



District 10 Newsletter



Dear District 10 Zontians,
 Down here in the South, summer has arrived. While students are eagerly anticipating their vacations, most Zontians are dusting off their files in preparation for Annual Reports and other club administrative duties.

Determining what reports are due and when can be found in the **President's Handbook**. Newly revised and much more user friendly, Lt. Governor **Sharron Miles** presented the changes with recommendations at each of the Area Meetings. And while the entire President's Handbook has not yet been posted to the District 10 website, you can access the necessary forms through the Members Resources page. Please note that while the Officers Report Form is still due by June 1, the Committee Reports are due July 15. As most of you remember, the Committee Reports are judged for award purposes at District Conference.

You've heard it before and you'll hear it again: **Dues** are due to District Treasurer Sharon Graves and to Zonta International by **June 1st**. Failure to

comply may result in the loss of your voting privileges at District Conference.

Remember also to include a current and correct membership roster for inclusion in the **District 10 Directory** to be published August 1, 2005.

To all who have served their clubs as officers, I tip my hat to you and thank you for your dedication to Zonta and to each other. And to the incoming officers, congratulations and best wishes for a successful year. Together, we can make a difference.

The **Area Meetings**, hosted by the Zonta Club of Granbury, the Zonta Club of San Antonio and the Zonta Club of Longview, were well attended. The Area Directors and host clubs worked hard to present great information in a fun atmosphere. Thank you to all who hosted, presented, and participated. Many lively discussions were held proving that Zontians are inquisitive and thoughtful. Watch for the dates for next year's meetings. They are an excellent opportunity for leadership development, officer training, information sharing and fellowship.

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Newsletters will be published Aug, Nov, Feb, and May.
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Raffle tickets for District 10 Conference were offered for sale at the area meetings. The tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25 with proceeds going to D10 OMC Fund. The winner will receive a paid registration to D10 2005 Conference, the AE and the Status of Women Luncheons, the Friday night event and the Saturday Awards Banquet, plus one hotel night – all a **\$300** value.

Please contact D10 Treasurer Sharon Graves to purchase. The drawing will be held September 1.

New to the D10 website: the **Zonta International Protocol Manual**. A good tool for clubs, the manual provides easy to follow directions for introductions, addressing, seating and more. Download your copy today.

Please remember that applications for the **Jane M. Klausman** scholarship must be received by the District Governor by May 31, 2005. Be sure that the applications conform to ZI requirements.

Nominations for Zonta International office are due to D10 Nominating Committee Chairman **Sally Rankin** by May 31, 2005 and nominations for District 10 office are due to Chairman Rankin by June 2, 2005. District 10 is blessed with many talented leaders. Isn't it time for **you** to step up?

The **Zonta International InterDistrict Membership Seminar of the Americas** will be held in Denver, Colorado June 25-26, 2005. Plan to join fellow Zontians from District 10 in this exciting weekend of information and planning. Registration information can be found on our website.

Plans for the **58th International Convention** are in the works, but no schedules have been posted yet. Slated for June 24-29, 2006, the Convention will be held in Melbourne, Australia. There is still time to purchase your \$100 raffle ticket for this event. The winner will be presented a \$3500 cash award to be used towards registration and travel for the convention.

You'll be **"Rockin' on the Red"** October 6-9, 2005 in Shreveport where Zontians are planning our 58th Annual District Conference. Elections, budgets, proposed changes to standing rules, informed and thought-provoking speakers, reports, awards, Zonta International **President-Elect Olivia Ferry** from Manila, three Amelia Earhart Fellows (!), fellowship, talent show and the presentation of the collection of

Zonta International flags by the Zonta Club of West Hidalgo are sure to make this a conference you don't dare to miss. The Call to Conference will be posted on the D10 website August 1st and will include reservation information for the Isle of Capri. The deadline for room reservations is September 16, 2005 to guarantee your room rate of \$79.

You will again have an opportunity for networking through the purchase of **advertisements** to be included in the Conference Program Binder. Forms and deadline information will be posted on the D10 website. Your participation helps to defray printing costs.

Make plans now to bring that special contribution for the **Silent Auction**. Proceeds fund the D10 Foundation Scholarships. And, designs are being reviewed for the **Second Annual Commemorative D10 Foundation Pin**. Watch the D10 website for updates.

Many clubs celebrate **Charter Dates** – do you? District 10 clubs marking special dates in April, May and June are: **Zonta Club of Dallas, 81 years**, chartered in 1924; **Zonta Club of Shreveport, 64 years**, chartered in 1941; **Zonta Club of Albuquerque** and the **Zonta Club of Harlingen, 56 years**, chartered in 1949; **Zonta Club of Austin, 54 years**, chartered in 1951; **Zonta Club of Longview, 50 years**, chartered in 1955; **Zonta Club of Stephenville, 49 years**, chartered in 1956; **Zonta Club of Baton Rouge, 42 years**, chartered in 1963, and the **Zonta Club of Fort Smith, 38 years**, chartered in 1967. Congratulations to each of you for your dedication to Zonta and for being the foundation of District 10.

And speaking of charter dates, the **Zonta Club of DFW** has scheduled its charter banquet for Saturday July 9th at the Hilton DFW Lakes in Grapevine. Mark your calendars now to join us in welcoming this new club to District 10. More information will be available soon.

Have a great Zonta year!

Maggie

"As we understand it, a culture of giving is one where people care about each other and perceive that their own well-being is inextricably linked to the well-being of others."

Foundation Ambassadors

Barbara Yoder and Judy Kautz

Three area meetings are a wonderful way to spread the word about the International Foundation. These meetings really illustrate the passion for Zonta and its mission to raise the status of women. There is no doubt that we District 10 Zontians are diverse and serve many roles, but coming back to the mission is a strong tie!

As a summary I will tell any of you that missed your area meeting that I am encouraging each club to talk about the foundation and pick which piece of the "Zonta puzzle" you like. That is....do you like the scholarships, the global service, the advocacy, history, or are you drawn towards preserving the foundation's endowment. What ever your piece of the puzzle please give individually! Giving individually to the fund of your choice binds you to the international flavor of Zonta! Our clubs are doing a fabulous job with 1/3 service money giving, but we can truly make a difference with that individual gift.



REMINDER: 31 May 2005 is the end of our fiscal year. Have you and your Club made an annual contribution to the Foundation? Your support, each and every year, makes our programs possible.

Again this year at conference in October, an award will be given to the top 3 individual giver clubs. Please talk about that in your meetings. I remind you that of the 804 members in our district we have just 100 individual givers. It is not the amount, it is the act itself! Don't forget you can have auto deposit....the only way to go. The form is on the web site or I will be glad to mail you one!

Special auctions and challenges are always on the agenda at the area meetings. This is fun and a way to cement our District 10 spirit to the Zonta International Foundation. Area 2 raised the most at \$2160, Area 1 \$1650 and Area 3 gave \$960. At this point we are number 8 in giving of all the districts. I cannot say enough thanks or tell enough people how proud I am to soldier with District 10!

By-laws and Resolutions

Chantal Carey

Hello to all my fellow D10s! Congratulations on another great year and congratulations to all the new incoming club boards. During my experiences going through the adventure of participating in organizing a new club, it really brought up the importance of knowing what is available to us and how lucky we are to have all the manuals that ZI and D10 provide for us (the websites and email are priceless!). And of course the importance of our own club bylaws, manuals, policy and procedures, and project summaries, etc.... so, having said that, following is your update reminder.

First, if you have not already updated your bylaws to reflect the changes from the last international convention please select a committee to peruse all your club "official stuff" and to implement changes necessary so your club will be, as we say in the real estate world, "up to code". This should be fairly simple by comparing the current official items available from ZI and D10 to the items your club operates under.

Second, it is now in the bylaws that in the event any dispute arises against a club board member, there is a provision for a special committee to be elected by the members to make recommendation to the club for resolution of the situation with a 2/3 vote required. If the dispute is with a non-board member the board can appoint a special committee to make recommendation to the club for resolution of the situation with a 2/3 vote required.

I will keep you updated as any other clarifications or information come available.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at the Denver Summit and the District Conference!

M & M



When you see the little figures here—you think candy. “It melts in your mouth, not in your hand.” However, it reminds me of an urgent call to Zontians in District 10—

Membership!

Membership Matters!

We are facing a critical time in North America as our numbers continue to drop. I consider Zonta’s number one priority to be Membership Development. New members are coming into Zonta, but a large number are leaving within two or three years. Thus the NET growth is minimal.

Membership strategy must include retention, recruitment and expansion. Recruitment and expansion are important, but to my way of thinking top priority is **RETENTION**. Zonta will grow only if we make significant improvement in our retention of our current members.

So why are members leaving?

I think it is simply because we aren’t meeting expectations. Folks who join Zonta are doing so because of an anticipated benefit. When that benefit does not materialize, they leave. We need to find the reasons that we are not providing what is expected.

As club members start telling you that they are considering leaving the club, ask why. Try to find out the reason. The Zonta website has an excellent exit report that can be given to members after they leave. If they will complete it—it might provide valuable insight regarding retention in your club.

At the area meetings I recently shared some charts regarding club membership development in our district. I hope that you have shared this information with your clubs as a starting point to discuss your membership development plans for the coming year to reach our goal of 1006 in 2006.

In closing, remember that the work of your club can only be done by the membership.

The funds for community and international service are raised by the membership. It is clear that **membership does matter**. Next time you eat an M & M, I hope your think of Zonta!

Comments from your Editor

Pris Truesdell

If you like reading this newsletter, please take the time to thank those who contribute the articles. For those of you who are disappointed that your club is not mentioned, please talk to your president and/or newsletter editor about meeting the call for articles deadline from your area director and from me. All three area directors spent valuable time calling club presidents begging for information. They should not have to cull the information from your newsletters or jot down what you say on the phone. Despite appearances, Central Oklahoma is not the only busy club in the district. However, they take information from their newsletters for the quarter and send it to me with instructions to use what I need. If other clubs were contributing, we would not be able to give them 3 or 4 columns. This newsletter is distributed to other districts as well as to Zonta International. You all do great things to support the mission of Zonta. Get the notice you deserve. Contribute to this newsletter!

Area 1 News

Karon Lowe, Director

Central Oklahoma



Zontians from Central Oklahoma descended on Granbury at the Area 1 meeting, with their usual great numbers! Attending from the club were (left to right) **Sharon Hebert**, guest **Theresa Farris**, President **Janis Wood**, **Kaye Anderson**, **Peggy Beabout**, **Judy Strothmann**, **Kim Munson**, **Tiffany Smith**, **Naila Gutierrez**, and **Judy Kautz**. Club members were proud to be so well-represented, and all agreed that Area meetings are a wonderful way to stay informed about Zonta.

Two members of the Zonta Club of Central Oklahoma, President **Janis Wood**, and Status of Women/Service Co-Chair **Sharon Hebert**, truly put the focus on Zonta International by visiting the Zonta Club of Ballarat, Australia during a recent school-related trip "Down Under." Janis and Sharon both raved about the wonderful opportunity to share Zonta experiences with another club, particularly overseas. Sharon wrote the following about the experience:

What an experience Janis and I had in Australia. Ladies, it was incredible!! Mark your calendars now and join us in June of 2006 for the International Convention in Melbourne, Australia. The Zontians embraced us and made us feel as if we had known each other for years instead of days. Janis and I met the Area 4 Director, **Stella Coffey**; and another member of the Ballarat Club, **Marie**, one evening and spent hours socializing and getting to know each other. After Janis went on her "Great Adventure" to the wonders of the outdoors, (you know I didn't sign up!!) Marie and a member of one of the Melbourne clubs, **Jasmine**, took me sightseeing and to the casino where I made a good deposit. Jasmine then took off work the next afternoon and took me to the beach for more shopping, sightseeing, and fun. After Janis returned from her "adventure", we took a 2 hour train trip to Ballarat for their monthly Zonta meeting. We went down a bit early and **Judy Snowden** met us at the train depot and took us on a pretty good tour of this fabulous city. Janis and I both wished we had spent more time there because it's absolutely

gorgeous...we will next time! Ballarat is the home club of Past International President, **Val Sarah**, and she is a remarkable and very welcoming person. I had an exceptional time "down under" and am looking forward to renewing friendships and making new ones. I had met Stella at the United Nations tour in New York City at our last International Convention and had luckily saved her business card. When I contacted her, she was thrilled that we wanted to visit with them. All in all, it was interesting and fun to meet and make new friends from another country.



L-R: President Janis Wood, Sharon Hebert, Ballarat President Kate Pepplinkhouse, and District 23 Area 4 Director Stella Coffey.



L-R: Val Sarah, Past International President, Janis Wood, Stella Coffey, Sharon Hebert, and Ballarat Club member Marie

Spray painting, brush painting, hot gluing, paper stuffing, flower arranging and the tasks go on and on! Lots of work and lots of fun went into this year's ZI Club of Central Oklahoma's basket project. And

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once again, this year's project was a successful fundraising event. Each year the club's Ways and Means Committee decides on a theme for baskets offered for sale for Administrative Professional's Day and Mother's Day. This year's theme was Retro 60s, the brainchild of **Kaye Anderson** and **Judy Strothmann**, and club members took pre-orders for both holidays with the goal of selling 175 baskets. All baskets were sold and club members gathered one Saturday to do the final assembly. As a result, the club raised over \$2000 with a colorful basket that got raves from all recipients!



L-R: Judith Strothman and Kaye Anderson



*Front L-R: Sharon Hebert, Kim Munson, Tiffany Smith
Middle L-R: Pam Emmons, Heather Kindt, Helen Troy, President Janis Wood, Sue Tytgat, Kaye Anderson
Back L-R: Charlotte Davis and Judy Strothmann*



Stem cell expert, Adrienne DeAngelis

During the 2004 International Convention, members of ZI passed a resolution which challenged us to educate ourselves on stem cell research. In response to that challenge, the Zonta Club of Central

Oklahoma used the March meeting as a forum for doing just that. **Peggy Beabout** invited **Adrienne DeAngelis**, who presented a program entitled "Stem Cell Research, Promise and Dilemma." Adrienne presented an intriguing program which discussed the promising advances of such research and the ethical, scientific, and moral questions posed by this issue. Everyone in attendance agreed that one program isn't enough to inform about this complex issue.

Dallas-Fort Worth

Who ever said organizing a new club for Charter was easy never tried it! But, as they say at NASA, we have lift off!

The new officers and board for the Zonta Club of DFW are; Charter President **Chantal Carey**, 1st VP **Erin Mayfield**, 2nd VP **Lynn Sudbury**, Treasurer **Lucy Coker**, Secretary **Trina Butler**, and Directors **Patty Diffily** and **Sandra Tuel**. (Sorry no photos are available right now as we are all still rushing around gathering more new members! Kind of reminds me of my old Sorority Rush days!)

The Zonta Club of DFW hopes all of you will be a part of our Charter Dinner in the evening of July 9th at the Hilton DFW Lakes. Invitations will be out soon! See you there! Chantal

Fort Smith

Led by co-chairs **Elizabeth Williams** and **Kim Vann**, this year's geranium sale, held April 2, was the most successful one ever with a profit of almost \$7,400, about \$1500 more than that of last year's sale.

With presales numbering over 250, the day began on a high note. Soon, the decision was made to order another 100 flats. With that number (bringing the

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total ordered to 500), the display was attractive and enticed those driving by to pull in and purchase. At the end of the day, only 18 flats were returned. Having the one site certainly seemed to work well.

So many Zontians worked hard to ensure the success of this day. The presales were terrific, with **JoAnn Gedosh** once again receiving the designation of Geranium Queen with her 64 presales. However, many other members sold several flats, with almost every member selling at least the three flat minimum. Also, almost every member worked a shift the day of the sale. Some members were there from the 7:00 A.M. beginning to the 4:00 P.M. ending.

A side benefit of the event was all the good PR we received. During the day Channel 5 News filmed and interviewed Zontians about the fund-raiser, as did the *Times Record*. Of course, **Cathy Williams** did a great job on the early morning show on Channel 5, as well.

With this impressive success, we will be able to do even more for next year's service projects. Thanks so much to everyone who contributed!



Workers Catherine Jackson and Marilyn Barr seem to be thinking, "Oh, all these flowers!"

Weatherford



Kay Granger

The Zonta Club of Weatherford was honored by U.S. Representative, **Kay Granger**, at the May 9th Status of Women Luncheon held at Weatherford College, Texas Hall. Representative Granger

presented international news regarding the status of women in the middle-east. She had recently worked in Iraq with women who were running for office in the new government that is being established. She related how the women were very brave and some were running for office under the threat of death for themselves and their families. The women were adamant that they had to run for office so that their families and others could experience democracy. Another topic of interest that fit so well into the Zonta experience was Representative Granger's experience in meeting a young woman who had been taken to another country, told she must become a prostitute and jumped from a high-rise apartment. The woman was injured severely and Representative Granger was able to make arrangements for her to come to America in a matter of hours to receive the medical treatment she needed. Both of these experiences drove home the fact that for more than 50 years, Zonta International has addressed critical women's issues – such as violence against women, trafficking for sexual exploitation and women's health concerns, female genital circumcision and more. Zonta International is addressing the causes, and not just the symptoms of barriers to better the lives for women everywhere.



Mom Cathy Williams enjoys a nice moment with her daughter, co-chair Elizabeth Williams.



President Kathy Coleman takes a moment to relax as she enjoys the beautiful day and the great sales.

Baton Rouge

The Baton Rouge club is preparing a “rebuilding” program, according to **Tanya Thomassie**. Plans are in progress for a membership event. **Governor Maggie Warren** met many women at the Louisiana Women’s League Conference in Baton Rouge.

Lafayette

The Zonta Club of Lafayette hosted its annual Woman of Achievement and Scholarship banquet with a gala event at the Hilton. Honored as the club’s 20th recipient of the Woman of Achievement Award was **Rose Hoffman Cormier** of the Women’s Foundation, a health education resource center for women and children in Lafayette. Also honored were: YWPA – **Raimy Living**; Lafayette Area Woman Scholarship – **Gloria Ricks**; and Mary Dichmann English Scholarship at ULL – **Chantel Langlinais**.

Libby Angelle, Kim Hitt, Lisa LeBlanc and **Dr. Sangeeta Shah** joined District Secretary **Claire Fung** and Governor **Maggie Warren** for the Area 2 meeting in Longview. All report returning re-charged, rejuvenated and ready to conduct planning sessions for the New Year.

Governor Maggie Warren installed the club’s new officers and board of directors. Pictured are: **Kim Hitt** – President; **Libby Angelle** – Vice President; **Judy Stelly** – Treasurer; **Karen Lestelle** – Secretary; **Paulette Yandle** – Director; **Lisa LeBlanc** – Director; **Shea Siefertman** – Past President; and **Governor Warren**.



Longview

The Zonta Club of Longview’s 31st annual Antique Show was a resounding success. In spite of a stressed economy, total profits exceeded the last couple of years, so the club will have more money to support Zonta International Projects and local service agencies. The theme was “The Many Hats of Women”, and the club also celebrated their 50th year as a charter of Zonta International. Members seemed to enjoy wearing their hats during the show. The dealers were very pleased with their sales and all promised to be back next year.

The annual Service Awards luncheon was held on Tuesday, April 26, 2005. Members of all local agencies were present to receive their awards. A total of \$12,000 was awarded, with \$7,000 in scholarships pending due to late processing of non-traditional and high school applicants. Those will be announced at the joint board meeting on June 14th.

The Woman of Achievement Luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, May 26, 2005 at Pinecrest Country Club. The award was presented to **Julia Barron** for many reasons. Julia Barron was chairman of the very first antique show, and was 5 months pregnant at the time! She and her husband Jim have built a sterling business beginning as a teaching supply business, then later to expanding to a book store, children’s store called “Got Kidz”, and Café Barron. Shopping at Barron’s is a favorite pastime for Longview residents. Of course Julia’s comment was “why me?”

The Longview Club hosted the Area 2 meeting the weekend of April 22-24, 2005, and over 50 attended the meeting over the two day weekend. The meeting was well received and the presenters on both days were excellent.

Officers and new members were installed on May 10, 2005. New members for the Zonta Club of Longview are **Sally LeJeune, Barbara Crabtree, Stephanie Atkins, Linda Bobo, Paula McCauley** and **Kerry Brown**. Reinstatements of former members were **Charlotte Corley** and **Ana Walker**.

Officers for 2005-2006 are as follows: President, **Bonnie Bogue**; President-Elect, **Bonnie Kids**; Vice-President, **Renee Hawkins**; Secretary, **Judy Stiles**; Treasurer, **Bonni Kids**, and Assistant Treasurer, **Hazel Howell**. Board members elected for a two-year term were **Tena Crutcher, Ana Walker** and **Jennifer Clower**. The Longview Club noticed that this is the year of the “Bonnie/Bonni’s”. The club has 4 with that name, and 3 are new officers!

New Orleans

The Zonta Club of New Orleans will be conducting planning meeting for next year at their June meeting.

Carol Knight will be going to be with her mother soon. Her mother is undergoing radiation treatments and Carol wants to be there to help her.

Shreveport

Zonta Club of Shreveport held a membership open house on Wednesday, April 27, 2005 at the Broadmoor Branch of the Shreve Memorial Library. President **Terri Catlett** mailed out over one hundred invitations and

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information packets to those women targeted for membership.

Members have been working on the upcoming District 10 Conference, "Rockin' on the Red" scheduled for October 6-9, 2005. Excitement is building, and according to a report from **Jo Carol Martin**, "It is our time to paint the Zonta world red on the Red." Mark your calendar to attend and watch the District 10 Newsletter for details.

Shreveport members dedicate themselves to their Z-Clubs. The Z-Club Year-End Party was held Saturday, May 7, 2005, at the Salvation Army Building. Pizza and cold drinks were served—what Z-Clubber could resist that? The last Z-Club Council project was held April 30, 2005, at the Gingerbread House. The event included painting, cleaning, and collecting small toys for the children.

New officers for 2005-2006 were installed on Monday, May 9th at Ralph & Kacoo's restaurant. Officers are as follows: President, **Terri Catlett**; First Vice President,

Sue Kirkland; Second Vice President, **Julie Stackhaus**; Treasurer, **Chris Pastilong**; Recording Secretary, **Ruth Strozier**; board members for 2005-2006, **Janice Blount**, **Jo Carol Martin**, **Clydie Mitchell**, and board members for 2005-2007, **Nancy Guin**, **Marsha Millican**, **Angelor Johnson**.

The annual Zonta Club of Shreveport Picnic is scheduled for Monday, June 13th. Time and place will be announced.

Terri Catlett said she was thrilled with the results of their membership event. They have 14 interested prospects, and she feels certain they can expect 12 new members.

The date and location for next year's antique show has been set. The date will be October 21-23, 2005, and it will be held at Expo Hall which is a much larger and better located facility.

Members celebrating birthdays in April and May, 2005 were **Bernice Cauble**, **Marie Fort**, and **Katherine Aulds**.

Dates to Remember:

2005

January	11	Amelia Earhart Day
February	1	New Membership survey on ZI Web site
	26-27	Area 1 Meeting, Granbury, TX
	28	UN Commission of the Status of Women meeting begins
March	8	Zonta Rose Day and International Women's Day
April	1	YWPA Club candidates due to District
	10-11	Area 3 Meeting, San Antonio, TX
	23-24	Area 2 Meeting, Longview, TX
May	1	Club 2005-2006 Officers Report Form due to HQ
	15	District YWPA recipients due to HQ
	28	International Day for Action on Women's Health
	31	Klausman Club candidates due to District
	31	International nominations deadline – received by District Nominating Chairmen from Zontians
June	1	- 2005-2006 Dues payments to HQ - 2005-2006 Dues payments to District Treasurer - Current Club roster due to District Treasurer - All clubs to have club email addresses reported to HQ
	2	Deadline for Nominations to Chair, Nominating Committee
	24-26	ZI Interdistrict Membership Seminar of the Americas, Denver
October	6-9	District 10 Conference, Isle of Capri Hotel & Casino, Shreveport, LA

Area 3 News

Brownsville

In March we held our yearly Woman of the Year banquet in which we honored **Ms. Tillie Garza**, a long time member of our community who has dedicated her life to education. Better known as "Mother Goose", Tillie promotes reading at local schools by playing the part of Mother Goose in reading to students. She has been actively involved with the soon-to-open new library which will be located in the most southern area of town. This library will be located in one of the poorest areas in our town. By having a library in this neighborhood, children from the area will have access to a library, rather than having to travel across town. The event was coordinated by a sub-committee of the Status of Women committee, chaired by **Karen Elbert** who did a great job in putting this event together. The banquet was a success!

In April, we worked on our Annual Golf Tournament, which is one of our fundraisers for the year. Spearheaded by **Kathy Jennings**, the event was a success. Golfers had a great time, which ended with the awarding of prizes and a fantastic meal prepared by the Icehouse. Thanks to Kathy and her committee for a great event.

In May, we ended the year with our Annual Service Awards and Installation of Officers Banquet. The event was well attended with over 50 members and guests. Monetary awards were presented to 11 organizations selected by our Status of Women Committee, chaired by **Laura Gilmore**. We selected projects that advance the status of women in the areas of health, education, advocacy, and other services that help women in meeting their family's needs. We awarded 5 scholarships to young women in the 5 local high schools and one scholarship to a Z Club member. This year four young men joined our Z Club and one of these young men was the recipient of our Z Club scholarship, a first for our club.

Area Director **Sandy Welch** attended our banquet and installed our new officers for 2005-2006. They are **Laura Gilmore**, President, **Rosalie Gutierrez**, 1st Vice President, **LeeAnn Greer**, 2nd Vice-President, **Alicia Roberts**, Treasurer, **Karen Elbert**, Recording Secretary, **Mary Ann Galvan**, Corresponding Secretary, **Minnie Lucio**, **Millie Esser**, **Teresa Del Castillo** and **Marlys Zapata**, Directors.

We also presented the Zontian of the Year award to **Kathy Jennings**.

Sandy Welch, Director

Our sincerest thanks to **Ruth Hunter**, outgoing president, and **Kathy Jennings**, outgoing director, for all their hard work during the past year.

Harlingen Inc

March 9, 2005, we honored last years Women of Achievement, she had illness in her family and could not accept this award last year.



L-R: Judy Milton, Darlene McDonald (honoree), Stephanie Rhyner

March 23, 2005, The Status of Women Committee honored this years Woman of Achievement award to Mrs. June Toland.



L-R: Stephanie Rhyner chairman June Toland (the honoree)

April 13, 2005, we honored our 2004-2005 Zontian of the Year, **Jena Adkins**. She is currently serving as secretary, and has worked on all the fundraising and service projects this year. Jena is very dedicated Zontian.

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L-R: Judy Milton, Jena Adkins, Stephanie Rhyner

April 30, 2005, we held our annual picnic for our program meeting. Again we were invited to the beautiful summer home of our member **Vicki Right**. Vicki has her home on the banks of the Arroyo east of Rio Honda, Texas. It was a very windy day and after Mr. Right picked the lawn chairs up the second time, we decided to have our picnic inside the home with the beautiful view of the Arroyo.



L-R: Jan Jelinek, Jeannie McMillin, Karyn Mason, Dominga Anguiano

We will end our year with our annual report night; the chairman will get together and work up our reports for the year. We have lots of work and good fellowship; this will be our third annual report night.

San Antonio

We hosted the Z Club of Judson High School at the April membership meeting. At this time we presented \$250 to the club for purchase of clown makeup and supplies and a certificate to our Z Club Scholarship winner, **Marisa Espinosa**. Pictured below is the Z Club with their two sponsors. Marisa and her mother are the ones in pink on the front row.



Judson High School Z Club

A former member of our club, **Jean Longwith**, was honored April 6 when the new radio, television and film building at San Antonio College was dedicated as the Jean Longwith Radio, Television and Film Building. Longwith came to SAC in 1964 after teaching at Jefferson High School for a decade, a time that many say was the golden era of that school's speech and drama department. When Longwith was teaching at SAC, she saw a need for classes in radio, television and film and set out to establish the department. Not only did she do that, but she began the process that led to radio station KSYM-FM. Among many other accomplishments, Longwith initiated the San Antonio Chapter of the International Television Association and served as its first president. She also served as president of the San Antonio branch of the American Association of University Women and Chairman of the San Antonio Cable Television Advisory Committee. Longwith died in 2003 at age 85. Generations of students know her name, and now more will.



The current issue of *Lessons*, the Northside Independent School District's newsletter, announced that one of its new schools will be named the Dr. Winn Murnin Elementary

School. **Winn Murnin** has been a member of our club since 1996. The issue states that her career exemplified the "true Northside spirit." Winn is a 29-year elementary, middle and high school teacher and principal. She was the first female assistant superintendent in NISD.

Sandy Welch, Area 3 Director, and **Donna Dodgen**, District 10 Parliamentarian, attended our May meeting and conducted the program on Membership. Everyone is concerned with dwindling membership of our club.



Donna Dodgen



Sandy Welch

West Hidalgo County

The Zonta Club of West Hidalgo County's 2005 Shining Stars of Hidalgo County Awards Banquet was held on April 18. It honors three women for their achievement in Business and Professions, Education and Youth Activities, and Community Service.

There were 190 in attendance at the McAllen Country

Club. **Deitrah Davis** and **Pat Blum** co-chaired the event. A presentation featuring each of the honorees, was created by Dan Nelson, husband of **Marsha Nelson**. **Pat Blum** was the emcee. The honorees were introduced by **Francy Jones**, **Marsha Nelson**, and **Deitrah Davis**, and were presented with an engraved glass trophy and a yellow rose. **Ann McNallen-Makowski**, with the help of **Lynn Barlow** and **Eustolia Perez**, set up the Zonta Flag Collection as a backdrop for the ceremony.

There were 30 of the 42 Zonta members in attendance at the Banquet. **District 10 Governor Maggie Warren** flew into Harlingen, so **Margot Krauss** met her at the airport with a Limo from her business Limousine Style for the ride to McAllen. **Area 3 Director Sandy Welch** timed a visit to a company location in Matamoras to be in the Valley so she could stop for the event before returning to Corpus Christi that night.

From the list of attendees, several women have been identified as prospective Zonta members. The Membership Committee will be following up with a visit where they will distribute information about the local club, its service projects, dues schedule, and its members. Each prospect will get an information brochure about Zonta International.



Members in Need Around the District



Please keep these members in your prayers. Let them know they are in our thoughts. Send messages of consideration or congratulations!

- Von Brookshire from the Harlingen Club has Shingles which are very unpleasant.
- Sara Winston from the CC Club is having surgery at MD Anderson in Houston
- Past Governor Margaret Dauzat is currently undergoing chemo.

Club Announcements

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2006 Convention in Australia

\$100 Contribution to District 10

will enter your name in a drawing for a \$3500.00 US Cash award. Proceeds will benefit District 10 O,M&C Committee. Prizes to be awarded March, 2006.

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Not a tax-deductible contribution.

Have you bought your ticket? Only 100 tickets will be sold. Your club president received two tickets to sell at your area meeting. If those are gone, contact your Area Director or District 10 treasurer Sharon Graves at shagra28@aol.com

See your Club President or Area Director For Your Opportunity to Win



Zonta International District 10

Conference Raffle Ticket

Isle of Capri - Casino

October 6-8, 2005

Bossier City, LA

\$300 value includes:

One District 10 Conference
Registration, including

AE Luncheon, STWS Luncheon, and Awards
Banquet

Drawing will be held September 1, 2005

Hotel reservation cut-off date is September 16, 2005

You do not have to be present to win.