



# Zonta Zephyr

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## Zonta Club of Pikes Peak Area

*Member of Zonta International*

### C E D A W

ZONTA EXCITEMENT AT THE COLORADO LEGISLATURE!

HJR 08 1009 'The CEDAW Resolution'  
by Betty E.

It was pretty impressive to see democracy in action at the State Legislature on March

7 – 10, 2008, with thanks to the Area 3 Zonta Advocacy Task Force in Denver!

The CEDAW (Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women) Resolution passed in the House on March 7, 43-21. It was tabled in the Senate on March 7, but the resolution passed on Monday, March 10, 19-15!

The main emphasis of this resolution is to show support for it, and to urge the United States Senate to ratify the Convention. Also, included in the resolution is the requirement that it be sent to the President of the United States, the Secretary of State, leaders of both houses, Chairman and members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and to each member of the Colorado delegation.

So, the State of Colorado joins more than 12 other states and territories as supporting CEDAW. There are other states who are on record as having either the Senate or House who have passed this type of resolution, but not both.

Meanwhile, back at the State House – the energies were high and one could see all the whispering Representatives, rattling of papers, and concerned faces on the 10-15 Zontians who were there. We were seated on the floor of both houses and could see all the things that go on – representatives walking around during the session, the line up of those waiting to speak for and against the bills, etc. Once the House vote was taken and it was announced that it had passed, the Zontians were elated and many of us

proceeded to applaud, followed by the Speaker reminding the assembly that applause was not permitted. I'm afraid not many of us were contrite. ☺

Things got confused in the Senate session and it finally was decided to table the vote until Monday. Several of us were unable to return to Denver on Monday and anxiously awaited the news. Almost couldn't believe it! There had been such negativity on Friday! But there it was - the Senate passed the resolution as well!

As reported by Kay Meyer:

"This summary really doesn't do justice to the drama. On the floor of both chambers, sponsors asked to be signed on & off, and there was passionate debate.

Zontians, this accomplishment on behalf of women is due to the **many articulate & courageous messages** that were sent to Legislators, and to some CO Legislators who literally 'stepped up to the plate' to defend CEDAW. **Every one of you who took action can feel fulfillment in this.**

Yes, this was just one step. The **US Senate** must still be convinced. If we don't let them (the US Senators) forget CEDAW, it will eventually come around. (I'm hoping sooner rather than later...) The resolution that passed today ensures that the US Senate & Administration will hear from the Colorado Legislature regarding this matter."

--Kay

MORE WORK TO BE DONE ! --- Betty E



## Human Trafficking

Human-Trafficking police training was held Friday, April 11th. If any of you are interested in future training, please contact:  
Kinzie Wallden, Training Coordinator - CRCPI  
Colorado Regional Community Policing Institute  
Dept. of Public Safety/Division of Criminal Justice  
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*"Men, their rights,  
and nothing more;  
women, their rights,  
and nothing less."*

– Susan B. Anthony



## The Second Annual Glass Slipper Ball WE DID IT!



### People's Choice Awards

**Best Appetizer:** Eric Viedt of the Margarita at Pine Creek serving Seared Scallops with Amarillo Chile-roasted Sweet Corn Sauce, Root Vegetable Mash and Avocado-Green Apple Salad

**Best Dessert:** Alicia Prescott of Blue Star serving Lemon Raspberry Charlotte Russe with a Lemon Curd Sauce

**Best Floral Arrangement:** Design Works

Congratulations! And our thanks to Chefs, Florists, Donors, Attendees, Volunteers. You have made a difference in the lives of women through your generous contribution to TESSA support.

## Featured Quotation and Link

"If you wish success in life, make perseverance your bosom friend, experience your wise counselor, caution your elder brother and hope your guardian genius."

– Joseph Addison, English essayist, poet, & politician (1672 – 1719)

News from around the world: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/>



## Zonta International Service Programs

Women's equality is not yet a reality. Women worldwide face systemized discrimination - they lack opportunities to live healthy lives, free from legal, social, economic and political inequality.

Zonta International empowers women to overcome barriers to their equal human rights through its International Service Projects funded by the Zonta International Foundation.

Since 1923, Zonta has provided more than US\$8 million to projects benefiting millions of women and their families representing 34 countries.

\* In sub-Saharan Africa, 57% of adults with HIV are women and young women 15 to 24 are more than three times as likely to be infected as young men.

\* Globally, more than 80% of women do not have sufficient knowledge about HIV/AIDS and many women do not have the power to say no to sex with an infected partner.

\* Every year an estimated 4 million women and girls are bought and sold worldwide.

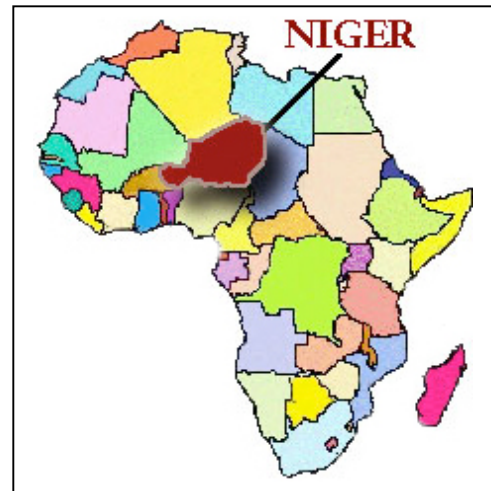
\* In Bosnia, more than 10,000 victims of trafficking are in the country at one time.

\* More than 59 million school-aged girls are not in school and female illiteracy rates remain higher than men.

\* About 530,000 women die annually in pregnancy or during childbirth, mainly due to lack of access to health care.

### Close-Up – Niger

Zonta International's Response  
CARE International Mata Masu Dubara  
(Women on the Move):  
Microcredit and Health Education for  
HIV/AIDS-Affected Women in Niger



Recognizing that HIV/AIDS and poverty are inextricably linked, CARE International is working to reduce the spread of HIV/AIDS while providing care and support for those affected, and to find lasting solutions to wider social and economic problems that exacerbate the AIDS crisis.

Through financial support from the Zonta International Foundation, the CARE project in the Bouza District of Niger will focus on reducing the risk of HIV/AIDS and its physical, social, and economic consequences for at least 5,100 women and their families in the Bouza District of Niger by the year 2008.

The project will provide HIV/AIDS education, self-esteem and negotiation skills training, and support networks of female peers, centered on the establishment of all-female savings groups.

Until there is a cure, strategies such as increasing women's income, status and decision-making power are the most powerful weapons in the fight against AIDS.

## Dates to Remember



April, 2008	Club Membership Dues due
April 21, 2008	General Meeting Location: Old Town Guesthouse <u>Fellowship:</u> 5:00 PM <u>Dinner:</u> 5:30 PM
May 5, 2008	5:30 PM Board Meeting Caspian Café
June 6-8, 2008	Transitional District 12 Board Meeting
June 27-July 2, 2008	Zonta International Conference Rotterdam

### Give to the Zonta International Foundation

Make your check payable to Zonta International Foundation, complete the Contribution Form available on the ZI web site and send it to:  
Zonta International Foundation  
ATTN: Development  
4837 PAYSPIRE CIRCLE  
Chicago, IL 60674

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THE  
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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.

## **We're on the Web!**

**ZontaPikesPeak.org**

## **Member Information**

Nearly 33,000 members belong to more than 1,200 Zonta Clubs in 66 countries.

*Fulfilling our mission locally and globally.*

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