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EMPOWERING WOMEN
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

June 2023

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

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

WOW! Two years as Zonta PPA's President is nearly over! I am grateful to the Board, the Foundation and our Members for their support, input and

contributions. **THANK YOU!**

We have successfully been able to support women and girls by awarding monies and time to numerous organizations that provided scholarships, leadership training, assisting domestic abuse survivors in the Native American community, assisting financially vulnerable women and their families, Human Trafficking victims and more!

Zonta PPA is currently working on the club's business strategy. The members were consulted on the areas to concentrate our efforts going forward. A strategy will be formulated for what to achieve in the upcoming year and beyond. This is such an exciting time for our club. The incoming board will be needing everyone's support so we can continue to achieve GREAT things!

Thank you to ALL for what you have done and for what we as a club will achieve going forward.

Bernadine (Berni) Manning

**Live beautifully.
Surround yourself with things you love.**

PPA Zontians, we need your input at our final business strategy meeting for this year! We will review the areas of focus where our group wants to make a difference, discuss which projects we will focus on in those areas, have a discussion (and possibly votes) on our fundraising strategies, and prep for the July social meeting. Current Zonta Pikes Peak members and persons interested in joining our club are cordially requested to reserve a spot by May 29, 5:00 pm at [THIS LINK](#):

*Details: Zonta Pikes Peak Business Strategy Dinner Meeting, part 3
Thursday, June 1, 2023 ~ 6:00 to 8:00 pm MDT
Texas T-Bone Steakhouse at 5245 North Academy Boulevard*

Attend our June 1 Zonta PPA Business Strategy Dinner Meeting





Sunday, July 2 from 2:00 to 5:00 pm
\$50 per person

The Wine Seller will donate a portion of the proceeds to support the Zonta Club of the Pikes Peak Area, a leading local and global charity organization of professionals empowering women worldwide to advance the status of women and serve their community.

Tickets Available at www.thewineseller.net or call 719-488-3019

All friends, followers, and fans of excellent wines are invited
to the return of the wonderful Summer Rosé Social!
Thank you to Dirk Stamp at the Wine Seller for hosting this fabulous event!

Many thanks to the 2022-2023 Zonta Pikes Peak Area Board!

Berni Manning · President

Samantha Bruzan · Vice President

Diane Riggs · Treasurer
Liz Killen-Scott · Secretary
Elaine Naleski · Director
Janet Stoddard · Director



Congratulations to our Zonta Pikes Peak
2023 Zontians of the Year, Bernadine Manning and Karen Malabre!

In May the Zonta Club of the Pikes Peak Area honored a variety of organizations and individuals in our community at our annual Awards Banquet. These included:

Fostering Hope, which supports foster parents and helps teens transition into adulthood, through our Shannon Rowan Memorial Fund. fosteringhopefoundation.org

Haseya Advocate Program, serving Indigenous survivors of domestic and sexual violence in the Colorado Springs region. www.haseya.org

Human Trafficking Task Force of Southern Colorado, whose mission is to prevent labor and sex trafficking through awareness and advocacy, intervene in the human trafficking cycle through collaboration with individuals, agencies and organizations, and connect those impacted by modern-day slavery to restorative resources. ht-colorado.org

Karen Possehl Women's Endowment, financial assistance and mentor support for nontraditional UCCS students who are starting or returning to college after having overcome significant personal adversity. kpwe.uccs.edu

Leadership Pikes Peak's Women's Community Leadership Initiative, designed for women from low-to-moderate income backgrounds. leadershippikespeak.org

Women Partnering, a network of women from diverse backgrounds who respond to the unmet needs of financially vulnerable women and children in the Colorado Springs area. stfrancis.org/wp

We also honored **Trampled Rose** (Ethiopia) whose mission is to keep girls in school, while providing each girl dignity, freedom and love along the way. Trampled Rose was founded by Colorado Springs' own Becky Kiser, whose first mission in the country was to eradicate obstetric fistula. www.trampledrose.org (To contribute to our "Pencil Drive" to assist girls participating in the "There is Greatness in You" workshops, please scroll down to [HERE](#).)

Our **#HeForShe 2023 Award Winner** is **Howard Black**, founder and past director of DVERT (Domestic Violence Enhanced Response Team), board chair of CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children), and retired officer and spokesperson for the Colorado Springs Police Department, whom we recognized for his advocacy for women and children in our community. We also recognize him for his contribution to the book *Domestic Violence: Tragedy and Hope*, by Zonta friend and member Fran Pilch.

And our two **Zontians of the Year**, *Bernadine Manning* (Club President 2021-2023) and *Karen Malabre* (Chair, Membership Committee).

Congratulations to all and thank you for your service and advocacy for women and girls in our community and everywhere!

In addition, roughly a third of the funds we raise goes to the **Zonta Rose Fund**, which funds various Zonta International Projects and scholarships. These include:

Adolescent Girls' Health and Protection (Peru)

Engaging Girls on Climate Change (Madagascar)

Strengthening Services for Survivors of Gender-Based Violence (Papua New Guinea and Timor-Leste)

Ending Child Marriage (around the planet, with a current focus on 12 countries in Africa and Asia) and these Zonta International grants:

The **Amelia Earhart Fellowship** for women pursuing advanced studies in aerospace engineering and space sciences.

The **Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship**

The **Women in STEM Scholarship**

The **Young Women in Public Affairs Award**

We invite you to read about Zonta International's Projects and Grants at www.zonta.org.

Welcome Zonta PPA Board 2023-2024!

Lisa Rice · President
Karen Malabre · Vice-President
Diane Riggs · Treasurer
Carmelita Hughes · Secretary
Samantha Bruzan · Development Director
Janet Stoddard · Director
Susan Saksa · Director



This month Pikes Peak Zonta recognized Betty Edwards for her service to the community with our honorary membership award. As past president of Zonta Pikes Peak and Past District 12 Governor, as well as founder of the Human Trafficking Task Force of Southern Colorado, last year she was recognized as an Emeritus Member for her numerous contributions to Zonta.

Thank you, Betty, for your lifelong dedication to building a better world for women and girls!

WHAT IS ZONTA ABOUT?

by Pat Meyer

True or False:

1. The 5 biennium goals set out by Zonta International for 2022-2024 are:

- Stand Out for Gender Equality
- Represent Global Citizenship
- Develop Future Leaders
- Celebrate Ourselves
- Position Zonta for the Future

2. The goal I wrote about in our Spring 2023 Quarterly was **Stand Out for Gender Equality**.

3. Zonta PPA should be aligning itself with the biennium goals and then working on them at a local level.

If you answered true to all of the above, you were correct!

In this newsletter I will be tackling the second goal:

Represent Global Citizenship.

First, what exactly is Global Citizenship? The UN defines it as “the umbrella term for social, political, environmental and economic actions of globally-minded individuals and communities on a worldwide scale. The term can refer to the belief that individuals are members of multiple, diverse, local and non-local networks rather than single actors affecting isolated societies.” What better typifies the network of Zonta members or Zonta’s vision?

Our club has done well supporting most of Zonta international’s programs, with examples below:

1. Zonta PPA gives, as expected, 1/3 of our funds each year to the Zonta Foundation for Women. Funds support worldwide programs to empower women.
2. We have supported the effort to stop the harmful practice of child marriage. In 2018, I, as a representative of the Service and Advocacy Committee, wrote letters to our state legislators regarding a bill that supported setting a minimum marriage age, with previously no minimum age. We suggested the age of 18, but legislators passed the bill with 16 as the minimum marriage age. It’s a step in the right direction.

3. Supporting the ZI statement on Climate Change: A Gender Equality Issue

5. Supporting the ZI statement on Climate Change: A Gender Equality Issue - the Zonta Says Now Project was launched by Zonta District 12 to raise awareness and inform Zontians of the ways in which climate change will disproportionately affect women throughout the world, and two of our PPA members are active members on their AEGE (Action for Environment and Gender Equality). Liz Groothof Croddy manages the Zonta Says NOW - District 12 Facebook page, and has presented at two area meetings (2022 and 2023), as well as to our club, on the topic, and Susie Nulty manages the District 12 website, which includes collecting an ever growing selection of articles, links, books, and more, on the Zonta Says NOW page, which you can find at this [LINK](#).

Here are two other international causes that we should do a better job of supporting:

1. Support the Zonta Says No to Violence Against Women campaign by participating in the 16 Days of Activism from November 25-December 10 of each year. We could undertake local projects that might include participating in **Orange the World** (see this [LINK](#)), or partnering with local domestic violence organizations on a project. Let's come up with other ideas.
2. Zonta International would like to see 75% of their clubs submit one example of a local service or charitable effort to the **Share Your Story** platform for amplification out to the Zonta world. For example, Lynette Jones submitted an article on our #ZWIC (Zonta Women in Careers) program, which ZI published (read it [HERE](#)) !

Let's get to work!

Next newsletter: Develop Future Leaders

[Link to the Zonta of the Pikes Peak Area website](#)





Friends of Zonta, consider joining our membership this year!
Email us at info@zontapikespeak.org to find out more!

2023

WOMEN IN STEM SCHOLARSHIP



Encouraging women to pursue education, career opportunities and leadership roles in STEM fields

zonta.org/womeninSTEM

Science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields are vital to addressing certain global challenges. However, women are still largely underrepresented in STEM fields. In 2017, only 30% of students starting bachelor's programs in STEM were women, according to UNESCO.

Zonta International is addressing this issue with the Women in STEM Scholarship, which encourages women to pursue education, career opportunities and leadership roles in STEM fields.

Materials for the 2023 Women in STEM Scholarship, including the application, are now available at [THIS LINK](#).

Interested in applying for the Zonta Women in STEM Scholarship?

The process begins by applying to your local club - if you live in the Colorado Springs area, it is Zonta Pikes Peak. Our award winner will then be sent on to District 12, and one District 12 winner will be submitted to Zonta International.

Application due date to Zonta Pikes Peak: May 31, 2023

Click this [LINK](#) to begin the process!

Read more about ZI Women in STEM at this [LINK](#)!

Follow the Women's STEM Careers of Southern Colorado at our Facebook page!

Our mission is to enlighten women in southern Colorado regarding careers and vocations in the disciplines of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math.

Stay tuned for 2023 activities! Click this [LINK](#) to follow us!

Wish to join us? This grassroots committee is open to anyone in the area! Currently we are meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, at 6:30 pm, via Zoom.

Email us at info@zontapikespeak.org to learn more!

Women's STEM Careers of

Southern Colorado



GENDER EQUALITY TODAY FOR A SUSTAINABLE TOMORROW



Zonta Says NOW - District 12

Inspired by Zonta International's focus on how climate change impacts the lives of women and girls, and by the #ZontaSaysNOW campaign initiated by Zonta District 23 (Northern Territory, South Australia, Tasmania, Victoria and Western Australia), we are working on climate issues in District 12 through our

AEGE (Action for Environment and Gender Equality) Committee.

Visit our website at this [LINK](#) to access a wide variety of materials and links.

Follow us at this [LINK](#) on Facebook!

#AEGE

Zonta D12 Action for Environment and Gender Equality

Read more about Zonta International and how climate change affects the lives of women and girls at this [LINK](#).

Zonta Says NOW! to Action for the Environment and Gender Equality



"I could hand you a braid of sweetgrass, as thick and shining as the plait that hung down my grandmother's back. But it is not mine to give, nor yours to take. *Wiingaashk* belongs to herself."

*So I offer, in its place, a braid of stories
meant to heal our relationship to the world.*

This month Anna Brewer of the Zonta Club of Billings and a member of the Blackfeet Tribe of Northern Montana presented our latest Online Book Club chat on the beautiful and inspiring book by Robin Wall Kimmerer, a botanist and a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants*. We invite you to read about her work at her webpage at this [LINK](#). Note that a new publication, *Braiding Sweetgrass for Young Adults*, is now available for purchase! The chat was attended by Zontians and friends, and co-hosted by the AEGE (Action for Environment and Gender Equality) Committee of Zonta Says NOW - District 12 and the grassroots committee sponsored by Zonta Pikes Peak, Women's STEM Careers of Southern Colorado.



Action for Environment & Gender Equality Committee Newsletter 2023

Announcement:

The District 12 AEGE committee is launching a Climate Action Award. All D12 Zontians working on gender-equal climate action projects will be encouraged to apply for one of two awards per year. *Details are coming soon - stay tuned*





Recommended reading:

All We Can Save by Ayana Johnson and Katherine Wilkinson
Invisible Women: Exposing Data Bias in a World Designed by Men
 by Caroline Perez
Braiding Sweetgrass by Robin Wall Kimerer
The Climate Book by Greta Thunberg



Zonta International launches Zonta Says NOW



Visit Zonta.org
under 'Our Causes'

Follow our work on Facebook at Zonta Says NOW - District 12.
Delve into our research and links at our District 12
webpage: zontadistrict12.org/zonta-says-now

BUY THIS, NOT THAT

Earth Friendly products





Reusable cotton rounds



Reusable paper towels

**...Or make your own reusables
and don't forget to use cloth shopping bags**



**Can you think of an earth-friendly product
to use as a club fundraiser?**

Discover more ideas and read topics pertinent to our District 12 (Colorado, Montana, South Dakota, Wyoming) and elevating the voices of women, including indigenous women, here and everywhere at our Facebook page: [Zonta Says NOW - District 12](#)

Build a Better World for Women and Girls



Save the Date!

**August 3 - Dinner Program
Meeting
featuring
Women Partnering
of Colorado Springs**

Learn more about their program

at this [LINK](#)

Get involved! Volunteers are needed!

Speak Spanish?

Volunteer interpreters are also needed!



Colored Pencil Drive



for Girls



The Trampled Rose Program provides support to almost 400 girls in Ethiopia making it possible for them to stay in school. Many of these girls had never seen colored pencils until Becky Kiser introduced them during a workshop entitled ***There is Greatness in You***. We would like to provide a small box of pencils and a pencil sharpener for each of the girls to encourage the creativity and joy that a simple gift such as this can bring. The cost is \$2.60 USD per girl and our goal is \$1,100.



Three Ways to Donate:

1. Online at zontapikespeak.org (Use the Donate button at the bottom of the home page. Indicate "Pencil Drive" in the Special Instructions field)
2. Check made payable to Zonta Pikes Peak mailed to P.O. Box 7924, Colorado Springs, CO 80933
3. Cash or check to Sharon Roggy at the monthly Zonta meeting on Thursday, June 1st at 6:00 pm at Texas T-Bone Steakhouse, Colorado Springs, CO 80918

The above "Pencil Drive" is being conducted by Pikes Peak Zonta's Service and Advocacy Committee. This is a project of the heart rather than a basic need, but one that we felt strongly was worthy of our efforts in order to bring a little joy into the lives of girls, who not only are incredulous at the

possibility of actually owning their own colored pencils, but most importantly are working so diligently to get the education they need to improve their lives, those of their families and even their country.



Email us regarding membership at info@zontapikespeak.org!

[Click to learn more about Zonta District 12 Members and Events](#)

[Click to learn more about Zonta International](#)





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**Human Trafficking
Task Force**
of Southern Colorado


International Women's Day | March 8th

Below, from left to right:

Links to the Facebook pages for Zonta Pike's Peak (1)
and International Women's Day - Colorado Springs (2),
plus Women's STEM Careers of Southern Colorado (3).



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