

**Zontians
Celebrate
Birthdays:**

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY
TO BEV!!**

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Looking Forward...



As our new fiscal year begins the Zonta Club of Lakewood Golden remembers what we accomplished in 2011-2012 as we plan for another exciting year just beginning.

Winding up the year in May included the best ever “Beautiful Hat Tea”, our major fundraiser for the past 8 years. This project, not only raises funds for our “Adopt-a-Teacher” grants and other programs assisting women in our community, but provides our members with an opportunity to work together and enjoy the camaraderie of cooperating to bring this big event together. We also get to meet the wonderful teachers we have sponsored and to hear their success stories. We even get acquainted with some of the students who have benefitted from this program. Members and guests look forward to this annual event and we always hear comments about how such a small group of women can put on such a successful event.

In June Sheila Davis, District 12 Lt. Governor (now District 12 Governor) helped us welcome Lisa Nolan and Brenda Pearl as new Zontians to our club.

At the same meeting in June, Sheila installed our new officers for the upcoming year. Kari Winter was honored for 2 yrs of service as our past President and 1 year as acting President. Kari’s devotion and hard work has kept up the enthusiasm of members to make our small club a “mighty” club.

Introducing our New Officers

Bev Myers—President

Deb Beatty—Vice President

Kari Winter—Secretary

Marion King—Treasurer

Foundation Directors:

Debbie Bandimere, Kathie Dillon,

Emmy French, Barb Ludwig,

A "Beautiful Hat Tea"



May 5, 2012 was a lovely spring afternoon as members and guests arrived for our annual "BEAUTIFUL HAT TEA", all decked out in spring finery coordinating with their lovely hats. Tables were each decorated in different international country themes.

"Adopted Teacher" grant recipients review their accomplishments of the year. Brenda Bartel and Linda Gamble were joined by two of their students to give a presentation of the Student Government program that was developed this year at Mulholm Elementary School. Darla Aragon from Stein Elementary School told how effective the reading program she instituted with her students who are trying to learn English.



Piano music provided a nice background as raffle tickets were purchased for chances to win themed gift baskets. Silent auction items drew lots of names, all awaiting for winning announcements. Tea and sandwiches were served and everyone settled back to listen to our

Awards were also given for the best hats for adults and children alike.



Our Newest Members!!

Welcome Lisa!

We are so excited to have Lisa Nolan join us with her dedication to helping empower women. Lisa is principal at Slater Elementary School in Jefferson County. She has specialized her teaching career in Special Educ., English & Language Arts and Parent Education. Lisa is already assisting with our Adopt-a-Teacher program.

She and her husband love to travel and enjoy their 5 grandchildren.



Welcome Brenda!

Brenda Pearl didn't wait to be formally initiated into our club. She attended meetings and was very active in the Beautiful Hat Tea fundraiser this spring. (She's the one with the raffle tickets around her neck in the photos above of our BHT event.)

She's excited to be a Zontian and participate in any and all activities.



Do You Know...Debbie



**Debbie Emceed
our 2012 BHT**

DEBBIE BANDIMERE.....

(yep, like the Morrison CO drag strip), is a newer Zontian but she hasn't wasted any time getting involved in club activities. She has worked on the "Go Red for Women" program, which helps women understand the importance of heart health, for the past 2 years. She has also helped get us involved in the Women's Expo at Bandimere Speedway and publicizing Zonta and our message of improving the status of women. She is ready to pitch in with any project our club undertakes. In summer months she is pretty

much tied up at work as marketing manager and Nitro Knockout Crew Chief, a women's organization she helped organize. At this year's Beautiful Hat Tea she was our bubbly emcee.

Debbie is married to her high school sweetheart, John ("Sporty") Bandimere III and they have 3 children; Brianna ("Bri"), Ashlie ("AJ") and John IV ("Scooter"). Lots of nicknames! Also part of the family are 2 Yorkies, Zoie and Mollie. With all of this she doesn't have much time for hobbies but says she loves Zonta, Zumba and shopping. She also says she hates cooking but likes to clean. (I'm with you there, Debbie!)

THIS AND THAT...

GOVERNOR SHEILA!!

Congratulations to Sheila Davis, our new District 12 Governor. Sheila has been a member of the Zonta Club of Denver since 2002 and is a long-time friend of the Lakewood Golden Club. Sheila's duties as Governor will officially begin at the close of the International Convention in Torino Italy in July. We look forward to the District 12 Governor's Seminar in September to hear about Governor Sheila's next biennium plans and goals. This will be held in place of the District 12 Conference which will occur every 2 years.

Lakewood Golden club as officially adopted the Starburst pin and gavel as our past president pin. Kari Winter was recently awarded this pin for 3 yrs of service. Other past presidents also wear this pin.



Upcoming Events:

- 8/7—Monthly Meeting at Alamos Verde Restaurant
- 8/21—BOD Mtg. at Bev's
- 9/27— Governor's Seminar

Wanted: Dedicated teachers with innovative ideas!

Our "ADOPT-A-TEACHER" grant program will soon be under way for the coming school year. We will be offering 5 grants of up to \$500 each to teachers in the Jeffco School District. Recent teachers who have received this grant have used these funds to create an after-school book group for below level 7th grade Language Arts students; start up a student government program in an elementary school; create an after school choir for low income 5th graders; as well as purchase learning aids for students learning English.

Applications will be going out to ALL Jeffco public schools later in July. If you are or know of a dedicated teacher who wants to enhance the learning opportunities for her students please contact Kathie Dillon at kathiedillon@Q.com or Lisa Nolan at belmalage@comcast.net