



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

### **Zonta District 12 “Goes for the Gold” at this Year’s Conference**

*By Sharon R, Conference Chairman*

Over 90 Zontians and guests gathered at the Crowne Plaza in Colorado Springs, CO from October 3 – 5, 2008 for this year’s District Conference. These events are always educational and fun, but this year’s conference was extraordinary in several respects.

The fact that only two of the conference committee members had ever attended a District Conference meant that there were no preconceived ideas about what could or could not be accomplished. With the support and leadership of Zonta District 12 Governor, Priscilla Romkema, we set out to make every moment count during the three-day event.

An Olympic theme was chosen since Colorado Springs is home to The Olympic Training Center and the summer Olympics had just been completed in China. What better reminder that Zonta, as an international organization, is continuously striving for the best in all that we do.

Beginning on Thursday evening, early arrivers were invited to The Margarita at Pine Creek Restaurant for a wine-tasting and hors d’oeuvres feast. Dirk Stamp, of The Wine Seller, helped us appreciate the subtleties of the wines while Eric dazzled us with a wide selection of delectable appetizers.

The program followed a “Ready, Set, Go” approach. The Friday sessions provided

the “Ready” education by focusing on club concerns such as membership, fundraising and advocacy. On Saturday the topic of human trafficking was explored in depth, beginning with a keynote address by A.J. Steele, and followed by breakout sessions designed to help clubs take the information to the next level of action.

Throughout the three days, participants were entertained with everything from the silly (the Zonta Olympics) to the sublime (The Colorado Springs Children’s Chorale). We enjoyed an excerpt from “Cups”—a one-woman show revealing a woman’s life through her bras. We learned about micro-lending in developing nations through a luncheon fashion display of ethnic costumes. Participants chose from three off-site venues—Old Colorado City, the Olympic Training Center or Garden of the Gods—for a little free time exploration of the Pikes Peak region. Best of all, Zontians from around the four-state district (Wyoming, Montana, South Dakota and Colorado) got better acquainted with one another, more familiar with the mission of the organization to which they dedicate their efforts and re-committed to advancing the status of women around the world.

**ZONTA**  
DISTRICT 12  
CONFERENCE  
COLORADO SPRINGS  
OCT 3-5, 2008  
*Going for the Gold*



## Zonta International - ZISVAW

During the 2008-2010 Biennium, Zonta International will provide support projects in Cambodia, Egypt and Syria.

Globally, gender-based violence is the most pervasive and least recognized human rights violation. It affects every race, class, culture, ethnicity, age and country. Women are potential victims of violence at every stage of their lives.

Every woman has a right to live free of gender-based violence. Zonta International recognizes that the human rights of women and girls are an inalienable, integral and indivisible part of universal human rights. Zonta International recognizes the need to promote and protect the human rights of all women and girls.

## District 12 Conference

Many thanks to those who participated in producing the District 12 Conference. Special recognition is due to the following imaginative and hard-working women who were instrumental in making the event a huge success: Helen S, Pat DeG, Diane R, Betty E, Patti D, Susie N, Sonya B and Karen G.

Make the Connection!  
Register on the Zonta International site for access to Member Resources.  
<http://zonta.org>

*"Men, their rights,  
and nothing more;  
women, their rights,  
and nothing less."*  
– Susan B. Anthony



## District 12 Governors

2008 Conference in Colorado Springs



## Featured Quotation and Link

"Many persons have the wrong idea of what constitutes true happiness. It is not attained through self-gratification but through fidelity to a worthy purpose." – Helen Keller



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UNIFEM – Say NO to Violence against Women:  
<http://www.unifem.org/campaigns/vaw/>



Moments from the District 12 Conference in Colorado Springs

See all the photos at <http://zontadistrict12.org/newzonta/>



60<sup>th</sup> Zonta International Convention

Only 895 miles from Colorado Springs!  
 The 2010 Zonta International Convention will be held in San Antonio, Texas.  
 Let us plan to send a record-breaking number of members from our club. Dust off your cowboy boots and plan ahead!



Dates to Remember

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|-----------------------------|--|---|
| November 6, 2008            | Nut Packing 5:30pm<br>Pat K's home   |  |
| November 17, 2008           | General Meeting<br>Location: Crowne Plaza<br><u>Fellowship</u> : 5:00 PM<br><u>Program</u> : 5:30 PM |   |
| December 14, 2008           | Holiday Party<br>Pat DeG's Home  |   |
| March 7, 2009               | Third Annual Glass Slipper Ball  |   |
| Area Meetings:              |  |   |
| March 21, 2009              | Area 4 - Lamar   |   |
| March 28, 2009              | Area 3 - Denver 1 or 2   |   |
| April 4, 2009               | Area 2 - Converse County or Laramie  |   |
| April 25, 2009              | Area 1 - Glendive  |   |
| October 30-<br>Nov. 1, 2009 | District 12 Conference - Denver  |   |



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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](http://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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