



# District 10 Newsletter

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Zonta International—Advancing the Status of Women World Wide

Summer Greetings!

I hope all of you are enjoying the summer break. Things at the District level are a little hectic right now as preparations for our October conference in Ft. Worth are in full swing. The **Call to Conference** will be mailed out to each individual member unless we do not have an address for you. The club president's will be getting an extra hard copy and we will be posting it on the district web site, **www.zontadistrict10.org** so you will be able to download it there if necessary.

We are requesting that you make your hotel reservations in Ft. Worth prior to September 19<sup>th</sup> as many of our costs for conference are dependent upon the number of room reservations. Your cooperation will be appreciated!

The **President's Packets** will also be mailed in early August. Presidents, please address the many items in your packet, i.e. names of your members for the Memorial Service, Information for the Parade of Presidents, Pledges, Voting Credentials or Proxies, table reservations for the Zonta Store and Silent Auction items. There are deadlines for some of these items so please respect the timelines.

This is an election year and our District Nominating Chairman, Donna Dodgen, will be getting the candidate information out to your clubs.

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**The North American Summit** was held in St. Louis, June 21-22. Attending from District 10 were Peggy Beabout (Central Oklahoma), Mary Ann Collier (Houston), Karen Elbert (Brownsville), Mary Frances Gardner (New

Orleans), Darlene Kurtz (Johnson County), Sharron Miles (Johnson County), Carol Rainey (Houston), Sangeeta Shah (Lafayette), Ruby Smith (Dallas), Candi Ward (Corpus Christi), Maggie Warren (Lafayette), Barbara Yoder (Johnson County) and me. You will find several pictures from the event scattered throughout this newsletter. We attended many wonderful workshops and District 10 had more members facilitating workshops than any other district! It gave me an opportunity to meet nine of the North American Governors and they are a terrific group of women! I highly encourage you to attend the next Summit in two years.

The **Zonta International Foundation Memo** that I receive each month has made mention of something I had never thought about. The YWPA Fund is

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### Governor's Message Continued

one of the few funds that are not supported by an endowment. The money for all the YWPA awards comes directly from donations. The contributions for this biennium are at 28% of the goal. In an attempt to raise a little money for this fund we will be auctioning off the right to carry several of the flags during the **Flag Ceremony** at conference this year. The flags that will be auctioned will be the State flags of New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, the United States flag and the Zonta flag! We started the precedence of the Governor carrying her State flag so I will be paying \$100 for the right to carry the Texas flag. These will count as **individual donations** so bring your checkbooks!

The **goals** for the remainder of the biennium are:

- 1) Each club **to increase their Foundation pledges by 10%** to each fund. If you had pledged \$100 to a fund, simply raise that amount to \$110. Last year in Austin we pledged \$36,739.36 to the Foundation funds. A 10% increase would put us over \$40,000 this year
- 2) Each club should make a concerted effort **to increase their awareness of the International projects**. ZI has several videos available that would make wonderful programs and there are always superb articles in The Zontian that someone could use for a report.
- 3) Each club **to have a website**. Our web master is in the process of putting together a sample club website that adheres to the ZI guidelines. The fee for the website and the maintenance of the website will be affordable. Each club website will link to the District and International websites. We are hoping to have a demonstration available for you at Conference.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all in Ft. Worth!  
Have a wonderful and safe summer.

Yours in Zonta,

**Sally**

### North American Summit Pictures



*L-R: Kerry Dixon-Fox, Gov. of Dist. 7 (Workshop chairman); Jacquie Gudmundsen-ZI Board Member; Judy Johnston-co-chair 2004 Convention/New York*



*First Row: Mary Benoit/District 12, Sally/District 10, Marce Van Glabek/District 6, Dolly Dastoor/District 2, Mary Lou Shippe/District 3, Anna ParConn/District 4, Deb Arney/District 8*  
*Back Row: Beverly Duff/District 11, Shirley Edwards/District 5, Kerry Dixon-Fox/District 7 and Joy Orlich/District 9*

## Foundation Ambassador

*Barbara Yoder*

### ZIF, DISTRICT 10 UPDATE

*"Work is easier to carry if your heart is involved" E. Roosevelt*

Well that is a simple quote but ladies it is so right. The work of the Zonta International Foundation is mighty but District 10's heart is lightening the load.

Contributions as of May 31st totaled \$1,063,569 to ZIF. This is 45% of the overall goal at the biennium's half-way point. Other highlights: J Klausman as made its goal, service is at 59%, AE at 44% and ZISVAW at 43%.

Stuff I want to tell you about **OUR** giving:

- Average gift per club is \$1737.
- Our district's favorite funds are AE and ZISVAW and we rank 3rd of all the districts in giving for these areas.
- 22% of District 10's giving comes from individuals...this is up 5% from May last year.

And for the best news...Yea, ladies, District 10 is 5th overall in giving thus far in this biennium.

**Generous** must be added to our name of Zonta, right along with *trustworthy* and *loyal*! Last year at this time we were 7th. In a biennium comparison, date to date, District 10 is up 44% in giving. This progress is remarkable and only one other district has exceeded this amount of increase! .....we are getting it ladies...THANK YOU!

I look forward to seeing all of you at the District 10 Conference in October. I hope each club will search their ZONTA HEART when planning their contributions for next year to ZIF. **Remember, bringing your club ZIF checks to roll call at the conference makes everyone's bookkeeping easier!**

As a reminder, recognition will be given for clubs giving 1/3 of their service money. Is your club individual giving up? Awards for best increases there, too! Please contact me for any ZIF questions. I encourage you to check the ZI website for program updates.

Thank you each and everyone for your service in Zonta. When your heart speaks, make sure you take good notes.

## Organization, Membership & Classification

*Maggie Warren*

*A Zonta-defining moment. . . . .*

According to Webster's Dictionary, a "**defining moment is a point at which the essential nature or character of a person, group, etc. is revealed or identified.**"

During a recent Area Workshop, we were asked to relate our own Zonta defining moments. While most members were able to describe at least one special moment, some felt that they had not yet experienced one yet and still others could recount several. I'd like to think that our Zonta moments occur on a regular basis.

In June I attended the North American Summit in St. Louis, Missouri along with Governor Sally Rankin, Area 1 Director Sharron Miles, Area 3 Director Karen Elbert, Past Governors Carol Rainey, Candi Ward and Mary Frances Gardner, ZI Secretary Treasurer Darlene Kurtz, Nominating Committee Member Peggy Beabout, Dallas 1 President Ruby Smith and Lafayette member Sangeeta Shah. As you can see, District 10 was very well represented. The Summit was an incredible gathering of Zontians who met to share and learn in an effort to build and reinforce the North American membership. Many of the "best practices" will be shared with you through various channels. It is hoped that the Summit will be a continuing event, to occur in ZI Convention off-years, so mark your calendars for future summer meetings.

Back to the "Zonta defining moment" – I had a very special one in St. Louis that I must share with you. After the Summit, District 8 Governor Debbie Arney, Darlene Kurtz, my niece Aime and I attended the Cardinal-Royals game (the Cardinals lost 5-2). I wore my maroon Zonta embroidered golf shirt. On the shuttle back to the hotel, there was a young couple with 2 young daughters. We exchanged greetings and then visited amongst ourselves. When we arrived at our hotel stop, I stood to depart and the young mother grabbed my hand and thanked me for Zonta awarding her with a college scholarship. She said she grew up in northern Michigan and had it not been for that scholarship, she may not have attended college. She and her family now live in Houston. Debbie and I both gave her our cards and asked that she contact us. While I'm sure she would be a great Zontian, what an awesome speaker she would be. The bus driver was hastening our departure and I do so regret not getting her name. Be assured, that next time, I will ask for that first!

So, wear your pins, your shirts, carry your brief cases with Zonta tags, have your Zonta business cards and tri-folds at the ready. You never know who you might encounter. Learn the Zonta mission statement and familiarize yourself with project information. Be "**Zonta Proud**" and experience more Zonta moments to share!

## Area 1 News

*Sharron Miles, Area 1 Director*

Welcome Area 1 Presidents to an exciting year with Zonta! Thanks so much for getting your reports in and helping get our new classifications assigned correctly. This is going to be an exceptional year. Since our last newsletter I have had the opportunity to visit with the Granbury Club about service hours and service projects. They are our newest baby in our District and are going great guns.



*Sharron at Granbury Club meeting*

I was honored to install the officers in the Weatherford Club in June. This club is another one that is alive and well! Johnson County has already worked on two Service Projects. They had a team participate in the Relay for Life for the American Cancer Society. With five of their members being cancer survivors, it was something that they were eager to support. They also manned the start/finish line for the Goatneck 100K. Over 1300 cyclists participated, and Zonta got great exposure. One cyclist' mother is a Zontian in Gothenburg, Sweden! I will be attending the Dallas 3 meeting on August 1, and the Fort Worth Club for their foundation program on August 14.

I had an opportunity to attend the North American Summit with several others from District 10. It was well organized and the workshops were very informative. There was also time for networking with other clubs. Everyone was eager to share what they were doing and ideas to make our clubs better.



*Governor Rankin and Past Governor Ward in St. Louis at North American Summit*

Don't forget the **District Conference** in Fort Worth on October 9-11. The Call to Conference should be coming out soon, and you'll see what a great weekend we have planned for all of you! Governor Rankin has planned an agenda that will challenge and your clubs and provides opportunities for positive fellowship!



**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](mailto:Shagra28@aol.com)

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## Area 2 News

*Trish Santogrossi, Area 2 Director*

*(Editor's note: I did not receive an update from Trish, but Maggie Warren sent this news to be included in the Newsletter)*



Lafayette Zontian Mary Ann Daigle is pictured with Vernon Winfrey (father of Oprah). Mr. Winfrey was in Lafayette for the July 14 premier of Charlie's War, a movie based on the screenplay by Christy Lawrence Viviano of New Iberia. Mary Ann, who also volunteers for the Friends of Music for which this event was a fundraiser, was the official chauffeur for Mr. Winfrey and his wife Barbara, a school principal near Nashville. The movie stars Olympia Dukakis, Diane Ladd, Lynn Redgrave and others and also features the talented local young musician Hunter Hayes whose accordion was hand crafted by Lafayette Zontian Patsy Martin's husband.

The "Zonta Aunties" pictured below (Jazzmean (Patsy Martin), Liberteen (Mary Frances Gardner) and Ernesteen (Dar Kurtz) helped Maggie Warren's daughter, Jennifer, celebrate her graduation and commissioning as a 2nd Lieutenant.



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## Young Women in Public Affairs

*Sharon R. Hebert, Chair*

This year's search for a District 10 recipient of the Young Women in Public Affairs Award was a resounding success. We had 10 clubs submit nominations and 2 individuals submit directly to International. Unfortunately, 2 clubs were disqualified due to technicalities, one for the application not being typed and the other for not using the current and authorized application format.

The 8 clubs that submitted were: San Antonio (Angela Holcek); Johnson County (Landi Wooley); Fredericksburg (Rena Mammadova); Dallas 3 (Blanca Vasquez); Harlingen 2 (Melanie Jennings); Houston (Anjuli Shivshanker); Lafayette Area (Kimberly Ziegler); and Austin (Mitra Miri). The two names from International were Rachael Osaze-Ediae and Roxanne Perez.

The judging panel was composed of Charles Kuettel, Captain, Midwest City Fire Department; Kateri Peeler, Supervisory Engineering Technician for Tinker AFB; and Mary Kuettel, Human Resources for Midwest City. The panel spent approximately 6 hours judging the applicants and chose Mitra Miri from Austin as the District 10 recipient. She had a point total of 278 out of a possible 300.

Congratulations to all the clubs that submitted nominations and I look forward to having even more applications to choose from next year.



*Mitra Miri and her Mom, Loretta*

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## Area 3 News

### *Karen Elbert, Area 3 Director*

Found this quote by an unknown author:

***What we do for ourselves alone dies with us, what we do for others, and the world, remains forever and is immortal***

Isn't that a wonderful thought when we think about our involvement in Zonta International.

### **Brownsville**

This is the email I received from the new President, Ruth Hunter. I have put it in here, in its entirety because I think it reflects how most of us felt when we took office of president.

Where does the time go? It seems like yesterday I was being elected as vice president and thinking that I had two years to learn the ropes so that I could take over the helm of such a dynamic group of women. The time flew and now as I run from committee meeting to committee meeting, making sure that we are organized and ready to begin a great year, I have a new level of respect for all the club presidents who have gone before me!

Our club installed officers in May and not a day has passed since then that I, as president, have not had Zonta on my mind. In June we met at South Padre Island for a day retreat, planning for the upcoming year. One of our main goals this year is to develop a more efficient way of assuring that prospective members receive all the information necessary to become a contributing member of our group. The membership committee is working on this and I look forward to their streamlined plan being put into effect. We currently have 47 members and 6 prospective members. We may actually pass the 50 mark by September!

I met with our program committee and they have a great year lined up for us. "Casa Tour of Homes", our signature event, is shaping up. This fund raising event has grown steadily over the past few years under the direction of Chairperson, Lourdes Simmons, and I am sure this year will be the best yet! I am looking forward to a wonderful year and feel blessed to be the president of such a worthwhile organization. See you all this fall in Fort Worth!

### **Corpus Christi**

New President, Sandy Welch reports the Corpus club just completed its annual planning session. Vice President Roberta Dohse introduced project "Thru the Cracks" which is designed to assist women move from shelters into their own apartments by paying utility de-

posits and one month's rent. Referrals are received from the Department of Human Services. Literacy is the other service project for the year and Candi Ward and Sandy Welch will attend literacy training on August 23rd.



*Candi Ward and Sharon Alexander at planning session*

### **Fredericksburg**

The Fredericksburg club now has their wonderful calendars in stock and ready for sale. They feature the most unique LOCAL artwork. Each club should acquire several as they make wonderful gifts. Please contact Bonnie Baseke at email pioneer@fbg.net to order. Club members are busy working on their Karaoke skit for district and planning on many of their members attending district.

It will be here before we know it!!!

### **Harlingen 2**

President, Mary Brower was thrilled to report all their hard recruiting efforts have paid off. They will be installing FIVE new members next month. Way To Go!!!

### **New Braunfels**

As reported by President, Joanna Lewis:

Even though we have taken July and August off, we had a fundraiser. That is commitment! After a horrendous day of thunderstorms and heavy rain, we remained undeterred and met at Arlayne Mandell's for a Wine Tasting to benefit the Women's Center. A few of the husbands were invited to serve "the girls". Worked out very well!! The money we raised will be used toward the purchase of a quality swing set for the children. Not only did we donate dollars, we met some extraordinary women who we hope will join our club. The wine was very "tasty" and the food out of this world—we all added a few calories that evening!!

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Area 3 News continued

We had a request from Rep. Carter Casteel to address our club during one of our meetings. She would like to fill us in on the legislative session in Austin just completed. Our next program meeting will be in October, so we hope to be able to work this out.

Our September meeting will be a planning session at Canyon Lake aboard Pam Rudolph-Walne's sailboat. We are all looking forward to that. You can have fun while you work!!

**San Antonio**

Club president, Ruby Bainum, presented our annual scholarships to Angela Holcek, Young Women in Public Affairs, and Mona Echard, Jane M. Klausman Women in Business, at the June meeting.



Hope everyone is having a most terrific summer and I am looking forward to seeing ALL of you this coming year.

Karen



into the Texas Women's Hall of Fame and was the first woman to be named to the Fort Worth Business Hall of Fame as Executive of the Year.

A lifelong resident of Forth Worth she was mayor from 1991-95. She is a former school teacher and also a leader in Congress for improving education. She founded, owns and still operates a successful insurance agency. She received her BS, magna cum laude, from Texas Wesleyan University. She also has an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Texas Wesleyan. She has three grown children.

**Please make plans to attend the conference this year! As Governor Rankin says in her intro:**

*Come—Learn—Grow—Help us make a difference!*

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## Head 'em up and move 'em out!



The awaited "Call to Conference" for the 56<sup>th</sup> District 10 Conference, October 9-11, arrived via email this week. The Johnson County club has worked very hard to make this conference in Ft. Worth memorable for all of us. I won't include the full agenda here, because all of the club presidents will receive this information and it will be posted on the District 10 Web site as well. However, I would like to mention some of the speakers they have lined up.

**Keynote Speaker: Pam Minick**

Pam Minick, is a former Miss Rodeo America, and a well-known face in the world of rodeo. Pam is also marketing director of Billy Bob's Texas, "The World's Largest Honky-Tonk", where her husband Billy is part-owner. They live on a small ranch in Argyle, Texas. Honors for Pam include 1992 Coca Cola Woman of the Year in Pro Rodeo. She co-announced the prestigious Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, marking the first woman to announce a major pro rodeo. Pam has been inducted into the National Cowgirl Hall of Fame.

**Amelia Earhart Luncheon Speaker: Molly Peebles**

Molly's passion for flight only began early in 2001 when she discovered a deep passion for the sky on her first small plane flight. That passion and a desire to make a difference led to her being a founder and Executive Director of "Flight Across America". Flight is a national aviation event and a grassroots effort to celebrate the freedom of flight and a memorial to the victims of 9/11. Thousands of pilots from across the country participated in 2002 ending in a convergence on NYC in Sept 2002.

**Status of Women Luncheon Speaker- U. S. Representative Kay Granger**

Kay is the first Republican woman to serve in the US House of Representatives from Texas. First elected in 1996 she is also the first woman to represent District 12 in the House in a century. Granger is a Deputy Majority Whip and serves on the powerful House Appropriations Committee and the new Select Committee on Homeland Security. In 1999, Granger was inducted

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## Third Annual Karaoke Contest Announced

Do you secretly wish you could be a star? Are you a ham at heart who jumps at the chance to wrap your fingers around a microphone? Well, here's your opportunity of a lifetime! We are thrilled to announce the third Karaoke Contest as a District 10 fundraiser at our conference coming up in October. Central Oklahoma is again sponsoring the contest with the assistance of the Lafayette Area club and a club from Area 3. Our primary objective in this contest is to have fun and donate money on behalf of District 10. This year's event will take place at the District Conference in Ft Worth on Thursday, October 9, 2003, after the welcome reception, about 8:30 PM. Entry forms and rules, newly revised and updated, have been emailed to club presidents, and a listing of songs available on CD is available from Colonel Judy Kautz at Judy.Kautz@tinker.af.mil. (If the list does not contain the song you want to perform, please let us know and we will try to obtain it, or you may provide your own.)

All proceeds from this fundraising event will go to the International or District Foundation on behalf of District 10. New this year is the restriction that only clubs may compete for Best Overall Act, but everyone is welcome to participate in the competition for the awards of Best Costume, Best Choreography, and Best Vocal. The more entries we have, the more vote ballots we sell, and the more money we raise. Additionally, the winning club gets bragging rights for next year! We welcome individual acts, solo, duet, or trio, as well as club or group acts.

We encourage your club to participate in this wonderful opportunity to show our "stuff" and to show our philanthropic dedication to the objects of Zonta. Please join us for a wonderful evening of fun and frivolity, all for a great cause! We are looking forward to hearing from every club.

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### KARAOKE RULES

1. Only the first 20 entries will be accepted.
2. Entry fees: \$50 for club or group act
  - Club act includes members of a single club only
  - Group act may include members from two or more clubs\$30 for individual act (solo, duet, or trio)
3. Vote ballots will be sold for \$1 each and will be on sale through noon on Saturday. You may purchase as many tickets as you wish; cash and checks are welcome. (Make checks payable to Zonta Club of Central Oklahoma.)
4. Winning entries in each category will be announced at closing banquet.
5. All proceeds from entry fees and vote sales will be awarded to the Best Overall Club Act.
6. Best Overall Club Act will designate the proceeds to the International or District Foundation on behalf of District 10. Individual credit will not be given.
  - International (Rose Fund, Amelia Earhart Fellow Fund, YWPA Scholarship, International Service, ZISVAW, Endowment Fund, WHIPPI)
  - District (Sarah Metcalf Scholarship, YWPA Scholarship, Jane Klausman Scholarship)
7. Best Overall Club Act will receive the traveling trophy to keep for a year and then bring back to the next district conference.
8. Competition categories include:
  - Best Overall Club Act (designates fund to receive money on behalf of District 10.)
  - Best Costume (Certificate award)
  - Best Choreography (Certificate award)
  - Best Vocal (Certificate award)
9. Best Overall Club Act will be determined by the number of votes received, and only clubs will be eligible for this category.
10. Best Costume, Choreography, and Vocal acts will be determined by a panel of judges. Any act can compete for these categories.