



District 10 Newsletter

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Zonta International—Advancing the Status of Women World Wide

Governor's Message

To All District 10 Zontians:

First and most important, your Board is alive and well. We are in the distinct position of having a governing body we did not elect.

The Treasurer we elected has been replaced because she now represents us as the International Secretary/Treasurer.

The Governor and Lt. Governor that we elected have resigned. *(Please see letters of resignation on pages 2 and 3.)* The Area Directors remain the only elected Board members and only their areas elected them.

We have fifteen months remaining in this biennium. The officers serving from now until the end of the biennium will be considered as serving a full term and will not be able to serve in that position again. Since Sharron Miles, Area 1 Director and Karen Elbert, Area 3 Director have both expressed an interest in running for Lt. Governor and hopefully then moving to Governor, I became the remaining choice for Governor. Actually, the Board appointed me to Lt. Governor upon Maggie's resignation and the Lt. Gov. then became the Governor.

We had originally asked Mary Brower to fill the Lt. Gov. vacancy. We were aware the bylaws do not permit a person to serve in the same posi-



tion twice but since she was being appointed and not running for the office we were in hopes International would allow the appointment to stand. However, International would not allow her to serve, since she had already been Lt. Gov. The Board has made the decision to leave this position vacant until Conference in October. After elections for the next biennium, the Governor-elect will be asked to serve the remainder of this biennium as the Lt. Gov. This will give the new Governor several months to transition into her new position.

The Secretary and Parliamentarian both serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The Secretary usually comes from the Governor's club.

Kayleen Kill, a former treasurer. secretary and

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parliamentarian accepted the position. Donna Dodgen, a former Area Director has agreed to serve as parliamentarian. Both Kayleen and Donna are serving on the nominating committee and International has allowed their appointments.

Patricia Santogrossi has been appointed to fill the Area 2 Director position. Tricia is a long time Zontian and is the past Foundation Ambassador of District 10.

Good news! All of the Area Meetings have been completed. Zonta University was the theme this year and we graduated over 100 Zontians! Those of you that missed the area meetings this year missed some wonderful speakers and fellowship! Barbara Yoder, our Foundation Ambassador, reports that we raised \$4400 for the foundation during the meetings.

District 10 has been asked to plan the Memorial Service for the 2004 Convention in New York. Kaye Anderson and her committee are hard at work.

2003 ZISVAW Grants have been awarded to Zonta Club of Hamilton 1 and Hamilton 2, Zonta Club of Davao City (Philippines), Zonta Club of Muntinlupa and Environs (Philippines). and Zonta Club of Perth Northern Suburbs (Australia).

District 10 will be well represented at the Zonta North American Summit in St. Louis, June 21st and 22. Presenting workshops will be Darlene Kurtz, ZI Treasurer/Secretary; Carol Rainey, ZI Status of Women/Service Coordinator; Maggie Warren, and Mary Frances Gardner, MD.

Johnson County is in the midst of planning the District Conference that will be held in Ft. Worth October 9th, 10th and 11th. Mark your calendars and save that weekend for a great time in Cowtown.

Once again let me assure you that your Board is "alive and well". You have us for the next fifteen months and we are committed to the members of this District. I know many of you have questions and if you'll email me at srankin128@aol.com I'll do my best to answer them.

Yours in Zonta Service,
Sally

Governor Judy Strothmann's Letter of Resignation

Judith K. Strothmann
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April 1, 2003

To: Margit Webjorn, Zonta International President
Janet Halstead, Executive Director, Zonta International
Zonta International District 10 Board

Due to many factors, my enthusiasm for serving Zonta has been depleted. In addition, these factors are adversely affecting my health, family, and business; therefore, it is with regret that I find it necessary to submit my resignation as Governor, District 10 effective immediately.

Best wishes in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,
Judith Kay Strothmann

New York, New York
July 2004

Don't miss a chance on winning
Convention registration
Roundtrip airfare
Hotel accommodations

Only 100 raffle tickets will be sold!

Tickets are \$100 each.

Contact District Treasurer
Sharon Graves today!
Shagra28@aol.com

Lieutenant Governor's Letter of Resignation

Lafayette, LA
April 26, 2003

Dear Fellow Zontians,

When I accepted the nomination for Lt. Governor with the hopes of eventually being elected as Governor for the biennium 2004-2006, it was with the knowledge and consideration that I would no longer have the day to day responsibility of our mentally and socially handicapped 20 year old daughter. The plan has always been to have her situated in a housing program by her 21st birthday in August of 2003. We are currently in the interview portion of the process and have been assured that Sarah will be a resident of a community home in early August.

Following receipt of Ms. Strothmann's resignation as Governor and, after thorough discussion with the current board and the past governors, I wrote to ZI President Margit Webjorn asking for a "deferral" until August 2003 for becoming Governor and asking if an Interim or Acting Governor could be appointed until that time. President Webjorn denied the request and stated that ... "In this case, our Bylaws are very clear." ... "If you find that you are unable to perform the duties of your position, you will have to resign and D10 will have a vacancy also in the office of lieutenant governor."

While I am certain that you are wondering about my loyalty and dedication to Zonta and to District 10, please be assured that my resignation as Lt. Governor is because of my deep commitment to you all. Had I been able to postpone accepting the Governor's position until August, I would have been able to give complete attention to the affairs of the district. I do not want my wonderful fellow members to ever think that I am abdicating my responsibilities nor am I ignoring my commitment to the membership. Zonta International Bylaws prohibit the appointment of an Acting Governor. After much discussion and consideration by the District Board, along with the assistance of the past Governors, I chose to resign my position as Lt. Governor of District 10.

Please understand that it is only because of my respect for you and the knowledge of the responsibility of the office, along with my desire to be a competent and effective Governor, that it was necessary for me to make this unhappy decision. Please be assured that I can and will be an effective part of District 10. My family situation will be resolved in August of this year and I will at that time be able to serve fully as an officer of District 10. I have therefore agreed to have my name submitted to the Dis-

trict 10 Nominating Committee as a candidate for Governor 2004-2006.

I love you all and Zonta too much to try to do a half-hearted job and want to be able to do the very best for you and with you. Thank you for respecting this very difficult decision and know that no matter what, you are always in my heart.

Yours in Zonta service,

Maggie Warren

Foundation Ambassador

Barbara Yoder

Zontians from all three area meetings proved that "we get it"! We belong to a **worldwide organization** that works together to raise the status of women! Total funds raised in the area meetings from auctions, raffles and individual giving were \$4355. **ROCK ON.....!**

I am also glad to report that more ladies are signing on for the auto -deduction for monthly or quarterly contributions to the foundation fund of their choice. Easy and doing good work simultaneously.....a great way to multi-task!

The competition for the clubs for most individual givers is heating up....lots of changes happened after each area meeting. I can't wait to see which clubs win this award at the District Conference in October.

Thank you to all who contribute so loyally to the Zonta International Foundation, be it through club work or individual donations. Together we can work miracles through our Zonta District 10 love.

*"Where there is great love there
are always miracles." ~Willa
Cather~*

**Zonta International, District 10,
Heartfelt response to love the world**

Area 1 News

Sharron Miles, Area 1 Director

Wow. Things are hopping here in Area One right now. We are getting ready to have our Area meeting in Fort Smith, and representatives from all our clubs, except Arlington, will be attending! We are going to have a great time at Zonta University!

The "Miles Mobile" will be traveling around the district this spring.

Mineral Wells will be hosting their Inter-city on May 1. It is a Garden Tea Party and Style Show. Prizes will be given for the best hat.

The Weatherford Club's Inter-city will be a Casino Night on Saturday, May 17.

The Johnson County Club's will be on May 22 at 6:30 PM. The theme will be a Night at the Musicals.

Dallas 1 will be installing new officers on May 1 also.

A note from the Central Oklahoma Club tells us about Governor Strothmann's granddaughter that is worthy of sharing:

Judy Strothmann's 8 year old grand-daughter, Ciara (CiCi), saved a classmate's life at school. The little girl choked on a piece of candy and CiCi performed the Heimlich maneuver popping out the candy. CiCi said the little girl was turning blue and had her hands around her neck, so she knew she was choking. CiCi has been on all the local TV news reports, is getting an award from the Midwest City Fire Dept. tomorrow and was presented with a proclamation honoring her as an Oklahoma Hero on the floor of the State Capital by Senator Auldrich of Midwest City, Oklahoma. ***The Zonta Club of Central Oklahoma provided funds to the Oklahoma City Fire Department to provide this training to school aged student in the schools.***

Congratulations to Cici and her grandmother!



Cici with Senator Auldrige

I also had the privilege of attending Area 2 and Area 3's Area Meetings. They were great and lots of fun. Plus I got to meet more great Zontians who are committed to advancing the status of women. What a great organization!



Johnson County Members at their wine and cheese reception for their annual Status of Women program



Longview Club members welcoming Area 1 Director Sharron Miles to their annual antique show



Z club members helping in the kitchen at the Johnson County Women and children's Health Fair

Area 2 News

Sally Rankin, Area 2 Director

Houston, we have a problem! The area director thanked all the presenters, all the attendees and forgot to thank her own club! From the bottom of my heart **thank you Houston.** You gals all did such a terrific job!

We had 35 in attendance at the meeting that was held in Houston. Every club in the area was represented except Baton Rouge. Attendees also came from: Seguin, Brownsville, Johnson County, and Central Oklahoma. Our distinguished faculty included: Maggie Warren, Sharon Graves, Barbara Yoder, Darlene Kurtz, Mary Ann Collier, Mary Frances Gardner, Barbara Halstead, Jo Carol Martin, Carol Rainey and Danita Utsman. General sessions and round tables were well received

Foundation Ambassador Barbara Yoder reported that we raised \$1300 for the foundation at our auction. Area 1 beat us but they wouldn't have if a generous member had not written a check that equaled our group effort!

Those that attended the Saturday evening production at Radio Music Theatre are still in conference translating Doc Moore's script!

Lafayette has volunteered to host the area meeting in 2004! Thank you Lafayette.

Congratulations to **Shreveport.** They were honored as the Women's Service Club of the Year in Shreveport. They received the honor during the Celebration of Women Week and competed against organization in nine parishes. The award is entitled Women Who Have Made a Difference.

Congratulations to **Longview** for another successful Antique Show under the direction of **Kay Heinsohn.**

Houston has just completed their annual garage sale and the final tally isn't in yet, but it will be one of their best ever.

Lafayette had their garage sale and to celebrate the auxiliary provided a steak dinner! Their annual **Night at the Races** will be held Friday, June 6th at Evangeline Downs. Gates open at 5:30 and tickets are \$30 per person. It promises to be a fun filled evening and everyone is invited.

Everyone is gearing up for installation of officers this month. The only exception will be Houston and their installation will be in June. Susan Gallivan will

be installed as President (officially this time) and her mother; the past president of the Zonta Club of Buffalo, NY will be the installing officer.

This will be my last article as your "Mother". I've loved every minute of being with you! You are all very special to me! Have a wonderful, safe summer.



Longview Antique Show. Danita Utsman & Jerry Anne Jurenka in the kitchen.



Shoppers: Carolyn Phillips (Houston), Janice Blount (Shreveport), Chairman Kay Heinsohn and Jo Carol Martin (Shreveport)

More Area 2 pictures on Page 7

Area 3 News

Karen Elbert, Area 3 Director

On a personal note, I want to thank everyone that attended the Area 3 meeting and for joining together to share your love and enthusiasm for Zonta.

It was a very special event and I was touched by all who participated and spoke their hearts. I went home energized, enthused, and very proud.

A huge thank you to all our "professors" that enlightened us, taught us, and entertained us. What a special group of women Zontians are!!!!

Austin It is with great pride that The Zonta Club of Austin announces the District 10 YWPA winner is their applicant, Mitra Miri. They will present her award at the May meeting. Way To Go Austin!!!!!!

Brownsville The April meeting is always one of the most exciting meetings, it is the annual Service Awards Banquet. Monies were given to eighteen local charities that improve the status of women. In addition four outstanding young women from each of the local High Schools were awarded a Mattie Hargis Scholarship.

Lourdes Simmons was presented the 2003 Zontian of the Year award by president Dixie Hoffman for the tremendous amount of work she put into the annual Christmas tour of homes, Casas Hermosas. She has been a year round inspiration to the entire club.



President, Dixie Hoffman, Lourdes Simmons

Corpus Christi Vice President, Sandy Welch reports they have been extremely fortunate that all members have devoted much time and effort to their service projects: Presenting job interviewing and other skills to the Women's Shelter, appearing on the local PBS Channel for fundraising, assisting the Coastal Bend Estuary with Earth Day as well as taking and reviewing applications from high school girls for a scholarship



Corpus Christi's 25 year plus Zontian, Marcia Curtis is in the front row in the black and white dress. Other Zontians in the pix on the front row are Past President Sharon Alexander and Club Secretary Katherine Whitworth.

Fredericksburg This in from club President Janet Lindemann who reports that JoAnn Krauskopf from our club was honored as Woman of Achievement at the April meeting. Our club in concert with the Cancer Survivors earned \$1,200 at a musical event April 15. We still have the relay itself and other donations to go.

The Scholarship Committee is in the process of selecting women for scholarships to be presented in June. The scholarships are for \$500 each. The Fredericksburg club voted at the last meeting to support HB 869 to strengthen laws against human trafficking. The Club president will send a letter to congressmen.

Harlingen, Inc. President, Von Brookshire sends this news. Our year is winding down and all the exciting awards are to be given late May. We selected our Zontian of the Year, Women of Achievement, our three scholarship winners, and new officers.

Now if this is not exciting enough we also have four new members to join us, we will have their initiation early May at our business meeting.

April brings our annual picnic. Our special guests were Karen Elbert, Area 3 Director, and one of our new members announced that day, Stephanie Rhyner.

We had each member bring an item baked or a craft to be auctioned by our own auctioneer (Von). We had good fellowship and food.



April picnic-Karen Elbert, Dutch Richards, Brenda Krafska

Area 3 News continued

the Year and Woman of the Year. Their YWPA winner is Darlene Jennings, from San Benito High School.

A note of appreciation to Mary Brower, President of Harlingen 2 for offering to host next years Area meeting. I know everyone will enjoy returning to the Rio Grande Valley.

New Braunfels I need to tell New Braunfels a heartfelt THANK YOU for hosting the area meeting. President Joanna Lewis did an outstanding job of planning it and making it an unforgettable meeting. I am grateful to all the club members that assisted in welcoming us and helped us to have a most terrific experience.

San Antonio This club was so well represented at the area meeting. They had NINE members of their club that qualified to be honored as having been a member for 25 or more years and five of them were at the luncheon and received their certificates in person, two of them had 50 plus years and the remaining 3 had over 25 years. What an inspiration they were to all of us in attendance.



*Standing L-R: Marilynn Franke, **Edie Parker** (26 years), Virginia Rios, Pris Truesdell, Pat Myers, Pat Turner, Ruby Bainum
Seated L-R: **Jeannette Dupont** (29 years), **Eunice Lewis** (50 years), **Anna Tinney** (25 years), and **Ruth Chadwick** (28 years)*

Area 2 News continued



Area Meeting. Carol Rainey teaches Zonta 101 to new members



Barbara Halstead leads her discussion on publicity

Lafayette Area Zontians present yellow roses to Woman of Achievement Mary Moss, teacher at Lafayette Lutheran School.



Standing L-R, Beth Carrington, Barbara Mearns, Maggie Warren, Claire Fung, Margaret Shipman and Mary Ann Daigle, all Lafayette Zontians.

Seated Dr. Virginia Poe, Director of Lafayette Lutheran School and Woman of Achievement, Mary Moss.

1st Zonta International North American Summit

June 21 and 22, 2003

St. Louis, Missouri

St. Louis Airport Marriott

What is it?

The Summit is a weekend of interactive workshops to gather information and share ideas and strategies to further the advancement of Zonta in North America – in both membership and recognition of our mission. It will be a chance to explore the issues we face as women and what as Zontians we can do about it.

Who should attend?

Zontians from throughout the 13 districts in North America are encouraged to attend. Anyone who is interested in advancing the future of Zonta in the United States and Canada, especially current and future club and district officers, will find the workshops valuable and worthwhile.

Where will it be?

The North American Summit will be held at the St. Louis Airport Marriott in St. Louis, Missouri.

What is the cost?

Rooms will cost \$79 plus tax per night for up to 4 people. Registration is \$110 and will cover all meals and breaks on Saturday and Sunday.

What is the schedule?

Registration will be Friday evening, June 20th and Saturday morning June 21st. The Summit will begin at 8:30 am on Saturday and conclude by noon on Sunday, allowing Zontians to return home that weekend.

What else is there to do?

If you want to bring your family, the Marriott will honor our special room rates for Thursday and Sunday nights as well. St. Louis is the home of the Cardinals, Anheuser Busch Brewery, Grants Farm, Six Flags, the Muny, St. Louis Zoo, Missouri Botanical Gardens, Butterfly House, and a multitude of other activities. See www.explorestlouis.com for more ideas.

What will be discussed?

We are planning four workshop sessions to allow Zontians to share ideas and stimulate strategies to address the issues we face in our clubs and districts. Topics that are planned include but are not limited to:

- Putting a Public Face on Zonta – PR and communications tools for the Zontian
- Club building in the 21st century – what it takes for success in forming and supporting new clubs
- Membership – problems and solutions for North America
- Women's Health Issues in North America – what can we do?
- Legislative Awareness and Advocacy – what does it mean?
- Trafficking and Trade: the Impact of Globalization on Women
- Now that we have them, what do we do with them? Success in member retention

Where is there more information?

Registration forms are available on our website www.zontadistrict10.org and additional information on the summit can be obtained from www.zontadistrict3.org.

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