



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

Message from our club President

Christmas 2008

2008 was a roller coaster for everyone, whether it is emotionally, physically, financially, or literally (or all of the above!) The whole planet seems to be in a low place right now. And when we look for the answer to the age old question: Why? We either don't find an answer or we don't much care for the answers we do find and it sets us even lower.

So how do we find the path that goes back up the hill when all we want to do is gather all our chickens close and fold inward? I would submit that this is the best time to give to others instead!

When I began my membership with Zonta (the women's service organization) I was looking for a way to connect with other adults and learn more about current events. What I am getting is a whole new outlook. I am so proud that we are making a difference in so many individual lives. I am so thankful that my actions are proving louder than words when it comes to my kids who are doing community service of their own. I love that Dirk demonstrates daily, that giving back to the community is hugely more effective than newspaper ads; not only because it's good for business, but because it's the right thing to do.

Locally, our Zonta Club has produced a Human Trafficking Awareness Symposium, creating a task force and steering committee that will provide a comprehensive array of support and services to victims and law enforcement. We are producing our third Glass Slipper Ball, a major fundraising event that will continue to fund a life skills program for domestic violence victims being supported at the local safe house, as well as other women's support organizations along the Front Range. www.zontapikespeak.org

Jason and Jean-Luc enjoy helping with some of my Zonta projects and did a project of their own too. Jason produced and sent out flyers to the effect that if folks would give a donation to Jean-Luc's favorite charity, Jean-Luc would cut his hair! They raised \$450 for There With Care and Jean-Luc had enough of his hair cut off to donate it to Locks of Love (a minimum length of 10 inches!) www.therewithcare.org and www.locksoflove.org

Besides donations to smaller fundraisers around the area, and a huge amount of support to Zonta's Glass Slipper Ball, Dirk's big annual service event is Wine and Roses, produced by the Tri-Lakes Women's Club to support Tri-Lakes Cares (community support in the Tri-Lakes Area which includes Monument—our store's location.) Dirk and his suppliers donate all of the wine and their time to a Grand Wine Tasting that offers guests around 100 different wines to try. In addition, Dirk donates a "Dinner with the Wine Seller" (or "The Wine Seller's Wife Cooks!") for their silent auction. That's some really fabulous wines and a multi-course dinner in our home for 3 couples. This year, it sold for nearly \$1K. www.tlwc.net Being a part of the culture of community service gives us the opportunity to see a much brighter and more hopeful outlook of our world. We get to see so many others who do a million times more than we do to create a more positive future. My Uncle John and his wife, Jan volunteer their time with the Red Cross to help families put their lives back together after disaster. www.redcross.org.

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Our dear friends, the Kraemer's spend loads of energy and personal resources to raise thousands for the Komen Race for the Cure.

www.susangkomenraceforthecure.com We were delighted to meet a cousin of Dirk, (whom we didn't even know existed until a couple of months ago!) Paul King. He has created a service organization in Argentina that will help teach disadvantaged young men marketable job skills so that they can support their families. www.juntosargentina.com As I reflected this year on the Sixteen Days of Activism to Prevent Violence Against Women, I was introduced to women around the world who work tirelessly and risk their

lives daily (indeed many have been tortured and killed) in order to fight for basic human rights.

www.unifem.org/campaigns/vaw/16days.php

With all of this work to be done, as we progress to the top of the next hill, there's no time for looking back. Indeed, there is no time for feeling sorry for our selves. With so many people dedicating so much positive energy to our future, we can only look UP!

Wishing you and yours, a very bright and inspiring holiday,
-Laura

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*



In 2008-2010, Zonta International is focusing on the following:

Project: Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV in Rwanda

THE GOAL: To prevent mother-to-child transmission of HIV by providing health care, prenatal and obstetrical services, and links to reproductive health programs, nutritional support, psychosocial services and income-generating activities to HIV-positive mothers.

Project: Safe Cities for Women Project in Guatemala City, Guatemala and San Salvador, El Salvador

THE GOAL: Safe Cities for Women will increase the safety of women in Guatemala City, Guatemala and San Salvador, El Salvador by helping local women collaborate with the local government and urban planners to create practical solutions, public policies, and municipal plans that decrease the risk of violence against women in their cities. The project will build on a larger, ongoing UNIFEM regional effort in four other Latin America urban areas.

Project: Reduction of Obstetric Fistula in Liberia

THE GOAL: Contribute to the elimination of obstetric fistula and the reduction of maternal and newborn mortality and morbidity in Liberia.

Go to www.zonta.org and click on International Service

Featured Quotations and Links

"We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give." – Sir Winston Churchill

"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world." – Anne Frank



Suggestions for end of year donations:
Zonta International Foundation <http://zonta.org>
Heifer International <http://heifer.org>



Third Annual Glass Slipper Ball – March 7, 2009

The Third Annual GLASS SLIPPER BALL is coming soon, March 7, 2009, from 7:00 p.m. to Midnight at the Crown Plaza Hotel, I-25 and Circle Drive, featuring once again the Best of the Pikes Peak Area Chefs. Tickets are \$85.00 per person or \$750.00 for a "Friends Table" of 10, (\$700 for early-birds who purchase by February 7). For tickets and information, call 719-573-1458 or go to our website at www.zontapikespeak.org.

BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND SAVE THE DATE!! You will not want to miss this "Grand Gala Affair," a Black Tie Optional Event.


The Glass Slipper Ball is greatly anticipated by all who fondly remember the fun they had and the treasures they bid on and won the first two years. Those who benefit from our important mission, advancing the status of women locally and internationally, are looking forward to this year's event as well. Once again, a portion of the proceeds will help support TESSA's work to eliminate domestic violence and sexual assault in our community.

60th 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

January 8, 2009	GSB Meeting	
January 12, 2009	Board Meeting	
January 19, 2009	General Meeting <u>Fellowship</u> : 5:00 PM <u>Program</u> : 5:30 PM	
February 2, 2009	Board Meeting	
February 16, 2009	General Meeting	
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- Nov. 1, 2009	District 12 Conference - Denver	

Comments from previous participants paint the picture. TESSA's Michelle Valdez told us, "This was my second year attending the Glass Slipper Ball and what a wonderful event again. The décor was beautiful, the centerpieces gorgeous and the food was amazing! TESSA is honored to be a partner with Zonta in the fight for equality and safety for women in our community."

Julian Drummond of DARS, our wonderful ice sculptor, said, "It was such a classy event! I'd love to participate again." Attendee Lynn Malloy added, "I thought the Glass Slipper Ball was fantastic. The food and entertainment were excellent." Rita Thompson attended both years and offered to pitch in to help with some of this year's tasks. She commented, "I find it amazing that such a small group of women could put on such a successful event."

Members

This is your time to contact as many people as you can for sponsorships, silent auction donations, gifts for our mystery bags and, of course, ticket sales. Encourage your friends and business associates to get in on the early-bird discount by purchasing their Friends Table before February 7.

Excitement is building as we count down the days to March 7. Please clear your calendars for important committee meetings, January 8 and subsequent dates to be announced soon and, most importantly, the February 19 general meeting.

I know there is much work left to be done but, as we begin this final two-month stretch and it seems like the sacrifices are large, let us all remember that we have built a tradition with our first two events. We are building our reputation and Zonta is becoming known in the community. You will feel it when you see the two large billboards that will be appearing soon, promoting the Glass Slipper Ball and the Zonta name to thousands of drivers.

This is an exciting time to be a Zontian. I encourage you to build on that excitement as we work together to make this the best Glass Slipper Ball yet. Our club and our community are expecting the very best from us. I know I can count on each one of you.

--Shannon



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**“ADVANCING
THE
STATUS
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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.

2009 Glass Slipper Ball

Dance into the night with “Gentle Rain” featuring Red Hot Swing and Latin Jazz!

Celebrity Emcee **Susan Davies**, TV Station KOAA

Enjoy the Silent Auction and Mystery Bags!

Savor Signature Hors d'oeuvres
and Desserts from:

Alpine Chef
Amuze Bistro
Amusé Gourmet
The Antlers Hilton
Bayou BBQ
Blue Sage Catering
The Blue Star
Cheyenne Mountain Resort
Craftwood Inn
The Crowne Plaza Hotel
Diamond Creations Catering
Dogtooth Coffee
Garden of the Gods Gourmet
Jake & Telly's Greek Cuisine
Jun Japanese Restaurant
MacKensie Place
Margarita at Pine Creek
The Melting Pot
MoZaic Restaurant
Otho's
Plate World Cuisine
Serranos Coffee Co.
The Village at Skyline
Walter's Bistro
Whole Foods



Zonta International
Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

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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