



# District 10 Newsletter

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## Governor's Message

### District 10 Web Site

District 10 now has a web site. If you have not visited it yet, please log on at [www.zontadistrict10.org](http://www.zontadistrict10.org). Thanks to Kayleen Kill of the Zonta Club of Houston for conducting the initial research and to Sharron Miles, Area 1 Director and member of the Zonta Club of Johnson County for finding the web site designer and finalizing the project.

A few facts about the web site:

- ◆ There are currently 297 pages within the [www.zontadistrict10.org](http://www.zontadistrict10.org) web site
- ◆ There are 46 images/photos that were used for this site
- ◆ There are 640 links to the web site or web pages outside of [www.zontadistrict10.org](http://www.zontadistrict10.org)
- ◆ There are 13,604 links to access the various pages within [www.zontadistrict10.org](http://www.zontadistrict10.org) and
- ◆ The current file size of this web site is 7.54 MB or about 7 floppy discs.

There is a contact page for:

- Each Board Member
- Each Committee Chairman

And there is an information page for each club within District 10.



Please visit the web site soon and often.

### New Club in District 10

Welcome to the new club of District 10, the Zonta Club of Granbury. The club was chartered January 14, 2003 and the charter dinner was held in Granbury, Texas on February 8, 2003. The evening's events included various toasts to the new club, installation of the new members and officers, a "swearing in ceremony" by District Judge Ralph Walton, welcome messages from the Granbury community, congratulatory messages from around the district and from Zonta International, plus a poignant closing with the singing of *God Bless America*.

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Governor's Message Continued

The President of the Zonta Club of Granbury is Susan Meyer. Please add her to your President's list with the following information:

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**District 10 to Conduct the Memorial Service at the 2004 International Convention in New York City**

What an honor it is to be asked to coordinate the Memorial Service for the 2004 Zonta International Convention in New York City. Former District 10 Zontian and current convention chairman, Tebbie Clift, has asked District 10 to plan and coordinate the Memorial Service under the direction of Tebbie and Margit Webjorn, Zonta International President. District Secretary, Kaye Anderson, has graciously agreed to chair the committee and is currently forming the committee.

**News from International**

At the January 2003 meeting, the Zonta International Board took action on various topics including:

- Approved Macedonia as a new Zonta Country
- Agreed to discontinue the data collection for the Footprint of Service, but to continue the Avenue of Service and Advocacy.
- Agreed that the 2002-2004 projects in Afghanistan will be the Afghan Institute of Learning project for Women's Learning Centers in Mir Bacha Kot (\$52,800 US) and the UNICEF Maternal Neonatal Tetanus Prevention project in Kabul province and Kabul city (\$47,200 US). Additional information will be provided in the March Club mailing and on the ZI Web site.)
- Adopted an alternative official logo for Zonta International, in a horizontal format, in order to accommodate various graphic design needs. Therefore there will be *two* official logos. (The alternative logo will be on the ZI web site shortly.)

These are a few of the topics and actions taken at the board meeting. Further information will be in mailings, on the web site, or in the next issue of the Zontian magazine.

**Back to School at the Zonta University – Area Meetings**

Mark your calendars now for the upcoming Area Meetings. The theme this year is Zonta University, with workshops (or classes) for newcomers and long time members. Our Area Directors, Sharron Miles, Sally Rankin, and Karen Elbert, have been hard at work developing the curriculum for the Zonta University Area Meetings. Meet your friends and classmates while we attend workshops, hear informative speakers, and have fun! The dates for the meetings are:

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

Area 2 - April 5 and 6, Houston, Texas

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

For more information and registration, visit the Zonta District 10 Web Site.

Yours in Zonta Service,  
**Judy**



*New officers of the Zonta Club of Granbury*  
Susan Meyer, Pres., Carla Daugherty, President Elect, Mary Ward, VP, Cindy Gilbert Treasurer, Cherie Brown, Secretary

## Area 1 News

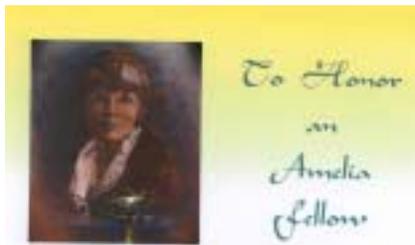
*Sharron Miles, Area 1 Director*

WOW! Area 1 is hopping! We've been very busy getting ready for the Area meeting and chartering a new club in Granbury. A special thank you goes to all our Area 1 Clubs who have so graciously consented to present programs at the Area meeting. This is going to be a great workshop with such wonderful participation. Our **Zonta University at Area One** will highlight topics for new members as well as provide training for prospective leaders. Check the new website [www.zontadistrict10.org](http://www.zontadistrict10.org) and click on **Meeting Schedule** to see the full agenda and registration information. Hope to see all of you in Fort Smith on April 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>!

The Dallas 1 Club was going to present Dr. Margaret Guy with a Meritorious Service Award from Zonta International, but her health has prevented that from being done. Hopefully, they can schedule it, and we can show our love and respect to her for her many years of outstanding service to Zonta.

Dallas 3 had a wonderful membership event in November, which was well attended by prospective members, District Board members, and International Treasurer-Secretary, Darlene Kurtz. The event resulted in the club adding new members. Be sure to come to our area meeting to hear from their President, Avis Ives, about how to rejuvenate your club!

Central Oklahoma Club has been very busy also. Be sure to try to attend their upcoming Amelia Earhart pinning ceremony on March 1. Invitations are in the mail.



The Granbury Club is our newest club! Their charter dinner was fun and very impressive. Susan and her team put together a wonderful event. The Johnson county club was there in full force to support the club they sponsored, and the Fort Worth club was present as proud new "Grandparents" to this new club. The Fort Worth Club sponsored the Johnson County Club's charter in 1980. (See attached pictures of Johnson County pinning membership pins on Granbury club

members and picture of new officers in Granbury on the previous page.)



Speaking of Johnson County—in addition to chartering a new club this year, they are actively preparing for the 2003 District Conference scheduled for October, 2003. Members Amy Martin, Misty Miles, and Kay Nickell are visiting various sites for the Friday Night event in October. (See photo) Donna Gholke and Susan Meyer are co-chairing the event. The club also established a Zonta Rose Garden along Buffalo Creek in Cleburne. The garden has been planted with over 15 "Zonta" Roses. They are excited about the high visibility for Zonta



The Fort Worth Club recently celebrated their 75<sup>th</sup> birthday. It was a smashing success with dignitaries and district officers present. They are promoting a Women's Expo in March that will feature a booth for Zonta International.



Again, this is just a small report on the many wonderful things that Zontians are doing in Area 1. More news will be coming in our next letter.

## Area 2 News

*Sally Rankin, Area 2 Director*

Members from three clubs represented Area 2 at the Granbury Charter Dinner. Attending from Longview were Sharon Graves, Susan Kay Smith and Danita Utsman; from Lafayette, Maggie Warren; from the Lafayette Auxiliary, David Warren; and from Houston, Sally Rankin.

Plans for the area meeting are well underway. Mark your calendars for April 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will begin in Houston at noon on Saturday and end at noon on Sunday. It will be a fun-filled 24 hours with plenty of time for learning/sharing/and fellowship! If Area 2 members have not received the information and registration form by the time you read this, contact your club president for the information as the information will go in the mail the week of February 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Baton Rouge** held their Jambalaya Dinner and raised approximately \$900 according to President Tanya Thomassie. They are planning to have a membership function in the spring to boost their membership.

**Lafayette** is growing. Their membership is up to 21!! They will have completed a huge garage sale by the time this newsletter is received. Auxiliary member, David Warren, is providing a building for the sale as well as lots of flooring materials. Maggie Shipman, president, said they have just recognized a local teacher as the Woman of Achievement and are working on the YWPA, the Mary Dichmann and Jane Klausman awards as well as the Louisiana Woman's scholarship. They have set June 6<sup>th</sup> for the "Night at the Races".

**Houston** adopted a family with foster children at Christmas and provided clothing, toys and gift certificates. The Zontians continue their work at Ten Thousand Villages, a fair trade handicraft store. The members (and several of the spouses) have just finished building children size tables and chairs for several homes operated by Casa de Esperanza de los Ninos. Casa supports families in crisis and HIV/AIDS babies. Upcoming events include judging of the YWPA applications and the annual garage sale in May. Houston has added 3 new members since the last district newsletter. Pat Lepe has replaced Montre Underwood on the board of directors. Montre had a conflict with work and was not able to attend the board meetings.



Table builders and painters: Dave Vale, Barbara Halstead, Carolyn Phillips & Kirsti Denn.

**Longview**, the largest Zonta Club in the world, had 12 potential members attend a membership function in January. At least 10 of the women have accepted the membership invitation. Another membership function is scheduled for later in the spring. The Antique Show is being held March 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup>. March 20<sup>th</sup> will be Women in Longview Day. Danita Utsman is chairing that committee. Pres Jerry Anne Jurenka has a new grandson!

**New Orleans** had their annual poinsettia sale at Christmas and made over \$9000! Col. Judy Kautz, a current member of the Central Oklahoma club, was the guest speaker for the Amelia Earhart program in January. She shared many wonderful stories about her career in the Air Force. Jeanne Huber, president, said they have awarded their Jane Klausman award to Lisa Koetter, a junior at SMU.



(standing l-r) Jeanne Huber, Mary Frances Gardner, Rebecca Altobelli, Col. Judy Kautz, (seated) Alana Villavaso, Sharon Ratcliffe, Mona Schindler)

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## Area 3 News

*Karen Elbert, Area 3 Director*

Wilfred Grenfell said "The service we render others is the rent we pay for our room on earth". The Zonta clubs sure are doing all they can to pay their rent.

This is my favorite time of the year. Many clubs are honoring women of distinction in their communities. Much of our service monies are distributed. It's just a great time to be a part of Zonta International.

Area 3 is getting all geared up for their area meeting March 29 and 30 in New Braunfels. With lots of help it will be the best yet. Educational and fun-filled; it looks like we will have a nice turnout.

*Brownsville* reports a smashing success for their Woman of the year Banquet honoring Minnie Lucio on Feb. 10. Next on their list a membership drive scheduled March 10. April 14 they will hold their awards banquet, an exciting evening where they give out their service monies and have a spokesperson from the receiving org. say a few words. April 26 will be their second annual golf tournament. The first one was a huge money raiser for their club.

*Corpus Christi* will be having a special program in February regarding how laws affect women. They will have a woman attorney speaking and will also invite the Women's bar to the meeting.

*Fredericksburg* is making plans for their annual Trash and Treasure fund-raiser to be April 5 at St. Joseph's Hall. They will be choosing a Woman of Achievement and selection of a Young Woman in Public Affairs

is underway. Also, the Scholarship Committee will be selecting at least eight, \$500 scholarships winners from among women candidates who plan to continue their education

*Harlingen 2* had their major fund raiser Jan 25th, a book review given by author Mona Sizer. What a great event it was. Current service project is taking care of a family at the halfway house for the Family Crisis Center. Next big project is gathering used school supplies in May for the Mexican schools.

*New Braunfels* is busy preparing to host Area 3 meeting March 29 and 30. They just had a very successful COOK FOR THE CURE fundraiser for Breast Cancer Research.

*San Antonio* reports that our very own district newsletter whiz, Priscilla Truesdell is retiring with almost 38 years from Lackland Air Force Base where she was Software Manager. Wonder who they will have to keep them in line when she leaves there on Feb. 28. They are having a luncheon in her honor and some members of the club will be in attendance.

*Santa Fe* is enthused about a new member and the prospect of more joining soon. They are growing and giving back to the community in many ways. President, Cindy Mares says they are, indeed, small but mighty.

*Sequin* will be sponsoring their annual Mother & Daughter Zee Club Social on Feb 26

*West Hidalgo* will have their Shinning Stars Banquet where they honor 3 women for outstanding service/contributions in the area of community service, education, and business.

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## Organization, Membership & Classification

### A Fairy Tale for You—

Once upon a time in the tornado and snowstorm prone state of Oklahoma, there lived a red haired lady who crunched numbers with her trusty yellow pencil and large eraser. She grew up to join Zonta International and as a member of the Zonta Club of Central Oklahoma, she was eventually elected District 10 Governor. Meet Judith Strothmann, **Classification Number 3291 (Office Manager)**.

Madame Governor's able-bodied Secretary not only carries a real weapon loaded with actual bullets but she is adept at operating a computer as well. Madame Secretary ensures that all the action lists and minutes are accurate and current. Meet Kaye Anderson, a member of the Zonta Club of Central Oklahoma. Her **Classification Number is 3911 (Police Officer)**.

The District Treasurer is responsible for the funds of the District and administers them in accordance with the approved district budget. Meet Sharon Graves, a member of the Zonta Club of Longview. **Her Classification Number is 2211 (Accountant)**.

The District Parliamentarian is one who ensures that Parliamentary Law is adhered to; i.e., that the rights of the membership are dealt with fairly and equitably. This encourages everyone's cooperation and the timely order of business. Madame Governor appointed Past International Director/Past District 10 Governor Marilyn Ward as Parliamentarian. Madame Parliamentarian Ward is a member of the Zonta Club of Dallas 3 and her **Classification Number is 1231 (Sales and Marketing), Retired**.

Area 1 Director Sharron Miles is a member of the Zonta Club of Johnson County and is the Mother in Residence for the Arlington, Central Oklahoma, Dallas 1, Dallas 3, Fort Smith, Fort Worth, Granbury, Johnson County, Mineral Wells, Stephenville and Weatherford Clubs. Sharron's **Classification Number is 1293 (Education Administration)**.

Area 2 Director Sally Rankin is a member of the Zonta Club of Houston and is the Mother in Residence for the Baton Rouge, Houston, Lafayette, Longview, New Orleans and Shreveport Clubs.

**Sally's Classification Number is 3293 (Real Estate Salesperson)**.

Area 3 Director Karen Elbert is a member of the Zonta Club of Brownsville and is the Mother in Residence for the Albuquerque, Austin, Brownsville, Corpus Christi, Fredericksburg, Harlingen Inc., Harlingen 2, New Braunfels, San Antonio, Santa Fe, Seguin and West Hidalgo Clubs. Karen's **Classification Number is 1112 (Working Proprietor/Business Owner)**.

When the District 10 Board is not otherwise occupied handling the business matters of the District, it occasionally appears in Karaoke acts, usually choreographed by Madame Governor and scripted by Madame Secretary. Lieutenant Governor Maggie Warren, a member of the Zonta Club of Lafayette, provides costumes and/or accessories. When she is sketching, sewing or gluing sequins, Madame Lt. **Governor's Classification Number is 2533 (Costume Designer)**. However, when she is helping out in her husband's office and performs the duties of a Secretary or Personal Assistant, which fall into the Numeric Category of 5111-5911, she is not eligible to be classified under the new system, i.e. she is "outside" the qualifications framework for being eligible for Zonta membership.

Although the residents of the Golden Land of Zonta International District 10 raised their voices in dismay and confusion when the new Classification System arrived, peace and tranquility were soon restored. Workshops were held on implementing the new plan to reclassify the members, and the District Board was quick to respond to questions with their wisdom.

See you all at the Area Meetings!

And they all lived happily ever after.....

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

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## Foundation Ambassador

District 10 is **Good News** for the Zonta International Foundation!

Every month end ZI sends out a memo to the foundation ambassadors and governors to summarize our ongoing progress to the biennium goal. Through 31 December, total contributions were US \$295,624 which is 12% of the overall fund raising goal through 2004. We are about 1/3 through the biennium now so as you can see we must increase our focus.

But, the summary as of January 17th speaks volumes about **District 10** values and loyalty to our international mission. One of the more meaningful charts is the District Ranking by Fund. District 10 is **NUMBER FIVE** or higher in total giving for all 8 funds! We are **NUMBER TWO** in total giving to date. Great job, ladies and thank you for your support! In accounting language: we are favorable to 31 December last biennium by \$8017.44. District 10 has 811 members which is smaller than the number one and three giving districts. Again I say **WOW!**

Just a reminder about my challenge to each club at our District Conference last October to increase **new** individual givers by 10% of your club membership.

Why did I make this challenge? To raise awareness of the funds to those who don't frequent the area meetings or conferences. The numbers of new givers can be tracked through reports I receive and this will be a new category of awards next October at the district award banquet. So, go to the Zonta web site and get that donation form! Or take advantage of the automatic debit contribution form. It's easy! A few new dollars from each Zontian would infuse the funds dramatically!

Need help? Please call me. I look forward to seeing you all at area meetings.

Yours in service,

**Barbara Yoder**

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## Dear Zabby



Dear Zabby,

Our club is the SOM club of a newly organized club in a nearby city. One of our members who spearheaded the organization wanted to be a charter member of the new club. She was elected president. My question is, can a member belong to two clubs?

(signed) Wondering

Dear Wondering,

Our bylaws do not prohibit belonging to more than one Zonta club. As long as she stays a member in good standing with international, district and club dues and fees paid, she is legal. Belonging to two clubs and participating in club activities can put a strain on her time management.

Congratulations on the new club!

**Zabby**



Dear Zabby,

When and how am I supposed to use my gavel?

(signed), Curious

Dear Curious,

Besides being a symbol of leadership of an organization or assembly, the gavel is used by the presiding officer to call the meeting to order and to officially adjourn a meeting, and occasionally may be used to regain the attention of the assembly. This is done with one rap of the gavel.

**Zabby**

The Zonta International Public Relations Chairman, Bridget Baker, has announced a Public Relations Contest for clubs and districts. Contest purpose is: (1) to foster an exchange of ideas by stimulating interest in submitting examples of work from clubs and districts that could be shared throughout Zonta; and (2) to recognize excellent work and best communications practices by Zonta clubs and districts and to honor those who create and implement them.

Categories will include:

- Brochures
- Programs
- Photographs of Zonta activity
- Newsletters
- Media Placement (*For media placement, a video tape or cassette of the broadcast of the Zonta news coverage is required. For newspaper, save the entire page the story ran on. For magazine, save the entire magazine.*)
- Announcements, invitations, or flyers

Deadline to participate is January 2004. Awards will be presented at the Convention 2004 in New York. Send submissions and inquiries to:

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