



# District 12 Governor's Seminar

September 21-23, 2012

## Biographies

### Mary Ellen Bittner

**Past International President, Zonta International**



Mary Ellen Bittner has been a member of the Zonta Club of Washington, D.C., since 1982, and was club president from 1989 – 1991. At the district level she served as parliamentarian (1990-1992), area director (1992-1994), lieutenant governor (1994-1996), and governor (1996-1998). She was chairman of the Zonta International Bylaws and Resolutions Committee from 1992-1994, and was a member of the steering committee for the Zonta International Summit on Violence Against Women from 1993-1995. She served as an International director from 1998 to 2000, as vice president from 2000 to 2002, as president-elect from 2002 to 2004, and as president of Zonta International from 2004 to 2006. In the 2006-2008 biennium she was chairman of the International Bylaws and Resolutions Committee and vice-chairman of the International Nominating Committee.

Mary Ellen holds a bachelor's degree (mathematics (1969)) and a juris doctor degree (1972) from the University of Illinois and a master's degree in economics (1994) from George Mason University. She was admitted to the bar in 1972. From 1972 to 1980, she served with the National Labor Relations Board, a United States government agency that decides labor-management disputes in the private sector, as attorney and assistant chief counsel. In 1980 she was appointed an administrative law judge, and she served in that position with the NLRB until 1987, when she moved to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. In 1991 she was appointed chief administrative law judge for the DEA. In this position, she presided over formal adjudicatory proceedings, headed the office, and managed the staff. She retired in 2010.

Mary Ellen lives with her husband in suburban Washington, D.C.; daughter Betsy and her husband live in Massachusetts. She likes to cook for family and friends and is an avid reader.

## **Alice Borodkin**

### **District 12 Advocacy Committee Member, Zonta International**



Alice Borodkin has a proven record of accomplishment, experience and leadership, using her skills and knowledge in the areas of advocacy, international/global issues and business acumen.

The Honorable Alice Borodkin served in the Colorado House of Representatives for eight years, before being term limited in 2009. Alice is a graduate and Flemming Fellow of the Washington, DC-based Center for Policy Alternatives and a graduate of the Center for Women Policy Studies Foreign Policy Institute and their Women, Peace and Security Program. She is the founder and past editor/publisher of Women's Business Chronicle, a newspaper for and

about business for professional women.

A licensed pilot and former member of the International Organization of Women Pilots, Alice plays an active role in advocating for General Aviation airports around the country. She was responsible for several pieces of legislation benefiting airports and impacting economic development in Colorado.

Rising from the stereotypical women's role of the 50's and 60's, Alice's career took flight when she founded and published Airport News, a newspaper serving the airports of LaGuardia and JFK Airports. Recognizing the need for a business organization at JFK Airport, she started the JFK International Airport Chamber of Commerce.

Flying on, she landed as the Director of Marketing for the Metropolitan Transportation Authority and the Metropolitan Airports Authority. Serving on the Business Affairs and Labor, Finance, and the Transportation and Energy Committees, Alice put her expertise to work by starting and chairing an Interim Committee on Economic Development. Legislation concerning the funding of tourism and job creation was a direct result of the work of that committee.

Alice Borodkin has learned to fly, and now strives to empower and advocate for those who have the passion to make a difference in the world.

Alice has been a member of the Zonta Club of Denver since 2009.

## **Roz Duman**

### **Founder/Director, Colorado Coalition for Genocide Awareness and Action**

Roz Duman has over 25 years of experience as a community relations professional in diverse organizations and governmental offices. Prior to her current position as the founder and director of the Colorado Coalition for Genocide Awareness and Action, Roz worked as volunteer coordinator for KBDI, Channel 12, as program director for the International Multi-Cultural Institute, director of the Holocaust Awareness Institute at the University of Denver, director of the American Jewish Committee, Colorado Chapter and the executive director of the first regional office of the America Israel Friendship League. Roz also has political experience working as a legislative aide for former State Representative (now Senator) Suzanne Williams, director of scheduling in Mayor Webb's office (later director of the Office of Volunteerism for the City of Denver), staff aide for U.S. Congresswoman Pat Schroeder and worked on campaigns such as Sherry Wolff for Secretary of State, US Senate race for Ken Salazar and development director for the Democratic Party. Roz has received multiple awards and recognition for her work including the Community Action Award from the American Jewish Committee, the Colorado Division Human Rights Award from the United Nations Association, and the Civil Rights Award from the regional office of the Anti Defamation League. She is married, has four children and 10 grandchildren.

### **Colorado Coalition Genocide Awareness for Awareness and Action (CCGAA)**

In 2005, Roz convened a conference on Genocide and Crimes Against Humanity to see if there was a need to start an organization dealing with genocide awareness and action.

The conference was a great success and paved the way to found the Colorado Coalition for Genocide Awareness and Action the following year. CCGAA's mission is to challenge our society to end complacency towards and raise awareness of genocides past and present and take action to stop genocides present and future. To address the challenges in CCGAA's mission, the Coalition provides education for all Coloradans through awareness programming, works with the media to encourage coverage on the issue and makes sure that our political leaders take the necessary actions to stop these horrendous crimes against humanity by putting pressure on governments wherever genocide rears its ugly head.

# Mackenzie Fogelson

## CEO, Mack Web Solutions

Mackenzie Fogelson (called “Mack” by pretty much everybody), is the founder and CEO of Mack Web Solutions.

By which we mean that, in the past 10 years, Mack has done it all, from the grunt work to the glad-handing: she’s done web design, keyword research, support meetings, business development, site optimization, link building, hiring, branding, marketing, conference-attending, report-giving, lunch-buying, party-throwing, bill-paying, office-cleaning, hand-holding, and a whole lot of reading.

The effect of the time and effort and hard work and occasional sucking up is a thriving web marketing company based on her personal business passions: integrity, best practice, and delivering sustainable results. (Other effects: paper cuts and eye strain).

The whole thing started back in, uh...a while ago...when Mack was an English teacher. ‘Cuz, really, what else can you do with one English degree (with a secondary education emphasis), let alone two.

No, really. What can you do? That’s what Mack was asking herself as she ruminated on the uses of an M.A. in English, with a focus on communication development. Well, focus on communication development, of course. And since junior highers (Lord love them) aren’t really known for being communicative, Mack turned instead to the web (especially since that master’s degree also landed her with some coding skills).

That’s how it began, anyway. From her traumatic experiences in the trenches of post-primary education, Mack has brought away capabilities in leadership, content generation, public speaking, and organization that have served her well in her professional hideaway...uh, capacity.

Mack’s determination to learn as much as she could about her chosen profession as an SEO has taken Mack Web Solutions from a one-woman-band to a team of dedicated SEO, social media, and design specialists.

These days, Mack’s main focus is growing the company through the education of her clientele, community, and also of her team. She challenges her team to integrate SEO, content marketing, and social media into strategies that actually work and bring desired results. Then she turns around and shows the world-at-large what her ever-improving systems, processes, and efficiencies have wrought. Mack does this by practicing what she preaches: reaching out with blog posts, through public speaking engagements, and general awesomeness. So take that, all those people who say that English degrees are worthless. Pbbbbth.

On a more personal note, Mack is pretty crazy about her family. She is blessed to be able to do what she loves with the unconditional support of her husband Jon, daughter Ryan, and son Easton.

You can circle Mack on [Google+](#) or link up with her on [LinkedIn](#) or tweet [@mackfogelson](#) on Twitter.



## **Ann Hefenieder**

**District 12 Advocacy Committee Member, Zonta International**



Ann Hefenieder, a member of the Zonta Club of Billings since 2003, has worked for the State of Montana's Child Support Enforcement Division since January, 1988, and has been Legal Services Bureau Chief since August, 1997. She is a member of the Yellowstone Area Bar Association's CLE and Pro Bono Committees, and volunteers in the Billings community through her work with the Zonta Club of Billings. She is a member of the music ministry at Mary Queen of Peace church, and also serves on the parish finance committee. In

her free time, she enjoys reading, knitting, and the occasional gym workout.

## June Macon

### Social Media Strategist, Mack Web Solutions

June Macon has been revolutionizing Mack Web Solutions social media endeavors since she first walked through the door and her sunny smile disappeared behind a storm-cloud-meets-school-marm scowl. (“What do you mean, you’re not on Twitter?”)

Since that fateful day in early 2012, June has brought her strong background in public relations and marketing not only to Mack Web Solutions internal social strategies and engagement, but also to those they develop for their clients. She also handles their local search and does some project management on the side. Just for fun, you understand. In other words, she’s pretty much a shining figure out of myth and lore to her wide-eyed and awestruck co-workers.



And it works out pretty well for her, too, given that she’d be spending all day on social media even if she wasn’t getting paid for it. She has a passion for all things social and brings her energy, creativity, and communication skills to everything she does at Mack Web.

And - as is not surprising from someone so enthusiastic about social engagement - June also really likes people. She makes a point of personally connecting with their clients and making sure they have everything they need to be comfortable in their own social media endeavors. (Though we’ve learned, through trial and error, that she draws the line at peeled grapes. Which are kinda gross anyway).

And not only are you in friendly hands when you get to work with June, you’re in qualified hands as well. She has a B.A. in Journalism with an emphasis in Public Relations from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and an M.A. in Adult Education and Training.

This means that not only does she understand how to reach people through word and deed; she knows how to explain it to others, too. (And by “others” we mean people like you, rather than the decidedly enigmatic faction from Lost).

Beyond her generally positive demeanor and crazy mad skillz (yes, that “z” is intended satirically), June also brings into the Mack Web family fold her husband Gerald and son Price.

You can circle her on Google+ or link up with her on LinkedIn and if you fancy, follow her on Twitter @junemackweb.

## Kathryn L. Meyer

### International Advocacy Committee Chair, Zonta International



Kay Meyer grew up on a family farm in Northwest Missouri, but it was love at first sight when she saw the Rocky Mountains on a family trip in 1960. So in 1971, when she landed an internship in Denver, she *stayed* -- as a vocational rehabilitation counselor then supervisor stationed in the field of public mental health. A career shift resulted in being a performance auditor for the Colorado State Legislature, a professional staff for the CU Board of Regents, an internal auditor for the CO Department of Revenue, an evaluation director for the School-to-Work Federal grant, and doing private contract work. She holds an M.Ed. and an MBA.

She and her husband, Dan Gould, now manage the Meyer Family Farm LLC in MO and a little patch just east of Boulder. Their daughter Alyson Gould is an associate attorney specializing in natural resources with Holsinger Law LLC, and their son-in-law Derek Leopold, is a 3<sup>rd</sup> year surgery resident at St. Joseph Hospital, both in Denver.

Kay first joined the Zonta Foothills Club in '86, had two 'sabbaticals,' and has been reinstated since 2003. She's served as Club President, Area 3 Director, D12 Lt. Governor/OMC Chair, and Governor. During '05-06, she helped establish the Zonta-Bev Hackbart Scholarship and the Zonta Foothills Foundation. The newest challenge for Kay is serving as 2012-2014 Chair of the Zonta International Advocacy Committee.

## **Jane Page**

### **District 12 Advocacy/United Nations Chair, Zonta International**



Jane Page graduated from Mount Marty College in Yankton, SD with a degree in Selected Studies. She obtained her MBA from the University of South Dakota. She is currently an Assistant Director with the South Dakota Department of Revenue where she has worked for 23 years.

She joined Zonta in 1992 and is currently a member of the Zonta Club of Pierre-Fort Pierre.

She has held many positions at the club and District level, including Club President and Area 1 Director. She is currently the District Advocacy/UN Chair.



## Liz Bernel Read

### Training and Development Project Manager, Level 3 Communications



Liz Bernel Read is a training development project manager for Level 3 Communications, located in Broomfield, CO. Liz has been in the training and education field for most of her career ranging from being the founder of the education program at the Buffalo Zoological Gardens in Buffalo, NY, to being a middle school and high school teacher as well as a corporate educator.

Like the founder of Zonta, Marian de Forest, Liz is also a graduate of The Buffalo Seminary, a private girls school in Buffalo, NY. Liz was originally introduced to Zonta while working at the Buffalo Zoo.

Liz has an undergraduate degree from the University of Wyoming which introduced her to the Rocky Mountains and instilled a desire to return in the 80s to work on an advanced degree in Telecommunication. She has since established herself as both a technical and soft skills trainer in the corporate world.

Along with delivering formal training to adults and children, Liz's experience includes weekly cameo visits to Rocket Ship 7, a children's show aired in Buffalo, NY, hosting Computer Café at TCI as well as coaching assistance at Dale Carnegie training. She has also successfully shown and won five champion titles for five of her dachshunds.

## Mary Ricketson

Dean Emerita, Sturm College of Law and University Professor, University of Denver, The Women's College



Mary Ricketson, Dean Emerita Sturm College of Law and University Professor at DU's Women's College is a lawyer, educator, mediator, arbitrator and fund raiser. Mary has previously served as a Colorado deputy district attorney, an Assistant Attorney General and the Executive Director of the Colorado Lawyers Committee. She teaches leadership and philanthropy and serves on the Leadership and Mentoring Committee of The Women's Chamber of Commerce, Mary has served as the president of the Colorado Women's Bar Association, the CWBA Foundation and the Colorado Association on the Abuse of Children. She is currently the Chair of the Wildlife Experience Board, a Board member of Mi Casa Resource Center and is an Advisory Board member of the Make A Wish Foundation. She has been honored with The Mary Lathrop Trailblazer Award by the Women's Bar Association as well as the Community Service Award by the Colorado Hispanic Bar

Association, the Edwin Wolf Award from the national Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights Under Law and The Women of Distinction Award.



**Professor Claude d'Estrée, M.T.S., J.D.**, is the Director of the Human Trafficking Clinic (HTC), the Center on Rights Development (CORD), and the International Human Rights Degree Program at the Josef Korbel School of International Studies as well as the Buddhist Chaplain at the University of Denver. The Human Trafficking Clinic offers the only two-year, graduate level training program in forced and bonded labour, human trafficking, modern slavery, and international labour migration issues in the U.S.. In October, 2007 Professor d'Estrée was elected as the Chief Delegate to the IOM (International Organization on Migration)/UNODC (United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime) "International Forum: Global Inter-Faith Dialog" in Cape Town that preceded the UN.GIFT (United Nations Global Initiative to Fight Human Trafficking) Vienna Forum in February, 2007. He was then named as the UN.GIFT Special Rapporteur for Inter-Faith Response to Human Trafficking. He is a graduate of Harvard Divinity School where he studied comparative religion and was appointed as the first Buddhist Chaplain at Harvard University by His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama, and is a graduate of Northeastern University School of Law where he focused on critical legal studies and prisoner's rights. Before coming to the University of Denver he was at the U.S. Attorney's Office in Washington, DC. In addition to his passion about human trafficking, forced labour and modern slavery, he also teaches on international humanitarian law of armed conflict (IHL/LOAC), torture, and international law and human rights. During part the 2012-2013 academic year Prof. d'Estrée will be a Fellow at the Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery at Yale University where he will focus on sound methodology and reliable statistics and data in the study of forced labour and human trafficking.



Melissa Dohse

Melissa recently received her M.A. in social work with a clinical focus on families and trauma, conducting extensive research on the intersection of domestic minor sex trafficking and the Denver juvenile justice system. Melissa currently provides outpatient bilingual therapy for sexual assault survivors at R.A.A.P.

Melissa received a BA in social work from Northern Arizona University. Upon graduation Melissa served as the assistant manager of Northland Family Help Center Domestic Violence Shelter. Melissa has traveled extensively throughout S.E. Asia, Mexico, Guatemala, Kenya, Vanuatu, and the Dominican Republic, connecting with non-profits that are working with trafficking survivors, indigenous women receiving micro-credit loans, and the urban poor.

Title: The Intersection of Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking and the Denver Juvenile Justice System.

Link to Prezi: <http://prezi.com/n5m8mgomqcd/domestic-minor-sex-trafficking/>

Abigail K. Wolfe

Abigail K. Wolfe, M.A. "The Psychological Impact of Human Trafficking on the Survivor: A Story Told the World Over."

*Abigail Knowles Wolfe* is a PsyD Candidate in Clinical Psychology at the University of Denver (DU) specializing in trauma therapy.

She currently holds an M.A. in International Disaster Psychology from the Graduate School of Professional Psychology (GSPP) at DU.

She completed an international field placement in pursuit of her master's degree in Mostar, Bosnia & Herzegovina, working with the survivors of sex trafficking in the Southeastern European context. She is currently Associate Director of the Human Trafficking Clinic (HTC) researching the psychological and physiological implications of trauma on the treatment of human trafficking survivors. Also an officer in the United States Air Force via the Health Professionals Scholarship Program (HPSP), Abigail will continue her post doctoral training in psychology by working with members of the armed forces in both combat and non-combat environments.

## **HELEN ACHOL ABYEI**

**Helen Achol Abyei** A Southern Sudanese, mother of six and grandmother of twelve, Ms. Abyei worked in a Bank in South Sudan for twenty seven years, but had to flee to Egypt with her children in 2000 where she volunteered to interpret Sudanese asylum seekers' testimonies from 2000 to 2002.

She came to Denver as a refugee in 2002. She served as Chairperson of the Sudanese People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) chapter in Colorado from 2007 to 2009. Ms. Abyei is Founder of the Children's Ark of the New Sudan (CANS) and a board member of the Leadership Institute of the New Sudan (LIONS). This is her last semester at the Community College of Denver. .