

Foothills Flash



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Zonta Foothills Club of Boulder County, Colorado

District 12, Area 3



The Pres' Corner –

Fall is around the corner and always an exciting renewal time with school starting and the weather becoming cool and crisp again. We will have a wonderful opportunity the end of September to meet with other clubs at the District Conference here in Boulder. I am looking forward to hearing from Beryl Sten from Sweden, as our international liaison from Gothenburg, Sweden and gaining more of a sense of our international status.

The conference as you know will be in Boulder at The Broker Friday, Sept. 30 through Sunday, Oct. 2nd. You have all received your email registrations and I urge you to register before Sept. 1st as the price increases from \$150 for the weekend to \$175. There are opportunities to just attend on Saturday if you can't make the Friday sessions. We already have involvement from our club members. Friday night at the evening happy hour with heavy hors d'oeuvres, Jan Polkinghorne will be providing piano music. Our club is responsible for the Hospitality Table and helping other Zontians from out of town find fun activities around town or places to eat. Saturday morning, Stephany Westhusin and I and other volunteers from our club will led a walk/run on the Boulder Creek behind the Broker at 6 AM. Kay Meyer will be presenting with Evie Ashmore a seminar on CEDAW. Kay is also running for Area 3 President and we have a chance to show our support for her. I will be doing a "Chocolate Therapy Session" for everyone, if I don't eat all the chocolate in advance. Virginia Postle will be doing the invocation at the conference.

I really hope we have a great turn out from our club, not because we need to show a head count, but because it really is a chance to learn more about Zonta and what we support worldwide and at home. Think about coming for the whole weekend or just a day. *Tommie*

Happy Birthday!

Trudi Pepper – Aug. 30th
Kathy Minter – Sept 9th
Betty Cox – Sept 17th
Laura McCutchen – Sept 30th

Important Dates!

Aug 24 -- Book Club, Judy Lambert's
Aug 25 – Board Meeting 11:30 Turley's – Membership, PR, Fundraising, and Conference Committees
August 28 - Social Tommie's House - Mexican Madness, 5:30-8:30 (bring a Mexican dish to share and invite a potential member if you like)
Sept 8 – Business Meeting at The Cork
Sept 13 – Prospective Member party, 6:00 at Kathy Minter's
Sept 22 – Board meeting at Turley's – International, Service, and Fundraising invited
Sept 29-Oct 1 – District Conference at The Broker
Oct 1 – Flash Deadline

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE

Look at US . Go to <http://zontafoothills.org/home/> and look what we are about. Thanks to Pam Malzbender, Katya and Kay Meyer for all their help in setting this up.

Service Committee

The Service Committee met in July to discuss our plans for this coming year. We would like to have each member bring an item a month to be used to help others. The following items are suggested for the next several months:

September – Personal Items

October – Canned Goods

November – Turkeys

December – Gifts for children/family

Please bring your items to the meetings. The first meeting is on September 8th at the Cork.

We would like to thank those who volunteered on a very hot day at the Boulder Peaks Triathlon. We certainly made a great impression because we were asked if we would participate at another triathlon. Undine and I want to thank Virginia, Margaret, Kay, Martha, Tommie, Catherine, and Peg. Special thanks to Undine for making all the arrangements!!

Our committee members: Audrey Marquardt, Martha Santoyo and Patti Zarlengo and Pam Malzbender will be working hard to make Zonta Foothills proud. We will keep you informed at meetings and through the newsletter.

Undine Ehrman and Joyce Fischer

MEXICAN MADNESS on August 28th

The Social to kick off the year will be at Tommie's on Sunday August 28th. from 5:30 to 8:30. Please bring a Mexican dish to serve. Drinks provided. Tommie's Phone number is 303-545-2144 and cells don't work in the mountains of Pine Brook Hills.

Go up Linden , west , off Broadway. Go 2 and a half miles up, past the Pinebrook Community Firehouse and the road comes to a T, turn right , go another one quarter of a mile and go off on the dirt road with a group of mailboxes on the right...don't continue on the paved road that goes up. Immediately ahead of you, you will see a Green Sign "Pinebrook Loop", go left at this sign, and the first drive way on the right is Tommie's. Park your cars on the road and walk down...If wearing CROCS watch for rocks in the driveway.

The Mexican Madness Social will also be a time to invite a potential member to see what we are about...this does NOT replace the Membership Orientation at Kathy Minter's in September.

Please invite a friend/potential member and have her bring a dish to share too. Please try to carpool as the road is small for alot of cars to park, RSVP if you are coming and or bringing someone. 303.545.2144

Foothills Foundation Feature

The new Board of Directors (Krista Butler, Betty Cox, Kay Meyer, Kathy Minter, & Bev Sears) held its first meeting July 14th. The Directors elected officers, as follows: Kathy Minter- Secretary, Bev Sears-President Elect, and Kay Meyer-President (we drew straws, & I got the shortest). . We're still trying to figure out who now has the shortest straw for Treasurer.

Discussion centered around how much we have to learn, the next steps in applying to the IRS for our tax-exempt status, and grand possibilities. For follow-up, Betty contacted

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for the District 12 Conference

As you all know, Boulder will be the location for this year's District 12 Conference. Most of the planning work has been done by the other Boulder Club and our President, Tommie Atanasoff. What remains is a great opportunity to work at the conference and get to meet and visit with members from other clubs. The best part of the district conference (and any Zonta Conference) is to get a broader perspective of the membership of Zonta. There is no better way to do this than to attend and/or work at the conference.

The conference will be held on Thursday, September 29 - Sunday, Oct. 2 and it will be held at the Boulder Broker. The following volunteer help is needed from our membership for the conference. The days and times are as follows:

1. Thursday morning - Help prepare registration packets
2. Friday - various time slots - Help register participants for the conference
3. Friday Night - Hospitality Table - Talk with conference participants about entertainment options in Boulder for tonight or on Sunday.
4. Saturday morning - 6-8 a.m. - Help with Run/Walk for adventurous conference participants

Please let Stephany Westhusin know if you are interested in any of these volunteer opportunities - it should be a great conference!

Board Votes on Communication Goal

At the July board meeting, the board decided on their goal for the year which is to help improve communication between all committees and the board. To help in this, each board member will be a liaison between the board and the committees, and will call each month the committee chairs to discuss if

Pam France to seek assistance and possibly a sixth board member). Pam is willing to meet with us, but wants no further commitments at this point.

We learned that there is a new, revised IRS application form, as of 10/2004, so we are beginning to address that. The Directors will be lunching with Jacki Sammons, Zonta International Foundation Director, on August 24th. We may have to feed Jacki ahead of time--because she's going to have a lot o' talkin' to do.

--Kay

PROGRAM COMMITTEE UPDATE: by Stephany Westhusin and Carol Adams - Co-Chairs

What has the Program Committee been up to this summer? Lots!

Great Speakers: As usual, we are working on lining up our continuing queue of interesting speakers for the general membership meetings. We have several great leads but if you come across a potential speaker please forward the information on to Stephany or Carol. We keep a file of speakers and if they don't work out this year, it may be that they can speak to our club next year. All of our members have personal or professional connections and that's out we continue to find local speakers that can speak to Zonta's Mission.

The Website: At one time this task was labeled a Program/PR project which was a daunting one at best and it seemed to come to reality overnight! We would like to take credit for this work but the people to be commended for this website finally coming to fruition are Pam Malzbender and Katja Stokley, a friend of Pam's, who offered to help us with this task. Tommie and Kay Meyer also had significant input in making sure the web-info is helpful and accurate. We're very proud of how it turned out and hope you are too.

any what the board can do or what updated plans or needs the committee has. With the upcoming Authors' Luncheon that all committees will be involved in, this was seen as an excellent way to keep the lines open.

The following board members will be contacting you monthly:

Pam - Service,
Audrey – Membership
Kay – PR
Cathie- International
Laura - Fundraising.

These experienced Board Liaisons are willing to help or answer any questions and bring information to the board meetings.

From the Treasurer....

Thanks to all who paid their dues so timely. The second installment of dues are coming up in September. \$75 payable to Zonta Foothills should be either given to Laura McCutchen at our September meeting or mailed to her at 905 Rainlily Ln., Boulder, CO 80304. The final payment of \$75 will be due again in January.

The International Committee hopes that everyone had a marvelous and restful summer. Our committee plans on meeting the third or fourth week of September. We will make contact with all our committee members at the September business meeting and find the times that would be most convenient for all to meet. The plan for the first meeting is to review our goals planned out at the annual retreat and then to strategize how we can put those into action.

We look forward to seeing everyone September 15.

Ellen Marshall
Linda Chartier

Zonta International Stickers - Before you say, "I don't put stickers on my car", listen to how this will work. Our club is going to purchase window stickers similar to the holiday stickers you buy to put in your home windows that stick to the inside of windows but can be relocated or removed at any time. The stickers will say Zonta International. The goal has two purposes - to get the word out about Zonta, and to make some money at the same time. They will be sold to other Zontians at meetings or through the web. These stickers will be available at the District Meeting.

Public Relations - In addition to the window stickers, we are brainstorming how to get the word out about our mission and our projects. We would like Zonta to be a household name, instead of always hearing "I've never heard of Zonta." Our main PR project will be the author's luncheon but we would also like to get press for Zonta Rose Day and to generally let people know about Zonta's Mission.

If you have any Program or Public Relations ideas, please get with Carol or Stephany.

Fundraising Committee Report

The fundraising committee is moving forward in the planning for the "first annual" Author Luncheon, on April 8th, 2006. Please mark your calendars for this date to attend and assist in the club's big fund raiser. Marta and I have been meeting with book stores to get a list of potential authors and with hotels to look at where to hold the event. We will be asking each committee to assist in this fund raiser, as there is a long list of details and tasks to complete.

A sign up sheet with begin and completion dates will be available at the meeting in September.

The Jefferson county Zonta Author's luncheon is September 24th. Please let us know if you plan on attending - we would like to reserve a table.

Legislative Action Alert--From Zonta District 15 USA Legislative Advocacy Chair--National Issue

Dear Zontians,

This alert is going out to the Board of District 15 and those interested in USA Zonta legislative action. This was discussed in Denver and the network is not yet built or put into place. Please consider sending the alert to your respective clubs, other clubs and Districts that might be interested. This is an relatively easy topic for Zontians to gather around as we raise so much money and do so many service projects in the area of domestic violence.

Karen Hagen
USA District 15 Legislative Advocacy Chair

Ask your Senators/Members of the House of Representatives to Co-Sponsor VAWA 2005 (S. 1197/H.R. 2876)

The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) expires on September 30!

VAWA 2005 has been introduced in both the Senate (S. 1197) and the House of Representatives (H.R. 2876) with strong bipartisan support.

VAWA 2005 reauthorizes and enhances existing VAWA programs that help communities better protect and help victims. It also develops new programs that meet the needs of battered women and create a comprehensive approach to ending domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

VAWA programs provide essential and life saving services to victims across the country. It is crucial that Congress act before VAWA expires!

GO TO:

<http://ga3.org/campaign/vawa2005>

The Membership Committee gets going in full swing this fall with our Prospective Membership Party on Tuesday, September 13th held 6:00pm at Kathy Minter's home - 5325 Centennial Trail, Boulder. Please be thinking of women you would like to invite. This summer, I had the opportunity to attend the North America Zonta Membership Conference held in Denver. I was exposed to many great ideas for recruitment and retention. One key factor discussed is to look for women who are passionate about our issues and show commitment to further the goals of Zonta. Think about the ladies you interact with...friends and other professional women who have these qualities. So when you receive the 2 invitations in the mail, please take the time to send them out and spread the word about our organization. We would like at least one representative from each committee to come to the Prospective Membership Party. Please email me at anita@moveitforward.org if you are able to attend.

Judy, myself and our entire committee thank each of you for being a part of our committee...and helping to welcome new members to our club! All the best, Anita Simon and Judy Lambert - Membership Co-Chairs

ZONTA FOOTHILLS CLUB MINUTES

Minutes of the July 28, 2005 Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Tommie Atanasoff.

In attendance were: Laura McCutchen, Pam Malzbender and her daughter, Katie, Joyce Fischer, and Kay Meyer. Kay had been asked to take minutes for Cathie Sattler who is in Wyoming. Laura McCutchen moved approval of the June Board meeting minutes, and Kay seconded; the board voted approval.

Laura presented the Foothills Club Treasurer's report (see handout), updated through July 2005. It was noted that Tommie needs to sign new bank account signature cards as 2005-6 President. Tommie moved acceptance of the report.

Old Business

- Tommie distributed copies of the 'Summary of Retreat Objectives, June 2005' (see handout). Overall results of the three theme questions are noted, as well as the goals each committee developed for itself.
- Kay reported that the slate of candidates (Bev Sears, Betty Cox, Krista Butler, Kathy Minter, and Kay Meyer) to be Directors of the Zonta Foothills Foundation had been approved by a vote of the club members. The new Foundation Board held its first meeting on July 14th and elected officers. The Board is working on the 501 (c) 3 application and has invited Zonta International Foundation Board Member Jacki Sammons to help orient it on Foundation Board roles & responsibilities.

New Business

- Tommie stated that the emphasis will be on communication as the Board 2005 - 6 objectives. Each committee will submit an article to the *Flash* each month and will ensure that the Board is updated on its activities. Each member of the Board will act as a liaison to a particular committee to facilitate this communication. (This line-up will be: Pam with the Service/StoW Committee, Audrey with Membership, Kay with PR/Program, Cathie with International, and Laura with Fund-Raising.) Committee chairs will continue to attend specified Board meetings throughout the year.
- Joyce and Kay presented some of the highlights of the Zonta Interdistrict Membership Seminar of the Americas that was held in Denver June 24-26th. They brought back numerous ideas that will also be shared with the general membership.
- Pam reported great progress on the Foothills Club Website. Katja Stokley is finalizing several pages. The Board briefly reviewed the updated fact sheet and questions that had been posed by Katja.

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- Kay presented a proposal that the Foothills Club sell vinyl 'Zonta' window stickers. A bulk order of 1,000 would cost \$530. If we could sell them at \$2.00 each, we could possibly net over \$1,400. We could advertise them on our new website, and sell them at the District Conference, etc. The Zonta Club of Denver is possibly interested in working with us on this. Laura recommended that the Board support an expenditure for ordering the window stickers by our PR Committee. Tommie will first check with the Fund-Raising committee regarding this idea.
- Tommie gave an update on the 2005 District Conference planning. A Call to Conference will be e-mailed to all members soon. There will be a dinner on Thursday, September 29, at Carelli's for District Board guests; several Foothills Board members plan to attend.
- Tommie & Kay reported that our club has still not collected its allocation of funds from the Amelia Earhart 2005 Casino night. The Denver II Club President has been contacted several times since May in this regard.
- Tommie & Pam noted that members who are not registered on the Zonta International website will be assisted in doing so at the social on August 28th.
- Pam moved that the Foothills Club cease coffee sales for the time being; Laura seconded, and the Board unanimously agreed.

- Pam moved and Kay seconded that the Club not renew its membership with the Boulder Chamber of Commerce in September. The Board agreed that we did not experience further visibility or otherwise benefit from being a member in 2004-5. The vote to allow the membership to expire was unanimous.
- Tommie gave a brief update on the nine club volunteers staffing at the Boulder Triathlon in the 100 degree heat. This group included our newest incoming member, Peg Saunders.
- Joyce reported that the Service Committee will be evaluating the YWPA awards process and decide whether to pursue that this year. Pam noted that the Service Committee was especially aware of the scope of its Spring commitments due to the Authors' Luncheon in April and how it will impact all members' schedules and upcoming plans.

The meeting was adjourned because everyone was pooped.

Respectfully submitted,
S-I-R* Kay Meyer

(*Secretary-In-Remediation)