

District 10 Newsletter



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Zonta International—Advancing the Status of Women World Wide



**District 10 Governor
Maggie Warren**

Dear Zontians,
 The hours to the end of the 2004-2006 Biennium are ticking away --- amazing how time flies!
 Serving as your Governor has been an honor and a pleasure. I have had first hand opportunities to see our District 10 Zontians at work – members who are committed to advancing the status of women and who are generous with

their resources. Thank you for all that you do; the world is a much better place because of you.

My thanks to the Club Presidents and Board Members who are completing their term of office, and to the incoming Presidents and Board Members, I wish you a very successful term of office.

Administrative duties: To be completed: Annual Reports, audit of club finances, dues to be remitted by June 1, and notification to ZI and to the District Governor of the names of the newly elected officers and committee chairmen.

Please consider that the Annual Reports are your opportunity to showcase the activities of your club; and the notification of newly elected officers and committee chairmen will insure that the chain of communication is

not broken. If you are in doubt about which set of board members your reports should be sent to, send to the incoming Secretary, **Karon Lowe**, as well as the outgoing Secretary, **Claire Fung**.

International Convention: May 22 was the deadline to register online or via fax for Delegate and/or Proxy Credentials. However, if your club was delinquent in doing so, please bring with you a copy of the Delegate Credentials signed by your club **president or secretary**, or send a copy of the Proxy authorization, signed by your **club president**, with your Proxy bearer to Convention. Registration will be permitted as long as I am there to sign the authorization on site.

Please plan to attend the **District 10 Meeting Saturday June 24 at 8:30 am**, place to be specified in your Convention registration packet. This meeting is for everyone attending Convention - delegates, officers and members. Your newly elected Board will be introduced. Veteran convention attendees will be there to answer your questions.

Remember to bring lots of business cards as well as pins or some other token from your area to participate in the trading frenzy. This is a great opportunity to meet new Zontians and to network. And, it's fun!

Sharon Illhardt from the Zonta Club of Seguin was the winner of the trip to Convention in Australia.

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Scholarships: The 2006 District 10 winner of the **Young Woman in Public Affairs Award** is **Ruchi Bhambhani** from Houston, who is a junior at Cypress Ridge High School.

Winning applications from clubs for the 2006 **Jane M. Klausman Scholarship** are due to District Chairman **Karyn Mason** by May 31, 2006. The District winner's application will be submitted to ZI by August 15th.

The District 10 Board is honored to announce that the winner of the **first District 10 Foundation Rose Scholarship** is **Patricia Arrendondo** from Brownsville, Texas. Patricia is studying to be an Emergency Medical Technician.

I applaud each of you for your commitment to advancing the status of women in our District as well as in our communities. Because of your generosity, we have been able to develop the new Rose Scholarship for a non-traditional student and increase the amount of all the scholarship awards. Thank you!

Disaster Relief Funds: The District 10 Foundation announces that the Metropolitan Battered Women's Program in New Orleans, Louisiana was presented with a check for **\$40,000.00** to help in their rebuilding efforts. These Disaster Relief Funds were presented on May 8 to **Dale Standifer**, Director. Members of the Zonta Club of New Orleans and the Zonta Club of Lafayette attended.

The balance of the Disaster Relief Funds has been reserved to be awarded to the September, 2006 recipient of the University of New Orleans Work ship sponsored by the Zonta Club of New Orleans.

While the Gulf Coast of District 10 was enormously affected by the storms of 2005, other areas of our district have also been affected by fires, tornadoes, flooding and hail storms. With the approaching hurricane season, I ask that you please establish a buddy system in the event of an evacuation of your area. Notify your club president or secretary of a next of kin or friend to be contacted – preferably someone out of your own area. Go to www.zontadistrict10.org and let someone know that you are safe. Not knowing is terrifying.

Thank you to the 2004-2006 District 10 Committee Chairmen: **Sharron Miles**, OMC; **Sharon Graves**, Finance; **Barbara Yoder**, Foundation Ambassador; **Col. Judy Kautz**, Assistant Foundation Ambassador; **Pat Gutierrez**, IT/Webmaster; **Susan Gallivan**, United Nations; **Pris Truesdell**, Public Relations, Communications and D10 Newsletter Editor; **Sally Rankin**, **Kaye Anderson** and **Lynn Altemeyer**, Nominating Committee; **Cathy Williams**, Status of Women Service; **Chantal Carey**, Bylaws and Resolutions; **Rebecca Altobelli**, Young Woman in Public Affairs; **Janis Wood**; ZISVAW; **Rosalie Gutierrez**, Amelia Earhart; **Mary Ann Killoran**, Service Coordinator; **Kim Emard** and **Beverly Carter**,

Z Club/Golden Z Club; **Karyn Mason**, Jane Klausman; and, **Jo Carson**, Legislative Awareness and Advocacy. You are all proof that 'many hands make light work'.

Thank you to the "**Wise Women of District 10**", past Governors plus one Zonta International Treasurer Secretary, who served as Centurions: **Mary Brower**, **Mary Frances Gardner**, **Darlene Kurtz**, **Carolyn Rainey**, **Sally Rankin** and **Candi Ward**. I appreciate your willingness to share past experiences and support.

Thank you also to the District 10 Foundation Special Committee, who researched, reviewed and discussed possible recipients for the funds donated to District 10 following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. This was a monumental task and I appreciate your dedication to the project.

A very special thank you to the members of the District 10 Board: Lieutenant Governor **Sharron Miles**; Treasurer **Sharon Graves**; Area 1 Director **Karon Lowe**; Area 2 Director **Danita Utsman**; Area 3 Director **Sandy Welch**; Secretary **Claire Fung** and Parliamentarian **Donna Dodgen**. Our biennium was a learning experience, proof that we need not all agree, but that much can be accomplished through joint efforts. Your patience, support, encouragement and sense of humor kept the wind in our sails.

Thank you also to the Zonta Clubs of Granbury, Longview, San Antonio, Dallas and DFW and Corpus Christi, as well as the D10 Board for hosting the area meetings during this biennium. The Area Directors received tremendous support from the clubs, attendance was great, and the leadership training and fellowship were excellent.

Thank you to the Zonta Club of Fredericksburg and to the Zonta Club of Shreveport for hosting the two District Conferences. Wonderful speakers, great venues, attention to detail, delightful food and opportunities to network made each one special.

Thank you to each of the clubs in District 10 who invited me to share many memorable occasions as well as opened their homes to me. I appreciate your generosity as well as the opportunities to get to know you better.

Congratulations to the newly elected officers of District 10. I wish for you a biennium full of successes and friendships.

Finally, I urge you to savor each of the minutes that make up our lives. The clock may have ticked, but that previous moment has added to your being, your gifts, your commitment to your family, your job and your community.

I ask that when you commit to serving Zonta – that you give 100% of yourself whether it is a 2 minute 'elevator speech' or whether it is supporting our projects. For

some, Zonta time can be “all the time” if you choose to wear your Zonta pin on a daily basis and joyfully answer questions about Zonta.

If you are committed to advancing and improving the status of women, not only in your own community, but worldwide, please educate yourself about Zonta. Ask questions, read the Zontian, club manual, register on the ZI website, visit the D10 website. Make use of technology – you will be amazed at what you will discover, and learn. Participate, comment, and yes, complain. Develop your abilities as a leader. Volunteer!

As that brilliant philosopher, Forrest Gump, said “**life is like a box of chocolates – you never know what you will get.**”

But I add to that, unless you **open that box of chocolates**, you won’t discover the hidden talents inside.

Yours in Zonta service,

Maggie

Disaster Relief—Special Report

On Monday May 8th a check in the amount of \$40,000 was presented to **Dale Standifer**, Director of the Metropolitan Battered Women’s Program in New Orleans, Louisiana. These funds represent the major portion of the District 10 Disaster Relief Funds received post Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Additionally, a plaque was presented to be displayed in the shelter: “2006 - Zonta International District 10 Foundation and the Zonta Club of New Orleans support the Metropolitan Battered Women’s Program” and contained the District 10 Zonta logo. The plaque will be displayed along side a framed copy of the presentation photo.

A Memorandum of Understanding regarding the intent and use of the funds was signed by both Ms. Standifer

Maggie Warren

and Governor Warren.

Attending from the Metropolitan program were: Dale Standifer, and Board Members **Judge Rebecca Olivier** and **Shawn Clancy Lee**. The presentation was held in a courtroom adjacent to Judge Olivier’s chambers at the First Parish Court in Metairie, LA.

Attending from the Zonta Club of New Orleans were: **Dr. Mary Frances Gardner, Dr. Flora Cherry, Mary Steve Hodge** and **Helen Smith Green**.

Attending from the Zonta Club of Lafayette were: **Maggie Warren, Kim Hitt, Paulette Yandle** and **Aimee Bercier**, also a member of the D10 Foundation Special Committee.



L-R: Maggie Warren, Governor of District 10; Dr. Mary Frances Gardner, Past Governor of District 10 and a member of the Zonta Club of New Orleans; Dale Standifer, Director of the Metropolitan Battered Women's Program



L-R: Paulette Yandle, Aimee Bercier, Dr. Mary Frances Gardner, Kim Hitt, Dale Standifer, Helen Smith Green, Dr. Flora Cherry, and Mary Steve Hodge

The Membership Minute – The Zontian Garden

Not all of us have the green thumb like my friend *Linda Thaler*, in Bartlett, Texas. A good portion of her home serves as a greenhouse, where she labors each spring to grow beautiful geraniums and the like. If you were to quiz her on his success in growing, she would probably tell you that a healthy plant requires proper planting, fertilizing, watering, pruning, and plenty of sunshine, along with an ounce or two of good luck. I recall one spring that I decided to plant my own flower bed. The picture on the package gave us an idea of what the patch could be, but soon after the flowers had germinated, there was little more attention given to them, and we realized only a weed bed that year. All the work of sowing the seed had been for naught.

Zontians are like plants. Each of them needs nutrients that will help them sink their roots into Zonta. First, they need fellowship. Successful fellowship activities demand attention and planning to ensure that no one in the club is overlooked. Social activities need to be regular. You cannot water a plant with 3 gallons of water and then leave it dry for the next three months. In a similar way, you cannot induct a new member with fanfare and then cut off the Zonta nourishment. Fellowship activities need to be extended beyond the immediate family of Zonta to our partners in service: Golden Z and Z Clubs. *Every fellowship or social activity can and should be planned with the purpose of promoting membership recruitment and member retention.*

Every Zontian wants to know that he or she is making a valuable contribution to the club. The test of leadership is discovering what skills a Zontian has or wishes to develop and providing opportunities for growth, helping the Zontian and others discover the value of vocation as they advance the status of women.

As I have tended the gardens over the years, I am continually struck by how some plants do well in some locations and terribly elsewhere in the garden. Each spring and fall, I move plants around to match their preferences for particular soil, wind, and sun conditions. Surveying new and existing club members about their preferences should be carried out in each club early and regularly to determine where members fit best. Then the surveys need to be *used*. Exit surveys and interviews, while partially useful, too often point to what we should have done, when we had the time with the club member.

Every Zontian also wants to feel a sense of pride in belonging to his or her Zonta club. Clubs need to work at creating a positive public image. I am always impressed when I visit a club that has a club brochure listing successes of the past as well as the present. I get excited

when I see the Zonta sign at the entrance of a community, and when I see Zontians on the job, all wearing Zonta hats or shirts. And I like to watch the faces of Zontians beam when they invite Z Club and Golden Z clubs to a joint meeting. When Zontians are proud of their club, they bind together with a shared sense of spirit and meaning.

And every Zontian needs ongoing Zonta education. Without opportunities to learn more about Zonta and the growth we experience from service, we are like plants that are never pruned ... having lots of leaves but bearing little fruit. A Zonta minute each week in the club, area meeting and district conference participation, inter-city meetings, monthly Zonta topics for speakers, and the sharing of Zonta experiences that not only increase our knowledge but also touch our hearts all make our adventure in service worthwhile.

Spring is a season of newness and rejuvenation. We wish you success in both your backyard garden and the creation of your Zonta club oasis.

Membership Recruitment Ideas from Other Clubs:

- Your most successful member-getters should be the program speakers, and questions from the club should be encouraged every step of the way. If your club members are particularly shy, your club might want to sponsor a large event to which you invite all the qualified people in your community that a search of your yellow pages reveals. You might want to target a certain segment of your community, e.g., city hall employees, your local hospital staff, etc.
- Pass out business cards to potential members. The cards have the Zonta emblem and the words "Be My Guest" at the top as well as the day, time, and location of the club's meeting and a blank line for the member's name. The cards serve as an invitation to attend a club meeting at the club's expense.
- We are offering a New Generations Zonta Award as an incentive for clubs to get involved in youth activities, offer mentoring opportunities to new Zontians and recruit younger members
- One club left its membership development program to chance — in this case, the game of poker. During one five-week period, members divided into groups, and each group sat at its own table each week. At each table, each member anted US\$2. If someone proposed a new member, he/she would get to draw a card. At the end of the five weeks, the member holding the best poker hand won the money.
- A Zonta club used football as an inspiration and model for its membership development program.

Clubs divided their membership into groups of 10, each group charged with proposing a new member who would be the eleventh member (the number of players on a football team). Teams received one point for proposing a candidate and six points if the candidate was inducted. Teams with the most points advanced through a playoff cycle until one winner was crowned.

- The club got a local bank where two members work to hold a business card exchange after work. The club committee advertised the event primarily by visiting local businesses with flyers, getting 10 prospective members to a single event.
- One of our most effective tools that more and more clubs are using is to hold a special program on membership rather than rely on the random "Bring a Guest" methodology. First, the club develops a targeted list of prospective Zontians and appoints a board member to sponsor the candidate. Then the Club President sends each a formal letter inviting each candidate to a Zonta Informational Program. The board member follows up. The program is held in lieu of a regular program and stresses information about ZI and the Club with handouts and

presentations on the International Service Projects. The board member then follows up.

- As a way to keep our members informed and recruit members we have created a great website.
- A prospective member was invited to club meetings and encouraged to participate in a club activity before joining. The club project involved partnering with a local high school to give students a chance to shadow Zontians in varying professions for one day at their daily jobs. This gave the students an opportunity to explore potential career choices. One of the students was partnered with the prospective member. This allowed the prospective member to have a meaningful Zonta experience before joining the club.
- Ask all Zontians to wear pins displaying the message "Ask Me About Zonta."
- To commemorate its 25th anniversary, the Zonta Club published a history of Zonta in the area. The publication was used as an advertising supplement in a business publication with a subscription list of some 4,000 business and professional people in the area—an excellent way to reach potential members.

Dates to Remember:

2006

June	1	2006-2007 Club Dues Payments to ZI
	1	Deadline to submit club inventory to Area Director
	24-29	2006 Convention in Melbourne, Australia
July	1	Submit Planning Guide for Effective Zonta Clubs to Area Director
	31	Mail copies of the yearbook/roster : Include name address, email, phone, and fax numbers– 1 to the Governor, 1 to the Lt. Gov., 1 to the Area Director
August	1	Articles due to Pris Truesdell for the first D10 Newsletter of the biennium
	15	Klausman Women in Business Scholarships district candidates due to ZI
	31	US Districts (optional) financial statements due to ZI for Group IRS 990 tax filing
	31	Reservation deadline for D10 Conference in San Antonio at \$175 fee
September	1	Reservation fee raised to \$200 for D10 Conference in San Antonio
October	5-8	D10 Conference in San Antonio, TX

Zonta Club of DFW

Zonta Club of DFW has been very busy! Our February 15th Club Lunch meeting was at North Richland Hills Recreation Center. Focus was on YWPA and our speaker, Nita Higgins, shared great information on finding emergency funding using public and private resources.

Our March 15th Club Dinner Meeting was at Community Bank. Focus was on ZISVAW and our speaker, Laurel Strahan, Ph.D, shared great information on building good adult emotional well-being.

We co-hosted our Area 1 meeting with the Zonta Club of Dallas March 25 - 26. It was a great meeting and the fundraiser was successful, educational and service oriented as well! Everyone had a great time!

Our April 24th 2006 Women of Achievement Awards and Scholarships Dinner was a huge success raising funds beyond all expenses and awards for future scholarships, awards, and service projects. Honored Award Winners were: Business/ Professions ~ **Sue Murray** of Educorp; Community Service ~ **Gretta Thurston** of Hilton Hotels; Education/Youth ~ **Betty Edgington** of HEB ISD; and Outstanding Young Woman ~ **Chantal Angeline Howell Carey** of Angel Eyes Entertainment. Honored Scholarship Winners were: Earhart (aviation/pioneering spirit) **Amanda Beasley**; Klausmann (business/entrepreneurial) **Angela Gilter**; YWPA (public affairs/community service) **Rebekah Burton**; and Rose (nontraditional) **Kristen Risenhoover**. Congratulations to all these wonderful women!

Our April 24th ZDFW 2006-2007 election results are in! Our Officers, Board & Nominating Committee are: President **Chantal Carey**; Vice President **Lynn Sudbury**; Treasurer **Dottie Nicholson**; Secretary **Tracy Suit**; Director **Bill Carey**; Director **Lucy Coker**; Nominating Committee Chairman **Wanda Montgomery** and Nominating Committee **Adrienne Garcia – O'Malley & Janice Vickery**. Congratulations to everyone! Great things are expected!

A special Thank You to all the District 10 members for being supportive of our new club! You are each very special to us and are deeply appreciated! The Zonta Club of DFW is looking forward to a new fun biennium with all our district friends!



ZDFW 2005-2006 Board & 8 Award Winners

Zonta Club of Central Oklahoma



L-R: Cynthia Timmons, Samantha Mitchell, Stephanie Mitchell, and Mary Ann Briscoe listen intently to their membership responsibilities at their installation as new members into the Central Oklahoma Club. Not pictured is new member Julie Avants.

The Zonta Club of Central Oklahoma is proud to announce 100% member retention for 2006-2007 Zonta year. The club is strong and growing stronger by leaps and bounds with the May installation of 5 new members joining the club's 27. New members include **Julie Avants, Mary**

Briscoe, Samantha Mitchell, Stephanie Mitchell, and Cynthia Timmons, the club's 2005-2006 Woman of the Year.

Club membership has taken to heart the District 10 goal of "1006 in 2006" and each member is committed to growing the organization. Congratulations to the Club Board and each club member for making this a "perfect" ending to a great Zonta year.

For eleven years, the Zonta Club of Central Oklahoma has prepared baskets for Secretary's Day as a fundraising project with great success. In fact, the club has used this project as one of the primary means of providing annual service monies to meet local and international goals. In 1995 the club created the first basket around a theme for Secretary's Day, now titled Administrative Professional's Day, adding Mother's Day and more recently, Teacher's Appreciation Day to target clients. Although they lost money the first year, they have become smart shoppers, creative craftsmen, and good saleswomen, making this project a profitable one.



L-R: 1 Kaye Anderson, Sue Tytgat, Vice President Tiffany Smith, President Janis Wood, Pam Emmons, Helen Troy, and Treasurer Judy Strothmann

This year's product theme was a spa pail, with each pail decorated with a colorful stripe. Contents included a towel, fan-folded and garnished with eucalyptus, a scented fizzy ball, moisturizing bath confetti, lotion, a scented candle, a bath scrubby, bath salts, homemade soap, and spiced pecans compliments of long-time member Helen Troy. Past years themes have included gardening, 60's

retro, red, white and blue, and scents, just to name a few. Of course, the ultimate goal has always been to *advance the status of women* both locally and globally.



Central Oklahoma Woman of the Year Cynthia Timmons (left) opens gifts presented by President Janis Wood. Peggy Beabout (right) emceed the club's Status of Women banquet.

The Zonta Club of Central Oklahoma feted their 2005-2006 Woman of the Year, **Cynthia Timmons**, at a Status of Women banquet March 21, 2006 at the Tinker Club on Tinker Air Force Base. Cynthia is the Director of Children of Promise - Mentors of Hope and was nominated by **Kim Munson**, one of the club's directors. In

recognition of her contributions, Cynthia received a special American Flag folded and presented by Air Force women in the Tinker Air Force Base Honor

Guard. Four other women were also recognized for Outstanding Service: **Sherry Crosthwaite**, Central Oklahoma Zontians **Pam Emmons** and **Judy Kautz**, and **Alesia Stroh**.

The Central Oklahoma Club also uses their SOW banquet to distribute service monies to local organizations that epitomize the goal of improving the status of women. This Biennium funds went to YWCA Passageways, Suited for Success, the American Heart Association, and Oklahoma Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. Additionally, the club recognized three women present who had been previously honored as Outstanding Woman of the Year, **Elizabeth Hatcher**, **Bernice "Jean" Latham** and **Marcia Smith**. The evening was a resounding success, thanks to the SOW committee co-chaired by **Sharon Hebert** and **Tiffany Smith**, and Emcee **Peggy Beabout**.



L-R: Janet Graber, Secretary Heather Kindt, and SOW co-chairs Vice President Tiffany Smith and Sharon Hebert prepare for the Status of Women banquet.

Advocacy - One South Florida Club Makes a Difference

(Article from http://www.zonta.org/site/PageServer?pagename=zi_action_advocacy dated October 4, 2005.)

Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva members did their research on trafficking, and women in their community and beyond are reaping the rewards.

Through a club strategic planning process, members decided they wanted a closer connection to Zonta International. Delegates to Convention 2004 in New York researched the International Service Project to prevent trafficking in Bosnia and Herzegovina and learned about other club projects that met local needs while supporting the shared International mission.

The Club voted to develop a program to eliminate trafficking in women by supporting the UN Anti-Trafficking Protocol (adopted by Zonta) and by contributing US\$4,000 in January to the Zonta International Foundation International Service Fund.

The Club then expanded their energies locally, launching a project to identify and reduce human trafficking in southwest Florida. The club organized a team that:

- Introduced a resolution, which was unanimously accepted, calling for all District 11 clubs to work on the issue.
- Identified a local organization involved in anti-trafficking - the Florida Coalition Against Human Trafficking. The Coalition has implemented victim support programs, networking, coalition building, training, service delivery and referrals to victims. Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva members volunteer their time to The Coalition and have provided a \$10,000 grant.
- The Club developed, organized and facilitated a countywide Task Force bringing together more than 80 people, representing federal, county and local law enforcement, NGOs, faith-based groups, elected officials and community activists.

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Zonta Club of Houston

The Zonta Club of Houston hosted their first annual Glass Slipper Ball featuring the Best of the Chefs on April 8, 2006. More than 300 attendees enjoyed signature hors d'oeuvres and desserts from 20 of Houston's top chefs. Over \$17,000 was raised for local projects, as well as for Zonta International projects worldwide. Houston Chairperson **Kayleen Kill** commented, "The 'wow factor' with this event was very exciting and made the entire club really proud of their efforts."

The Glass Slipper Ball was produced by the club in partnership with Team Effort Events, and Glass Slipper Ball creator **Debra Dion Krischke** of Pittsburgh. As a member of Zonta and veteran special events professional, Dion Krischke developed the Ball to raise much needed awareness and funds for Zonta clubs.

Team Effort Events handled getting the chefs for the event and provided overall direction. But make no mistake – the Zonta Club of Houston did a lot of the work including finding the venue and band, suggesting chef's to Debra, completely handling the silent auction, and selling the tickets. About a month prior to the event, a PR specialist was hired to fill in a gap in the club's abilities.

The event was a success as soon as the guests stepped into the building. The entrance foyer and ballroom were beautifully decorated. And then there was the food! As people visited the chef's tables and brought the food back to their seats, everyone at the tables would comment about an item they just tasted and would cause others at their tables to get up to go try the food they raved about. The event was dynamic and fun. Then the band kicked up with great music and the silent auction bidding was hot and heavy. Many thanks for the contributions from other clubs in District 10.

The last of the bills and income is coming in, but we know we made more than \$17,000. The club has never made more than \$6,000 in a year, so this is a huge increase. Anyone who attended was so excited about the event that they have already started telling those who missed it not to miss the next one.

Speaking of the next one, the tentative date is April 14, 2007. Put it on your calendar now and don't miss an event you'll be talking about for a long time.



Houston Club Members at the Glass Slipper Ball



Ice sculpture made for the Glass Slipper Ball



Club members waiting for the crowd to check in.

Area 3 News

Sandy Welch, Director

Zonta Club of Brownsville

The **Zonta Club of Brownsville** had a very busy, but productive quarter. Starting with the month of March, our club honored a Woman of the Year from the community. This year the honor went to **Traci Wickett**, Executive Director of the United Way of Southern Cameron County. Our club held a banquet on March 13 at the Sheraton Four Pts. Hotel to celebrate this event. Over 60 guests attended this annual event. Ms. Wickett graciously accepted the award and commented "Being recognized as Woman of the Year by women of your caliber is an honor, indeed. I am deeply grateful and humbled." Thanks to **Annabell Alegria** and her committee for all of their hard work in putting this event together.

On March 25, we held our 5th Annual Golf Tournament at the Valley Inn & Country Club. Over 60 golfers participated and an abundance of door prizes were given to participants. Winners received prizes as follows: First prize \$1000; 2nd prize \$600 and 3rd prize \$400. **Kathy Jennings and Marlys Zapata** co-chaired the event. Thanks to them and to their committee for another successful tournament.

We held our Annual Installation of Officers and Service Awards Banquet on May 8, at the Sheraton Four Pts. Hotel. Seventy-five guests attended the event. We installed our 2006-2007 officers who are as follows: President--**Laura Gilmore**; 1st Vice-President--**Rosalie Gutierrez**, 2nd Vice-President—**LeeAnn Greer**; Treasurer—**Alicia Roberts**; Recording Secretary—**Frances Weathered**; Corresponding Secretary—**Kari Greer**; and Directors **Teresa Del Castillo** and **Marlys Zapata** (term thru 2007), and Directors **Tina Bailey** and **Kathy Jennings** (term thru 2008). Our Area 3 Director, **Sandy Welch**, installed our officers.



*Back, L-R: LeeAnn Greer, Laura Gilmore; Rosalie Gutierrez, Kari Greer, Tina Bailey, Frances Weathered
Seated, L-R: Alicia Roberts, Teresa Del Castillo (Not pictured are Kathy Jennings and Marlys Zapata)*



High School Seniors receiving Mattie Hargis Scholarships at Awards



L-R: Laura Gilmore, Sandy Welch, Patricia Arredondo (D10 Rose Scholarship recipient), and Ann Buchanan

Ann Buchanan, Scholarship Committee Chairman, presented scholarships to a Senior from each of our five high schools and to one Senior from the Lopez

High School Z Club. We awarded our first YWPA scholarship to a student from Porter High School.

The Zonta Club of Brownsville was proud to present the first **District 10 Rose Scholarship** to **Patricia Arredondo**, a student at the University of Texas at Brownsville/Texas

Southmost College. A letter from Gov. Maggie and a check for \$1000 were

presented to her. Ms. Arredondo addressed the audience by saying a little about herself and her goals and thanked Zonta for the honor of the award.

Rosalie Gutierrez, Service Committee Chairman, presented Service Awards/monetary donations to several organizations here in Brownsville whose agency goals are in sync with our mission statement to enhance the status of women and children. Each recipient was chosen for its impact on women and children in our community. The organizations that we chose address health, education, violence against women, advocacy and other conditions that meet women's needs for their families. We selected the Infant Nutrition Program, Needy Children Shoe Fund, Battered Women's Shelter, Teen Parenting Accelerated Program, among others.

We ended the evening by presenting the Zontian of the Year Award to **LeeAnn Greer** for her many contributions to the success of our club.

Zonta Club of Corpus Christi

The Zonta Club of Corpus Christi recently awarded a \$2000 dollar non traditional scholarship to Southern Careers Institute of Corpus Christi. The school provided a matching grant thus maximizing our funding.

Corpus Christi Zontian and Past President **Sharon Alexander** has located a source and agreed to chair our fundraising project selling the same kind of necklaces that we raffled at Area Meeting in Marchthe one that brought such a grand response.....Dr. Mary Frances Gardner ended up the winner. We will have these available during District Conference for a price lower than you would expect.....watch for them.

Our Third Annual Mah Jongg Tournament is planned for the fall and has become a major fundraiser for our club.....ya'll come on down if you play....lots of fun, lunch and door prizes.....

Zonta Club of San Antonio



Marguerite Beckingham and her Mother

In April, we had our annual meeting with the Judson High School Z Club, a \$1000 scholarship was presented to senior **Marguerite Beckingham**. Marguerite's many talents and interests are astounding. Their common thread is her belief in cooperating with other and helping them to achieve their goals. She believes that each one of us has to contribute to a better world by our own actions. New member orientation was held in May for our four

new members. They are **Linda Coney, Regina Walker, Deborah Tinney, and Lorna Engleman**. Also attending was **Camilyah Johnson**, a Zontian from Michigan, and her friend **Charo King**, a perspective member.

Club Officers for 2006-2007 were installed at the May meeting. New officers are: President – **Pat Myers**; Vice President – **Pris Truesdell**; Treasurer – **Lisa Bailey**; Secretary – **Edie Parker**; Directors – **Beth Schmucker, Melissa Wallis, and Ann Paddie**. Pictured below are those present for the installation.



L-R: Winn Murnin (standing in for Ann Paddie), Edie Parker, Lisa Bailey, Pris Truesdell, Pat Myers, and Ruth Chadwick, Chair of the Fellowship Committee and conductor of the installation

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- Trained Zontians to increase community awareness through PowerPoint presentations and handouts. The sheriff's department committed trained deputies to accompany Zonta speakers.
- Created an anti-trafficking resource center on the Club's Web site <http://zontasancap.com/>, which is now used by other Zonta Clubs and organizations around the country and the world.

A service provider identified a potential victim of trafficking at her facility at the first meeting of an anti-trafficking Task Force organized by the Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva. A few weeks later, three people were arrested for keeping the juvenile girl as a sex slave and for domestic servitude. Since then, several slavery cases have been identified by the Task Force and are under investigation by the sheriff's department and the US Federal Bureau of Investigation.

As a result of the club's intense work on this issue, the Fort Myers News-Press published a multi-part expose, and at the second meeting of the Task Force, in June, more than a dozen agencies, churches, and NGOs offered services to aid slavery victims after they are rescued.

"The club is elated that this new focus is helping fulfill the ZI mission of advancing the status of women," Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva President **Karen Pati** said. "The publicity from our efforts has created newfound awareness and respect for the club."

Marhaba (Hello) Zonta Sisters!



I am over halfway through my six-month tour here in Qatar, and it appears I will be able to return home the last week in July. In a lot of ways the time has passed very quickly, but I am truly looking forward to returning

home to my family and all of you!

I continue to marvel at the contrasts in this country. In ten short years they have progressed from a village with one paved road and one three-story hotel to a developing system of complex roads, overpasses and huge buildings, especially on the waterfront downtown. I've attached a photo of the waterfront, so you can see what great progress they've made in erecting very modern buildings. I continue to enjoy my interface with these very warm people.

The driving force in advancing women in Qatar is **Sheikha Mozah**, the second of three wives of **Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa al-Thani**, Amir of Qatar since 1995. She is the only one of his three wives called "Consort to the Amir" and it is her seven children who have prime roles in the next generation, including the next Amir, **Sheikh Tamim**. (pronounced ta-meem)

Sheikha Mozah has taken an active public role in the development of Qatar, and is currently leading a wide range of initiatives in family issues, the role of women, education, science, community development, health and cultural heritage. She is a dynamic force for social change in the country as well, and has established an Education City just outside Doha which houses five U.S. branch campuses, including Texas A & M, Carnegie-Mellon and Georgetown University School of Foreign

Service.

You may have heard that Sheikha Mozah had a meeting with our First Lady, Laura Bush last week. From all indications, this luncheon gathering was extremely successful, with Her Highness being extended an invitation to return the U.S. in the fall for a literacy conference, and the promise that Qatar may host a comparable conference next year. You can learn more about Sheikha Mozah and her initiatives in Qatar at her website www.mozahbintnasser.qa. She is truly a role model for women in Qatar, and indeed for all of us!

I had one interesting experience last week when I met with a Qatari customs official, fairly high ranking in the government, who refused to shake hands with me. Apparently he has a very jealous wife, so he makes it a policy never to shake hands with any woman. He did listen carefully to what I had to say in the meeting, and at no time did I feel discredited in any way. But, I still found it interesting that he placates his wife's jealousy in that way!

Many of you have been receiving my updates, and, as I have stated before, I appreciate the correspondence I've received from you. I will continue to relay my adventures here, and I hope that one day, we can establish Zonta in Qatar. In the meantime, I remain proud of and committed to the great work we do, and I challenge each of you to continue to spread the word about Zonta to recruit new members, so we can continue that work.

I look forward to seeing you at the District 10 Conference in San Antonio, in sha'Allah (God willing). God bless!

In Zonta love,

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Foundation Ambassadors

Barbara Yoder and Judy Kautz

Area meetings went great! The ZIF reports a record month for March of \$400,000 and the biennium goal for the regular funds border on "COMPLETION".

The endowment fund did not make its goal but the ZIF board will promote a one million endowment goal in the next several bienniums. This is our future for service and raising the status of women through the educational and international projects.

If you go to convention there will be a Rose Fund rally. I encourage you to take part. Funds that may be helped with Rose fund monies are the Jane Klausman and Whippi.

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER. When you make your club plans, keep the international flavor of Zonta in your hearts and minds.

Respectfully, Barbara Yoder



In Loving Memory...

(The following obituary excerpted from the Dallas Morning News was written by Staff Writer, Joe Sinnacher.)

Legendary Dallas professor, innovative blood bank leader...

Dr. L. Ruth Guy, 93, died of natural causes May 10 at Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas. A public memorial service was conducted on May 17 at Wilshire Baptist Church. A longtime member of the Zonta Club of Dallas, Ruth died just 6 months after being diagnosed with cancerous tumors throughout her body

During the Great Depression, L. Ruth Guy attended Baylor University; where her family wanted her to follow in her mother's footsteps and become a schoolteacher. However, she discovered science on the Waco campus. She went on to become a legendary Dallas professor of pathology and microbiology. She was also an innovative blood bank leader, whose influence included teaching in the Far East.

Dr. Guy was instrumental in developing for Parkland Memorial Hospital a kit that became a national forensic advance for the investigation of criminal sexual assaults.

Born in the Kaufman County town of Kemp, Dr. Guy was the daughter of a country schoolteacher and a cotton farmer.

She attended Baylor University on a scholarship, initially majoring in English, and worked her way through college washing dishes, waiting on tables, and tutoring. At Baylor, she became interested in science and changed her major to biology and chemistry. She received her bachelor's degree in 1934.

She continued her studies in medical technology at what is now Baylor University Medical Center at Dallas.

From 1939 to 1946, she was chief medical technologist at Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene. In West Texas, she became interested in subjects including immunology, immunochemistry and microbiology. She taught bacteriology at the Hendrick nursing school for six years.

In 1946, she returned to Baylor's graduate school in Dallas, where she was a research assistant and earned a master's degree in 1949. She worked at the blood bank while earning her master's degree. A Baylor colleague urged her to get a doctorate at Stanford University, which she did in 1953.

After graduating in 1953, Dr. Guy returned to Dallas, where she began researching tuberculosis at the county's Woodlawn hospital and teaching at Parkland's nursing school and at what is now UT Southwestern. She also served as associate director of Parkland's blood bank for 25 years.

While she was with the Parkland blood bank, Dr. Guy did forensic work on crimes across Texas, Utah, and California. In 1971, she was called in to help identify the bodies of 25 migrant workers found in an orchard in Yuba City, CA.

Back in Dallas, she and Dr. E.E. Muirhead founded the School of Medical Technology; which became part of UT Southwestern in 1969. Dr. Guy was the first chairman of the medical technology department. In 1978, she was named a professor at the Dallas medical school.

She was a visiting professor in the Far East, teaching in universities and helping establish blood banks.

Dr. Guy was a Renaissance woman who was a gardener and a painter in oils and watercolors. She had



painting retreats in Taos, NM and won first place for oil painting by an amateur senior at the State Fair of Texas in the late 1950s.

In 1973, the American Association of Blood Banks presented her its John Elliot Memorial Award for her dedication. The American Society of Clinical Pathologist also made her the first non-medical doctor to become an honorary fellow. In 1988, the Baylor University Women's Council of Dallas honored her as a Dallas Baylor Woman of Distinction. In 1989, her long history of professional leadership won her a place in the Texas Women's Hall of Fame. UT Southwestern named a lectureship in her honor.

She has been president of the Zonta Club of Dallas, been a volunteer of the Dallas Public Library and served on the board of the Dallas Repertory Theater. She had been on the advisory board for Dallas County Big Sisters, chairman of the Business Women in Art and president of the Professional Women's Club of Dallas.

Maryann Killoran, her friend and fellow Zontian, reported in her email that Ruth lived a productive, fulfilling, GREAT life. She will be missed by those of us here on planet earth, but she is now in her great artistic and scientific laboratory in heaven.

Have a Problem...Need a Hint?



Make plans to attend the District 10 Conference in San Antonio, October 5-8, where San Antonio's own "hintologist", Heloise will be the keynote speaker for Friday's opening ceremonies. An author, lecturer and syndicated columnist, Heloise's work appears in more than 500 newspapers in the United States and internationally. As her mother before her, Heloise has long been a member of the Zonta Club of San Antonio. For her latest hints and information about her current activities, please visit her web site at <http://www.heloise.com/index.html>

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