



Do you know what this is? It is not just an old stamp.... The Zonta Club of the Pikes Peak Area made over 300 pins in 2004 for the International Conference.

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Scrapbook



Zonta Club of Pikes Peak Area

Member of Zonta International

Zonta International Service Program (ISP)

Helping women in developing countries has been a passion of Zontians since the organization was founded in 1919. Today, Zonta's International Service Program continues to help women in developing countries improve their legal, political, economic, educational and health status. Through funding from the Zonta International Foundation, the Program has provided training, education, health, sanitation, agricultural and micro-credit assistance to women, primarily through projects implemented by the agencies of the United Nations and other recognized non-governmental organizations.

Since 1923, Zonta has provided more than US\$11 million to projects benefiting more than 2 million women in 37 countries.

During the 2010-2012 Biennium, three projects are being supported by the International Service Program Fund:

- * Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission of HIV and Gender-Based Violence in Rwanda
Funding: US\$500,000 to UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund)

- * Safe Cities for Women Project in Guatemala City, Guatemala and San Salvador, El Salvador
Funding: US\$500,000 to UN Women (The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women)

- * Towards Elimination of Obstetric Fistula and the Reduction of Maternal and Newborn Mortality and Morbidity in Liberia
Funding: US\$500,000 to UNFPA (United Nations Population Fund)



District 12 Board featured on the ZI web site. [Pikes Peak members are in the tank tops!]

Who We Are

Founded in 1919, Zonta International is a global organization of executives and professionals working together to advance the status of women worldwide through service and advocacy. With more than 31,000 members belonging to more than 1,200 Zonta Clubs in 64 countries and geographic areas, Zontians all over the world volunteer their time, talents and support to local and international service projects, as well as scholarship programs aimed at fulfilling Zonta's mission and objectives.





Amber



Pat



Tara

Amazing New Z's by Pat M.

There are so many amazing women joining Zonta and I am having so much fun writing about them. In the July/August issue I wrote about six of our newer members who are leading awesome lives and want to help other women do the same. Below are the stories of three of our newest members. Prepare to be amazed again:

Amber B. is the leading attorney for Joseph Law Firm in Colorado Springs, specializing in immigration law. She earned her law degree from the University of Denver in December 2010 and passed the bar and received her license to practice in May 2011. But her history in the law profession didn't just begin. She earned a paralegal certificate in 1994, and worked for 16 years as a managing immigration paralegal for two different firms. So becoming an immigration attorney was a natural progression. Her original interest, however, was in environmental and international law, sparked by her fascination with the cooperation between nations to keep Antarctica's environment pristine for exploration and research by agreeing that no country will lay claim to this continent at the bottom of the world. She wanted to work to maintain these treaties and, she jokes, to save the penguins. She found out in college that she was not cut out for environmental law, though, after listening to cases on superfund sites that bored her. She had no plans to work in immigration law until, after receiving her paralegal certificate, a Philadelphia consulting firm offered her a job in that area. She has never looked back. "My work in immigration law", she says, "does allow me to dabble a little in international law since asylum and refugee law is based almost exclusively on international law." Also, her early work in immigration led her back to Antarctica. She learned there was a race between Chile and Argentina to give birth to the first Antarctic "citizen." Since treaties prohibit any country to claim sovereignty there, a child born in Antarctica would have to claim citizenship through sanguinity in the home country of his/her parents. She thinks Argentina won. Amber joined Zonta because she is interested in the work we do to stop human trafficking and the fund raising we do for women's causes. She became a member in May 2011.



Pat H-S spent her former career investigating property crimes and gang activity as a police officer and detective with the CSPD. When she retired from the police force and was looking for a new career, her daughter's panic attacks led her to a rather untraditional path. Observing her daughter's success in overcoming panic attacks through hypnotism, Pat enrolled in an intensive course and became a practicing hypnotherapist. For the last two years she has been helping people improve the quality of their lives by kicking habits, controlling emotions and overcoming phobias. "Hypnosis has so many applications", she says. "Lance Armstrong, as many golfers and other athletes, uses it to enhance performance. Many people have had success with weight loss and smoking cessation. I have had a lot of success helping people stop nighttime teeth grinding and also overcome anger management issues." Practicing hypnotherapy requires ongoing training and education. She is scheduled to attend an upcoming course on fertility treatment with an instructor who has helped over 600 couples conceive. "I am very excited about finding new ways to use my skills", she says. It is obvious that Pat enjoys helping people. She joined Zonta to belong to a group of women who help other women succeed in realizing their dreams. She became a member in June 2010.

Tara N. is a high net worth financial advisor with million dollar clients who spent the first 12 years of her life without running water. "We had a two-seater outhouse", she says, "and it wasn't until I went to public school that I learned #2 wasn't a social affair." She has come a long way since then. She graduated from the US Air Force Academy in 1994 and spent several years in the Air Force, flying C-130 aircraft in combat zones, managing logistical systems and teaching biology to Air Force cadets. Along the way she obtained an MBA from the University of West Florida and an MS from Colorado State University. Tara separated from military service and, after apprenticing with several firms, developed her own business helping high-income earners, especially women, make wise financial investments designed to build wealth and a secure future. But she had a lifelong dream that is now being realized. She and her two horses compete in dressage, an equestrian sport that requires horse and rider to pass tests on a series of skills in show competitions. She happily lives on a farm in Peyton with her husband, horses and barn cats. Tara became a member of Zonta in June 2011. She joined the PR committee and will be the editor of the Zonta Zephyr starting with the Nov/Dec edition.



Book Review by Pat M

Nomad – From Islam to America by Ayaan Hirsi - Ali Free Press 2010

Ayaan Hirsi Ali is still angering the Muslim world (she has lived with bodyguards due to numerous death threats) with her scathing criticisms of the oppression of Muslim women. In her first memoir, Infidel, she places blame for the atrocities committed against Muslim women squarely on the shoulders of Islam itself, not just radical interpretations of the religion. She criticizes the Koran, the Prophet, even Allah for advocating violence against women and promoting the idea of male superiority. In her latest memoir, Nomad, she continues this train of thought and also brings attention to honor killings and the inferior treatment of Muslim immigrant women in Western countries. She warns against cultural relativism, the premise that cultures are different but equal, liberal thinking that she says fails to take into account that some cultures are inferior to others and not worth preserving. She also calls on American feminists, who she says have largely achieved their goals in the Western world, to help their Muslim sisters achieve equality for the sake of world peace. She believes that until there is a change in the relations between Muslim men and women, Muslim countries and communities will remain backward and unable to enter the modern world, perpetuating the conflict between cultures.

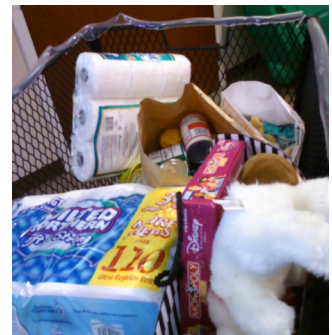
Here I've only covered her overriding themes. Ms. Ali weaves the story of her life in Somalia, Saudi Arabia, Ethiopia, Kenya, Holland and the United States into her composition. She describes her evolution from oppressed Muslim girl and woman, who fled from an arranged marriage to woman's rights activist, member of the Dutch parliament, post-9/11 apostate of the Muslim faith and conservative think tank employee in America. Nomad is a must-read for Zontians (so is Infidel) partly because Ms. Ali's compelling life story gives us insight into the plight of women in the Muslim culture and partly because she has proposed solutions. Even if we do not agree with her solutions, or her indictment of the Muslim faith, her passion and radicalism provoke us to think about the problem and contemplate action.

**2011 Zonta Pikes Peak Area Calendar**

September 7	Business Meeting 5:30pm
September 17	Yoga for Congo Women-Denver
September 19	Program Meeting 5:30pm
September 23-25	District 12 Conference – Rapid City
October 1	Race for Freedom 5K
October 5	Business Meeting 5:30pm
October 15-16	Women's Living Expo
October 17	Program Meeting 5:30pm
October 22	Human Trafficking Symposium
October 26	Screening of "Happy"
November 9	Business Meeting 5:30pm
November 21	Program Meeting 5:30pm
December 4	Holiday Gathering
January 28, 2012	6 th Annual Glass Slipper Ball
July 7-12, 2012	Zonta International Convention Torino, Italy

Zonta partners with TESSA

In July the club collected needed items for the TESSA Safehouse. We have made a commitment to adopt a shelf at the safe house. The list of items needed range from canned fruit, toilet paper, and paper towels, cereal, soup (any kind) and noodles.



Angie Hackett, TESSA Safehouse Operations Coordinator, commented in an email, "Thank you so much for adopting one of our Pantry shelves. The clients have enjoyed the canned goods, pasta, and other treats you have provided." Service takes on all different shapes and experiences and this is just another amazing opportunity. We will be taking donations at the September business meeting and program meetings. Stock up when you find a good bargain and tuck one away for the Safehouse!

—Debbie M

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July 2011: Traveling Zontian, Dee Nelson, distributing supplies to school children in Peru.



YWPA Information and Application for 2012
is now on our web site.

<http://zontapikespeak.org/ywpa.html>



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.

Find out more about Zonta:

ZontaPikesPeak.org

Member Information

Nearly 31,000 members belong to more than 1,200 Zonta Clubs in 66 countries.

Fulfilling our mission locally and globally.

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