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## Zonta Club of Pikes Peak Area

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### Zonta International Strategies to Prevent Violence Against Women

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.

Beyond individual consequences, gender-based violence has public health and economic impacts, as businesses and public health systems often bear the costs of treating injuries related to violence against women and girls.

Violence against women takes many forms, including prenatal sex selection, female infanticide, female genital mutilation, sexual harassment, abuse and assault, dowry violence, honor killings, domestic violence, battering, marital rape, forced prostitution and trafficking.

Though gender-based violence takes many forms, it is deeply rooted in one source: **inequality.**

- ◆ Around the world, 1 in 3 women will suffer some form of violence in her lifetime, becoming part of an epidemic that devastates lives, fractures communities, and stalls development. *UNIFEM*
- ◆ In no country in the world are women safe from domestic and intimate violence. Half of the women who die from homicides are killed by their current or former husbands or partners. *UNIFEM*
- ◆ More than 2 million girls between the ages of 5 and 15 are trafficked, sold or coerced into prostitution each year. *UNFPA*
- ◆ Violence Against Women is both a cause and a consequence of rising rates of HIV infection. By December 2004 women accounted for 47% of all people living with HIV worldwide, and for 57% in sub-Saharan Africa. *UNAIDS/WHO*
- ◆ At least 130 million women have been forced to undergo Female Genital Circumcision. Another 2 million are at risk each year. *UNFPA*
- ◆ Large-scale, organized and systematic rape as a weapon of war has been documented in Liberia, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Sierra Leone, Cambodia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Rwanda, Peru, Somalia, Uganda and Sudan. *UNIFEM*

*From Zonta International*



## International Programs



*“Men, their rights,  
and nothing more;  
women, their rights,  
and nothing less.”*

– Susan B. Anthony

## ZISVAW Grants: 2008-2010 Funding

Project: Ending Violence Against Women in through Community Action (EVAWCA) in Cambodia

Funding: US\$100,000 to UN Trust Fund in Support of Actions to Eliminate Violence Against Women, Administered by UNIFEM

Cambodia is a country still struggling with the legacy of the Khmer Rouge and the culture of violence left in its wake. Women are considered by most to be inferior to men, with the saying “men are gold, women are cloth” describing their relative worth. Women are expected to be subservient to men in all situations, while many ideals of masculinity include aggressive and dominating behavior that all too often leads to violence. Women victims of violence are often blamed both by society and by themselves or are too ashamed to complain, and domestic violence is largely seen as a family problem not to be interfered in by outsiders. In 2005 Cambodia passed the Law on the Protection of Domestic Violence and Protection of Victims, but until traditional attitudes towards women and gender-based violence are changed, the law is largely not enforced and ineffective.

RESPONSE: Gender and Development for Cambodia (GAD/C) will work to change attitudes of society and to modify harmful behaviors through education and counseling. A research study will be undertaken to better understand current masculine ideals, specifically looking at the relationship between violence and masculinity in the rapidly changing Cambodian society. With a better understanding of how the ideals of masculinity lead to violence, Men’s Community Groups will be established to work directly with perpetrators and potential perpetrators. These groups will provide counseling and education in order to change harmful ideas and behaviors, changing the participants from perpetrators or potential perpetrators to non-violent male role models.

Women’s Community Groups will also be established to teach women that they have a right to live a life free from violence. Participants will be taught about their rights under the law and trained to advocate for them. The Groups will monitor the enforcement of laws against gender-based violence and work with their local authorities to ensure that laws are enforced as soon as violence against women occurs.

In addition to working to prevent violence, GAD/C will work with survivors, providing legal counseling and social services to help them come to terms with their experiences, to seek justice and to reintegrate themselves into society.

## Featured Quotation and Link

“Enslave the liberty of but one human being and the liberties of the world are put in peril. – William Lloyd Garrison

Information about the Second Annual Human Trafficking Awareness Symposium:

<http://HT-Colorado.org/>



## ZI Convention in 2010



June 25-30<sup>th</sup> 2010  
Opening ceremony  
is June 26<sup>th</sup>.  
Make your plans  
for San Antonio!

## Rocky Mountain Women's Film Festival

November 6-8, 2009

<http://rmwfilmfest.org>

719-226-0450

Borrow videos from previous years - available  
at no charge for local residents.

The Madelyn Osur Film Library is located at  
421 S. Tejon St., Suite 333.

## Dates to Remember



### 2009

September 14  
September 21

Board Meeting – Laura's home  
General Meeting – Crowne Plaza  
Fellowship: 5:00 PM

Program: 5:30 PM

October 7  
October 10

WRA Status of Women & Girls Tea  
Human Trafficking Awareness  
Symposium at YWAM Campus

October 12  
October 15

Board Meeting  
Nut Sales orders due

October 19

General Meeting

Oct 30-Nov 1

District 12 Conference – Denver

Nov 25-Dec 10

16 days of Activism Against  
Gender Violence

December 10

International Human Rights Day

### 2010

January 11  
January 30  
March 8

Amelia Earhart Day  
Glass Slipper Ball  
International Women's Day  
Zonta Rose Day

June 25-30

60<sup>th</sup> ZI Convention, San Antonio TX

### 2011

September 23-25

District 12 Conference-Rapid City

Make the Connection!

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



Zontians at  
work.

Can you  
identify  
what they  
are doing?

Who?  
When?  
Where?  
Why?.....





## Zonta Club of the Pikes Peak Area

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### "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.



## *The Glass Slipper Ball*

**January 30, 2010**

As long as I have been a member of Zonta I have been aware that our symbol is the yellow rose. I knew roses signify friendship too, but aside from international women's day on March 8<sup>th</sup> I did not get the connection. NOW I KNOW, and I wonder how many of you also know that... In the days of the suffrage movement, the leaders of our country wore a yellow rose in their lapel to show support for the women's right to vote, (A red rose indicated support of the opposition) and in 1984 the yellow rose was adopted as Zonta International's official symbol.

The Zonta Yellow Rose represents unity, joy, friendship, and caring for each other. Today we use the yellow rose to signify women's friendship and unity and we use it to honor those women who represent the best in all of us.

Do you know, really know, why you joined Zonta?

I know why I did, and it was only partly because I think we should all work to raise the status of women. It was at least in part because I wanted to develop friendships among women who I could respect. That would mean, women who had some qualities of self actualization, a track record of success, a motivation to be part of the world, a desire to make the world better, a willingness to share their time, a drive to give back, and the brains to make it all happen.

Surprise to me! Every woman I have met in Zonta, with whom I have taken the time to talk, has exhibited those characteristics.

*-Pam Sufak*



# Zonta International

*Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide*

## Pikes Peak Club 1949-2009 Celebrating 60 Years!

### **Find out more about Zonta:**

**[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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