



District 10 Newsletter

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Zonta International—Advancing the Status of Women World Wide



District 10 Governor
Sally Rankin

Greetings Zontians!

We've all survived the holidays and we are approaching the busiest time of our Zonta year.

All of the Area Directors are busy planning fun and informative **area meetings** for you.

These are meetings everyone should plan to attend. Nothing

says you must attend only your own meeting! You are welcome at any or all of the meetings.

The club **nominating committees** should be selecting members to bring forward as your officers for next year. Committees, keep in mind that you should be doing some succession planning. Your president, president-elect or vice president candidates should be your more experienced members. The secretary, the treasurer and the board positions can be from your newer members. Please get the newer members involved! Many of the clubs continue to recycle people that have been there before instead of injecting "new blood" with "new ideas". Be forward thinking, **don't recycle!**

YWPA applications should be into the clubs. The District YWPA committee will have another challenging task of selecting our District winner.

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Barbara Yoder will be giving you a Foundation update in her column, but let me urge the clubs that have not sent their contributions to the **International Foundation** to do so before April 1st so the District can be credited. We have one check that will be remitted soon and with those funds credited, we will move into 4th overall. Ten clubs that committed for contributions at District Conference have not paid them yet. If the \$9,455 pledged is submitted we will move into 3rd place! Just a reminder—the ZIF address has changed to 4837 Paysphere Circle, Chicago, IL 60674.

www.Zonta.org will now allow you, as individual members, to access the site and change your personal information. Each of you is encouraged to go online and verify that your personal information is correct.

New York City and Convention will be here before we know it. Again, a reminder that April 1st is the cut off for early registration. Deadline for Credentials will be May 1st. Presidents received the Credential forms in the last mailing from Chicago. Please get them submitted in a timely manner so your club will have a vote in the election and in other matters that may come before the assembly.

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Governor's Message Continued

If your club is not sending a representative, please complete the Proxy forms and send a proxy with another club.

Let me encourage each club to submit dates of upcoming events either to me or to your area director so we may get those dates on the District web site. We are making every attempt to keep current information on the site but we need your help.

I will be attending each area meeting and I've planned visits to as many clubs as possible. If you are having any kind of special event, please let me know and I'll try to work it into my schedule. Your Board serves at your pleasure and we want to support you and your club activities!

Yours in Zonta service,
Sally



Governor Sally with some of the other drivers that drove for H Town Limousines during Super Bowl week in Houston. H Town is owned by past governor Carol Rainey and her husband, John.

Foundation Ambassador

Barbara Yoder

Happy New Year, all Zontians, everyone!

If you were at our District 10 conference in Fort Worth you got a foundation update and heard the challenge from Dist 9 brought by Darlene Kurtz. Well, ladies, it was a cake walk. We have contributed over \$92,000 from club service funds and individuals. Pats on the back are due and a little dancing too!

Because of your generosity, District 10 topped District 9 and is now 5th in overall giving this biennium. Thank you ladies for your generosity and spirit for fulfilling the Zonta mission statement.

I look forward to seeing everyone at Area meetings this spring and have a few reminders to follow regarding contribution promises made at conference and any heart string pulls from individual givers. If you have meant to send a check or do auto debit, please go to the Zonta International web site. It is easy and quite painless.

Here are the reminders and changes you need to know.

The mailing address of the Foundation's bank has changed! Effective immediately, please remit all non-electronic payments to the Zonta International Foundation at the following address:

Zonta International Foundation
ATTN: Development
4837 Paysphere Circle
Chicago, IL 60674 USA

To ensure recognition for 2002-2004 Biennial contributions in Convention publications, contributions must be received by 1 April 2004. This is especially important for clubs that did not bring their contribution promises to our district conference. Please mail those checks in club presidents and treasurers. District 10 has made giant progress this biennium and I want all clubs to be properly acknowledged for all their loyalty to the foundation and the Zonta mission.

Clubs contributing US\$5,000 in the Biennium are recognized in the Biennium Highlights Report. Several clubs in our district have done this and more this biennium. You may want to read about individual recognitions on the web site too.

As always if you need help email me at byoder@swbell.net

A REPORT FROM THE WINDY CITY...

Having just returned from Governors' Orientation held at Zonta International headquarters in Chicago, Illinois, I am happy to report that the future of Zonta is in the hands of a most capable, energetic, dedicated and inspiring group of women. Those sixty (60) hands hail from Nova Scotia, New York, New Jersey, Canada, Kentucky, Wisconsin, Missouri, British Columbia, Hawaii, Louisiana, South Carolina, Wyoming, Iceland, Germany, Michigan, New Zealand, Thailand, Sierra Leone, Uruguay, Finland, Sweden, Australia, Bangladesh, Japan, Belgium, The Netherlands, France and Mexico City.

Their occupations vary from educators to medicine to geology and many in between. Their dedication to Zonta is paramount, some having traveled many hours to attend this very important training session. In fact, the Governor of District 18 left a climate with temperatures over 95 degrees and traveled over 30 hours to the windy and cold 12 degrees of Chicago.

We shared many thoughts, plans and dreams and, more importantly, learned that we are all Zontians to the core. In fact, we are all **ADVOCATES – working together to advance the status of women**. Our team of governors, along with the members of the Zonta International Boards and the knowledgeable staff at headquarters, stand ready to promote, inspire and assist the clubs to implement the goals and programs of Zonta International. Let's all join hands to be more effective by increasing our membership and our visibility. The success of our projects depends on our success as an organization.

How about inviting guests to Area Meetings and District Conferences and International Convention? What better opportunities to recruit members and showcase Zonta International!

Just a Reminder: Area Meeting dates should already be on your calendars: **Area 1** – April 3, 4 at Lake Murray, Oklahoma; **Area 2** – April 24, 25 at Lafayette, Louisiana; **Area 3** – April 17, 18 at S. Padre Island, Texas. If you are unable to attend your own area meeting, go to one of the others. This is the time to empower your membership and

develop your leadership. Don't miss out on this valuable opportunity for training, education, fellowship and fun.

Zonta International Convention is July 4-8 in New York City. Make your reservations now. What an exciting time that will be! Be a part of the decision making process for the next biennium. Learn about the new projects. And, experience first-hand the importance of Zonta's work with the United Nations.

District Conference is October 14-17 in Fredericksburg, Texas and will be a workshop and entertaining weekend. We'll spend some time learning about Zonta and how to gain some "name-brand" recognition. Come join us as we learn about Zonta and Texas two-stepping!

Be sure to visit the new Zonta International website at www.zonta.org. You must have your membership number to access Member Resources. This number can be found on your **Zontian** or obtained from your club treasurer. Please "register" on the site. From this point you will have access to your member profile and have the ability to update your personal information (mailing, etc.). We now have the ability to keep our own records current and eliminate confusion. Technology – Wow!

Finally, hot off the Zonta presses come the District membership numbers – District 10 now has 815 members. Still a little shy of our 913 total in May 2000, but a definite "upswing". And thanks to you and your successful membership events, the numbers will increase even more.

Remember, sharing Zonta is a responsibility of membership and that rests in your hands.

Yours in Zonta Service,

Maggie Warren

Lt. Governor 2003-2004

Greeting from Area 1. The **Central Oklahoma Club** is very busy planning a wonderful Area Meeting for us! They are "Hooked on Zonta" and want all of you to be "hooked", too! The weekend will be lots of fun in a casual atmosphere where we can get to know each other better and learn about Zonta. I am excited about the agenda! Be sure to be looking for your meeting notice coming to you this week, and make reservations quickly. We want to have participation from **every** club.

All of the Area 1 clubs have busy schedules for the spring. On February 15, the **Zonta Club of Arlington** held their annual scholarship award program for area high school girls. This is an annual event for their club, and their biggest service project. The **Zonta Club of Weatherford** is currently gathering applications for the International YWPA Scholarship, as well as for our own first annual local \$500.00 YWPA scholarship for Parker county women residents. They are busy planning our second annual "Casino Night" fundraiser. This is our major fundraiser for the year, to be held on May 1st. This event was very popular last year. You won't want to miss this year, more information to come! They have also been busy reading to children, donating books to the Pythian Home for Children and we had an entry in the annual "Fantasy Forest" holiday tree silent auction with the city of Weatherford.

On February 9, 2004 **Zonta Club of Mineral Wells** held its Status of Women Luncheon. Approximately 200 people attended. Featured speaker was to be State Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn but weather prevented her from flying to the meeting. Plan B was great. Our state Senator Creig Estes was present. He was asked to say a few words. Our mayor Clarence Holliman spoke of the women he had mentored or taught in Mineral Wells over his 39 years as educator and principal. Three women spoke briefly of their careers and how women have advanced in their professions. President, Mary Creighton, concluded the program with reminding the audience that Zonta is an international organization and that we not only want to raise the status of women in Mineral Wells but help women all over the world gain the opportunity to advance. Betty Fisher and Cindy Tarkenton were Co-Chairmen for this Luncheon. Their committee did an excellent job in preparing decorations, program, and securing entertainment. Travis Cadets from Mineral

Wells Travis Elementary sang for the group as they ate. Senator Estes was very impressed by their talents and enthusiasm.



Helen Arneson, Jean Bumgardner, and Cindy Tarkenton



Senator Estes listening to the Travis Cadets



Attending Z-Club girls (Over 15 girls attended through donated tickets from interested Zonta members)

The **Fort Worth Club** will host their Intercity and annual Style Show on Saturday, February 21 at 11 a.m. at the Ridglea Country Club. They will be honoring Libby Watson, Assistant Fort Worth City Manager, as Executive Woman of the Year March 25 at Colonial Country Club. Libby is the highest ranking woman in the Fort Worth City offices. She has been the liaison between the police and fire departments and the city, and currently heads Library, Parks, Community Services, Code Compliance Public Health, Environmental Management and Community Relations departments. Congresswoman Kay Granger and Police Chief Ralph Mendoza will both speak at the banquet in her honor.

The Zonta Club Fort Smith will sponsor a Rose Day reception at Fort Smith Museum of History on March 8. One of their service projects has Zontians conducting one on one mentoring of members of Girls, Inc in a photo project that depicts the role of women in Fort Smith over a 24 hour period. The photo exhibit will be unveiled at the Rose Day reception. Invited

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guests will include Girls, Inc board members, FSMH board of directors, Leadership Fort Smith female alumni, and members of other women's service organizations in Fort Smith.

January 13, 2004 the **Dallas Club** remembered Amelia Earhart with a special meeting at the Women's Museum and speaker Kim Gandy the President of N. O. W. speaking on "Women as Leaders: Past, Present, and Future. There were 85 in attendance including 28 high school students.

January 16, 2004 the Zonta Club of Dallas was host to mothers, daughters, and others at the Women's Museum. The speaker was Kim Gandy, President of the National Organization of Women. Her talk was "Women as Leaders: Past, Present, and Future". The attendance was 85 including 28 students. This is the second in a series of meetings to inform teenage girls of the opportunities for women in male dominated fields.

This is just a snap shot of the exciting things happening in Area 1. Join us at Lake Murray on April 2-4 to hear more!

Photos from Dallas Luncheon at the Women's Museum



Mark Your Calendars

Dates to Remember

March 1 –“Club Service & Advocacy Report” due to Governor and to Carol Rainey, International Service Subcommittee Coordinator.

March 8 –Zonta Rose Day and International Women’s Day

April 1 – Foundation contributions due

April 1 – Cut-off for early registration for Convention

April 3-4 – Area 1 Meeting in Lake Murray, OK

April 17-18 – Area 3 Meeting at S. Padre Island, TX

April 24-25 – Area 2 Meeting in Lafayette, LA

May 1 – Club Officers Report Form due to Governor and to Chicago (forms may be downloaded from www.zonta.org)

May 1 – Convention Delegate or Proxy Form due to Chicago

July 4-8 – ZI Convention, NY, NY

Oct 14-17 – District 10 Conference in Fredericksburg, TX

Area 2 News

Houston

The Zonta club of Houston held a Membership Event on Tuesday, January 27th at Central Market, an out of the ordinary grocery store. Membership Committee Co-Chairs, Kathy Young and Cheryl May, themselves relatively new club members, and re-cycled member Pat Gutierrez played host to eighteen prospective members – two of whom came along with other invitees! The evening netted four (4) new members so far, including one who wrote her check before the presentation was concluded. Please welcome – in order of their rush to join- Darlene Hurt, Sylvia Campbell, Barb Ehrlich and Judy Hansen.

These newest members and Dawn Martin will be installed as full members at our earliest opportunity. Their email addresses have already been added to our lists and they have been added to the newsletter distribution.

Current Governor Sally Rankin addressed the assembly which included as many club members as guests. Lt Gov Maggie Warren drove from Lafayette to be with us for the evening. From their presiding Area Director, Patricia Santogrossi and Co-Director-elect, Mary Ann Collier, the new members-elect were cordially invited and then “obligated” respectively to attend the upcoming Area 2 meeting April 24-5 on Maggie’ home turf Lafayette, Louisiana!

Please join us there and help Houston welcome its newest members!!

Longview

The Longview Zontians are preparing for their 30th Annual Antique Show on March 5-7, 2004. It is their principal fundraiser.

New members are proposed for consideration in Longview in November and in January the Zonta Club of Longview added 10 new members for the year 2003-2004. They are Becky Chenevert, Cheryl Driggers, Lisa Reskey, Carol Kallenberger, Beverly Usher, Paula Allison, Sheila Rainer, Sonia Henson, Cathy Cerliano, and LaDelle Kay.

Longview’s newsletter was a prize winner so now the club has proposed to develop its own website. The newsletter features news about other clubs, but we’d sure like to hear more about their community service projects, so I await further issues!

Longview reached out improve International relations by hearing the story of Ukrainian businesswoman Valentyna Naumenko who founded a women’s organization called Egida to coordinate efforts to support women’s rights, to help revive the spirituality and national culture of the Ukraine, and to assist victims of violence or human trafficking.

Longview combined its Holiday party with a raffle to raise money for refurbishing its community Center and a music program to showcase their funding for violins.

Let’s hope we get to meet all of the new members in District 10 beginning at our upcoming Area Meeting in La-

Tricia Santogrossi, Area 2 Director

fayette April 24-25.!

Shreveport

In its 62nd year as a Zonta Club, Shreveport launched a revitalized newsletter, and published a public relations brochure to help get sponsors for their annual fundraiser, the Antique show, that just passed its 56th year. This club does an excellent job of demonstrating involvement at Area, District and International meetings as well as local service projects for its membership.

Four new members (including one transferred from Longview) were installed by Dr. Mary Frances Gardner, of the New Orleans Zonta Club, at Shreveport’s Annual installation Banquet in May: Sue Kirkland, Anna Sepeda, Julie Stringer Stackhaus, and Laurel Larue. Julie’s late mother Jane was a long time Zontian. At the same event, Mary Pons was honored with a certificate for her 51 years of Zonta service.

Prospective members were invited to a luncheon in November which netted two new members Jane Davis and Lyndell Hollingsworth. Additions are actively sought in underrepresented classifications! Three of the new members immediately signed on to produce the newsletter, which is one of the “newsiest” I have ever read!

Fellowship activities include an Annual picnic in June at which prizes were given for the most creative name badge and the one that gave the most information about the member, and a Holiday Party.

Shreveport’s Board approved 12 hands-on Service Projects and then added two more in October/November. The Z projects include a wide variety of alliances with other service providers such as the Red Cross, Salvation Army, YWCA, and Volunteers for America.



Lt. Gov/OMC Chairman **Maggie Warren** making a presentation at the membership function in Houston. Checks were received from 4 invitees!

Area 3 News

Karen Elbert, Area 3 Director

This is an exciting time as we look forward to the area meetings. Last year they were wonderful and I know this year's will be also. The last area 3 meeting in New Braunfels was an incredible experience for me. I know that as we meet on South Padre Island April 17th & 18th, it will be just as fulfilling.

Harlingen, Inc is in the process of planning a most unique Saturday event for us. At the meeting we will have many things to learn but, most of all, we have so many things to share with each other. Please do plan to attend and plan to share.

I will look forward to seeing all of you.

Karen

Austin

President Leigh Schlett reports that her club has set a priority this year of finding a new (and wonderful) fundraiser and a new service project. Her other immediate attention is on the birth of her baby which is due VERY soon.

Brownsville

President Ruth Hunter tells us that the club had the MOST successful "Casas Hermosas" Christmas tour of homes ever. Congratulations to the entire club as they all participate in the work and to the chair Lourdes Simmons and to Rosalie Guterrez. The club, with the guidance if Kathy Jennings, is already planning their third annual golf tournament which has also been an incredible fund raiser.

Corpus Christi

Sandy Welch, President, writes The Zonta Club of Corpus Christi held its annual fundraiser on Feb 6th. A Wine Cheese and the King Ranch evening was held at the CC Country Club. Mona Sizer, a well known author who is dubbed the Queen of Texas History, presented a Book Review of her best selling The King Ranch Myth and Fact. It was a successful event with sales of \$2000. All Zontians worked hard to make the evening successful. Special thanks are due Virginia Kline - Event Chair, Roberta Dohse - Ticket Sales and Evy Coppola who did an outstanding job at Publicity.

Fredericksburg

Our adopt-a-nursing-home project is up and running. Bobbye Harris, our contact with Fredericksburg Nursing Home, bought Christmas stockings and put the name of a resident on a stocking to be hung outside the resident's room. Several members met at the nursing home one afternoon before Christmas to put together

and wrap a gift for each resident. Ted Scherer played Santa at the Nursing Home's Christmas party and Barbara was Santa's Helper. Jo Ann Krauskopf also attended the Christmas Party.

They are also planning their "Trash and Treasure" sale on March 17th. This is always an excellent fund raiser.

Harlingen, Inc.

The Zonta Club of Harlingen, Inc. held their fourth annual game day February 14, 2004. This occasion combines Intercity and membership. Three members from the Brownsville club joined us for fun and fellowship. The Bunko dice were really rolling. Pictured below are 5 of our members dressed appropriately for the date.



L-R: Tillie Elizalde, Karyn Mason, Betty McCune, Von Brookshire, Judy Milton

Harlingen 2

Mary Brower president of Harlingen 2 will be having a book review by Author Mona Sizer on Feb 28. The club is very busy getting ready for the Area 3 meeting on the island at the Sheraton and is looking forward to seeing everyone there. They have some wonderful plans for us.

San Antonio

Ruby Bainum reports that they just completed their 45th Antiques Show. That's an incredible feat. Kudos to the club for all their hard work on this traditional fund raiser.

They will be having their next book sale on March 13th and that is also a good fund raiser for Roy Maas' Youth Alternatives, their favorite service project.

District 10 Vest Available

This is the vest that the Board had for District Conference. Several members have asked about getting them for Convention. If any member is interested in just having the back embroidered, the embroidery and the shipping will be about \$25.00. This price is with the member providing the vest. Any denim vest would be appropriate.

If any Texas member would like the State flag added to their vest \$12.50 should be added to the above cost.

If you are interested contact Sally Rankin at srankin128@aol.com or one of your area directors.



Area 2 Meeting

Festival of Zonta

April 24 and 25, 2004

will headquarter at

*Hotel Acadiana
1801 W. Pinhook Road
Lafayette, LA 70608
337-233-8120*

*15 Double/Doubles (Fri) &
20 Double/Doubles (Sat.)
have been reserved at \$61/night*

Guest Speaker will be Dr Karolynn Echols

Let us see all of you there!

Get Hooked on Zonta

Area 1 Workshop - A Continuing Education Course

April 3 and 4, 2004

Lake Murray State Lodge Oklahoma

Lake Murray State Lodge is located halfway between Oklahoma City and Dallas, two miles east of I-35 at exit 24, overlooking Lake Murray. Join your sister Zontians for a casual and relaxing weekend filled with fun, information and training.

Agenda

Saturday - April 3, 2004

10:00 am to 11:30 amRegistration

Luncheon

Welcome

Zonta International Foundation Report

Team Building

President's and Treasurer's Training

DOOR PRIZES

Saturday Night Chuck Wagon Cookout

Menu

Watermelon Boat, Rib eye Steak, Tossed Salad, Baked Potato, Apple Cobbler, Coffee & tea....Cash bar will be provided. Dress - casual and bring a jacket or coat

Then join us for an old fashioned marshmallow roast around the fire. During the evening you will be entertained by the beautiful sounds of Indian Music played on a handcrafted wooden flute. The flute player is a Chickasaw citizen and has been playing flutes for years.

Sunday - April 4, 2004

Breakfast on your own

8:30 am Reconvene

Topics of discussion

Newsletters and Yearbooks

Intercity

Membership

Succession Planning

District 10 Foundation

DOOR PRIZES

Adjourn at noon

Flyers with registration forms will be mailed to each member.

Area 3 Meeting

Hosted by the Zonta Club of Harlingen 2

April 17-18 Sheraton South Padre Island

Registration Before April 1: \$50.00

After April 1: \$60.00

Hotel Reservations must be made on your own. The Sheraton is reserving a block of rooms until March 16 at a rate of \$129.00 per night for single or double. You may call 800/222-4010 and tell them you are with Zonta International.

Saturday evening the Zonta Club of Harlingen 2 will be host a sunset dolphin watch cruise and an eco tour of the bay. Dinner will follow at Blackbeard's restaurant. The price for the Saturday night event will be \$30.00

More info on our agenda and speakers will follow shortly. It will be along the same lines as last years Zonta University.

Some folks have even mentioned coming in on Friday to go across to Mexico and that is something we can explore too.

Agenda (subject to change)

Saturday - April 17, 2004

10:00 - 11:00 registration

11:00 - 11:30 Welcome and introduction of guests.

Special welcome by Sally Rankin

11:30 - 12:00 Outline the planned events

12:00 - 12:15 Welcome by Mary Brower, Pledge of Allegiance and Zonta Blessing

12:15 - 1:30 Lunch (speaker)

1:45 - 2:00 Pop Quiz

2:00 - 2:30 International report Darlene Kurtz

2:30 - 3:30 The three R's

3:30 - 4:30 Officer's duties what are they? How do you perceive them? Succession planning.

4:30 - 5:00 Wrap up and homework assignment

5:15 - 5:30 Depart for dolphin watch

Sunday - April 18, 2004

Breakfast on your own (Sheraton has a buffet)

9:00 Special welcome by Maggie Warren

9:30 Zonta Foundation, Barbara Yoder

10:00 Problem and Solutions

10:30 Questions and Answers

11:00 - 12:00 final exam and graduation