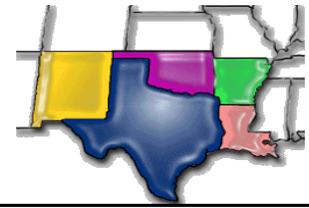




# District 10 Newsletter

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Zonta International—Advancing the Status of Women World Wide

## Governor's Message

What a wonderful time we had in Sweden at the 56<sup>th</sup> International Convention. The bylaws debates were lively and long, the election process was intriguing, and the friendships made and renewed were gratifying. District 10 can claim bragging rights once again. Darlene Kurtz, District 10 Treasurer from the Zonta Club of Johnson County, won the election for International Treasurer/Secretary by an overwhelming landslide. Immediate past Governor, Mary Frances Gardner of the Zonta Club of New Orleans was elected to the nominating committee. Past Governor, Carolyn Rainey of the Houston Club has been appointed the International Status of Women/Service sub committee chairman for International Service. And to top it all off, District 10 gave the most money to the Rose Fund at the Convention beating out all the other Districts. Although it was a good convention and Sweden is beautiful, it is good to get home to the land of the free, home of the brave and soft toilet paper.



International President Margit Webjorn, considering the theme for 2002-2004, decided to go back to our long-term theme *Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide*. The goals for the biennium are to *Focus on Our Mission, Combine*

*Service and Advocacy, and Recruit, Retain, Rejuvenate*. Read more about the International theme and goals in the program issue of the *Zontian*.

Because of her election to an International office, Darlene Kurtz must resign all positions at the district and club levels. The District Board has appointed Sharon Graves, Zonta Club of Longview as the new District 10 Treasurer. Please join with us in welcoming Sharon to the District Board. We know she will be an asset to the district and we are looking forward to working with her.

Please mark your calendar for the District conference in Austin, October 17 – 20. The call to conference will be mailed soon and you can check the Austin Club's web site for details and updates at [www.zontaclubofaustin.org](http://www.zontaclubofaustin.org).

See you in October,  
**Judy**

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## Area 1 News

*Sharron Miles, Area 1 Director*

Be sure to mark your calendars now for our **Area Meeting**, which has been scheduled for **April 26 and 27, 2003**. More news will be coming regarding theme and location. Remember this area meeting is where you receive your training about Zonta. If you are looking for a place to serve Zonta beyond the club level, participation in the Area Meetings and District Conference is the place to begin.

Dallas 3 had a goal-setting meeting on June 23, which was attended by Membership Organization and Extension Representatives, Darlene Kurtz and Maggie Warren. The meeting went great and lots of ideas for growth were explored. Now, they will be meeting on July 30 to develop follow-up strategies.

One of our own Area 1 members, Darlene Kurtz, was recently elected as our new International Treasurer/Secretary. We are so proud of her, and look forward to enjoying her many successes in this new position.

I'll be contacting clubs to set up official visits within the next two weeks. Check the Zonta website, [www.zonta.org](http://www.zonta.org) for our new International President's, Margit Webjorn, theme and goals. I am excited to serve you and look forward to visiting your club!

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## Area 2 News

*Sally Rankin, Area 2 Director*

Baton Rouge president, Tanya Thomassie reports they are planning a membership function later this summer. Their representative in Sweden was Denise Brasseaux.

Houston president, Barbara Halstead, says Houston has a busy summer! "We have a social function at the beach in July, a membership reception and sorting school supplies in August." Houston was well represented in Sweden with five members attending: Kayleen Kill, Carol Rainey, Mary Ann Collier, Carolyn Phillips and Marge Greene.

Jerry Ann Jurenka, Longview president, reports that Susan Kay Smith and Danita Utsman accompanied her to Sweden. Jerry Ann was also off to the 99 International Convention.

Chris Pastilong, Shreveport president recently returned from Sweden. The Shreveport club will be having their retreat the 20<sup>th</sup> of July. Cathleen Johnson's sister, Gloriastene, is a Zontian and is visiting from Nigeria!

Lafayette's retreat is set for the 16<sup>th</sup> of July. Lt. Gov. Maggie Warren and Sangeeta Shah attended convention in Sweden.

Outgoing governor, Mary Frances Gardner, and Carol Knight from New Orleans, attended convention. Congratulations to Mary Frances for being elected to the Nominating Committee.

Those attending our area meeting in New Orleans this year were asked to isolate some areas they felt needed work at the area level. The two that seemed to jump out from all clubs were communication and membership. That being said—that is where our focus will be this year.

Area 2 meeting will be April 5-6, 2003 in Houston. Please put this date on your calendars.

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## Area 3 News

*Karen Elbert, Area 3 Director*

Joanna Lewis, New Braunfels president, reports that the only member affected by the Flood of 2002 was Jane Lackey of Riverbank Outfitters who lost her business again. The Flood of 2002 has been much worse than the Flood of '98. The devastation is unbelievable. River Road where Jane's business was is still closed to all but landowners and emergency workers. Jane is very resilient and will rebuild as funds become available. We all are there for her. The club has received several inquiries concerning donations for victims of the flood. Jane can be reached at [riverbank@compuvision.net](mailto:riverbank@compuvision.net) via email or her mailing address is: 500 Lackey Ranch Road, New Braunfels, TX 78132. Phone: (830) 609-9485.

Our outgoing 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Col Judy Kautz has transferred to Tinker AFB, OK. Jane Lackey and I attended Judy's farewell luncheon at Randolph AFB on Friday, 19 July. More than 400 tickets were sold for the occasion, which I understand, is unprecedented for a farewell luncheon for a commander. Just shows the high regard in which Judy Kautz is held. A lot of tears **were shed**. At our May meeting we presented her with the 2002 Woman Of Achievement award for her continuing commitment to Zonta and the betterment of women everywhere.

The Austin club reports that Lillie and Neil Gilligan will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on August 4, 2002. They have requested no gifts, but if anyone would like to make a donation to the Zonta Club of Austin Foundation, please contact Patty Terrell at 12603 Olympiad Drive, Austin, TX 78729 or email her at [plterrel@juno.com](mailto:plterrel@juno.com).

More news on Area 3 meeting and club visits in the next newsletter.

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## Organization, Membership & Classification

Have you hugged your vet today? What about your children's pediatrician? Two professionals who make you feel better by caring for your loved ones, but do you trust them enough to help take care of your world?

Too often, we are "*Zontians for the Day*" – proud to wear our pins letting everyone know that we have a Zonta meeting that day. But why aren't we sharing our love for Zonta on a daily basis?

At some point we may have forgotten precisely why we joined Zonta – was it the opportunity to socialize, network, help our community and, oh, that "*international thing*"? While those are not the wrong reasons to join Zonta, that "*international thing*" could be the reason you are hesitant to invite new members. To quote ZI President Margit Webjorn, "*We must know who we are, be self-confident and believe in what we are doing, in order to convince others and to really achieve something.*"

Read The Zontian magazine; go to the websites [www.zonta.org](http://www.zonta.org) and [www.un.org](http://www.un.org) to learn about Zonta's activities. Consider including the Zonta website on your business cards; carry Zonta trifolds to distribute (an excellent thumbnail sketch of Zonta); wear your Zonta pin – not just on meeting day - and proudly proclaim your association with the most effective and powerful group of women in the world.

When you are knowledgeable of and understand the impact that Zonta International has on the world we live in, you will begin to comprehend the magnitude of what we are able to accomplish as a "*worldwide service organization of executives in business and the professions working together to advance the status of women*".

Your Mission, should you choose to accept it: **Recruit, Retain, Rejuvenate** – Share the Zonta *International* mission and recruit members from those with whom you have daily contact; never assume that they are "too busy". Encourage participation of new and older members alike. Make your meetings inspiring, educational and fun while fostering fellowship. Access the Zonta International world, learn about the projects and know that you are making a difference, locally and globally.

Yours in Zonta,

**Maggie Warren, Lt. Governor 2002-2004**

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## A note from the ex-district treasurer...

Dear District 10,

It is with great sadness that I am writing my first and last article as District 10 Treasurer. I want to thank this wonderful district for allowing me to serve as your treasurer for the biennium 00-02 and for reelecting me for the biennium 02-04. Your support during my endeavor for International Treasurer/Secretary was greatly appreciated. In my opinion, District 10 is the best in the world. We really made an impact at Convention. President Mary McGee made the comment "District 10, I told you not to whoop". We set precedence though because everyone started whooping. Our dis-

trict is definitely leaders and not followers.

To date, I have received the dues from every club except one. We have 745 members as of July 15, 2002. Our ending numbers at May 31, 2002 was 923, so as you can see we have ground to make up for the loss of members. I have confidence in the district to meet this challenge. Kudos to Houston, Harlingen 2 and San Antonio for having over 90% retention. I am sure that your new Lt. Governor, Maggie Warren, will impress on you the need to bring in new members and keep the veteran members interested.

The books and records for the biennium 00-02 will be ready for inspection soon. Due to a conservative budget and frugal spending, we were able to end the biennium in the positive. This was one of my goals and I am very happy that the goal was reached.

Again, let me thank the members of District 10 for being a wonderful group of people. The love I have received from you enabled me to speak from my heart at the convention because Zonta is truly the best organization in the world.

Yours in Zonta,

**Dar Kurtz, Zonta International Treasurer/Secretary**



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## District Secretary

District 10 Zontians,

I want to let each of you know how privileged I feel to be appointed as the District Secretary for the 2002-2004 biennium. I would like to thank Governor Judy Strothmann for this honor. I know that it will give me the opportunity to grow as a Zontian and to learn more about our organization. I look forward to making new friends and to serving and working with each of you.

I would like to say thank you to all the club presidents for their cooperation and prompt response in providing contact information for themselves and the club treasurers. This information will be very useful, ensuring that each club is notified of the business of the District.

I am looking forward to the District Conference in Austin, TX in October. Please remember to speak very slowly because I type very slowly! I can't wait to see you all to Celebrate women and their accomplishments. If I can be of any help, please call on me.

Yours in Zonta,

**Kaye Anderson, District 10 Secretary**

## Coordinator for STWS Service Subcommittee Carol Rainey

I was pleased and a bit overwhelmed that our newly installed International President, Margit Webjohn selected me as the Coordinator for this portion of the Status of Women International Service Committee (chaired by Kirsten Theisen of Denmark). This is an awesome task and one that shall test my skills. Since being asked to assume this position, I have felt as though there is a very large gray animal standing sideways to me and I've been told to either move it or eat it. As the old adage goes, it's best to start nibbling on a leg and that's what I've been doing since January.

First be aware the International Status of Women Committee has been divided into several subcommittees. I will be reporting to the Zonta world on just the Service portion. Others will be reporting to Governor Judy on their work separately. You will find the names of the Coordinators for those subcommittees in your Convention Zontian that should be coming to you shortly.

I am pleased to report the Convention body approved the proposed projects for the 2002-2004 biennium as recommended by the International Board. Those projects are as follows:

1) The Bosnia-Herzegovina Anti-Trafficking Community Mobilization Project. \$320,000 US has been designed by the International Foundation to be used for this project. As reported in a recent mailing, the need for this project is rapidly becoming a global industry involving millions of dollars and thousands of damaged lives. Addressing trafficking is an urgent human rights and public health priority. \*

The large international peacekeeping presence and post war disorder has made Bosnia-Herzegovina a major destination country for trafficking. The Project Goal is to offer technical assistance, small grants and strategic media assistance in support of the first locally led anti-trafficking program in this country.

STAR Network of World Learning will administer the Project. The best source for learning about this organization is to go to the Internet and look up their website.

[www.worldlearning.org/star](http://www.worldlearning.org/star). The acronym STAR stands for Strategies\*Training\*Advocacy\*Resources. Check them out.

2) Preventing Violence Against Women and Girls, Phase II. \$299,450 US has been designed by the International Foundation to be used for this project. This is a continuation of the program during the past biennium.

Violence Against Women (VAW) in South Asia continues unabated and in India particularly, factors contributing to the persistence of VAW include lack of information, insufficient legal provisions, weak law enforcement and inadequate services for victims of violence. \*

The Project will be administered by UNIFEM. They have created a diversity of platforms for women in India to

come together and voice their concerns and collaboratively devise sustainable strategies for eliminating this problem. Phase II will build upon the first two years by expanding the scope of the project for greater impact. \*

3) The third project is a bit different. Because of the outcry from Zontians and knowing the need for the future of the Afghanistan women needing assistance, this project was recommended and approved. It's much too early to know how this project will take form. The upheaval in that country is still too unstable to develop a specific goal. At this writing only \$25,000 US has been earmarked for this project.

The Footprint of Service project this committee has been responsible for during the past two biennia will continue as well. This is beginning to be a tool of measurement for the world to know exactly what impact we Zontians have on the Status of Women, both in dollars as well as hands on commitments within the individual communities. If your Club hasn't taken part in this reporting system, put it on your agenda. Combined with all the Zonta clubs around the world, this is an excellent clot for obtaining grants and donations both for the Foundation and your club.

During the Convention an interesting event took place. There was a proposal from the floor and eventually withdrawn to continue the Burkina Faso project. It was reported by Marge Holzberg (1998-2002 Service Coordinator) that the final payment of approximately \$150,000 has not been paid pending the final report to be made by the responsible parties and when this money is sent, it will continue the project for 12-18 months. Consequently, in discussion with Marge and Kirsten, my committee will attempt to obtain reports from this and other projects Zonta has been involved with over the past few bienniums. It will be interesting to see how your dollars have improved the status of women worldwide.

You will be hearing more and more of the need to review your local service projects to analyze if they are charity projects or truly project improving the Status of Women in your community. This does not mean your Club has to give up current projects, but to begin to focus on the Zonta mission, "Improving the Status of Women..." How can your Club better focus on our Mission Statement?

\* Excerpts taken from mail outs from Chicago earlier this year



**Burkina Faso**

## Status of Women Service Committee Report

**Donna Dodgen, Chairman**

The following is a synopsis of the biennium report that Kirsten Theisen, International STWS Committee Chairman gave at the 56<sup>th</sup> ZI Convention in Gothenburg, Sweden.

In the previous biennium the committee took on a new structure composed of 1 international chairman, 7 coordinators (Amelia Earhart, Jane M. Klausman, Legislative Awareness & Advocacy, YWPA, ZISVAW, Z Club/Golden Z, International/Local Service) and 1 consultant for literacy.

There were 200 applicants for the AE Fellowship with 70 awards given representing 44 countries for a total of \$420,000. It is felt that the \$6,000 amount is too small in comparison to today's needs and other fellowships given. (A side note, ZI Rules of Procedure was amended at convention to abolish the \$6,000 amount.)

There were 37 Jane M. Klausman scholarship winners for a total of \$34,800. More districts participated this last biennium than previous, as this is a fairly new award.

YWPA awards had 56 applicants with a total of \$38,000 given.

One Million dollars was split between 3 International Service projects, FGM, Re-Inventing India and Eliminating MNT in Nepal. For the FGM program, Zonta, partnered with UNICEF, gave \$255,000. The project of Re-Inventing India was given \$395,000 and the prevention of MNT in Nepal was given \$350,000. At the end of May 2002, we had given \$783,366, a 30% increase over last biennium. Our total gifts of \$2,265,000 showed an increase of 31% from the previous biennium.

A total \$12,600,000 was given in local service dollars, up 17%. Local service hours performed was 916,000 for an increase of 35%. The areas of local service included education/literacy, women's health, advocacy/women's issues, human/women's rights, women & aging and environment.

When we combine local and international service dollars we gave a total of \$14,865,000 in the last biennium!

The Legislative Advocacy committee developed a training manual for districts which is on the website and submitted articles to the Zontian.

There were 24 new Z clubs established and 4 new Golden Z Clubs for a total of 182 clubs (153 Z clubs, 29 Golden Z). The committee revised the bylaws and updated the directory as well as increased the Emma J. Conlin award to \$1700.

The ZISVAW committee awarded 9 conflict resolution grants for a total of \$200,000. There were 40 applications turned in. Quite a few were incomplete and the committee realized the application on the web site needs work.

The literacy consultant reported that literacy is mainly done at the local level. There is not enough time for this at the international level, so it may need to be taken off the international platform.

It was very apparent from the report at convention that we are doing things to advance the status of women both in dollars at the local and international level and hands on service. To continue this great trend and achieve even greater success for women, we will need to always ask when evaluating projects and donations "How does this advance the status of women?"

If you have great projects, questions, thoughts or suggestions, I am available. I look forward to 2 years of improving the status of women through service!

### **Request for Proposal - Deadline Sep. 15**

District 10 is looking for a Zontian to set up and maintain our District Web Site ([www.zontadistrict10.org](http://www.zontadistrict10.org)). This domain name is currently registered to Diane Atkins ([diane@arm-g.com](mailto:diane@arm-g.com)), who is Zonta International's web master. This would be a paid position, not volunteer. We would like assistance in determining what the web site would contain, as well as the development of the site and continued maintenance. The Web Site must follow the guidelines in the Zonta International Web Site Policy (see [http://www.zonta.org/Member\\_Resource\\_Center/Website\\_Policy\\_Districts\\_Clubs\\_Jan\\_01.pdf](http://www.zonta.org/Member_Resource_Center/Website_Policy_Districts_Clubs_Jan_01.pdf)). There are a number of other District web sites that can be looked at for guidance. Links to the International web site and District 10 club web sites should be included. The District web site could include (but not be limited to) District newsletters; Conference information, including the Call to Conference and President's Packet information. Documentation allowing maintenance of the site by others is required. The ability to easily update information without having the web master involved would be beneficial. Ownership of the end product will be District 10. Interested Zontians, please send your proposal to Governor Strothmann at 405 Country Club Terrace, Midwest City, OK 73110 or [JKStroth@aol.com](mailto:JKStroth@aol.com) by the Sep. 15, 2002 deadline. The proposal should include how the page will look, possible hosting sites and cost, description of your web site experience, initial setup cost, and ongoing maintenance cost, and a description of what is included in the ongoing maintenance.

## 2002 District 10 Conference

Zonta District 10 Conference is October 17 - 19, 2002. Watch your mail in early August for the Call to Conference.

The Austin club has set up a website to assist you in planning your trip to Conference. The website is: <http://www.zontaclubofaustin.org/>. There you will find information on discounts from Southwest Airlines and how to book your hotel room using the Internet. The website will included up-to-date speaker information as well as menus for the meals and driving directions.

The Radisson Hotel is located in beautiful downtown Austin, at the Corner of Congress Avenue and Cesar Chavez Boulevard. It is situated right in front of the Congress Avenue "Bat" Bridge. October is getting late for good bat viewing, but there should be at least some bats to see. The hotel is also just a few blocks walk from "6th street" and "the warehouse district". Nearby attractions (some walking distance) include the Capitol of Texas, the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum, Austin Museum of Art, the University of Texas and the "So-Co" or South Congress shopping district.

Please note that you will be on your own for breakfast this year. The hotel restaurant, TGIFriday's, offers a complete breakfast buffet for a reasonable price -- much less than we could offer to you for a catered fee. We will ask the restaurant to seat all the Zontians in the same area of the restaurant so we can socialize over breakfast. Only the club presidents and area directors need to sign up for the Presidents Breakfast Meeting.

Careful consideration was given while selecting menus to ensure that most individual's dietary preferences or needs can be met. Because the meals are catered, we will need at least 3 days notice to change your preference from the regular planned meal to a vegetarian meal. So if you have dietary concerns, please review the menus and contact us at least a week before conference.

Be sure to bring your exercise clothes, as the hotel has an exercise room and pool. The hike and bike trail, which runs directly behind the hotel, is 10 miles long. Please plan to always walk with a partner or in groups for safety reasons.

Plan to join us for the Friday night event! Treat yourself to a fun, relaxing evening aboard a dinner cruise boat with all of your Zonta friends. Dine on a traditional Mexican/American Fajita Buffet while view-

ing the awesome beauty of Lake Austin. Enjoy abundant wildlife and the many scenic vistas along the riverbanks. Don't miss this spectacular opportunity!

Personal security - Austin is a large city with a diverse population. Please be aware of your surroundings and your personal security and take all appropriate measures to avoid becoming a target for theft or violence. Again, we recommend that you travel in pairs or groups when enjoying the hike and bike trail and downtown sightseeing activities. If you have any questions about safety please contact the hotel staff or a member of the Austin Club.

This promises to be a fun-filled, exciting weekend offering many opportunities to learn and grow as a Zontian. We hope to see you all in Austin!

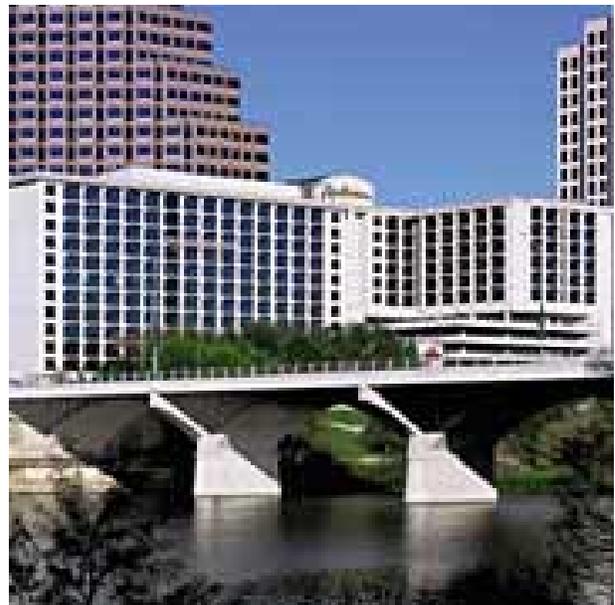
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## Dear Zabby

*Zonta protocol or parliamentary questions? For help, forward your questions [dearzabby@yahoo.com](mailto:dearzabby@yahoo.com).*

Dear Zabby,

Please help me. I'm at my wits end. I am the President of our club. We have a member who is constantly disruptive during our business meetings. She talks throughout the meeting, interrupts others and always has a comment on everything, usually negative. Because of her disruptions, our meetings are longer than necessary. As the presiding officer, what can I do? Help! (signed) Frustrated

Dear Frustrated,

You are not alone in your frustration. However, here are some suggestions that may prove successful.

1. Put that member in charge of a team to develop ideas to keep business meetings on track and within time constraints.
  2. Have a brainstorming session on ideas on "How to Improve Our Meetings."
  3. Have a series of short, informative presentations on meetings management beginning with responsibilities of officers **and members**. (One of which is courtesy to other members during meetings.)
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Dear Zabby,

Our club meetings are scheduled to start at 6:30 PM. However, a few members always arrive late by 15 to 20 minutes. One of the stragglers is a board member. I have reminded the club that we are supposed to start at 6:30 but that hasn't helped. What should I do? (signed) Stumped

Dear Stumped,

It's always helpful to involve members in solving a problem and not try to "go it alone." Some ideas . . .

1. Start at 6:30, no matter who is not there. Those members who are prompt deserve that.
2. Find out why the members are consistently late – can't get there from work on time? Just don't allow enough time? If enough members have legitimate reasons, ask if club wants to start meeting at 6:45.
3. Adopt a Standing Rule that members late to meetings "contribute" (pay a fine – maybe \$1.00) to the Service Fund or Sunshine Fund.

Happy Meetings,  
*Zabby*



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