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Say NO to violence
against women
and girls

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Fall 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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October 7 Human Trafficking Symposium 2023

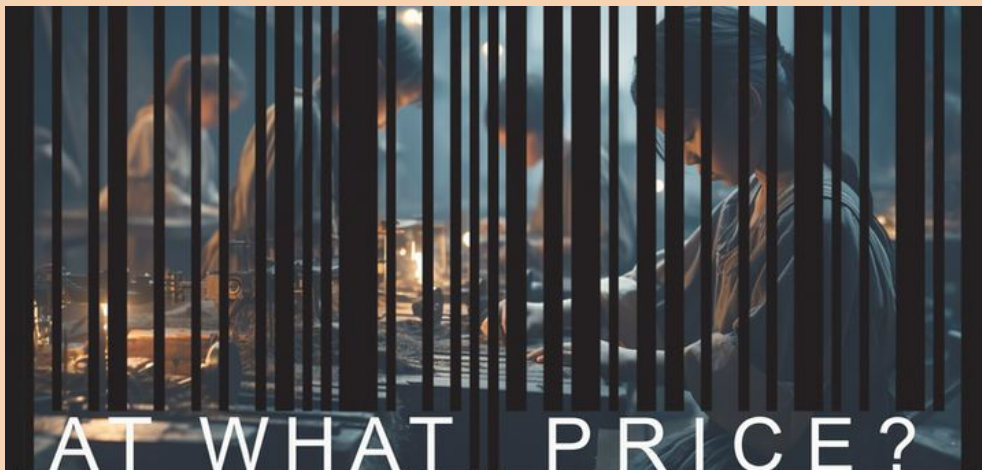
Save the date! Contribute! Fall 2023 fundraisers

Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women and Girls

Zonta Says NOW: Action for Environment and Gender Equality

Zonta's Women in STEM Scholarship news

Get involved! Sign up for Zonta's Fast Action Friday!



"At What Price? Exploitation in our Supply Chains" will be the theme of the 16th Annual Human Trafficking Task Force Symposium. As concerned citizens and consumers, it is important to be aware of the source of the goods we buy and foods we eat. Clothing, chocolate, electric car batteries - all of these often cost more than the price tags we see in stores. The symposium will look into the issues of child labor, slave labor, and human trafficking in our global supply chains.

Register now for this free event, to be held on
Saturday, October 7th, 2023 at the
Boot Barn Hall
13071 Bass Pro Drive Colorado Springs, CO 80921

[Click to attend the 2023 Human Trafficking Symposium](#)

Read more about the topic: Kevin Bales' "Blood and Earth: Modern Slavery, Ecocide, and the Secret to Saving the World"



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THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

Zonta Pikes Peak
is a proud supporter
of the 2023

Human Trafficking Symposium

Saturday, October 7th, 2023

Boot Barn Hall

13071 Bass Pro Drive Colorado Springs, CO 80921

Please drop by our table at the event!



"Zonta envisions a world where no woman lives in fear of violence. Through the Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women campaign, our members and allies stand together, uniting our voices to advocate for all those who have suffered gender-based violence. Zonta is needed now, more than ever, to continue its work to end violence and build a better world for women and girls."

– Ute Scholz, Zonta International President

During the 16 Days of Activism, 25 November-10 December, Zontians and our supporters take part in the Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women campaign. All are encouraged to take local, national and international actions to influence the making and implementation of laws, as well as changing gender-based attitudes and behaviors to end violence against women.

25 NOV - International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

10 DEC - Human Rights Day

Get the facts at this [LINK](#) .

VIOLENCE ON CAMPUS

1 in 5 women
and
1 in 16 men

in the United States are targets of attempted or completed sexual assault while they are college students.



9 in 10 campus sexual assault survivors knew the perpetrator.



Only **12%** report the crime




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Data from knowyour.org


Cyber violence against women and girls

Violent online behavior ranges from online harassment and public shaming to the desire to inflict physical harm including sexual assaults, murders and induced suicides. With more access than ever to the internet, cyber violence against women and girls (cyber VAWG) has taken on a global dimension.


73% of women are abused online




Women aged 18-24 are at a heightened risk of cyber VAWG



In Europe, 9 million women have experienced a serious form of cyber VAWG since the age of 15



In the U.S., women are **27 times** more likely to be abused online than men



Source: Networked Intelligence for Development 2015

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ZONTA SAYS NO TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN



Violence against women and girls has long been one of the most widespread violations of human rights.

It knows no national or cultural barriers; it takes place at home, in the workplace and in open spaces, and affects millions of women and girls in peacetime and in conflict.

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Zonta Pikes Peak is seeking a community partner to co-sponsor a billboard in our area such as these, created by the Zonta Club of Billings, and the Zonta Club of Birmingham.

Interested? Please email us at info@zontapikespeak.org

#ZontaSaysNO
to Violence Against Women



Greetings!

Having been a club president before, I find myself realizing that doing this voluntary position some 20 years later, it is now even more important for all of us to work together to help women and girls. I am a little over three months into this leadership role, and one of the things I have found is that it takes all of us to accomplish our goals. I am encouraged to see our club take on new projects, including increasing the overall awareness of what Zonta is through a planned billboard campaign in 2024. This campaign is centered around ending domestic violence. If you are interested in joining us we welcome your support. Please contact us if you would like to be a sponsor.

Right now women face so many challenges. Sometimes it can seem as if we are fighting the same battles over and over. And that is when I remember Winston Churchill saying never never never give up. And that is what we must do, never give up! So what does that mean to our club? It means that we keep coming to events where we can spread awareness about preventing domestic violence, how we can help save our environment, and helping women in our community through our partner organizations.

Increasing our ability to partner with other like-minded women's organizations is one of the goals I have set for myself for this presidency. If you are one of our partners or would like to be one of our partners, I encourage you to reach out. You can reach me at larice1307@gmail.com. Through more partnerships I hope to see that we can raise women's issues to the forefront of our community. I also believe we can impact more women when we do these things together.

Over the next few months we will be at several events raising funds for our efforts. However we will also be talking to people about joining Zonta and what Zonta is all about. We hope to see many of you at these events which you will find in this newsletter.

Thank you!

Lisa Rice, President, Zonta Pikes Peak 2023-2025



Friend of Pikes Peak Zonta Terri Carver recently published an illuminating guest column in the Colorado Springs Gazette on the topic of human trafficking, "Sound of Freedom: A call to action."

We hope you'll read it! (Click to go to the [LINK](#) .)

Terri Carver is Former State Representative (2014-2022) and a Board Member with the Human Trafficking Task Force of Southern Colorado.





Our guest speaker for our September meeting will be Amy Stretmater, owner of Koru Street, an online company which features fair trade items created by organizations around the world to provide sustainable employment to their artisans. Amy shared her story with us:

For years I worked in the big bad ad world, selling dreams while putting my own on the backburner. In 2007 I decided to finally take a quantum leap of faith, quit my job and take a trip around the world. Beginning my journey in "Lord of the Rings" country New Zealand, I fell in love with "Koru," the Maori name given to the unfurling fern frond that symbolizes new life. I collected as many koru necklaces as my meager budget allowed to remind me of the new path I hoped to find for myself back at home in Chicago. As my trip through Asia came to an end, I ventured through the unadjective-worthy country of India where I happened upon the new "green" trend there to fashion waste materials into new products and provide employment for an unskilled workforce in the process. Once home, I launched "Koru Street" to bring these amazing products to the U.S. market.

After a few years of working with different organizations, I realized those run by and for women were run more effectively and were having a greater impact on the local people, so I shifted my focus to these. The organizations I have worked with most extensively and recently are both in South Africa: "Growing Paper", which is run by the four female local founders and whose staff is approximately 75% women, and "All Women Recycling" which by the name is clearly an all-female workforce!

You can view and purchase the jewelry, bags, wallets, stationery and home goods created by these individuals at Koru Street's website at this [LINK](#) .

Amy with artisans in Cape Town, South Africa ~ Images from <https://www.facebook.com/korustreet/>



Fair Trade Market

Shop Local Support Global!

Dates & Times:
Friday, November 10 4-7 pm
Saturday, November 11 9-4 pm

Beth-El Mennonite Church
4625 Ranch Drive COS 80918

Our Mission:
with this event is to educate and raise community awareness of the work done by local, national, and international fair trade organizations and to provide our local community with the opportunity to purchase fair trade goods.

719-589-1117 | fairtrademarket@BEMCCS.org | 4625 Ranch Dr, COS CO 80918



World Holiday Market

GIFT FAIR & HOME BAKE SALE
GIFTS OF THE WORLD THAT GIVE BACK TO THE WORLD

BROADMOOR COMMUNITY CHURCH
315 LAKE AVE. COLORADO SPRINGS

Unique Fair Trade Gifts and Crafts are brought to you by international, national and local non-profit organizations.

All profits go back to help the non-profit agencies that bring us these gifts.

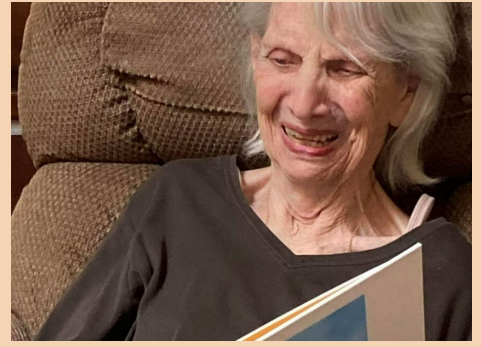
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18 9:00AM TO 3:00PM

GOURMET FOODS · HANDMADE JEWELRY
SILKS & TEXTILES · TRIBAL CRAFTS
COLLECTIBLE ART · SPECIALTY COFFEES
ONE-OF-A-KIND ARTISAN GIFTS

Watch your emails and save these dates!

This fall we shall be taking part in the following fundraising events, and would be most grateful for your support!

1. Online Auction 10/1-10/14 (we're currently soliciting donations, such as gift cards and products, from local businesses - please email us at this [LINK](#) to donate)
2. Fair Trade Market 11/10-11/11 at the Beth-El Mennonite Church
4625 Ranch Dr, Colorado Springs, CO 80918
3. World Holiday Market 11/18/23 at the Broadmoor Community Church
315 Lake Ave, Colorado Springs, CO 80906
4. Donations of financial support online are graciously received at this [LINK](#).



Sharon Roggy and Liz Groothof Croddy, members of Zonta Pikes Peak, plus Mary Benoit of the Zonta Club of Denver, met with Betty Edwards and her daughter Sandy in August to present Betty with the album *Zonta Through the Years: A Tribute to Betty Edwards*. The album of photos and memories was put together by Sharon, Pat Meyers, and Susie Nulty, with the help of others, on the occasion of Betty's 35th year in the Pikes Peak Area Club, and included photos of her days as club president, Zonta District 12 Governor, and travels to Zonta International Conventions around the world, as well as her founding of the Human Trafficking Task Force of Southern Colorado, with whom Pikes Peak Zontians continue to work and serve. Betty's album includes handwritten dedications from many club members, and a copy of the album will be found in our archives at the Pikes Peak Library District.

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

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



Climate change is one of the most imminent issues facing the world today. Its effects negatively impact all living beings on our planet now and for generations to come. However, it is important to acknowledge that these consequences disproportionately affect women and girls. Due to systematic gender inequality, women and girls have fewer resources and choices than men, and with each climate change disaster, the situation worsens. This needs to change, which is why Zonta Says NOW to Gender-Equal Climate Action.

Both collectively and as individuals, we need to say NOW to:

Increasing climate change awareness and its gender-related consequences.

Including gendered climate change advocacy actions in our advocacy plans.

Supporting the inclusion of women at the national and local tables of decision-makers on environmental sustainability.

Promoting girls' education, the inclusion of climate literacy in schools, and girls' participation in STEM studies to increase gendered scientific and technical contributions to climate change mitigation.

Advocating for national policies that consider women's economic opportunities and ensure their full and equal participation in the economy.

- Ute Scholz, President 2022-2024 Zonta International and the Zonta Foundation for Women



Zonta International envisions a world where every woman can achieve her full potential, has access to all resources, is represented in decision-making positions on an equal basis with men, and lives without fear of violence.

By taking gender-equal climate action now, we can keep this vision alive.

Image: Ute Scholz - zontaclubwien1.org

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

Zonta Pikes Peak members serving on our Women's STEM Careers of Southern Colorado Committee were honored to take part in evaluating the applications for the Zonta District 12 Women in STEM Scholarship. The recipient of this scholarship, chosen from among those already honored at the local club level, will go on to the next level to try for the next tier in the scholarship, valued at \$5,000.

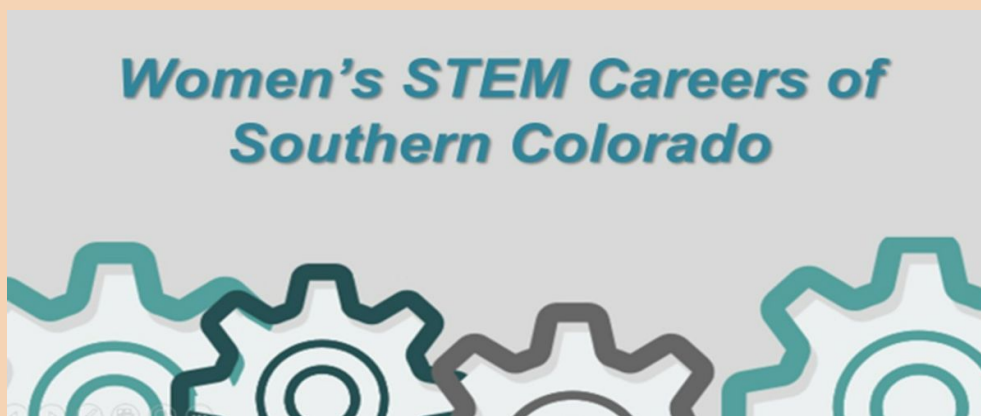
Follow the Women's STEM Careers of Southern Colorado at our Facebook page!

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!

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



Read more about ZI Women in STEM at this LINK!

Build a Better World for Women and Girls



USA CAUCUS GOALS

- Encourage development, consideration and passage of appropriate legislation by the US Congress, its members and committees and by state legislatures.
- Take action in support of, or in opposition to, proposed or enacted legislation and executive orders and regulations that directly or indirectly impact the lives of women and girls.
- Promote women’s representation in decision-making positions on an equal basis with men.

Click this [LINK](#) to follow the ZontaUSA Caucus

Make a difference every Friday:

TEXT ACTION FOR USA -TEXT “ZONTA” TO 50457 #FASTACTION

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

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

[Email us regarding membership at info@zontapikespeak.org!](mailto:info@zontapikespeak.org)

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



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