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“Women, if the soul of the nation is to be saved, I believe that you must become its soul.” — Coretta Scott King

February Meeting

Date: Thursday, February 14th
Event: Grant Awards Meeting
Time: 5:00 p.m.
Place: Rendezvous Restaurant
2888 S Heather Gardens
Way, Aurora
Program: Presentation of grants

The deadline to RSVP by delivering a check for \$25 per person to Evie is FEBRUARY 10.

January Minutes

Message from our President



Thanks to all of you who joined us at the Amelia Earhart Luncheon and Area 3 meeting on January 26th. We were inspired by the remarks of Mary Bastawrous, our District 12 Amelia Earhart Fellow. Mary is a PhD student in Aerospace Engineering Sciences at CU. She shared with us her research in the emerging field of “phononics,” which studies the nature of mechanical motion. Mary’s studies focus on flow and turbulence, and whether creating a particular type of surface (such as on an airplane wing) can actually delay the onset of turbulence.

After lunch, we heard updates on the Zonta International Projects, the upcoming Centennial Celebrations, and on the activities of our District 12 committees. The afternoon closed with a fun slideshow reviewing the memorable service, advocacy and social activities of our Area 3 clubs in 2018.

Thank you for all you do for Zonta. See you at the Rendezvous!

~ Marian Lee

ZONTA'S DAY OF FILM

BE RELENTLESS

March 30, 2019

Champagne Brunch and Film

OPENS AT 9:15

Tivoli Center at Metro State University Auraria Campus

Tickets -\$50 through 3/15; then \$55

Tickets at <http://zonta-denver.org>

Invite several friends

Solicit a Sponsor

Levels

\$2,000 - 3 bottles of premium wine; 6 tickets with center seating

\$1,500 - 2 bottles of premium wine; 4 tickets with center seating

\$1,000 - 4 tickets with center seating

\$ 600 - 3 tickets with preferential seating

\$ 300 - 2 tickets with preferential seating

Plus name and logo prominently displayed at event, on all printed materials and press outreach. Special recognition announced at event for first four categories.

Volunteer for Day of Film-email Jeanette Scotland at jscotland@gmail.com

ZONTA SAYS NO TO CHILD MARRIAGE

Ending child marriage with a VOW

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A Word from the Treasurer



Underwriting of the Convention Center Wall – Part 2

Last month, I included information on the funding for the wall. This is a continuation of the story...

The City hired Barbara Jo Revelle to depict in a mural made of tile photographs, the ordinary men and women who have contributed to Colorado's culture and history. She called this art "A Colorado Panorama: A People's History." In addition to the 168 individuals with Colorado ties, ranging from the forgotten to the famous, are the larger scenic photographs located on both ends and throughout the display. They include women branding cattle, shearing sheep, tilling a field and skiing.

The underwriting was our acknowledgement of the contribution women have made to the history and development of the State of Colorado. Note: The City paid for the men included on the wall. We should be proud that our club paid for the women shown in this display.

Our Membership Committee is planning a visit to the Wall this summer so that you can see firsthand one of the contributions made by the Zonta Club of Denver. I hope you will be able to attend.

~ Evie Ashmore

Committee Reports

MEMBERSHIP

Please join us and invite guests for our next general meeting at which we will award grant recipients on Feb 14, 2019, 5 pm, at Rendezvous Restaurant at Heather Gardens.

This summer we are planning a visit to the Angel Shop in Littleton and happy hour. A wall at the Convention Center displaying historically significant Colorado women was funded by Zonta of Denver in 1989. We will visit it this summer as a group and of course, dinner or a happy hour to follow!

We are exploring forming a Z Club for Denver area high school students. Please give some thought as to working with teen age girls and helping us charter a Z Club to groom young women to be leaders in their community. It would ideally involve three to five Zontians to meet with high school students who yearn to participate in their community and have few opportunities to develop their leadership skills. Please consider joining a small group of Zontians to nurture the next generation of young women serving other women.

~ Veronica Hoegler

Thanks to Past Governor Kay Meyer for a correction to last month's report: It's the Zonta Foothills Club that has had a Z Club for 8-9 years, and a Golden Z Club for almost 4 years.



FUND RAISING

The Fund Raising Committee needs help! To volunteer for the Day of Film email me at jscotland@gmail.com.

Also: buy your tickets for the Colorado Symphony performance of Beethoven's Symphony No. 7 on Friday, March 1st at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$35 each. Bring a check to the February meeting made out to Wendy Moraskie and give the check to Cynthia Herndon.

And: start collecting items for our Annual Garage Sale to be held on Saturday, May 18.

~ Jeanette Scotland



PUBLIC RELATIONS

Most Valuable Player for the Day of Film: YOU



We repeatedly mention that you can help your club meet (and exceed!) its goals for the annual Day of Film – because it's true. Word of mouth accounts for about 1/6 of all sales. Allow me to explain with a little anecdote.

My sister recently texted me to tell me what a great facial she had just had at the Aestheticians' school near her. My first thought was: Oh, you smart girl; what a terrific idea! I wonder if there are any schools near me... And with a little research and a phone call, I now have an appointment for a facial at a reputable school near my office. Now, would I have followed up on a TV or radio commercial or newspaper or Facebook ad? Maybe, but not as quickly as I did with a nudge (even unintentional) from my beloved sister.

This is part of why social media is so effective. We're hearing from friends (or friends of friends) about things they like, implying that we might like them, too.

So here's what we have for the Day of Film: People you know in your circles of friends and acquaintances, who will respect your recommendation because they know you have good judgment. They will listen carefully if you suggest that they might enjoy "Be Relentless" at this year's Day of Film. You don't have to "sell" tickets, your comments about the film, the great brunch, the like-minded crowd, the grants that will be generated and the good works of Zonta Club of Denver (and Zonta International) will be sufficient (along with the web site-- we need to let people know how to take the action we're hoping they will). And (bonus!) you might generate interest in a potential new member.

If you're on Facebook, please post and like and share whatever you can. You all have the language from the invitation email that Julie and Judy have created. Please re-word that if needed, to reflect you, and send it out to everyone in your sphere. In addition to those two avenues, remember to look for

ways to mention the Day of Film in conversations with friends on the phone, at the salon, grocery store, doctor's office or in line at the bank. Then prepare to be amazed at the result!

~ Wendy Moraskie

Club Calendar

Club Meetings

February 14, 2019

5 pm
Grants Award Meeting
Rendezvous Restaurant
2888 S Heather Gardens Way
Aurora, CO 80014

March 14 , 2019

5 pm
Fresh Fish Company

April 11, 2019

5 pm
Fresh Fish Company

Committee Meetings

Fundraising Committee

February 4 at 5:30 pm
Jeanette Scotland's house
3350 S Clermont St

Service Committee

February 7 at 5:30
Citron Bistro
Hampden and Yosemite

Membership Committee

February 20th at 4:30
Panera's at Riverpoint
Hampden at Sheridan

Special Events

UN Commission on the Status of Women

March 11-22, 2019
New York, New York

2019 Day of Film

March 30, 2019
Tivoli Center, Auraria Campus
Be Relentless

North American Inter-District Meeting

June 7-9, 2019
Dallas, Texas

District 12 Conference

September 21-22, 2019
Billings, Montana



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Zonta Club of Denver
General Meeting MINUTES
January 10, 2019

CALL TO ORDER President, Marian, called the meeting to order at 5:30

ADVOCACY MOMENT

Mary Benoit discussed Child Marriage in the U.S. Wyoming has a bill this year for legal marriage age to be 18 WITH NO EXCEPTIONS. - According to Pew Research, from 2000-2015 there were 200,000 US minors, mostly girls, married. In the world, the number is 650 million married before 18. We need to support organizations like Women's Collaborative of Boulder in their efforts to work on this issue.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Judy McNerny proposed that the November minutes be amended by attaching a copy of the spreadsheet presented by the Service Committee and by expanding the sentence following "Approval of Grant Awards" to say:

All members approved the grantees and division of funds proposed by the Service Committee and shown on the spreadsheet attached to these minutes. The members also approved Asian Pacific Development Center as a club project.

Judy stated that, first, she thought the allocation of funds should be in the minutes and, second, the Foundation is only permitted to make grants to a "project of the Zonta Club of Denver."

The November Meeting minutes, amended as proposed by Judy M, were approved. The spreadsheet referenced in her amendment is attached to these minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Evie shared that Olette made a \$500 donation to the Jane M Klausman scholarship.

NEW BUSINESS

Mary B. and Mary Lou presented **the International Foundation Updates**. The 'Let us Learn' program in Madagascar has been a success and will be continued.

The 'Hand in Hand' program in Jordan focuses on job training for women. There are 1.4 million Syrian Refugees which has taxed their resources and increased the need for this program. This is in partnership with UN Women.

This year ZI is focusing on ending child marriage. They are working on expanding to 10 countries. It started in Niger, where 1 million girls were reached through education. Our club is considering adopting a project in line with this topic.

Flyers with information on ongoing ZI projects was distributed along with donation forms. Mary pointed out that ZI no longer formally recognizes 100% club participation, but that we should try to attain that goal anyways. Also, members can sign up for recurring donations.

Julie B reminded members that she can make new business cards. She asks that members specify what information they want included.

Membership – Liz announced that Feb Grant meeting, to be held at the Rendevous Room, is on Feb 14th. The cost is \$25 and should be paid to Evie in advance.

Also, we are having a social private tour of the Vance Kirkland museum for \$7 at the door on Feb 2nd at 11 am. Lunch to follow near 12th and Bannock

Fundraising – Jeannette announced we will show a 52-minute (shortened) version of our film for the Day of Film event. Members were reminded to ask for more sponsors. Alexis is searching for sponsors for the fee to have the filmmaker, Norma, as a speaker.

Julie will be sending us all a 'Save the Date' email to share with prospective ticket buyers/attendees.

Reminder that there is a Mar 1st Beethoven symphony (\$35). Please send check to Cynthia by the next meeting date.

BIRTHDAY RECOGNITION

12/6 – Evie – 21 years a member

12/17 Cathy Connelly – 20 years

1/7 – Wendy - 19 years

ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 7:30

Respectfully Submitted by Gwen Fornia, Secretary

Zonta Club of Denver
Service Funds Available for Distribution - 2018-19 Service Projects

Revised 11/2/2018

\$ 12,936	ZCD Foundatio Fundraising Account balance - reflected 5/31/18 audit report (money raised from film event \$10,560 reflected 5/31/18 audit report
\$ 10,560	\$10,560 to be transferred from Fundraising checking account to Foundation checking account leaving \$2,376 for monthly fees and seed money
<u>\$ 2,376</u>	
\$ 10,560	Transfer from ZCD Foundation Fundraising checking account
\$ 3,904	Club Service funds available as of 5/31//2018 audit. Zonta Wings funded at \$500 lat year was used to purches pre-paid VISA cards, which were not used. As of 7/31/2018, JMK has not been funded.
<u>\$ 39,703</u> ***	ZCD Foundation (calculations below)

\$ 54,167 Service Dolares Available for 2018-19

\$ 18,056 Zonta Internation Foundation - 1/3 of service dollars available

\$ 36,111 ZCD Local Projects - 2/3 of service dollars available

Calculation of Foundation

4% of the value of the assets of ZCD Foundation based upon a three-year account average determined by account market values at the end of each fiscal year. In no event shall an annual distribution exceed 5% of the ZCD Foundation prior year ending account value

5% prior year market value **\$50,790.00**

5/31/2016	\$ 953,021	(from page 9 of 5/31/20116 audit and includes ANB checking account but does NOT include Fundraising Checking Account
5/31/2017	\$ 1,008,891	(from page 9 of 5/31/2017 audit (ending Total Assets) but does not include Fundraising checking account (\$10,883)
5/31/2018	<u>\$ 1,015,803</u>	(from page 1 of 5/31/2018 audit Foundation Total Assets less Fundraising Checking Acclount)
	\$ 2,977,715	divided by 3 =
		X
		\$ 992,572.00 (average for 3 years)
		<u>4%</u>
		\$ 39,703

Zonta Club of Denver
Service Funds Available for Distribution -2018-19 Projects

Revised 11/8/2018
 Last updated

Trustees approved 11/7/2018
 Board approved 11/8/2018
 Club approved 11/8/2018
 Organization/Project

	Club Service	ZCD Foundation	Foundation Day of Film	Available Service Dollars Total	% of total
Total Service Dollars Available - 5/31/2018	\$ 3,904	\$ 39,703	\$ 10,560	\$ 54,167	100%
(see "service funds available for distribution calculations" for calculation backup)		\$ 39,703	\$ 10,560	Transfer funds from Fundraising to Foundation	
Zonta International Foundation distribution				\$ 18,056	33.3%
ZCD Local Project distribution total				\$ 36,111	66.7%
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Zonta International Foundation				\$ 18,056	1/3
Amelia Earhart Fellowships			\$ 10,000		
International Service		\$ 3,468	\$ 560		
JMKlausman Women in Business Scholarships					
ZISVAW - Violence Against Women		\$ 4,028			
Rose Fund					
Endowment Fund					
Total - ZI Foundation Distributions	\$ -	\$ 7,496	\$ 10,560	\$ 18,056	
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ZCD Local Projects				\$ 36,111	2/3
Hope House	\$ 2,243	\$ 5,757			
Blue Bench	\$ -	\$ 8,500			
Asian Pacific Development		\$ 5,000			
Women's Veterans		\$ 4,000			
Making Choices	\$ -	\$ 8,500			
UNA - Paid 6/2018 for prior fiscal year.	\$ -	\$ 300			
Zonta Wings	\$ -				
Jane M Klausman - Paid 9/2018	\$ 1,500				
	\$ -				
Funding Provided					
Honorarium Speaker Donations (\$50 x 5)		\$ 150			
Unallocated	\$ 161				
Total - ZCD Local Projects	\$ 3,904	\$ 32,207	\$ -	\$ 36,111	
Total Funds to be Distributed	\$ 3,904	\$ 39,703	\$ 10,560	\$ 54,167	
Remaining Funds Un-allocated	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	

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Poverty and gender inequality mean 15 million girls worldwide (yes, here, too) become child brides every year. Mabel van Oranje has pledged to change this and has helped start a new charity called VOW to raise money to aid the effort.

During a conversation with young girls in Northeast Ethiopia about their lives, Van Oranje asked one girl how old she was. "I don't really know because I don't have a birth certificate," the girl replied. "But I must have been married when I was aged between five and six."

On her travels, Van Oranje met Gulan, an 11-year-old Afghan girl who met her 40-year-old husband on their wedding day, and a 12-year-old girl in Namibia who was excelling at school, until she was forced into an abusive marriage after she was raped by a boy in her village and became pregnant.

Van Oranje explains how the distressing process of child marriage often unfolds. "The girl comes home from school one day and her parents say, 'From tomorrow, you are no longer going to school.' The girl then has to live with strangers, and the husband is older," she says. "The girl basically becomes a slave for her in-laws, a victim of domestic abuse. And her biggest value is her fertility, so she becomes a baby machine."

Yes, it happens and is aided and abetted in the US. ([From an article in the New Indian Express](#)) Some victims of forced marriage say the lure of a U.S. passport combined with lax U.S. marriage laws are partly fueling the petitions. Men buy child brides from foreign countries. Young girls come to the US with their families, then are forced into marriage and coerced into applying for admittance permits for their "husbands."

It is a powerful goal to eliminate child marriage. Let's discover how we can actively join with Zonta in this important objective.

~ Wendy Moraskie