



# District 10 Newsletter

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Zonta International—Advancing the Status of Women World Wide

Greetings District 10,

Conference is now behind us, but what a wonderful time! Thank you all for my beautiful Governor’s Pin. I love it! The remaining money that you all contributed will go to the International Service Fund.

Thank you **Johnson County**, and conference chairman, **Sharron Miles**, for a terrific conference. **Zonta Club of Central Oklahoma** did their usual stellar job of hosting the karaoke party. Every year I think it’s the best ever and then we top it! Those of you that missed this year missed some wonderful acts and wonderful challenges!

Thanks to past governor, **Mary Brower**, for mothering the First Timers. To past governors **Carol Rainey** and **Candi Ward** for chairing the Credentials Committee; and past governor **Mary Frances Gardner**, for chairing the Teller Committee. **Donna Dodgen, Peggy Beabout and Kayleen Kill**, formed our Nominating Committee and brought us a full slate of candidates for 2004-2006.

**Zonta Club of Granbury** hosted the Amelia Earhart Luncheon. The keynote speaker was Molly Peebles, the Executive Director of Flight Across America. What an inspirational speaker, there wasn’t a dry eye in the room! We also had an opportunity to meet a 2002-2003 Amelia Earhart Fellow, Neyda Abreu, from the University of New Mexico.



*Sally Rankin, Governor*

Foundation Ambassador **Barbara Yoder** brought us up to date on our Foundation contributions and **Cathe Wood** from the staff in Chicago spoke to us about ways we can contribute to the Foundation and also gave us an overview of the activities in Chicago.

We had a fun trip to the National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame. Some brave souls rode the bronco!

Thank you **Alana Villavaso** and **Mary Frances Gardner** for a most moving and memorable Memorial Service.

**Ed Gossett**, our District Web Master, presented a very affordable proposal for club web sites. I’m hoping that a good number of you will take advantage of his offer as a web presence is so important in today’s “tech society”. Ed will donate 30% of all charges back to District 10.

Thank you **Zonta Club of Weatherford** for hosting the Status of Women Luncheon. Our

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speaker, Mildred (Millie) Robbins Leet, Co-Founder and Board Chair of the Trickle Up Program enjoyed us every bit as much as we enjoyed her. She may want to meet with District 10 when we are in New York for Convention in July!

A huge thanks to our presenters: **Carol Rainey**, International Service Projects; **Mary Frances Gardner** and **Donna Dodgen** for Women's Health and Nutrition; **Jo Carson** for the Leadership presentation and **Sharron Miles** for the Public Relations presentation.

Our International Representative, International Director **Mari Vangdal** from Norway introduced us to her country and we introduced her to ours! She is amazed that we "sell" everything! She is going back to her District with lots of new fund raising ideas. They will no longer be giving away centerpieces at their luncheons!

And finally, our Awards Banquet and Installation capped off the Conference. **Jerry Anne Jurenka** provided our Invocation and we were entertained by the Texas Show Down and Texas Show Girls from Burseson High School. Many certificates were awarded, the karaoke awards were presented (yea Ft. Smith, Central Oklahoma and The Board!), **Brownsville** once again took home the Attendance Cup and our 2004-2006 Board was installed. How could I forget—**Maggie Warren** won the New York City Convention Raffle and will donate the trip to the Lafayette Club.

Wow-we had a jam packed agenda! So many I haven't named helped to make this a successful Conference. It was a real team effort and I appreciate each and every one of you! Thank you again!

We have a little over 8 months left in the biennium. The Lt. Governor position has been vacant since May. As you may remember, we had decided to leave it vacant until the election of officers for 2004-2006 and then have the elected governor assume the office of Lt. governor for the remainder of the biennium. The main purpose for this decision is that it would allow for a smoother transition for the new board. Therefore, Maggie Warren, the elected governor, will finish the biennium as Lt. governor.

Please mark your calendars for the Area Meetings that will be in April. Area 1 will be meeting at Lake Murray on April 3-4; Area 3 in Harlingen April 17-18 and Area 2 in Lafayette on April 24-25.

Watch the Zonta International web site for Convention Registration. On line registration should be up shortly after the first of the year!

I wish each of you a wonderful holiday season!

Yours in Zonta service,  
Sally

**2004-2006 District 10 Board**



*Nominating Committee: Kay Anderson (Central Oklahoma), Lynn Altemeyer (Austin), Sally Rankin, Chairman (Houston); Area 3 Director, JoAnn Krauskauf (Fredericksburg); Area 2 Directors (tie), Mary Ann Collier (Houston) and Danita Utsman (Longview); Area 1 Director, Karon Lowe (Weatherford); Treasurer, Sharon Graves (Longview); Lt. Gov., Sharron Miles (Johnson County); and Governor, Maggie Warren (Lafayette).*

**Amelia Earhart Luncheon**



*Executive Director of Flight Across America, Molly Peebles; Past International Foundation President, Donna Lane; 2002-2003 Amelia Earhart Fellow, Neyda Abreu; International Treasurer/Secretary, Darlene Kurtz and Zonta International Director of Development and Communications, Cathe Wood*

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## Foundation Ambassador

*Barbara Yoder*

I continue to learn about Zonta and Zontians each district conference. At our Fort Worth meeting, I learned:

- Generosity is a lifestyle with Zontians
- Life is not all about "ME", we reach out in service.

We expanded our Zonta International Foundation resources not only by interacting during the meeting, but we are willing to get dirty.....do the hard work to meet our goals. Again I say District 10 has a big heart for Zonta.

Here is a wrap up of our promises of contributions as clubs and individual giving for the conference time.

- In the roll call over \$33,000 was committed to the foundation from club service monies, with \$22,400 collected for immediate deposit to the funds.
- Our annual district karaoke contest netted \$950 for the International Service Fund.
- The District Board auctioned the "right" to carry our five represented state flags for \$1040 to benefit various foundation funds.
- Individuals gave an additional \$500 in honor of our Amelia Earhart speaker Molly Pebbles, founder of Flags Across America. (AE fund)
- Other individual gifts were \$3250.

All total, District 10 sent in \$28,140 to the foundation funds in one giant effort! What a wonderful impact to our mission statement.

Thank you to each giver and worker in service and fund raisers that make this possible. Don't forget each club can still promote individual giving. Forms for gifts and automatic deduct are on the Zonta web site or email me for any help you need!

Barbara Yoder  
District 10 Foundation Ambassador  
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## Lieutenant Governor

*Maggie Warren*

Zonta – the very fabric of our lives . . .

According to an ancient Chinese belief, an invisible red thread connects those who are destined to meet, regardless of time, place or circumstance and, according to custom, that thread may stretch or tangle, but it will never break.

When I joined Zonta, I began collecting the fibers that would eventually be woven into the fabric of my membership. As I began to fulfill myself through service and to realize my potential, my Zonta fabric became stronger and more visible.

I have chosen to make that "invisible red thread" not so invisible and to make it the living core of my Zonta being.

I invite each one of you to gather up those invisible red threads and help to weave a stronger District 10.

When we share our successes and resources, we can diversify our membership classifications, multiply our numbers and grow younger membership. Together, we can develop skills, work as teams, reach our potential and become leaders in our community and of Zonta.

As Zontians, we share passion, values and commitment based on a moral purpose and on Zonta's mission statement "...working together to advance the status of women". Let us now continue the good work of Zonta, diversify and multiply, gain more awareness of world issues and become more visible in our communities. The result will be stronger members and a more tightly woven District 10.

As your governor, I pledge to each one of you that I will work with you, be accessible, open to your thoughts and ideas, and supportive of your plans. Together we can gather those red threads and strengthen the fabric of our district.

I am grateful to you for the opportunity to serve and I promise to honor your trust in me.

Merci beaucoup!

*Maggie Warren*

*Lt. Governor 2003-2004*

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## Area 1 News

Area 1 has been very busy for the last few months. All the clubs have elected new officers and started the new year. The Oklahoma Club had a great meeting about the Sexual Assault Nurses Examiner program which was initiated through the efforts of the Zonta Club of Central Oklahoma. Area Director, Sharron-Miles, attended the meeting.



*Sharron Miles, Lou Anna Munkres, SANE Speaker, and Sharon Hebert*

Zontians from Johnson County were ready to play bingo at the Fort Worth Club's annual fund raiser. Governor Rankin, from Houston, also came to play.



*Sharron Miles*

It was great to see most of our club president's at the District Conference in Fort Worth. We had a great time and shared lots of ideas at our President's breakfast. Congratulations to our new Area 1 Director, Karon Lowe, from Weatherford, and Kaye Anderson from Central Oklahoma who was elected to the nominating committee. A special thank you to the Granbury and Weatherford Clubs for helping with the District

## Sharron Miles, Area 1 Director

conference. And, of course, thanks to Johnson County for a great job! Congratulations to all of our 2004-2006 officers.

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## More District 10 Conference Photos



### *Brownsville*

*Standing: Ruth Hunter, Sandy Altemeyer, Ada Duarte  
Sitting: Laura Gilmore, Kathy Jennings, Leeann Greer*



### *Fredericksburg*

*Laura Lundquist, Ginger Mitchell, JoAnn Krauskopf, Janet Lindemann, and Doris Spraggins*



*Standing: Kayleen Kill, Kathy Young  
Sitting: Jerry Anne Jurenka, Kay Heinsohn, Andrea Mayo, Susan Gallivan*

What a wonderful Conference the Johnson County Club arranged. It could not have been nicer. Thanks to all who worked so hard to insure that it was a grand one. Thanks to the leadership of our fearless leader Governor Sally Rankin, it went off without a hitch. Whenever there is a group of Zontians, I am always amazed at the amount of energy that you can feel in the room. It's always so rejuvenating and exciting to be around.

There is a Chinese proverb that says "Be not afraid of growing slowly, be afraid only of standing still" Let me tell you ... the ladies of Zonta do NOT stand still.

### Austin

President Leigh Schlett reports her club has been stressing the international education in a couple of fun ways. Club member Kara Arteaga created a **Zonta Bingo** game so they could brush up on Zonta trivia and history during the last 15 - 20 minutes of their meeting. They also put all of the Zonta countries into a hat for each member to draw one. At Nov. meeting the member will give a brief report on that country along with anything Zonta related that she can find.

Talk about an interesting meeting. Member Diane Hodges Popps, a 2nd degree black belt and world Champion, along with her partner donated their time to teach a self defense class as a fundraiser for the club. Way to go Austin!!

### Brownsville

The Zonta Club of Brownsville was proud to once again be able to bring home the traveling trophy from the District Conference! Eight of our members attended including one "First Timer."

In observance of Violence against Women month the November program will be given by the Brownsville Police Department and will center on personal safety for women. The club will be instructed about things to be aware of when traveling as well as when out and about the community. This is a different spin as we try to learn how to prevent violence from happening instead of learning about the many programs in place locally to care for victims once it has already occurred. The club's efforts now turn to holding their signature fund raising event, the "Casas Hermosas" Christmas tour of homes. I know we will hear how successful it was next month

### Corpus Christi

This currently small, but mighty club took home seven awards from conference. They had three members attend. All enjoyed and benefited greatly according to President Sandy Welsh. Sandy also reports that they now have their website up. Make sure you all take a look [www.zontacorporuschristitexas.com](http://www.zontacorporuschristitexas.com).

They are having a fundraiser January 16<sup>th</sup>. The evening will include a wine and cheese party featuring noted author Mona Sizer. Ms. Sizer has written many books on Texas history including one on the King Ranch. Also invited is Jannell Kleberg who is an owner of the Ranch who will share her new book of Photo's of the King Ranch. Sandy is hoping for a successful afternoon and thanks Mary Brower for the idea.

### Fredericksburg

WOW! Did this club knock our socks off with their rousing rendition of Luckenbach, Texas and their enthusiastic welcome to Fredericksburg for 2004 conference. A VERY special group of Ladies! Congratulations to Jo Ann Krauskopf of Fredericksburg for being elected as Area 3 director. She has a wonderful adventure ahead of her and I know will do an excellent job.

### Harlingen, Inc.

President Von Brookshire reports that their Ladies Only Golf tournament was a great success and several players remarked that this was THE best they had ever played in. They are already planning next years.

On a sad note, Harlingen, Inc. lost a 43 year member recently. Dorothea Beller had been a mainstay of that club and her passing left a legacy that is unsurpassable. How fortunate they were they to have her all these years and how very much she will be missed

### Harlingen 2

This club has been growing by leaps and bounds and one of the new additions is Jodi Goodwin who was just named to the Super Attorney List in the Texas Monthly Magazine. She was one of only 24 out of 700 Immigration Attorneys to have this honor. I know that she will make a great addition to Zonta and that Zonta will be a great addition to her life as well.

### New Braunfels

Joanna Lewis, president of New Braunfels club sent an email saying that after traveling, she and Jane returned to the relative coolness of Texas. I wondered what part of

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Area 3 News continued

in France during the awful heat wave. They returned with heat rash but claimed a great time anyway. The club has decided to send a generous check to the St. Jude's Ranch for Children in the hopes of spreading some Christmas joy to the young ones.

**San Antonio**

San Antonio is having their 44th annual Antique show as I write this. Imagine that! FORTY-FOUR years!! I know it will be a huge success as always, because of all the hard work the club members put into this event.

**Seguin**

President Pat Grigg reports that in answer to a challenge made by District 9, the Seguin club has taken up a collection and so far we have collected over \$400.00 in individual donations. We will make this donation to honor Violet and BD Hart for all they have done for our club and in support of the challenge. Way To Go Seguin!!!

*Karen*



*Karaoke Queens – Fort Smith*



*Fredericksburg*



*Houston*



*Judy Kautz and Alana Villavaso*



*Best Choreography – District 10 Board*



*Judy Kautz and Lisa Bailey*

## Third Annual Karaoke Contest a Success Or We Are Truly a Bunch of Hams!

Our third annual Karaoke contest at District Conference 2003 was another resounding success. Although we only had 6 entries, including one not associated with clubs, we added the opportunity for members to nominate people to sing for a fee. Nominees then could either sing or buy themselves out for more money, and we raised \$375 from this new addition to the program. You haven't lived until you've heard Ruth Hunter's impression of Shania Twain, and how about Jo Ann Krauskopf's version of *Achy Breaky Heart!* And how could we forget such memorable renditions as *I Got You Babe* by Kaye Anderson and Peggy Beabout, and *We Are Family* by International Officers and past District Governors?

This year's acts were so original! First-time entry Longview with Tina (Andre Mayo) and the Ikettes was a smash with great *Proud Mary* vocal and cute costumes. Central Oklahoma's Kowardly Kaye and her Jungle Buddies performed *The Lion Sleeps Tonight*, and the costumes, fog, and safari

atmosphere were a hoot! Fredericksburg ladies, also first-timers, gave us a hint of what is to come at the 2004 conference with their rendition of *Luchembach, Texas* complete with original words! The Houston entry was Sally's Sidekicks performing *Mustang Sally*; who can forget Sally's white "mustang"! (Ask someone who was there!) The Fort Smith ladies wowed us with their "Pink Cadillacs" in their entry of the Pinkies of Planet Zontar. Finally, our District 10 Board wrapped up the contest entries with fabulous choreography as they performed *Long Tall Texan*. The winning club had the choice of District 10 Foundation or Zonta International Funds as the recipient of this District 10 donation. The total collected and sent to Zonta International Foundation, International Service Fund, was \$950.

Our judges had a tough job but finally picked the following winners: Best Costume Design – Central Oklahoma; Best Vocal Performance – Longview; Best Choreography – District 10 Board. Of course, our 2003

Karaoke Queens were chosen by garnering the most tickets in their voting box. The Karaoke Queens for 2003 were the Fort Smith ladies and their Pink Cadillacs. Congratulations, Fort Smith club, on winning the very first time you entered our contest! All winners were announced at the Saturday evening banquet, and the Fort Smith club has a beautiful trophy and bragging rights...until next year!

A great big thank you goes to the Central Oklahoma club for sponsoring the event, and to Fredericksburg and Lafayette clubs for selling tickets with the Central Oklahoma ladies. And, we're already planning for next year: we'll have lists of songs available on the tables and nominating sheets for those of you who want to nominate some lucky Zontian to sing!!! We can't wait!

Respectfully Submitted,

**Judy Kautz**  
Karaoke Chairman

*More karaoke pictures on previous page.*



**Best Costume Design - Central Oklahoma**



**Best Vocal Performance - Longview**

I would like to pass on a few comments concerning the Newsletter and Publicity Book Contests held at the District 10 Conference.

First the winners:

- Newsletters
  1. Longview
  2. San Antonio and Johnson County
  3. Fort Smith
- Publicity Books – Div 1
  1. Granbury
  2. Shreveport
  3. Fredericksburg
- Publicity Books – Div 2
  1. Brownsville
  2. Seguin
  3. Johnson County

Congratulations not only to the winners, but to all who participated in the contest! I hope everyone who attended the conference got a chance to look at the entries. They were all impressive and the judges were very thorough.

Because several people asked me for feedback last year, I requested that the judges provide written comments this year. I have mailed the comments to the club presidents. Please take these comments graciously as they are meant to be constructive, not hurtful.

Sharron Miles passed on some wonderful information on Public Relations and Newsletters she obtained from District 6. Only 8 clubs submitted newsletters for judging, so I am passing on some information from the District 6 Newsletter Help Sheet.

### **Why Your Club MUST Do a Newsletter**

To stay connected to your members. To help them feel informed.

### **Basic Information in a Newsletter**

- Your next meeting
- Upcoming activities and programs
- Who to contact for what
- Minutes from last meeting
- Info on agenda items the club will be asked to vote on
- Calendar of events, meetings and deadlines for the month

### **Regular Features to Enhance Newsletter**

- New Member bios and photos
- Members birthdays
- Member profiles and photos
- Dates & Deadlines: club, district & International
- District News & Updates
- Quiz on ZI procedures, history or bylaws
- Copies of news release your PR chair sends
- Info from other newsletters: other clubs, district or district chairs
- Articles submitted by members (on Zonta, their business or issues)

### **Mailing**

- Your *members*
- Club presidents in your *District*
- *District Officers, PR Chair*

### **Newsletter Can be Sent to:**

- Prospective members
- YWPA & Klausman winners from your club
- AE fellows in the area
- Agencies you give grants to in your community
- Media contacts (if there's something of interest for them—*always* add a personal note)

### **To Email or Not...**

While they caution against using email, I think most of our clubs have moved to email to save money on postage. They caution

that if your letter is sent as an attached file, the format may not remain intact (unless it is a .pdf file). Email is a great way to communicate easily, but not necessarily the best way. Your club can invest in Adobe Acrobat to convert your newsletter to .pdf format for about \$150.

### **A GOOD Newsletter**

- Has a recognizable masthead
- Has the Zonta logo
- Has the club's Name and month/year
- Has page numbers
- Has the Zonta logo, & Clubs Name in the return address
- Is in an easy-to-read format
- Is produced monthly
- Is received by every member 1 week before the membership meeting
- Includes ZI news of interest
- Includes a calendar of relevant dates for club members
- Will not contain typos, misspelled names or incorrect info
- Whether printed & mailed or sent digitally, or a combination of both, the club's newsletter should be timely, informative and easy to read.

### **A GREAT Newsletter:**

- Enhances fellowship by sharing news or the personal stores of individual members
- Has bold headings and easy-to-read text and format
- Has regular features found in the same place every issue
- Is graphically pleasing, incorporating clipart or photos
- If it's in color, color is used in the design well
- Has a footer on each page which identifies the club and the name of the publication, plus the month/year it's published.