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Zonta International—Advancing the Status of Women World Wide

Governor's Message

The 55th Annual District 10 Conference held in Austin was a success. Thank you to the Zonta Club of Austin, our host club, for a truly memorable conference. A special thanks to Lynn Altemeyer and Lillie Gilligan, the conference co-chairmen, for all your hard work. And a thank you to the Zonta Club of Houston for producing and mailing the printed materials including the Call to Conference, the Presidents Check List, the Conference Program, the Speakers information, etc. Marge Greene from the Zonta Club of Houston was our conference protocol chairman. Thanks to Marge for a job well done.

For those of you who were unable to attend, you missed a wonderful conference loaded with great speakers and workshops. Our keynote speaker was the Honorable Ann Kitchen, state representative for District 48 to the Texas House. The Honorable Kitchen is an advocate for women's issues and gave a wonderful kickoff address to us.

Carol Rainey, Zonta International Status of Women/Service sub committee chairman, spoke to us on Zonta Service Projects, especially the different between "B" projects and "Z" projects. Carol recom-



mended each club review its projects to make certain they meet the Zonta International criteria and truly "advance the status of women". Thanks Carol.

District 10 Foundation Ambassador, Barbara Yoder gave an update on the Interna-

tional Foundation. Through the generosity of the District 10 Clubs, \$36,739.30 was pledged to the various International funds. Barbara also reports that individual gifts and proceeds from the purchase of luncheon centerpieces totaled \$1658 while the Karaoke contest totaled over \$1500. Zonta International Foundation President, Donna Lane was in attendance. This was her sixth District 10 conference and to quote Donna "The Fun District Conference".

We were honored to have Deanna Chipman, 2002 Amelia Earhart Fellow as our guest speaker at the AE luncheon. Deanna is in the Ph.D. program at Rice University in Houston studying mechanical engineering. What a bright intelligent young lady. Our own Darlene Kurtz, International Treasurer/Secretary had the pleasure of presenting Deanna with her medal, certificate and wings. And thank you to the Zonta Club of Houston for hosting the luncheon.

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Governor's Message Continued

The STWS luncheon was a hit with Trish Murphy from GENAustin (Girl Empowerment Network). This program addresses self-esteem issues with junior high school age girls. Trish was a delightful speaker and in her private life is a singer/songwriter. We coaxed her into singing at the close of her speech. Trish sang one of her original songs she wrote right after 9/11 and there were not many dry eyes in the house after the last note. Thanks to the Zonta Club of Seguin for hosting the STWS luncheon.

Jo Carol Martin, Zonta Club of Shreveport, led the Memorial Service this year. Pictures of our departed Zonta Sisters were displayed on a table at the front of the ballroom during the entire conference. Jo Carol did a wonderful job coordinating the service.

The riverboat cruise and dinner for our Friday evening event was enjoyable and relaxing. The Awards Banquet was a wonderful climax to conference. Congratulations to all the award winners.

The Zonta Club of Johnson County will host the 56th Annual Conference of District 10, October 9-11, 2003. More information will be forthcoming.

Mark your calendars now for the spring Area Meetings.

Area 1 – April 26-27, Ft. Smith, Arkansas

Area 2 – April 5-6, Houston, Texas

Area 3 – March 29-30, New Braunfels, Texas

Happy Holidays to you all!
Judy

District 10 Home to Four of the Thirty-Six Amelia Earhart Fellows

The Zonta International Amelia Earhart Fellowship Awards were established in 1938 in honor of Amelia Earhart, famed pilot and member of Zonta International. The awards are granted annually to women pursuing graduate degrees in aerospace-related sciences and aerospace-related engineering.

The scholarship award of \$6,000 may be used for tuition, books and fees, or living expenses. The award may be used at any university or college offering accredited graduate courses and degrees in aerospace studies. Awards may be renewed for an additional year by a current Fellow and will undergo the same applica-

tion and evaluation procedures as first-time applicants.

Women of any nationality are eligible who meet these minimum requirements: completed a bachelor's degree in a qualifying area of science or engineering; have a superior academic record with evidence of potential at a recognized university or college; provide evidence of a well-defined research program in aerospace-related science or engineering; and have completed one year of aerospace-related graduate studies.

District 10 is fortunate to have four out of the thirty-six AE Fellows in our midst. They are:

- **Neyda Abreu**, University of New Mexico
 - Citizenship: **Venezuela**
 - Proposed Program: **M.S., Earth and Planetary Science**
- **Deanna Chipman**, Rice University
 - Citizenship: **USA**
 - Proposed Program: **Ph.D., Mechanical Engineering**
- **Ramona Gaza**, Oklahoma State University
 - Citizenship: **Romania**
 - Proposed Program: **Ph.D., Physics**
- **Peihua Jing**, University of New Mexico
 - Citizenship: **P.R. China**
 - Proposed Program: **M.S., Mechanical Engineering**

Congratulations to these amazing, talented young women and to the local clubs who helped them with their applications!

Pictured below is Deanna Chipman, our speaker at the Amelia Earhart Luncheon at the District 10 Conference. With her are Donna Lane, ZI Foundation President, and Darlene Kurtz, ZI Treasurer/Secretary, who presented Deanna with her wings.



Area 1 News

Sharron Miles, Area 1 Director

This has been a busy time in Area One. The Fort Worth Club is celebrating 75 years as Zontians this year. They held a membership event in August at the Amon Carter Museum. They did a great job talking about Zonta and it was received well by the guests.

The Johnson County club has been actively working with contacts in Hood County to start a club in the Granbury area. Pictured is the group who attended the first informational meeting. The goal is to charter this club by December. Susan Meyer and the Johnson county team is working hard with this group.



Finally, the Dallas 3 club is aggressively working to increase membership. They have planned a new member event for November 12. They have over 80 names on their prospect list. They are using mailers and personal contact to encourage attendance.

Below President Avis Ives and Area Director Sharron Miles are planning recruitment strategies with club members.



I am looking forward to seeing all of you at conference. We'll have a great time!

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Area 2 News

Sally Rankin, Area 2 Director

Those of us on the Gulf Coast have been dodging hurricanes all summer—some of us have been luckier than others. **New Orleans** and **Lafayette** have had their hands full (and probably some of their basements).

Baton Rouge is continuing to plan their membership function.

Shreveport held their annual Z-Club workshop in September. Zontian, Major Connie Long at the Salvation Army, hosted it. 175 members represented eight Z-Clubs!!!! School advisors and other volunteers raised the attendance to 200. This year's theme was "Z-Clubs Can Move Mountains". The guest speaker touched on the subject and the clubs performed a skit on volunteering relating to the theme. Schools were awarded monetary amounts for the first, second and third place for attendance and skits. The clubs are urged to use this money toward a service project or for a donation to a service of their choice. They will be holding their Antique Show on November 15-17.

Lafayette held their retreat in July. They had 12 members in attendance and did some serious evaluating of why they joined Zonta and why they have stayed in the club. They also evaluated their current service projects to determine what would stay, what would change and what would be eliminated.

Houston held a successful membership meeting and has gained at least three new members. They also have adopted some new service projects that they are excited about. One is with Ten Thousand Villages, a store is a fair trade handicraft store, which insures that artisans (primarily women) around the world have acceptable working conditions and are paid fairly. The store is a 501(C)3 charitable organization. Another project is the Women's Home, a long-term residential rehabilitation facility for women in crisis. The first group project for this organization will be to host their quarterly Awards Party in March.

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Front: Susan Gallivan, Houston; Cindy Gaydon, Shreveport; and Maggie Shipman, Lafayette.

Area 3 News

Karen Elbert, Area 3 Director

What an exciting time to be a Zontian in Area 3.

The Austin Club is busy preparing for Conference. When I emailed Lynn Altemeyer if there was anything I could do to help. She immediately wrote back and said "PRAY".

By the time you read this it will have taken place and I know it will be a MOST successful Conference. How could it miss with the wonderful city of Austin and our Governor Judy Strothmann at the helm?

Brownsville club has very proudly initiated a Z Club at Lopez High School. Governor Judy went to Brownsville to initiate it on Sept. 9th. It was such an exciting evening. The young ladies were enthusiastic and so poised. I don't remember being so "together" at that age. [Congratulations to the Zonta Club of Brownsville for making it happen!](#)

They are also in the planning stages for their Christmas tour of homes. "Casas Hermosas." It is always a most fantastic and great fund raiser for them.

Mary Brower of Harlingen 2 reports with much happiness that they picked up their 15th member. The club will be going to The Christmas House on Dec 15th and invites anyone interested in joining them to call (956)427-3251

West Hidalgo Club is one of the busiest clubs with activities too numerous to even list in here, from the Dress for Success program to collecting labels from Campbell soups for Children's Haven. But, you will have witnessed the one they are most known for if you attended conference—the COMPLETE collection of flags for every country that is a member. It is always the highlight of the conference and helps to remind us of the scope of Zonta International.

San Antonio is having their 43rd Zonta Antique Show and Sale on Nov 1-3. I know I want to go!!

The sad note comes in from the Albuquerque Club. Pam Gordon, President, was planning on attending conference. Her brother passed away. She has all of our thoughts and prayers. If you would like to contact her by email the address is pgordon@unm.edu.

I hope to begin getting all of your newsletters and look forward to visiting all the clubs in the up coming months.

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The Success of the Bullyproof Program

Kaleta Doolin, ZI SVAW Co-Chair

In 2001, Zonta Club of Dallas 1 was awarded a ZI SVAW grant for collaborating with The Family Place to create the "**Bullyproof**" program to educate children in violence prevention. Only four other clubs received funding from ZI SVAW in 2001, including the clubs of Akron-Barberton, Karlstad II of Sweden, Columbo I of Sri Lanka, and Sydney Australia.

Children learn negative behavior at an early age. The Bullyproof program targets 7 to 12 year olds and is designed to teach them how to understand and cope with bullies, abuse, violence and the myriad of emotions that accompany these social and psychological problems. The children are encouraged to find healthy alternatives to violence to reinforce their self worth and to avoid being emotionally depleted by abusers. The main project objects are:

1. To increase their knowledge about bullying and abuse
2. Increase their help-seeking behaviors
3. Performing assertive behavior and positive communication styles when in conflict situations.
4. Reduce their own use of intimidation tactics against other students
5. Develop class policies and procedures regarding bullying.

Five schools to date have participated in Bullyproof which grew from 15 programs in 2001 to 40 in 2002. Three of the schools were funded by Zonta and two by parents. The Dallas 1 ZI SVAW project was completed in October 2002. The Family Place adheres to the evaluation protocols established by the United Way as detailed in their publication *Measuring Program Outcomes: A Practical Approach* (1996). Zonta Club of Dallas 1 is proud that the program it

started has become self-sustaining and a great benefit to the City of Dallas.

For more information on the Bullyproof ZI SVAW funding process, please contact Kaleta at kaleta@5501.com or download her workshop presentation at <http://www.5501.com/zonta>. A detailed chronicle of the inspiration for the Bullyproof program, Wendy Soltero, and her family's attempt to make something positive out of her death can be found at <http://www.soltero.org/wendy>.



District 10 Board – New York, New York



Central Oklahoma, These Boots are Made for Walking

**REWARD OFFERED BY THE LT. GOVERNOR:
For information pertaining to successful mem-
bership events.**

REPLY TO: sewdents@hotmail.com

Are you ready to increase your membership with enthusiastic, informed, passionate people? Are YOU enthusiastic, informed and passionate about Zonta?

Membership recruitment must be linked to club activities – meaningful service and advocacy, inspiring meetings and opportunities for fellowship and fun. It is important that clubs pursue relevant projects and have a good image in the community. Make sure Zonta is visible in the community, that the values of Zonta are reflected in our members, and that our programs address Zonta's objects and goals.

Enthusiastically seek new members and you will be rewarded with enthusiastic members.

News from International:

A new classification system is being developed which includes many of the newer occupations so as to better serve Zonta's needs of enabling clubs to code or classify members more specifically and more descriptively by occupation.

The Zonta list will resemble ISCO-88, the International Standard of Occupations that was developed by the ILO in Geneva and first compiled in 1958. It was revised in 1968 and 1988.

The current Zonta classification system uses only 2 digit codes because at the time it was adopted, the use of 2 digits and a limited number of classification groups made it easier for clubs to classify its members and because of the diversity rule.

The new system will utilize a 4-digit code, which will allow you to be more specific in the classification of your member's occupation. While it will no doubt take some time to get accustomed to this new system, it is believed that it will afford a better way to classify members.

Once the new classification system is received by your District Officers, it will be forwarded to the clubs.

Young Women in Public Affairs

Sharon R Hebert, District 10 Chair

Dear District 10 Zontians,

I have been given the honor of representing the District by Chairing the Young Women in Public Affairs Award. This award was established to recognize pre-university women for their commitment to volunteerism, their outstanding leadership abilities, and their dedication to the advancement of the status of women. The intent was to encourage more women students to enter careers in public affairs, public policy and community organizations.

Each club should actively participate in this worthwhile project but getting started is usually the hardest obstacle to hurdle. A few suggestions to help you out would be to identify the high schools in your geographic area, as defined by your club's charter, and prepare an informational packet to send to them. In this informational packet you could include an introduction explaining YWPA and simple instructions for them to follow. A copy of the downloaded application packet would be helpful with a deadline and point of contact for them to submit their packets. You also need to include the Zonta website (www.zonta.org) for them to download the application packets since they must be typed in English.

I look forward to working with each of you and if you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me. My home phone number is 405-741-8789; my work phone number is 405-734-6922; my e-mail address is sharon.hebert@tinker.af.mil; and my home address is: 209 Three Oaks Dr, Midwest City, OK 73130.

Sharon R Hebert
District Chair, YWPA



Legislative Awareness & Advocacy

What does it mean to your club?

Lynn Altemeyer

The July 2002 issue of the Zontian lists the following goals of the Legislative Awareness & Advocacy Committee:

- Combine Service and advocacy efforts;
- Learn about how laws are made, by home, how they are implemented, and how to “engage” in the advocacy process;
- Advocate on key status of women issues;
- Effect changes to benefit women.

If you were present at our recent district conference you heard an awesome keynote speech by Texas State Representative Ann Kitchen. She named several key issues in Texas and nationally that affect women and women's issues.

Our district goals for Legislative Awareness & Advocacy are the same as International. What does this mean to you on a club level?

- First, assess what you know and who you know.
- Does your club have any elected officials as members?
- Is a member a lobbyist?
- Do you have any city, county, state or federal government employees as members?
- Does anyone have any experience speaking to local officials about community issues like zoning?

If you don't have anyone with personal experience, then ask yourselves “Who do you know who has this experience?”

Second, find out how your city, county and state make laws. Thanks to “E Government” initiatives much of this information is available over the Internet. Have a club program and invite a local government official to speak to your club.

Third, assign a member to monitor legislative activities and when there is a law pending or a change needed that affects the interests of women, let other Zontians know. If it is a state law chances are there are other clubs in your state or district who can offer support.

When Texas passed the bill criminalizing FGM, Zontians from across the district were sending emails, letters, faxes and making phone calls to get the legislation out of committee and the bill passed. The squeaky wheel gets the grease!

Fourth, keep us posted. Email the governor, district board and the other presidents about your activities and the assistance you need. By communicating and sharing information we all grow and be able to assist each other in improving the status of women!

Let me know if I can assist your club in any way.



The Has Beens – Previous District 10 Board

2002 District 10 Conference

Pris Truesdell, Publicity Chair

When Governor Strothmann asked me to act as a roving reporter at the District 10 Conference in Austin, I had my doubts that I could do the job. Sure enough, I am not the one to get “who, what, when, where, and why” of an event, I am more content to sit back and enjoy the occasion. Here are a few notes from my observation. In no way is this to be considered an accurate account of the Conference.

- Thursday night: We arrived in time to get a few tasty bites from the heavy hors d'oeuvres, before adjourning to practice for the karaoke contest. The karaoke contest was great fun! Judy Kautz, Central Oklahoma, made an awesome emcee. If you were in the reach of her very long microphone cord, you would participate! Before the contest began, everyone sang Happy Birthday to Marge Greene who was celebrating her 70th birthday. Marge says that she celebrates with Zonta every year, and wouldn't miss it for anything.

There were 9 entries, 2 more than last year.

The 1st place winners were:

- Choreography - *Johnson County*
- Vocal Performance - *Central Oklahoma*
- Costumes - *The Has Beens*
- Winner with most votes - *The Has Beens*

A check for \$1550 was written to the Zonta International Foundation, Rose Fund, at the request of the Has Beens. This is several hundred dollars over last year's fund raising at this event—a great feat for District 10. Start getting *your* act together now, so that we can make the 2003 Karaoke Contest even bigger!

- Friday and Saturday were filled with business sessions and Keynote speakers. All speakers were very good. The Honorable Ann Kitchen of Austin spoke at the opening session. Deanna Chipman, 2002 AE Fellowship Recipient was the speaker at the Amelia Earhart Luncheon. On Saturday, the scheduled speaker, Donna Van Fleet, Board Chairman, GENaustin had to cancel, however a member of the GENaustin Board, Trish Murphy, spoke in her place. Trish mentioned in her presentation that she was new to public speaking. If so, she is “a natural”. Her cell phone rang during her presentation. We agreed to waive the \$10 fine, if she would sing. She received a standing ovation for singing a song she wrote after the 911 terrorists' attacks. Please check out the website www.GENaustin.org. This organization has hit on something special for middle-school girls.

- Total attendance at the conference was 132 (including 4 registered guests). Of the 28 clubs in District 10, 25 clubs were represented by delegates, 1 club represented by proxy, and 2 clubs not represented. Over \$36,000 was pledged to the Zonta International service projects.
- Kudos to the Austin Club and the other clubs (Houston and Seguin) who helped by hosting luncheons and distributing information. The Radisson was perfect for our meetings. The meals were great! A few snafus with meal reservations, but overall we had great service. Area 1 meets April 26-27 in Ft Smith, AR; Area 2 meets April 5-6 in Houston, TX; and Area 3 meets March 29-30th in New Braunfels, TX. The next District Conference will be hosted by Johnson County and held in Fort Worth, October 9-11, 2003. Hope to see you all there!

Conference pictures can be found scattered throughout this newsletter. I received these pictures from many sources and apologize for any mislabeling of pictures.



Emcee, Judy Kautz and Lisa Bailey, San Antonio singing *The House of the Rising Sun*

Dear Zabby



Dear Zabby,

Some clarification please. In the business meeting, can the presiding officer "accept the minutes as presented/corrected" without going through the "motion/second/voting"? (Signed) Inquiring

Dear Inquiring,

If there are no corrections to the minutes or after corrections have been made, the presiding officer may say, "If there are no objections, the minutes are approved as presented/corrected." Should there be an objection, a motion to approve would be in order.

Likewise, when the treasurer makes her monthly report and any questions have been answered, no action of acceptance is required - or - proper unless the report is of sufficient importance, such as an annual report, to be referred to auditors. When an annual financial report has been "audited or reviewed" by persons appointed to do so, it is the *auditors'* report that is adopted. This relieves the treasurer from responsibility for the period covered by her report.

Happy Meetings,

Zabby

Zonta protocol or parliamentary questions? For help, forward your questions dearzabby@yahoo.com.



Johnson County invites all to Ft Worth for the 2003 District 10 Conference



Memorial Table with state flags



The Has Beens in all their "glory"

L-R: Aretha (Maggie Warren); Cher (Dar Kurtz); Barbra Streisand (Kayleen Kill); Patsy Cline (Mary Frances Gardner); and Dolly Parton (Peggy Beabout).

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