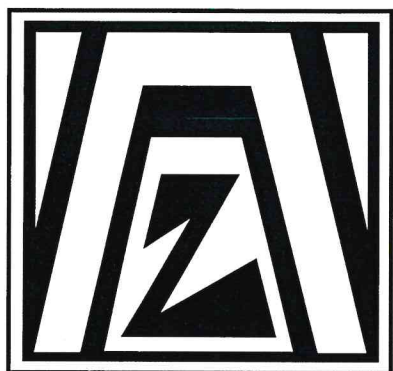


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Join us June 4, 2020 for our Zoom Gala Awards Event!



Celebrating 100 years of empowering women



June - August 2020

***Welcome to the Pikes Peak Area Zonta Club
Quarterly Newsletter,
your source of information and inspiration
throughout the Zonta Year!***

**In the summer of 2020, Zonta International
celebrates our 100th anniversary!**

In this edition of the Quarterly Newsletter:

Zonta Pikes Peak's Awards and Scholarships for 2020

Our 2020 Zontian of the Year!

Shannon Rowan Fund and Fostering Hope

Helping girls in Ethiopia through Trampled Rose

He for She 2020 Award

They for She 2020 Award

In Memoriam: Women's STEM Committee

Backpacks for victims of human trafficking

President's Corner

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Join us June 4 from 6:00 - 7:30 pm

via Zoom for our annual

Gala Awards evening!

Send an email to [info@zontapikespeak](mailto:info@zontapikespeak.org)

to receive your invitation link.

**The Zonta of the Pikes Peak Area Foundation
is proud to announce**

**\$20,000 in awards and scholarship
funds raised in the 2019-2020 Zonta Year!**

Local award recipients include:

**The Human Trafficking Task Force
of Southern Colorado**

**Zonta Wings: Funds used to assist trafficking
victims escape their circumstances**

Leadership Pikes Peak:

Women's Community Leadership Program

**Fostering Hope's program to assist
young women aging out of the
foster care program
Funded through
The Shannon Rowan Memorial Fund**

**Adelante Mujer:
Assisting young Latina women achieve through
higher education, career growth, and
cultural leadership**

**Karen Possehl Women's Endowment:
Awarded to a non-traditional student at UCCS**

**Zonta's Jane M. Klausman Women in Business
Scholarship**

Zonta's Women in Technology Scholarship

Zonta's Young Woman in Public Affairs Grant

International awards include:

Zonta's Amelia Earhart Fellowship

**Trampled Rose:
Assisting girls and women
in Ethiopia**

**Zonta International Service Projects, assisting
girls and women around the globe**

In addition, these honors:

**He For She Award
They For She Award
Zonta Pikes Peak's Zontian of the Year**



Berni Manning, Vice President of Zonta Pikes Peak, Linda Pash, and other club members filled backpacks with toiletries and other necessities to help victims of human trafficking at "An Impactful Luncheon" earlier this year. Sponsored by the Woman's Club of Colorado Springs, this service project benefited Restore Innocence.

President's Corner

As a career professional and a member of Zonta for over thirty years, I have always referred to our Pikes Peak Area Zonta Club as simply "Zonta Pikes Peak," avoiding the word "club" in favor of highlighting the more lofty and professional aspects of Zonta International: an alliance of women in the business and the professions; a women's advocacy group; a local and international service organization. Sometimes others have reinforced that choice, demanding to know what someone will "get" in exchange for the yearly dues we pay.

This year's pandemic has brought me to reflect on my choice of labels.

We are, ultimately, a club.

And today I embrace our "clubiness."

We get nothing from our dues other than a chance to join with thousands of women around the world to help other women. Our voices and our dues, donations, and service hours make a difference in our communities and around the globe for others.

We take pride in monthly programs with interesting speakers, and in having established local grassroots committees such as the Human Trafficking Task Force of Southern Colorado, the International Women's Day - Colorado Springs annual celebration, and the Women's STEM Careers - Southern Colorado programs, to be sure.

And yes, we are a club!

We're a group of women (and sometimes men) who gather together once a month or so to focus on our cause, and who develop rich friendships along the

way. We support each other, as friends, in times of crisis. We become interested in each other's interests. We spread each other's good news. We mourn the loss of beloved fellow Zontians or their family members. We make a phone call or send a note to let a fellow club member know she is not forgotten. We post photos. We ask for help from other friends and our families. We celebrate triumphs, such as the awards and scholarships we are announcing June 4. We line up for the "gauntlet" of hugs when we induct new members and install officers... or sometimes just because we need a hug.

Because it's really about the relationships we develop along the way.

And it's a privilege to be there for each other and to have a chance to meet women around the planet who believe in the same cause we do: empowering women through service and advocacy.

Liz Groothof Croddy
President of the Zonta Club of the Pikes Peak Area



**Congratulations to our
2020 Zontian of the Year, Susie Nulty!**

Susie's introduction to Zonta came from fellow reading group member and walking partner, Kris Wells. After helping wrap table favors for a Zonta Fashion Show (yes, we used to do those!) and attending several Zonta functions, Susie felt it was time to join the Pikes Peak Area Club. Since 1996 she has served as Director, Secretary, Newsletter Editor, Foundation Board Member and Webmaster - for our club and the entire District 12! Susie loves the mission of Zonta, one that can be supported by all women throughout the world.

Susie's peers recognize her for her role as Club Historian, documenting our work through the local Pikes Peak library district archives at the Penrose Library, and taking photos of our events and thoughtfully sharing them with her sister Zontians. She is instrumental in putting on our annual Pikes Peak Trivia Night, which entails much paperwork and coordination - including setting up the Zonta kitchen and delivering the food! She organizes several other fundraisers, as well, including our new endeavor at the Holiday World Market. She does everything cheerfully and with great love and care. She adds a special touch with her eye for details, such as our club anniversary souvenirs adorned with vintage pennies in commemoration of our 70th (Pikes Peak) and 100th (Zonta International) celebrations this year.

Thank you, Susie, for your many years of service!

Photos above: Susie with Kris Wells and Betty Edwards; Susie with Debbie Manzanares

Photos below: Susie Nulty; Susie with Melissa Marts



Trampled Rosse



**This past fall, Zonta Pikes Peak
dedicated our Giving Tuesday fundraiser to
Trampled Rose in Ethiopia.**

**We thank Sharon Roggy in putting together this
campaign and coordinating with Trampled Rose
Founder Becky Kiser in arranging for a Silent Auction
and a Fireside Chat in Colorado Springs! We also thank
all who contributed to this worthy cause in any way!**

Here's what Becky shares with us:

Dear Zonta,

***Thank you for all your help over all these years. You were
one of the first believers and encouragers in Trampled Rose's
piece of helping women and girls around the world.***

***Although we are located in Colorado Springs, our work is
done in rural Ethiopia. This work began with providing, over
four years, 1500 women and girls with surgery to recover
from obstetric fistula. We brought them help... and hope.***

***Now that laws and cultures have changed, thus reducing
fistula, we are able to put our focus on keeping girls in***

school, thereby contributing to the reduction of poverty by providing direct support for shelter, food, a required school uniform, and school supplies. About eight percent of our supported girls live nine hours away from the closest high school; most are orphans, and many are disabled. You helped crush the boulders on their path and enabled them to run their own race to success.

This year you helped us empower close to 400 girls. Many from your previous years' help are now graduating from universities with degrees in medicine, accounting, engineering, management, and many more. In the words of one of our girls, "you think you have helped change my life, but in reality, you have helped change the direction of my generations."

You truly have helped change their lives forever!



Our Shannon Rowan Memorial Fund is designated to assist young women aging out of the foster care system in our area. For the past two years, Fostering Hope has been entrusted with continuing Shannon's dream into the future.

Fostering Hope shared these words with us:

Fostering Hope is an enduring community of affirmation and support for foster families, restoring the sense of family and belonging that children in foster care need to thrive.

We exist so that:

*§ foster parents can be at their best,
§ children who have experienced the trauma of abuse and
neglect can heal, and
§ young adults can become the productive citizens they were
meant to be.*

*We believe in the primacy of relationships and the power of
unconditional love. Through the loving service of our staff,
volunteers, and donors we help foster parents*

*§ stabilize the home environment,
§ enrich the life experience of their children, and
§ connect them to the larger community as they grow into
adulthood.*

**Thank you Fostering Hope, for your work in
our community!**

FOSTERING
Hope

[Click here to donate to the Shannon Rowan Fund](#)

**Congratulations to our
2020 #HeForShe Award honoree
Jay Billups of Jay Billups Creative Designs
for his outstanding service to our club in support of
our International Women's Day Celebration!**

<https://www.jbcreativemedia.com/>





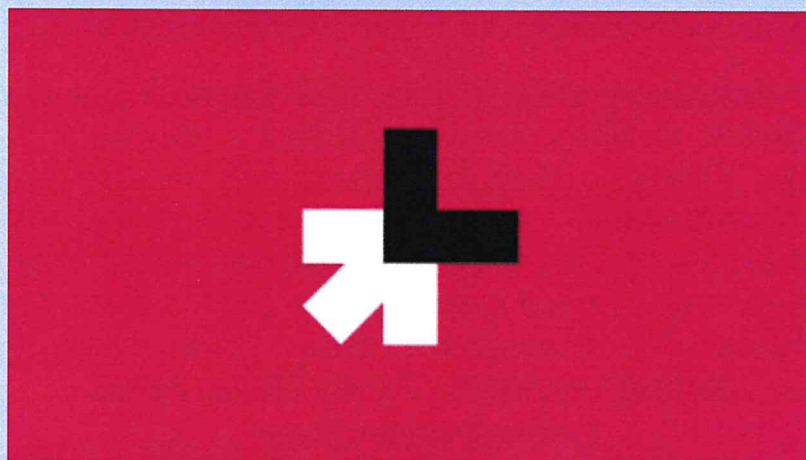
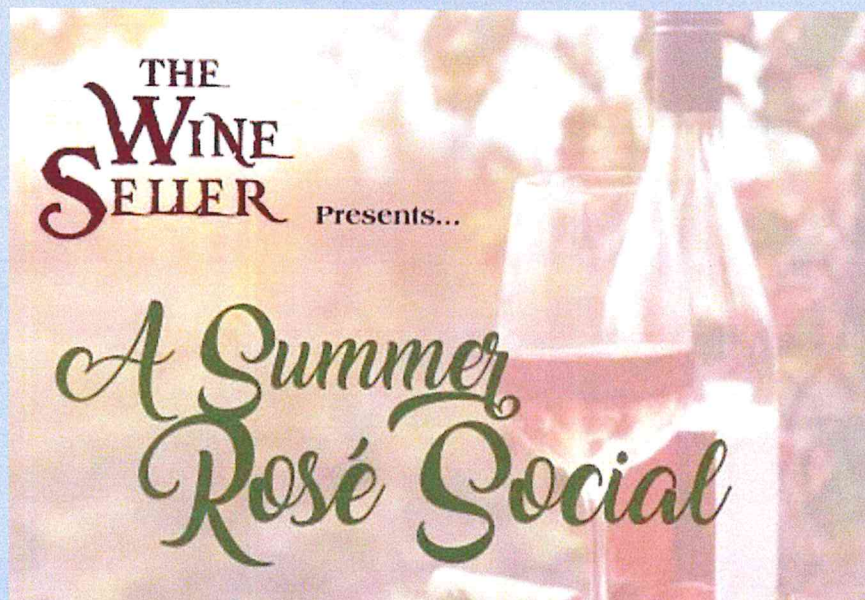
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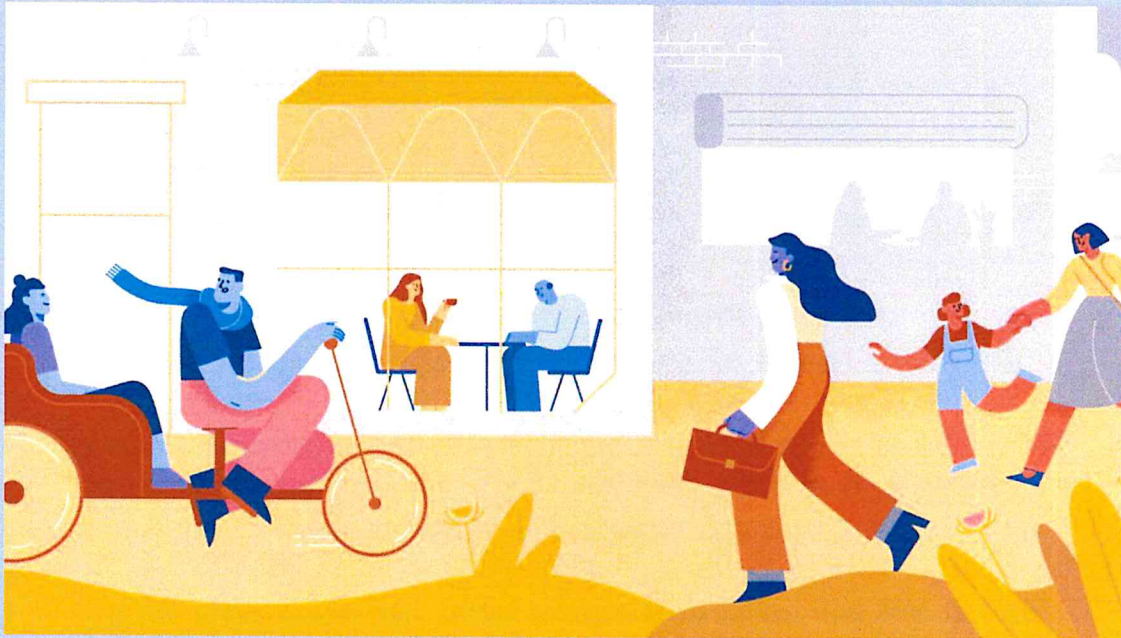
Congratulations also to Dirk and Laura Stamp of The Wine Seller in Monument, Colorado, recipients of our special #TheyForShe 2020 award in recognition for their outstanding service to our club throughout the years! Dirk and Laura support our annual Pikes Peak Trivia Night event generously, and in 2019 they dedicated the proceeds of their "A Summer Rosé Social" event to Zonta Pikes Peak!

<http://thewineseller.net/>



In Memoriam

*We shall continue our work in memory of
our dear Angela Melançon,
co-founder of our
Women's STEM Careers - Southern Colorado
grassroots committee, who passed away
May 5, 2020*



Follow the Women's STEM Careers - Southern Colorado at this link!



Join the Friends of Zonta Group!
Are you a friend of Zonta who wishes to do a bit more?

Who: We are a group of persons who like attending Zonta's meetings and events, and who would like to know of hands-on opportunities to help others.

What: We will send you a note when we need your help. There will be no dues to pay, and it will be up to you which events or causes you'd like to help us with.

Interested? If you'd like to help us, please send us an email at info@zontapikespeak.org

***As always, thank you for your support of
Zonta of the Pikes Peak Area,
empowering women through service and advocacy!***



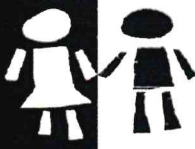
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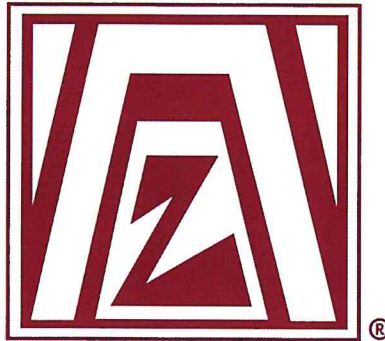


International Women's Day | March 8th



[Click here to learn about our annual International Women's Day event](#)

[Click here for the latest news from the Human Trafficking Task Force](#)



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