

ZONTA



INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 12

**Zonta International
District 12
Mission Statement**

Zonta District 12's purpose is to build, develop, and maintain strong clubs through support, leadership, and communication in order to further the mission of Zonta International.

Zontian Resources

District 12

zontadistrict12.org

Zonta International

zonta.org
ZISVAW.org

United Nations

un.org
womenact.org
unifem.undp.org
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Zonta International President Receives the Prestigious *Minerva Award* in Rome

Dianne Curtis, President of Zonta International, was awarded the Minerva Award on November 15, 2010, in the Hall of the Capitol in Rome, Italy. Dianne Curtis, a native of Santa Clarita, California, U.S., and is the first American to receive the prestigious Minerva Award.

Currently, Zonta International is in the process of signing Memoranda of Understandings with UNIFEM on Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission of HIV and Gender Based Violence in Rwanda, Safe Cities for Women in Guatemala and El Salvador, and Security and Empowerment for Women and their Families: Ensuring a Gender Responsive Humanitarian and Early Recovery Response in Haiti, A Strategy to Prevent Burns Violence in Cambodia, Nepal and Uganda. Zonta International is also working with UNFPA to Eliminate Obstetric Fistula and a Reduction of Maternal and newborn Mortality and Morbidity in Liberia.



Zonta Club of Black Hills President-Elect with Zonta International President Dianne Curtis

Established in 1983 by Anna Maria Mammoliti, President of Il Club delle Donne (Women's Club), the Minerva is awarded annually to remarkable women working in the fields of Entrepreneurship and Management, Scientific Research, Arts, Literary and Social Commitment. The award recognizes women who are continuously fighting against all odds to instill new knowledge, new values, and new passions in their communities. The award has also been awarded to men for their professional and positive contributions to society. Past recipients of the Minerva Award include: Simone Veil, the first female President of the European Parliament; Noeleen Heyzer, former Executive Director of UNIFEM; Sheikha Lubna Al-Qasimi, Minister of Foreign Trade for the United Emirates and the first woman to hold a cabinet position in that country; Mama Koite Doumbia, Chairperson of FEMNET; and Khalida Messaoudi, Algeria's Minister of Culture.

International President Curtis took over the leadership of Zonta International on June 30, 2010, at the 60th biennial Zonta International Convention in San Antonio, Texas. She has been a member of the Zonta Club of Santa Clarita Valley, California, since 1980. President Curtis is the owner and manager of Canyon Bulk, Inc., a trucking company, and as a young woman, was a successful ballerina, dancing with the Canadian Ballet. She has two sons, Dale and Jason, and is also a devoted grandmother.

President Curtis expressed her delight upon accepting the Minerva Award, which consists of a silver and gold brooch, on behalf of Zonta International and promised that Zonta International would continue to do all it could to prevent violence and improve the lives of women in need throughout the world.

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE ...

Three Short Thoughts:

Bridge the Gap

Recently, I was reading a 2004-5 document from ZI. It described "The Gap" as a major problem in Zonta and described it as the **distance** between the Clubs and the International level of our organization. This seemed a particular challenge during the last biennium. However, this biennium Zonta International has really been doing its part to bridge that Gap! For example, check out www.zonta.org, you don't need a password to access 90% of it, and there is new information being added every week.

Your District Board Officers and Committee Chairs are actively doing their part to Bridge the Gap by visiting clubs. (Please invite us, we're 'user-friendly'!) We also post items on www.zontadistrict12.org and stay in touch with your Area/State Representatives on the District Committees. I'm sending a newsy **GovnrGram** to your Club President each month ('hope she's sharing it).

Now, it comes to you! What are you and your club doing to bridge the Gap? Zonta is *way more* than your club! Its uniqueness lies in its breadth and international-ness. You can become much more creative and better problem-solvers when you enlarge your circle of input & perspective. Why-*in-the-world* (pun intended) wouldn't you want to?

Embrace the Best

... **discard the rest**. OK, it's corny, but it *is* easy to remember. So, 'what *is* Z best?', you may ask... Back in October, your Club Presidents were informed that Zonta D12 technical assistance teams would be piloting a 'Healthy Club Inventory' over the coming year. It's an opportunity to examine essentials and best practices for your club. Your Area Director will have further information regarding this. Remember to ask!

KIS with KRAs

The CEO of FM Global calls them 'Key Result Areas.' (*The New York Times*, 11/14/10) He says, (paraphrased) "The more complex and multinational the organization, the greater the need to agree on a few simple goals. It matters less what people do or how they do it, but we all must concur on the goals." FM Global has three simple KRAs. Zonta has a deceptively simple mission: advance the status of women worldwide.

The members of District 12 (Survey, April 2010) told us their KRAs; I hope you concur:

- 1st Increase Zonta's visibility.
- 2nd Increase membership.
- 3rd Share best practices in local service.
- 4th Promote ZI service projects, ensure leaders understand their roles and responsibilities, and facilitate discussions of issues affecting professional women.



I've been hearing about fantastic Expos, Art Shows, and Wine Tastings this fall. You are all just **Zuper!** Remember to bridge the Gap, embrace the best, and keep it simple by focusing on key results areas. We're into a great year!

Wishing each of you a wonderful Holiday season!

—Kay L. Meyer, D12 Governor

Organization, Membership, and Classification (OMC)

The OMC committee has been hard at work determining how to increase membership. At the District Conference last month, we made a delicious *Membership Marinade*. We demonstrated how keeping members lovingly coated with flavorful service projects and saucy programs (along with some wine), enhances and retains their membership. We also showed how to keep new members by adding a hint of mentoring seasonings! Along with the fun, we engaged the attendees in our boot camp session to share their membership issues and successes, and we provided a folder of handouts for them to take back to their clubs.

Increasing membership was the second most important priority identified in the membership survey done during last year's Area meetings. (Increasing Zonta's visibility was the first.) Consequently, the OMC committee has set the following goal:

700 members by the end of the 2011 biennium—Just remember 7-11!

As of October 30, 2010 the district had 570 members. To meet the 700 number, each club needs to add 5 new members during the *biennium*. I'm one for setting specific and measurable goals. It helps us focus and channel our energies in the right direction. Please look at the number of members your club had as of June 1, 2010, and go from there. Please set a specific membership goal for this year and next that will help us reach 7-11.

The OMC committee will be working hard to this end also. Some of our efforts include:

- Starting two new clubs
- Visiting each Area club at least once during the biennium

Beginning in January 2011 for Membership Chairs:

- Monthly e-mails with news and membership tips
- A Facebook page to make information available quickly and interactively

Please don't hesitate to contact me or your Vice Area Director with questions or concerns!



Sheila Davis, Lt. Governor, OMC Chair
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2010 District 12 Conference Bags for Sale



Attendees at this year's District Conference in Laramie received very attractive and functional Conference bags. More bags were ordered than used, so the remaining bags are now for sale for \$6 each plus a shipping cost if necessary. These sturdy canvas bags are very well made with a nice dark blue and black motif. They would make great Zontian gifts and giveaways at upcoming meetings or events. The bags have both regular and over-the-shoulder handles, and they will hold several hard-backed notebooks with ease. Please contact Sheila Davis at shedavis@comcast.net to order yours today!

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Find the latest District 12 information on the
 “What’s New” listing at [http://zontadistrict12.org/
 d12_whatsnew.html](http://zontadistrict12.org/d12_whatsnew.html). Also, please contact Susie Nulty at
nulty@csdco.com to update your Club information!



Amelia Earhart Luncheon - Take a trip back to your College Days!

January 15, 2011 - 11:30 a.m. - University of Colorado in Boulder

On January 15, 2011, the Zonta Foothills Foundation and the CU Aerospace Engineering Sciences Department will host a Luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. to honor six 2010 Amelia Earhart Fellowship Awardees. The luncheon will be held at the Center For Community (C4C) building that opened in the Fall of 2010 on the CU-Boulder campus in the Colorado Room. This is a chance to dine in a state-of-the-art college dining facility; you will be amazed at the facility and all the dining options. In December reservations will be available with a reservation price of \$30. Go to www.zontafoothills.org for more information. This event is a fundraiser for their Amelia Earhart Fellowships.

Each year the Zonta International Foundation awards Amelia Earhart Fellowships to 35 outstanding women pursuing doctoral degrees in aerospace-related sciences and engineering. This year six of these recipients are studying at the University of Colorado at Boulder. The \$10,000 fellowships for the 2010-11 academic year were awarded to CU-Boulder students Christine Hartzell, Jennifer Mindock, Aurore Sibois, Laura Stiles, Jill Tombasco, and Neeti Wagle.

Amelia Earhart Fellowships honor the legacy of Amelia Earhart, famous aviation pioneer in the 1920s and '30s, and a member of Zonta International. Earhart encouraged women to expand their horizons by exploring occupations and holding positions beyond those traditionally held by women. Zonta works to advance the status of women worldwide through service and advocacy.



2010 District-Wide Photo Contest

Submit your *Zonta Action* photos to Susie Nulty.

They must—

- Show action regarding what Zonta does and who it helps
- Be recent—August 2008 to present

Label each photo with—

- Name of your club
- What, where, when the photo is showing



Send no more than five (5) submissions (photos) per Club. At least one photo from each club is requested. Contest ends December 31, 2010. Photos will be used for D12 website and Outreach newsletter.

Panel of judges—Tracy, Arlene, Kay, Susie (one from each Area)—will judge on the following criteria:

- How well the photo tells Zonta's story
- Artistic and technical quality

Cash (& other) Prizes will be awarded to the persons submitting the photos:

- 1st prize - \$75
- 2nd prize - \$50
- 3rd prize - \$25

- Other assorted prizes per submissions

Club Brag Page

Zonta Club of Douglas County “Rocks,” Raises Money for Women’s Service Projects

Members of the Zonta Club of Douglas County and their guests “rocked and rolled” to the sounds of T.C and the Domestic Engineers at the Club’s recent Sock Hop.

Held at Kirk Hall at the Douglas County Fairgrounds, the Second Annual Sock Hop also featured delicious refreshments, a hula hoop contest, and contests for the best 50-60s costume.

“We were pleased to raise more than \$800 with this event to support Zonta’s local and international service projects to improve the status of women,” says Christie Thakur, President of the Zonta Club of Douglas County.



ZIF News ...

Zonta International’s 2010-12 fundraising goal is \$3,758,000. Through October 31, \$611,158 has been raised worldwide. That’s 16.26% of the two-year goal. The 2008-2010 total goal was exceeded by 3.91%. Of the \$611,158, our District 12 has contributed \$19,988 through October. District 12 contributed \$156,798 in the 2008-2010 biennium. Through October, 22% of the District 12 contribution has come from individuals.

I’ve spoken to many Zontians who, instead of giving gifts at Christmas to adult family members who neither need nor want more “Stuff,” dedicate an amount of money to charity. If you feel that way, consider donating to the Zonta International Foundation at Christmas. And, it’s just in time for a tax write-off!

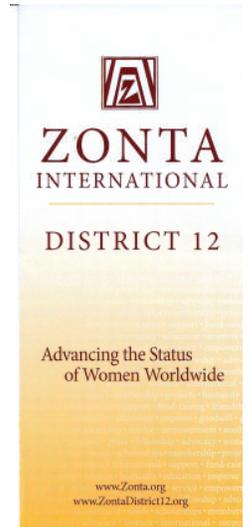


If you would like, I can send you a form to use when contributing to the ZI Foundation. Let me know at nheadlee@solucian.com if you would like one. In addition, and if it’s easier and financially more palatable, you can contribute on a monthly basis through an automatic withdrawal from your checking account or a debit to your credit card. I can forward those forms to you also!

Nikki Headlee, ZIF Chair

New District 12 Brochures Are Here!

Need something to give new members who wonder what District 12 is all about? Need a handout for a club event to increase Zonta's visibility? Need something to give potential members? Look no longer! The new District 12 tri-fold brochures are available now. They are professional, beautifully designed, and informational! Below is an order form. Additional order forms are also available from your Vice Area Director.



Zonta International District 12 Brochure Order Form

I would like to order:

of sets (50 brochures) _____ x \$15.00/set = _____
(Must be ordered in sets of 50)

Name _____

Address _____

E-Mail _____

Telephone _____

Checks should be payable to: Zonta District 12. In the Memo field write "D12 Brochure."

Please send this order form and a check to your Vice Area Director as shown:

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the District 12 Conference Program Books!



YWPA COORDINATOR NAMED

I'm pleased to announce that Janet Bergin of the Zonta Club of Royal Gorge has been appointed as the District 12 YWPA Coordinator. Janet is a Graphic Artist and is very active in her club as Vice President and PR Chairman. She comes to the YWPA Coordinator position at a critical time since clubs should **now** be promoting this award (scholarship) with their local high schools. Clubs select their YWPA recipients in February-March and send their winner's name to the District YWPA Coordinator (Janet) by April 1. Janet will be corresponding with the Chairman of the ZI YWPA Committee, Jane Wilson O'Brien, from Australia in this new role. We're delighted to have Janet join our District Team.

—Kay L. Meyer, Governor

THANK YOU!!

My husband suffered a massive stroke in March of 2010. He was transported from Fort Collins to Denver where between ICU and other facilities he stayed for two months. Then back to Fort Collins for a month in a rehab center and then finally home in June. He has lost movement of his right arm and leg and the ability to express his thoughts by speech or written language. Throughout this entire crisis I received such a tremendous amount of support from my Zontian sisters, not just in my own Club but from members throughout our entire District. I received cards, phone calls, and e-mails. I was visited at the hospital in Denver, supported as I looked for facilities, taken to lunch, and offered homes to stay while he was in Denver. My Club members also provided many meals for my husband and me as we struggled to find our new "normal" once he came home. A couple of members were so supportive that I was able to send them very long e-mails to vent my fear and frustration. As I look back over those months, I know it was this support that kept me going. I always seemed to get just what I needed at just the right time. I want to thank all of you from the bottom of my heart and to let you know that you did make a difference in my life.

Thank You!

—Bridget L. Masters, Zonta Club of Fort Collins



Ellen Marshall to receive the United Nations International Human Rights Award

Zonta Foothills Club of Boulder County member, Ellen Marshall, will receive the United Nations Human Rights Award on December 12, 2010, at Fraiser Meadows Sky Room in Boulder, Colorado. As president of Zonta Foothills Club from 2007-08, Marshall's knowledge, passion, and extensive experience promoting numerous dimensions of international human rights fundamentally changed the Club's vision. She inspired the Club to reach further and have a greater impact on the lives of women locally and internationally. This passion has been demonstrated throughout her career. Her lifelong efforts have especially contributed toward the right of all to have healthcare and an education.

Marshall worked in Senator Tim Wirth's office as a legislative assistant on health, education, and welfare issues in the 1990's. She helped author the first comprehensive population legislation in US Senate history—calling for funding of international family planning funds and improving US government programs for women.

From the Senate, Marshall went to work for the U.S. State Department where she expanded her work on behalf of international women's health and human rights and oversaw the preparation for the historic *1994 International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD)* which ultimately resulted in a new framework for international women's health and human rights. This agreement would not have occurred without U.S. leadership and without Marshall's efforts. She subsequently organized the staff work for the *4th World Conference on Women* in Beijing in 1995, which reaffirmed the ICPD vision and carried it even further. It was at this conference that Hillary Clinton declared that women's rights are human rights. Her work helped establish this new pivotal international framework.

During the past ten years, Ellen has continued her advocacy on behalf of women's health as a consultant to the International Women's Health Coalition with a special focus for the rights of women in the global response to the HIV/AIDS pandemic. She has urged the US and other governments to invest funds in reproductive health services, involve more women in program planning and remove harmful funding restrictions.

She has been involved in a variety of local initiatives to protect and advance the educational rights and opportunities for Coloradoans. She is currently directing a statewide initiative educating adolescents to help reduce teen pregnancy in Colorado.

Her leadership of Zonta Foothills Club of Boulder County educated the club through special town meetings and information opportunities that led to letters of advocacy on issues of human rights. Ellen was also one of the leaders in the Zonta's 2008 advocacy initiative resulting in the passage of JHR 08-1009 in support of CEDAW (the *United Nations' Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women*) by the Colorado Legislature. The Club is extremely proud of Ellen!

2010-2012 District 12 Calendar

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Date (2010)	Activity	Time/Location/Notes
November 1	GovnrGram	Sent to D12 Bd Mbrs and Club Presidents
November 25	1 st Day-16 days of activism for elimination of VAW	
December 1	GovnrGram	Sent to D12 Bd Mbrs and Club Presidents
December 10	Human Rights Day and last of 16 days	
December 13	District Board Member Reports due to Governor	
December 20	Governor's Report due to ZI	
2011	Activity	Time/Location
January 1	GovnrGram	Sent to D12 Bd Mbrs and Club Presidents
January 8	Board Conference Call	Beside your phone
January 15	Amelia Earhart Luncheon-honoring CU Fellows	UC-Boulder campus
February 1	GovnrGram	Sent to D12 Bd Mbrs and Club Presidents
March 1	GovnrGram	Sent to D12 Bd Mbrs and Club Presidents
March 8	Rose Day/Int'l Women's Day	In your community
April 1	GovnrGram	Sent to D12 Bd Mbrs and Club Presidents
April 1-2	Area 2 Meeting	Cheyenne
April 9	Area 3 Meeting	Boulder
April 15-16	Area 4 Meeting	Royal Gorge
April 29-30	Area 1 Meeting	Spearfish
May 1	GovnrGram	Sent to D12 Bd Mbrs and Club Presidents
May 1	Annual Club Reports due to ADs and Governor	Must meet deadline
May 4	District Board Member Reports due to Governor	Must meet deadline
May 9	Governor's Report due to ZI	Can't include info from units not meeting deadline
June 1	GovnrGram	Sent to D12 Bd Mbrs and Club Presidents
June 1	Deadline for Membership Dues to ZI	
June	Summer Board Meeting	Cheyenne
June 3-5	North American Inter-District Conference	Reno, Nevada
September 23-25	District 12 Conference	Rapid City
2012	Activity	Time/Location
July 7-12	Zonta International Convention	Torino, Italy