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Do you remember.....?

by Betty E.

If not, this is a heart-warming story any way! Saturday, April 24, through my association with AAUW, I was invited to attend the UCCS Women's Leadership Symposium. There were about 170 women in the room and the energy level was about to burst out the windows. As we mingled before the speakers started, a woman, Cassie, and I looked at each other and tried to figure out how we knew each other.

It turned out I had mentored her when I was on the Women Resource Agency board around 1994. She was in the Re-entering the Work Force classes and proceeded through volunteer and part time positions at the agency with great success. Today she has her own community relations management firm.

About 1996, she and her daughter, Nica, came to a Zonta meeting with me. Nica was very talented with origami and taught each of us how to make a frog or a crane, all the while making each of us a pair of earrings! We were all so impressed with this young woman and when we learned that she was selling her wares at a shop on 8th street, we made sure to go there. Cassie feels that because of our interest in Nica, then about 14, and our support of her talent, she was forced for the first time to file income taxes!!!

Nica has a degree in Ecological Biological Engineering from the School of Mines and will be returning there in late June for a graduate program. She speaks French and Japanese, which she has used in her current employment at Intel.

How wonderful to think that Zonta members supported Nica and helped her realize what success felt like! I know that those of you who may have been at that Zonta meeting must be feeling the same warm feeling of joy that I am!

It would be great to have Cassie and Nica visit with us once again. I'll keep working on that!

-Betty E.



"The people whose lives you touch may forget what you said, but they will never forget how you made them feel." -- David B Haight



International Service Program

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.



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



One of the three ZI Grants for 2008-2010: **Safe Cities for Women Project in Guatemala City, Guatemala and San Salvador, El Salvador**

Funding: US\$600,000 to UNIFEM

THE NEED: As Latin America becomes an increasingly urbanized area, violence is escalating at an alarming rate. Recent civil wars, a lack of economic and employment opportunities, the repatriation of gang members and criminals and increased drug trafficking have lead to a culture of violence. The homicide rate in the region is a staggering 114% above the world average, and is even higher in the especially dangerous countries of Guatemala and El Salvador. As conditions worsen and violence increases, women are especially vulnerable to becoming victims due to their traditionally subordinate role in Latin American society.

RESPONSE: By focusing on urban violence as a gender issue and strengthening women's right to active citizenship, UNIFEM will work to make these dangerous cities safer for women. As women take on more active roles they will be empowered to more effectively combat the increasing violence in their neighborhoods and communities.

UNIFEM will work with established women's organizations in partnership with local authorities in order to develop and implement policies on urban violence that specifically address the needs of women and the prevalence of violence against women in this environment. The women's organizations will identify risks and potential solutions, advocate for more effective anti-violence policies and participate in urban planning aimed at making the cities safer. They will launch sensitization campaigns and stage local interventions in order to educate the public and to decrease violence against women.



Featured Quotations and Link

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."
– Helen Keller

and

"The global financial crisis is forcing all of us to save and cut costs where we can. But our work for the women of the world must continue undiminished.... When you empower a woman, you empower a family.....when you empower a woman, you change the world." – UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon



Information about El Salvador & Guatemala:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/El_Salvador and <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guatemala>



YWPA – 2009 Winner!

Colorado Springs, CO, April 20, 2009... Sophie Thunberg of Cascade, CO was named the recipient of the 2009 Zonta Club of the Pikes Peak Area Young Women in Public Affairs Award.

The goal of the Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA) Program is to encourage more young women to participate in public and political life by recognizing a young woman's (age 16-20) commitment to the volunteer sector, evidence of volunteer leadership achievements and a dedication to the advancement of the status of women.

Applicants are asked to reflect on their voluntary commitment to their school and to their community and the problems limiting the advancement of the status of women in their own country and worldwide. The Zonta International Young Women in Public Affairs program looks to the young women of today for the leaders of tomorrow.

Ms. Thunberg was named *Zonta Club of the Pikes Peak Area Young Women in Public Affairs* recipient because she demonstrates a strong commitment to improving the lives of women and children through her studies in international relations. She hopes to work with children in developing countries with a focus on environmental sustainability efforts. Sophie believes that "our earth and children are the two most essential roots of society in preserving peace and wellness."

Sophie is a senior at Manitou Springs High School. She plans to begin her college studies at New York University in Paris, entering the Liberal Studies Program as a freshman in the fall of 2009.

Zonta International, with world headquarters in Chicago, IL, USA, is a global organization of executives and professionals working together to advance the status of women worldwide through service and advocacy. The Young Women in Public Affairs Award is one of many programs for women and girls sponsored by Zonta International. The Award is funded by voluntary contributions to the Zonta International Foundation.

Make the Connection!

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

Dates to Remember



May 4, 2009	Board Meeting
May 18, 2009	General Meeting
	<u>Fellowship:</u> 5:00 PM
	<u>Program:</u> 5:30 PM
June 1, 2009	Board Meeting
June 5-7	North American Inter-District Conference - Cleveland OH
June 15, 2009	General Meeting
	<u>Fellowship:</u> 5:00 PM
	<u>Program:</u> 5:30 PM
October 30-	
Nov. 1, 2009	District 12 Conference - Denver
2010	60 th ZI Convention, San Antonio TX
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A Success Story

On Saturday, March 7th, the Zonta Club of the Pikes Peak Area held its third annual **Glass Slipper Ball** and set a new record of 380 attendees while raising over \$16,000 for Zonta's service projects. \$11,000 will be devoted to local Zonta projects, including TESSA, the Women's Resource Agency, Women Partnering and to the Young Women in Public Service Award (an annual award to a local senior girl who demonstrates leadership skills and an interest in civic causes.) \$5,000 will be used to support the projects of Zonta International, whose mission and work strives to advance the status of women worldwide. These projects include the Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV in Rwanda, Safe Cities for Women in Guatemala and El Salvador, and Reduction of Obstetric Fistula in Liberia.

The black tie-optional event showcased the "**Best of the Pikes Peak Chefs**" from across the region. Guests chose from among a fabulous array of amazing culinary delights and voted for their favorite appetizers, desserts and centerpieces. 3 awards were presented to the winners. Those winners were:

- Best Appetizer: Greg Champagne of **Walter's Bistro** for his Asian Tuna Tartar with crispy wontons and soy glaze.
- Best Dessert: William Sherman of **Amuze Bistro** in Palmer Lake for Infused Chocolate Soup with Frangelica.
- Best Centerpiece: Jean Marie of **Jean Marie Floral Design** for her stunning arrangements resembling margaritas and other fancy cocktails.

Winners received a hand-painted 3-liter bottle of fine wine sponsored by Dirk Stamp of The Wine Seller. All chefs were presented with a lovely bottle of vodka, sponsored by **Snow Queen Vodka**, to thank them for participating in the Glass Slipper Ball.

KOAA-TV's gracious Susan Davies emceed the event, while popular local band "Gentle Rain" entertained the lively crowd. A silent and live auction topped off the night, and high bidders won fantastic items such as a gourmet dinner for eight prepared by our very own Zonta president, Laura Stamp, a week stay at a luxury vacation home in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico and a lovely citrine and pearl pendant necklace designed and hand-crafted by Michael Croddy, husband of club member, Liz Groothof Croddy.

A wonderful time was had by all at the gala affair, and it is time **now** to mark your calendars for the next fantastic Glass Slipper Ball – the 4th annual, to be held on January 30, 2010!

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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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