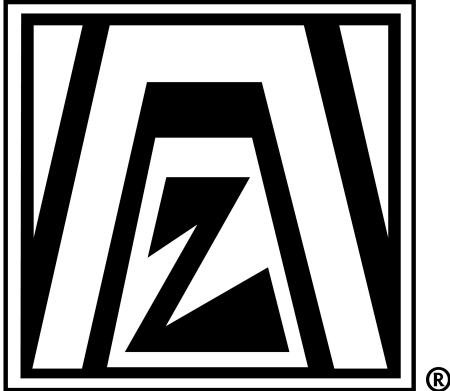


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Summer 2024

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

Click to attend our May 2 Dinner Celebration at Patty Jewett!

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

All are invited to our May celebration!

The Zonta Club of the Pikes Peak Area is excited to host our

**Annual Awards Meeting on May 2, 2024 from 6 - 8 PM at the
Patty Jewett Clubhouse.**

**We will be hosting our Award recipients and hearing a little
bit about each of them during this meeting.**

It is a night of celebration, so come and join in!

Click [HERE](#) to attend.

Our meal at Patty Jewett will be buffet style, chef's choice.

Lemonade, tea and water will be provided with the meal.

Alcoholic drinks may be purchased from the bar.

Deadline to register is 5 PM April 23, 2024.

**(If you miss the deadline please contact us at larice1307@gmail.com
to see if space is still available.)**



Looking Forward!

Anyone who knows me knows that I don't remember the past much, if at all. I'm constantly looking forward to what is next. As I look forward to the end of this fiscal year and the beginning of a new one I see lots of opportunities for us to raise awareness about women's issues. to help women in our community. and to have

..... deeper relationships with each other. Let's look at each of those for just a minute.

Raising awareness of women's issues. What's in store here? Well, Jo-Ann O'Neil will be leading the Red Sand project for us and that will be an all-hands-on deck project. Plus, we want to engage our partners and awardees in this project as well. What is Red Sand? [Click here](#) to find out more. But that's not all. We will have bus benches and bus shelters up throughout COS from the end of October to the beginning of January with Zonta Says No and the Human Trafficking Hotline as the prominent message. Both projects have me very excited about the impact we can have with raising awareness of women's issues.

Helping women in our community. Our funding awards do a lot to help women in our area. However, I'm thinking there has got to be more that our Club could do. Yes, we mentor the Karen Possehl Women's Endowment scholars; yes, we help with the Reclaiming Hope backpacks; yes, we help TESSA with items for their women. These are all great, but where's the sharing of our knowledge, our spirit, our lessons learned? This is where my mind has been lately and I hope all of you will look forward and think about ways we could make a bigger impact and connection with women who need our shoulders to stand on.

Deeper relationships with each other. As we move into this next year, we are purposefully going to have more meetings where we can work on things together, laugh, have fun, and learn more about each other. And one of the first things we will do toward this is our summer social. Details are still being worked out, but members will have info soon. And our August meeting at Library 21C will be a time for us to learn about and connect with the spirit of Zonta with all our wonderful new members! (That sounds like we are doing a séance or something – but it's really just about learning about what Zonta's purpose is, etc.)

It's been a packed year, and this one looks to be just as busy for us. So as we look forward, please remember a couple of things: we need everyone's help even in just small ways. Do pay attention to where our meetings will be held since we are changes locations a bit.

It is an honor to serve this Club and to work with all of you. Thank you for your support!

Thank you!

Lisa Rice, President, Zonta Pikes Peak 2023-2025

..... [Click here](#)

Not yet a member? JOIN us! Send us an email via this [LINK!](#)

Discover the Human Trafficking Task Force of Southern Colorado

Learn more about our Zonta Says NO advocacy at this LINK!

BUILD A BETTER WORLD FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

Developing Future Leaders Through Scholarships and Award
by Pat Meyer, Past President of Zonta Pikes Peak
Part three of a series on ZI's five Biennial Goals

Number three of Zonta International's five Biennial goals for 2022-2024 is to Develop Future Leaders. For a peek into our club's efforts to meet this goal, we need to look at the Zonta International scholarship and award programs in which our club participates. One is the Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA) award program which this year is a \$2000 award from our club and an additional \$1000 award from the district with an possible opportunity to compete for a \$5000 award from Zonta International. Eligible young women must be aged 16-19, study at a high school or college in a Zonta district, demonstrate evidence of active commitment to volunteerism, and have experience in local government, student government, or workplace leadership (paid or unpaid).

I recently had the good fortune to help choose a Young Women in Public Affairs Award winner for our Zonta PPA Club. Our committee was blown away by some of the applicants, but at the top of the list was a high school senior from Manitou Springs named Meghan Taylor. I am happy to say that she is our YWPA winner for 2024. I think you will be amazed, as we were, when I relate to you below some of her many accomplishments.

As President of her school's National Honor Society, Meghan led a civic action campaign for voter registration. The result: 86% of the senior class registered to vote. She is Vice President of her school's performing arts club (her passions are

performing arts and public policy). Not only did she and others organize weekly meetings to engage students in the performing arts, but she also worked with other club leaders to set up school-wide events like organizing actors to run a school-wide drunk driving awareness event. Says Megan: “The most valuable thing about leading groups and organizing individuals in your school is learning the power of peer-to-peer work and interaction ... crafting that sort of rapport and culture with peers is my favorite thing about participating within my school.”

Her school leadership activities are just the tip of the iceberg. Wait until you hear about her community involvement and leadership. She is one of only 40 youth across Colorado elected to the Colorado Youth Advisory Council (COYAC) for working on legislative efforts to run through the state congress. She is the Vice-Chair of the Gender-Affirming Care Committee and on the council’s executive board. And, get this, she was the main author, researcher, and stakeholder outreach for current Colorado House Bill HB24-1039, concerning non-legal name changes for transgender youth. She states: It has been surreal to have watched this bill ... go from something I wrote on my laptop to the House.” In a letter of recommendation, the director of the Youth Advisory Council writes: “...Meghan served on a state legislative committee as one of seven COYAC members to present ... recommendations to legislators. She prepared talking points, analyzed what people might say to oppose her policies, and presented better than most adult policy professionals”; “During the public hearings for [this] bill, Meghan remained composed amidst hateful rhetoric by people testifying.” Meghan also serves as the only youth in Colorado on the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Suicide Prevention Commission as a commissioner. She serves as Co-Chair on the commission branch called Youth Specific Initiatives, working on creating policy recommendations concerning the intersection of youth and suicidality.

Here are some of the things Meghan had to say about the status of women in our country. “...women are not liberated in my country until there is equality, and when no woman has to walk with one earbud out, look constantly behind them on the sidewalks, or carry pepper spray to their place of employment. The best thing to do for these things is to raise young men who are aware of women’s issues and rights and ensure that people can realize that women’s empowerment does not mean less for men, but more for everyone. Unfortunately, as I have realized through my work in policy, you cannot legislate acceptance. You cannot turn so easily the tide of opinions and traditional societal roles, so we start at the top at the most basic starting point and work down from there.”

Awarding this young woman the YWPA Award is more than a privilege; it gives us a sense of empowerment ourselves to bring forward such a powerful advocate for social change, helping to attract and speak to the next generation of women leaders. The best part is that we will be able to meet her and congratulate her at our May Awards Dinner. Be sure to let her know how much we appreciate her as a future (and

present) leader.

Your Assignment: Name all five 2022-2024 Biennial Goals before the May meeting.

Reference www.zonta.org

Read more:

Zonta, Gender Equity, and a Vision for 2030 & Beyond
Strategic Plan Goals and Strategies 2023–2030

[LINK](#)



Did you know? Zonta International offers four scholarships and awards, and each Zonta district and club supports these grants in various ways (and often providing district and local-level award amounts) as well as often providing additional grants of their own choosing to individuals and groups.

Zonta Pikes Peak offers up to \$2000 for the following Zonta-themed awards locally:

Women in STEM

Women In Business

Young Women in Public Affairs

In addition, we send funds towards Amelia Earhart Fellowship for women pursuing Ph.D./doctoral degrees in aerospace engineering and space sciences, which is only granted at the international level, as well as help fund the Karen Possehl Women's Endowment (KPWE) for non-traditional students at UCPS, as well as serve as mentors for these students.

Attend our May 2 annual celebration dinner to find out who we are honoring this year! Get your tickets at this [LINK](#).

Learn more about Zonta International Scholarships and Grants [HERE](#)

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Click to attend our May 2 Dinner Celebration at Patty Jewett!

Friends of Zonta, consider joining our membership this year!

Email us at info@zontapikespeak.org to find out more!

Visit our Zonta of the Pikes Peak Area website



We invite you to watch a 15-minute presentation from the January 2024 meeting of the Zonta Says NOW Intercontinental Think Tank, in which working Group members Julie Trone of the Zonta Says NOW - District 12 AEGE (Action for the Environment and Gender Equality) Committee, and Bobbee Cardillo describe achievements from 2023 and what we can expect in 2024. (Bobbee Cardillo is Co-Convener, Zonta USA Caucus, for Districts 1-12 and 15 and liaison to Districts 1,3,5 and 11 Advocacy Chairs of Zonta International.) Watch the video at this [LINK](#).

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

Everyone in the Springs and nearby areas is invited to help us with our April project, in collaboration with the Woman's Club of Colorado Springs!

Goals: To recycle thin plastics (see attachment for examples)

To increase awareness about thin plastics, and the harm they cause to our environment, and to reduce our dependency on them

How to help:

You'll need to weigh your plastics and email your totals each time you turn them in. You can weigh them at home or in the produce section at the store before turning them in. Email us at this [LINK](#).

When you take your bag of plastic sheeting into King Soopers, you can put it next to the box that most locations have for recycling plastic bags. If you don't see that recycle box, please take your bag to Customer Service. It's not necessary to write WCCS on it. The way we get credit is for you to email us the following information:

Your name

The date

The weight of your plastic(s)

The location (which King Soopers - street name is fine)

See examples of thin plastics in the image below. When we reach our goal, a third bench will be added to a location chosen by the Woman's Club of Colorado Springs!

Note: This is a year-round plastics drive - Please keep us in mind in the months ahead!

What can be recycled?

All plastic must be clean, dry and free of food residue.



Grocery bags



Bread bags



Bubble wrap



Dry cleaning bags



Newspaper sleeves



Ice bags



Plastic shipping envelopes



Ziploc & other reclosable food storage bags



Cereal bags



Case overwrap



Salt bags



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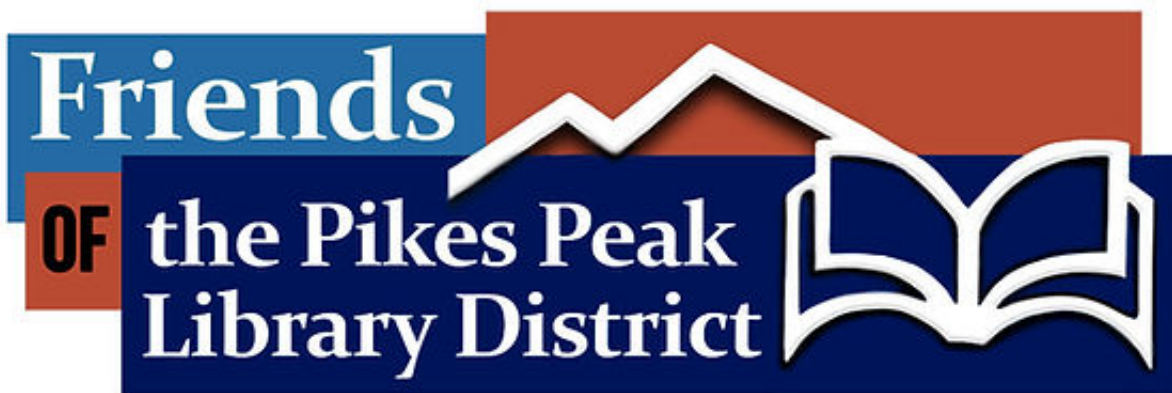
- Backyard ice rinks
- Vinyl shower curtains or tablecloths
- Bedding or linen packaging
- Shiny, crinkly films like floral wrap

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

Check out the many books, articles, and more we've collected at our:

Zonta Says NOW! District 12 Resource Library





The Pikes Peak Library District will be honoring a Literary Giant - Donna Guthrie! Donna Guthrie will Receive the Golden Quill Award at The Frank Waters Literary Awards Luncheon. The Golden Quill Award is given each year to a local author who has created outstanding work in writing, the arts, photography, or publishing. The Literary Awards Luncheon will be held on Saturday, June 1, 2024, 11:30 a.m. at the Doubletree Hotel, 1775 E. Cheyenne Mountain Blvd, Colorado Springs, CO 80906. This event is hosted by the Friends of the Pikes Peak Library District. Money raised at this event supports the Pikes Peak Library District.

Donna Guthrie is the author of twenty-three books and sixty educational videos for children. She lectures on the history of country music and hosts the podcast LOOKING BACK ON MUSIC ROW, The Musical History of the Stars, and Songs of Country Music. She holds a BA in Journalism, Rider University, in Lawrenceville, New Jersey, and an MFA in Children and Young Adult Literature, University of Vermont. Donna is a member of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators and The Dramatist Guild of America. She is an avid movie-goer and the co-founder of the Rocky Mountain Women's Film Festival, the longest-running women's film festival in North America.

Please join us in celebrating her achievements!

For more information, please contact the Friends of the Pikes Peak Library District at (303) 441-1111.

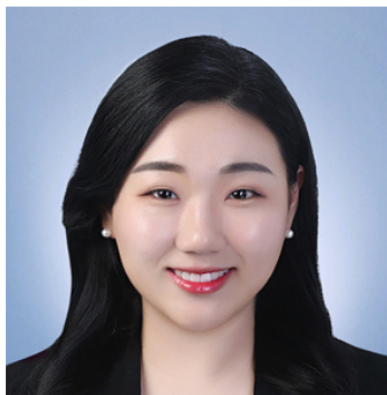
If you'd like to attend, please note you can also be a Table Sponsor (\$360) for a table of 8. Find your tickets at this [LINK!](#)



ROCKY MOUNTAIN WOMEN'S FILM



Meet the
2023 Women
in STEM
Scholarship
Recipients



We are proud to share information on the 30 **2023 Zonta International Women in STEM Scholars**, who were awarded international scholarships of \$5,000 each. The recipients of this year's award include women pursuing careers in mathematics, computer science, civil engineering, environmental

careers in mathematics, computer science, civil engineering, environmental science and more.

Zonta International's Women in STEM Scholarship encourages women to pursue education, career opportunities and leadership roles in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

PPA members of our local grassroots committee were asked by the Zonta District 12 board to select the recipient of our district scholarship from among candidates representing women in our district (Colorado, Montana, South Dakota and Wyoming). We are so pleased that our district awardee went on to receive one of these international scholarships!

Read about her and the other outstanding 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 2024 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)


Below, from left to right:

[Links to the Facebook pages for Zonta Pikee Peak \(1\)](#)

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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