



Zonta Club of Pikes Peak Area

Member of Zonta International®

Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

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Seventh Annual Glass Slipper Ball

A new venue (Doubletree by Hilton), a new production team (Team Effort Events), a new award recipient (Restore Innocence) and the same wonderful outcome—fabulous food and fun for all. Held January 26, 2013, the annual fundraiser was attended by over 350, included 22 of the area's top chefs, wine purveyors from around the region, both a silent and a live auction, and music by Gentle Rain.

Save the Date!

Awards Program

April 17, 2013, The Warehouse Restaurant, 25 W. Cimarron St., Colorado Springs, CO 80903, 6:00 p.m.,

Don't miss Zonta's annual awards program dinner. Each recipient will speak briefly about the mission of their organization. \$20 registration includes dinner. Register at www.zontapikespeak.org. All are welcome.

Zonta Supports...

projects locally and around the world that improve the lives of girls and women. This year, local awards go to:

TESSA – working for a community without domestic violence

Women's Resource Agency—promoting economic self-sufficiency

The Trampled Rose –working with victims of obstetric fistula in Ethiopia

Human Trafficking Task Force of Southern Colorado—working to eradicate modern-day slavery

Zonta Scholar—supporting the education of non-traditional women students seeking a degree at UCCS

Young Women in Public Affairs Recipient—recognizing a young woman for her volunteer and public service contributions to the community.

Each of these programs or individuals exemplifies a passion for positive change, and we proudly recognize their efforts.



International Women's Day is celebrated at Carter Payne Center

Local Women making an International Impact

March 8, 2013. Through the collaborative efforts of local women's organizations including AAUW, Zonta, Soroptomists and the Southern Colorado Women's Chamber of Commerce, an inspirational program was offered to over 120 attendees. Featuring local women who have made foreign aid a personal affair, the audience heard from Becky Kiser whose program, The Trampled Rose, works with victims of obstetric fistula in Ethiopia, Sarah Ray, of Yobel Market, working for fair trade practices that benefit women in emerging economies, Binh Rybacki, of Children of Peace International, who provides assistance to women in Vietnam, Omhagain Dayeen with the Colorado Coalition for Genocide Awareness and Action who spoke of her work with

refugees in Darfur, and Fran Pilch, Fullbright Professor who recently provided training in Mongolia for future diplomats.

Each of them



Violence Against Women Bill

Zonta is a non-partisan and non-sectarian organization, which means that we don't endorse individual candidates or adhere to any particular religious doctrine. We do ADVOCATE for legislative and attitude change that impacts women and girls. One such effort has been the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act that has been stalled in Congress for the last eighteen months. Signed into law on March 7 by President Obama, the act restores funding to many effective programs while strengthening the criminal justice system's response to crimes against women, sexual assault and trafficking. As concerned citizens we were vehement and persistent in letting our elected officials know our stance on this important legislation. And those efforts paid off with the bi-partisan passage of the act. Thanks to all who worked so diligently!



Lending a Helping Hand

Zonta Club members are committed to helping out in the local community. In the past three months we've been busy with a variety of efforts. Members worked with the "Suit Up for Success" program at Women's Resource Agency, helped with food distribution at a local food pantry, served as judges for a regional science fair, mentored mentored our Zonta Scholar, and assisted the Human Trafficking Task Force to produce an awareness and advocacy event at the Colorado State Capitol



Indulgence Festival

Who doesn't love chocolate and wine?

Produced by Red Energy Public Relations and held at the Antlers Hilton, the festival attracted over 900 guests to enjoy decadent confections and beverages on Sunday, February 17, 2013. Zonta was honored to be the non-profit charity authorized to sell our beautiful Guatemalan fair-trade jewelry as a fundraiser. Proceeds will be used to continue our support for women's education.

The Launching of Zonta Wings

An Escape to Safety and Support

Girls are being rescued regularly from the commercial sex trade. These young women have experienced a demoralizing combination of abuse, neglect, poverty, addiction and violence making them easy prey for recruitment by sex traffickers. Often the only way out of the trade is removal from the people and places where they were held captive.



Human Trafficking Task Force of Southern Colorado

Formed in 2008, the Human Trafficking Task Force of Southern Colorado is composed of concerned citizens and representatives from local authorities and agencies working together to address the needs of victims, raise awareness and put an end to modern-day slavery.



Who is in Danger

“Child sexual exploitation is the most hidden form of child abuse in the United States and North America today. It is the nation’s least recognized epidemic” according to Dr. Richard J. Estes, University of Pennsylvania. In a frequently-cited study titled “The Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children in the U.S., Canada and Mexico” Estes and Weiner estimate that 325,000 are at high risk for recruitment into the commercial sex industry based on a conflation of predicative risk factors such as sexual abuse, homelessness, and involvement in the foster care system.

A Missing Link

One gap in services to victims is that of transportation. Often a rescued victim is in danger of being re-recruited through physical and/or emotional coercion if she remains in the local community. Neither federal agencies (FBI) or local authorities (human services, police) have funding available to move victims. That’s where the new ZONTA WINGS Program comes in. In conjunction with the Human Trafficking Task Force of Southern Colorado, Zonta Wings will meet that need for emergency transportation.