



# Zonta Zephyr

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



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Roll up your sleeves and get on your  
dancing shoes!!



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



## International Programs



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

– Susan B. Anthony

## ZISVAW Grants: 2008-2010 Funding

Project: Combating Physical Violence Against Women and Supporting the Implementation of Protective and Anti-Discriminatory Laws and Policies in Egypt

Funding: US\$200,000 to UN Trust Fund in Support of Actions to Eliminate Violence Against Women, Administered by UNIFEM

While the Egyptian constitution states that women are equal to men and cannot be discriminated against, Egypt is still a country in which attitudes, laws and policies treat women as inferior. Fifty six percent (56%) of Egyptian women are illiterate, compared to only 33% of Egyptian men. Women account for only 21% of the labor force. Many women are forced into early marriage by family members, often their fathers, decreasing the chance of attaining an education and increasing the chance of early pregnancy and domestic violence.

These inequalities perpetuate a culture in which violence against women is considered common and acceptable. A 1995 survey among the most recent available due to a traditional lack of interest on the effects of domestic violence showed that 33% of women between the ages of 15 and 49 who have ever been married have been beaten by their husbands, a figure that increases to 40% for women between 15 and 19. Historically, religious and social ideals in Egypt have valued an obedient wife, and it is generally accepted that a man has the right to discipline his wife as and when he sees fit. This idea is so much a part of every day life that 70% of women surveyed believe that a man is justified in beating his wife if she talks back to him or refuses sex; 65% believed that talking with another man justified being beaten, while 26% felt the same about burning dinner.

RESPONSE: In order to successfully combat violence against women in Egypt, traditional attitudes regarding the role in society and the relative worth of women must be changed at every level. The Al Shehab Foundation for Comprehensive Development will begin working with legislators and legal professionals to raise awareness of women's rights and the obstacles that stand in the way of equality. Special attention will be paid to the legal system and the ways in which a domestic violence survivor's right to pursue justice is blocked.

Because so many women have been taught to believe that violence is an inevitable part of life, awareness raising campaigns will target vulnerable women with the message that violence is never acceptable. When more women are aware of their rights, more women will be able to pursue justice and to escape from dangerous situations.

The Al Shehab Foundation will also work directly with shelter workers and survivors of violence. Workers will be taught the importance of interactive listening, of understanding and emphasizing women's rights, and will be educated on the correlation between violence and HIV. Survivors will be given the legal, medical and psychological support they need, and will be taught how they can raise awareness in their own communities.

## Featured Links

Calling on Congress to Stop Genocide – <http://darfurscores.org>

and

The Shriver Report – A Women's Nation Changes Everything  
A study by Marie Shriver and the Center for American Progress

<http://www.awomansnation.com>



## 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!



### 2010

January 11	Amelia Earhart Day
January 30	Glass Slipper Ball
March 8	International Women's Day
	Zonta Rose Day
March 19-20	Area 2 Meeting - Laramie
March 26-27	Area 4 Meeting - Colorado Springs
April 10	Area 3 Meeting - Foothills
April 30	Area 1 Meeting - So. Black Hills
June 25-30	60 <sup>th</sup> ZI Convention, San Antonio TX
September 30- October 3	District 12 Conference - Laramie

Make the Connection!

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

### Zontians at work (and play)



Can you  
identify  
what they  
are doing?

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



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“ADVANCING  
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***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*

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**Zonta International**  
*Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide*

**Find out more about Zonta:**

**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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