends in a cardboard box or a beautiful home in an exclusive area?

Just a note, Corollas house is so fancy that it has a faucet you can turn on and hot water comes right out. And... she has an oven that can cook with a can of gas hooked up to it even when there is no electricity. We started laughing at ourselves when we realized how impressed we were with these things.

The program at the Trampled Rose is doing so well. Thank you to our Technical Advisor who has organized the teaching program into games. The women come and "play" with rocks. They learn how easy it is to make letters before they even pick up a pencil. Everyone in the Trampled Rose is a teacher. The driver, cooks, cleaners, everyone carries flash cards with them and work with the ladies. It's such a fun environment and the ladies were reading 180 words in their first week!!!!!! Now they are up to the level of reading easy books. Our next small project is to create a library. Can you imagine how exciting it is to see this?

For now, I'm on my way to take our little girl out to get some new shoes. She came to us when she was six years old and she is now around 13. (we don't really know her age we are just guessing because she was missing her two front teeth when she arrived at the Trampled Rose) She is adorable and she is now our assistant tutor for the other women after she gets home from her own school. It is so strange to see her with the girls her age that have already had and lost a baby and a husband. For sure, we are the lucky ones.

Please let me know if you'd like me to take you off the email list or if you know someone else who wants to get my updates. Other than that, I'll try to be more faithful in keeping in touch. I miss you!



2011 Zonta Pikes Peak Area Calendar

July 6	Board Meeting 5:30pm
July 18	New Z Meeting 5:00pm
July 18	General Meeting 5:30pm
July 31	Run for Congo Women
August 6	Pasta in the Park
August 27	Macy's - Shop for a Cause
August tba	Ice Cream Social
September 23-25	District 12 Conference – Rapid City
October 22	Human Trafficking Symposium
January 28, 2012	6 th Annual Glass Slipper Ball
July 7-12, 2012	Zonta International Convention Torino, Italy

Local Projects – Recipients thank us:

"Your recent gift will continue to provide opportunity and education to many students who are realizing their true potential."

– Pam Shocklye-Zalabak, UCCS Chancellor

"...my sincere appreciation and deep gratitude to all of you and your ongoing support of TESSA! Your financial gifts as well as all of the incredible volunteers from Zonta who support TESSA's mission is TRULY priceless!"

– Connie Brachtenbach, TESSA Executive Director

"...your generous donation....will help with the costs of our next Symposium, giving us the opportunity to think much 'bigger!'"

– Helen Smithwick, Treasurer, Human Trafficking Task Force of Southern Colorado

"...You might want to see the success of some of the women you have helped. Most of them came to us unable to hold a pencil let alone sign their own name." www.trampledrose.org

– Becky Kiser, Founder Trampled Rose Inc.

"Thank you again for being our partner in serving women and girls of our community." – Beth Roalstad, Executive Director, Women's Resource Agency

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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.

Amazing Early Z's – Submitted by Pat M

FIRST IN HER FIELD

“To understand the birth of the Confederation of Zonta Clubs in 1919 is to understand its earliest members. They were the products of a tremendous change in the roles of women worldwide during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Only a few decades earlier, women had been barred from higher education, legislated out of the professions, and allocated the legal status comparable to a child—unable to vote, to serve on juries, to maintain property or control their own wages. It should come as no surprise, then, that Zonta's earliest members were among those to agitate for improving women's status and increasing women's rights.

Edith Ainge, member of the Zonta Club of Jamestown, New York, was among the women arrested for picketing the United States White House for women's suffrage in 1918. Louise Gerry (PIP 1926-1928), member of the Zonta Club of Buffalo, New York, sued the Commission of Jurors in Erie County, New York, after it refused her application for jury duty on the basis of her sex. Among the first to pursue higher education, Zontians were almost without exception “firsts” in their fields. Buffalo member Helen Rodgers, a member of the first graduating class to admit women at the University of Buffalo Law School, was also the first to argue an appeal before the New York Court of Appeals. Mary E. Hamilton, voted into the Zonta Club of New York City's “Hall of Fame”, was the first woman police officer appointed in the state of New York, demonstrating, as a result, the indispensable work of policewomen with women and children.”

(Reprinted from “Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide – A History of Zonta International 1919-1999”)



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Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

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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