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Zonta International—Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide



Governor Sharron Miles

It happens to be a beautiful day in Texas today, and a perfect time to reflect on the first months of the biennium. The area meetings are rapidly approaching, and it is a wonderful opportunity for us to get together to share success stories in the

district. Your area directors have worked diligently to plan a weekend of fun, information, and inspiration. Our Amelia Earhart Fellows have been invited to each meeting, so you will have an opportunity for up close and personal time with them. Some people have said that the area meetings are the “same old thing”, but I want to assure you that you will come away from this one refreshed and energized to complete your club year and get ready for the new year. Please encourage you incoming officers to attend. You should be getting registration information soon, and it is my hope that you will support their efforts and the host clubs by attending. I am fortunate to receive newsletters from most of they clubs in our district. I have enjoyed reading them as well as sharing them with other members of the board and fellow Governors. I have

learned a lot about the work on Zonta in our District from your wonderful newsletters and you club quarterly reports. I am so proud of you and what you are doing to advance the status of women worldwide and in your local communities.

Thanks you so much for the great response to the club membership satisfaction surveys. I have a huge box of responses to be mailed to Zonta International next week. I hope you shared honestly about your experience with Zonta. We want to make it stronger and we need you to help us.

I would remiss if I did not encourage you to continue to grow your clubs. I have been encouraged by the work of the club in Lafayette, and am excited about the ZINGS that we are hosting in New Orleans this month. There are no Zonta Clubs without membership, and only **you** can make it happen! Clubs with membership under 20 still can apply for mini-grants to grow your club. Please contact your board members, and we can assist you with the application. Our district has been fortunate to have received two grants already, one for New Orleans and one for the Mexico clubs. Your board members are ready to step up to help you get started, recruit new members, or attend your event. Whatever you need—let us know!

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The District 10 newsletter is a wonderful tool for us.

Every good project has a goal. I hope everyone has looked at the international foundation goals for the biennium to see our obligations for funding service and programs. The overall goal is \$3.8 US for all. Here is the breakdown.

Rose Fund, <i>the Foundation Operating and Program Support Fund</i>	\$ 800,000
Amelia Earhart Fellowship Fund	\$ 650,000
Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship Fund	\$ 125,000
Young Women in Public Affairs Fund	\$ 150,000
International Service Fund	\$1,500,000
ZISVAW Fund	\$ 550,000
WHPPI Fund	<u>\$ 30,000</u>
TOTAL	\$3,805,000

But we have a district goal as well, to increase our individual and club gifts by 10% over 2004-06. This is not too large a stretch for us as indicated by the generosity at our October conference. This

demonstration, particularly of individual gifts, proved that District 10 is fully involved with the international flavor and spice of Zonta.



As a reminder to all readers, the challenge is still out there for **any and all** clubs to become 100% participants in individual giving to the foundation. I would

love to recognize the clubs that reach this goal. Please let me know if your club is interested in this challenge and your plan to implement. Remember our combined strength is each of us giving. I still think the best way to do this is automatic debit to the ZIF each month.

The reoccurring gift form is on line at www.Zonta.org under foundation resources and if you have any questions just email me for help.

I look forward to the area meetings. See you there!

Barbara Yoder

District 10 ZIF Ambassador

A Time to Grow—In Leadership and Membership Zonta International North American Seminar

Save the date: June 22-24, 2007

Inter-district Seminar to be held at the Marriott Ann Arbor Hotel and Eagle Crest Conference and Resort Center in Ypsilanti, Michigan

Why You Should Attend:

- Be Part of the Future of Zonta
- Learn Successful Techniques for Membership Growth
- Network with Other Dedicated Zonta Members
- Invest in Leadership Development for Yourself, Your Club, and Your District
- Share Your Stories
- Meet Keynote Speaker Angela Morgan, co-author of *Leading from the Front*

More Information Coming Soon!



One of the most rewarding things about serving as Lt. Governor for District 10 is the exchange of dialogue and ideas I have received from the other 30 Lt. Governors in Zonta International. I am sharing with you excerpts of an article about membership written by **Buffie Kellie, Lt. Governor of District 6** (Wisconsin, Illinois & Indiana).

In the article we were reminded that **membership is vital to Zonta International**. Why? If we don't have members, we don't have clubs. If we don't have clubs, we don't have an organization and we won't be helping women and girls around the world.

Ask a woman in Sri Lanka how the water well project helped her. Or, a woman in the Comoror Islands who received technical assistance in the areas of health, food, and clothing production. Or, the women in Brazil participating in organized co-operatives. Or the 679,541 women of childbearing age in Nepal who received inoculations to eliminate neonatal tetanus.

International service projects have supported 39 projects in training, education, health, sanitation, agricultural and micro-credit assistance to women in more than 20 countries. **YOU are a part of this because of your membership in Zonta International.**

District 10 is not alone in decreased membership; almost all Lt. Governors report they have lost a significant number of members over the last 7 years. Our district alone is down 72 members from 2002 as of ZI records at the end of January 2007. This represents a 9.7% decrease in overall membership. The biennium goal of +1 net membership per club is very attainable and would give us 28 new members. Think what our number would be if each club achieved our District 10 Governor's membership goal of 25 members minimum for each club. We would have 857 members. That would be thrilling. District 10 would join ranks with 14 other districts that have experienced a gain in membership.

This goal can be achieved in many ways. Highlights are as follows:

- Run more efficient meetings
- Plan programs that will attract attendance of all members
- Enjoy more fellowship with your club members
- Question your members on their expectations and address those concerns
- Provide programs relating to our mission statement

- Offer meaningful service in our communities

Keep in mind the following suggestions from Rotary International. These fit hand in hand with our goals:

Top 5 reasons prospective members identified as reasons for being interested in membership:

- Performing community service
- Meeting a variety of people
- Making a difference in the world
- Helping others have the same experience
- Being involved in a good organizations

Top 4 reasons expressed for not being interested in membership:

- Too many other commitments leaving not enough time for Zonta
- Unable to attend monthly meeting
- Membership is too expensive
- Age difference between themselves and current members

Another issue is that many prospective members simply were not asked to join. This so often happens with all of us, so think about Zonta for a few minutes every day, and when you meet someone new, immediately assess this woman as a possibility for your club membership.

In a recent newsletter from the Lt. Governor of District 29, over 22% of new clubs formed during the last biennium were in District 29. What a record!

Looking backward, we have asked **WHY**. Looking forward my questions to you, also borrowed from Lt. Governor Buffie Kelly, are: If not **YOU**, then **WHO**? If not **NOW**, then **WHEN**?

We can begin on the **WHEN** on April 21-22 in Brownsville by attending the Area 3 meeting; then on April 28-29 in Ft. Smith for Area 1, and on May 5-6 in Houston for Area 2.

Erma Bombeck once said, *"When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left, and could say 'I used everything you gave me.'"* Until we can all feel that same way, our work in District 10 is not done.

Danita Utsman, Lt. Governor

For more membership information, please see the Zonta International's **Membership Matters**, Vol. 1, Issue 1, Winter 2006-2007 now posted on the district web site at www.zontadistrict10.org.

Also, see the account of the successful ZING held by the Houston club on page 11.

Area 1 News

Zonta Club of Central Oklahoma

The Zonta Club of Central Oklahoma installed six new members at the November 2006 meeting. New members **Mary Bishop, Rhoda Brown, Connie Davis, Ruth Marciniac, Jennifer May** and **Angela Weaver** were installed by **President Judy Kautz** and enthusiastically welcomed into the club. **Area 1 Director Janis Wood** sponsored five of the six, with **Connie Davis** inviting **Ruth Marciniac** to attend one of the club's earlier meetings, which led to her interest in joining as well. Janis presented each new member with their new member pin and a personal gift. OMC Chair **Tiffany Smith** ensured new members had copies of the ZI Club Manual and By-Laws and their nametags. Each new member also received a yellow rose from the club.



(L-R) President Judy Kautz, new members Connie Davis, Mary Bishop, Jennifer May, Rhoda Brown, Ruth Marciniac, Angela Weaver, Area 1 Director Janis Wood, and Pres Elect Tiffany Smith at the November initiation.

Habitat for Humanity Hands-On Service Project

Members of the Zonta Club of Central Oklahoma participated in an all-woman-build Habitat for Humanity home during the month of December. The group provided final paint touch up and cleaning of the home to get it ready for its new owner. In addition, the group donated items to help fill the pantry.

Janis Wood, Director



(L-R) Central Oklahomans Angie Weaver, Sue Tytgat, Tiffany Smith, Theresa Farris, Pam Emmons, Janis Wood, Ruth Marciniac, Rhoda Brown, and Mary Bishop after working on Habitat for Humanity.

Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Walk

Zontians from the Zonta Club of Central Oklahoma participated in this 2006 Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Walk sponsored by Oklahoma University Medical Center. The purpose was to raise awareness of pancreatic cancer, which doesn't show a sign until it has spread to another organ. Central Oklahomans also walked in memory of **Marge Green**, a long-time member of District 10's Houston Club. Marge passed away last spring and is missed by all of us.



(L-R) Stephanie Mitchell, Peggy Beabout, Kaye Anderson, Theresa Farris and Judy Strothmann gather before heading out for the walk.

Zonta Club of Dallas

Girls and guests were hosted by 24 Zontians to a stimulating look into the future. Geo-thermal energy has replaced petroleum and coal in Iceland. Apparently, with Greenland melting away next door, Iceland takes global warming seriously, and they are using other natural resources. We were all fascinated to learn about harnessing the heat from underground volcanic vents, which occur along fault lines.

Attending were groups from Girls Inc., Girl Scouts, Greenhill, Irma Rangel, Skyline, and Ursuline. Our total attendance was a record 89 people.

Our gratitude goes to **Holly Warrington** and **Kelli Thomas-Drake** for doing such a great job. We did Amelia proud.

Zonta Club of DFW



L-R: Sam House Executive Director Steve Dutton, Chantal and Bill Carey

In November the **President Chantal Carey** and **Bill Carey** went to the Samaritan House HIV/AIDS Residential Resource Center's Fundraiser held at the Petroleum Club in downtown Ft. Worth.

Our Genesis Women's Shelter cookbooks Project

was our focus for 16 days of activism! We also assisted at the Community Enrichment Center annual Christmas Families Program by playing the toss and mini golf games with all the children!

January brought 2 new members to ZDFW, **Gretta Thurston** and **Katy Turner**. We are excited when we add new members to our ZDFW family.



Gretta Thurston



Katy Turner

Our JANUARY CLUB SERVICE PROJECT was our 5th Tuesday Supper Club at Samaritan House HIV/AIDS Residential Resource center in Ft. Worth and was supported by Zonta Club of Fort Worth. Sam House loves us!



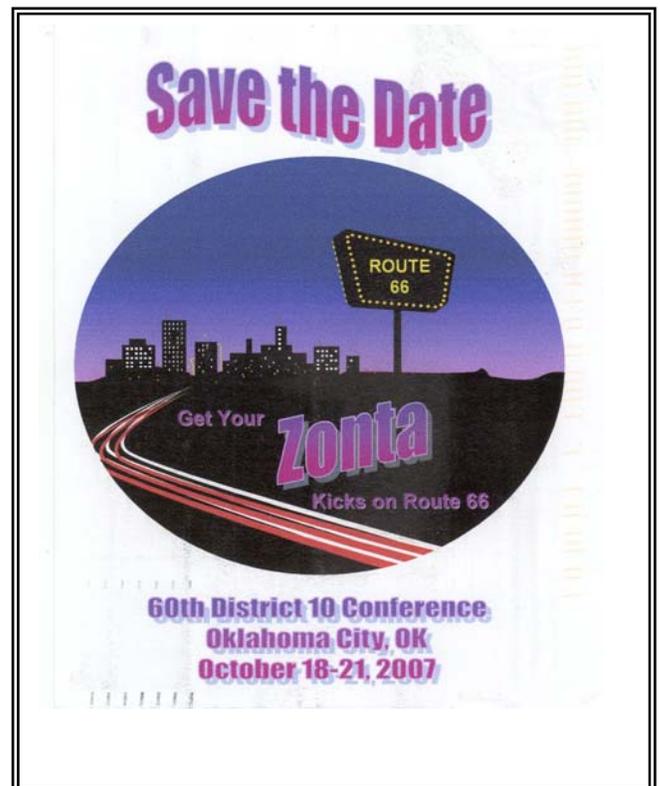
Vice President Dottie Nicholson

We still sell Genesis Women's Shelter cookbooks \$25 ea & Z bands \$3 ea or 2/\$5. Order at zontadfw@yahoo.com

Please note we have a myspace page now! Check it out at <http://www.myspace.com/zontadfw>.

We are looking forward to seeing each of you at the Area meetings!

See more from Area 1 on the next page!



Zonta Club of Fort Smith

On January 24, six Fort Smith Zontians attended the Equal Rights Rally at the Arkansas Capitol. Joining approximately 200 participants, the local Zontians heard all of the state's constitutional officers and two-thirds of the state's House of Representatives come out in favor of belated ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment.

Emotions ran high during the rally with some speakers and attendees near tears as they spoke of their mothers and of the future for their children and grandchildren.

President Sheryl Flanagin spoke briefly about Zonta and was asked to be the first Zontian to sign the banner in support of the Equal Rights Amendment.

Later, on February 7, the resolution failed to pass out of the House State Agencies and Governmental Affairs Committee with a vote of 10-10. Former governor David Pryor spoke urging support of the resolution; however, **Phyllis Schlafly**, the outspoken opponent since the 1970's, evidently carried more weight with this committee. We hope the measure is presented again, and Zontians need to continue contacting our local senators and representatives. *See picture on next page.*



At the State Capitol are Zontians Dianne Cofer, Kathy Coleman, Cathy Williams, Linda Teague, Marilyn Barr, and President Sheryl Flanagin.

Zonta Club of Johnson County

The Zonta Club of Johnson County has been on the move. Our October meeting was a celebration of 25 years. We heard from **Susan Meyer** from Granbury who has been contributing to the things we Zontians believe in for more than 25 years. And what could be better to

do at a 25th anniversary than to induct new members. **Ivy Peterson** presented the new members with the Yellow Zonta Rose and it was an evening to remember for all in attendance.

Again in November of 2006 Zonta held its annual Senior Arts and Craft Fair, raising more than \$ 1200.00 for scholarships. We had our first Adopt-A-Senior Project that included a Thanksgiving meal and all the trimmings. **Linda Hall** and **Cynthia Allen** were instrumental in making this happen with our Club. Our Thanksgiving couple was also our seniors for Christmas.

Back by "Popular Demand" was the second Singing Telegrams. Many Zontians got together for a fun filled day with singing and dancing. This is definitely a simple quick fund raiser.



L-R: Gina Jones, Amy Martin, and Sarah O'Brien dressed for "singing"

The first for us this year was "Back to School", an event that was received by many in our community. **Amy Martin** did an awesome job organizing and implementing this needed event. Amy rounded up school supplies, back packs, shoes, clothes, and even hair stylist to meet the needs for Johnson County children. Many events have continued through out the years and we hope to continue this one.

Our membership "Zing" is scheduled in March and we are fired up and ready.

Zonta Club of Houston

Zonta Club of Houston held its first **ZING (Zonta Informational Network Gathering)** on January 31. The ZING was a **huge** success, thanks to the hard work and efforts of **Diane Gonzales**, the Membership Committee and our Members. Please read the full report of our successful **ZING** on page XX of this newsletter.

Zonta Club of Houston Glass Slipper Ball

Jiffy Lube has signed on to be a **Platinum** sponsor for this year's ball contributing \$5,000 to the event. Thanks to Jiffy Lube for being a part of achieving our mission of advancing the status of women.



L-R: Suzanne Russell, 2 representatives of Statoil and Tricia Santogrossi

Statoil has signed on to be a **Gold** sponsor for this year's gala contributing \$3,500 to the event.

The Zonta Club of Houston actually made the evening news on one of our stations with our media event

where we presented proceeds of the 2006 Glass Slipper Ball to **Bay Area Turning Point, Casa de Esperanza de los Niños**, and the **Houston Area Women's Center**. The event honored these agencies whose efforts are so important in the lives of the women and children they serve.



Sally Rankin, Zontian and chairman of the Board of Bay Area Turning Point presents the check to Dian Savage, President and CEO of Bay Area Turning Point

Maggiano's generously hosted this event and is featured as one of our "best of the chefs" for the 2007 Glass Slipper Ball...as they did in 2006.

In addition, we introduced our sponsors for the 2007 event, Jiffy Lube, Statoil and Tums/Oscal.



President Sherry Williams with representatives from Bay Area Turning Point

This was a great kickoff to the 2007 event which will be held April 14. The first Glass Slipper Ball was a huge success and we are planning for the 2007 event to be even better. This year we had restaurants calling us to be a part of the event. Again, some of the best restaurants and caterers will be there. And a legend in Houston, **Scott Gertner**, will be bringing his band for our enjoyment. Silent auction items are being collected and decorations planned. All of this for only \$75 per person. This is a great event and not to be missed. See www.zontahouston.org for more information and to purchase tickets.

Houston plans an evening at Scott Gertner's Sky Bar

To get us in the mood for the Glass Slipper Ball, the Zonta Club of Houston will be celebrating Ladies' Night on Wednesday, February 28 at **Scott Gertner's Sky Bar**. Scott's band is the entertainment at the Glass Slipper Ball. He does very few private events, so we are very fortunate to have him.

Vocational Training at The Women's Home

We are excited that the Women's Home 2007 service project is underway! We have three separate programs this year: 1) Vocational Training, 2) Job Search/Mentoring, and 3) Aftercare/ Enrichment. This is a great opportunity to expand our services to the women and have a greater impact on helping them advance in meeting their goals.

Clients at the Women's Home progress through five phases: Cottage Thrift Shop (Phase 1), Vocational Training (Phase 2), Job Search/Mentoring (Phase 3), Working (Phase 4), and Aftercare/Enrichment (Phase 5). Zonta has been asked to continue their commitment to the Vocational Training phase, and also to assist in two new areas: Job Search/Mentoring and Aftercare/Enrichment.

Zonta Club of Lafayette

The Zonta Club of Lafayette will host its *Inaugural Scholarship Sporting Clays Shoot on Saturday, April 28, 2007* at Ed's Sporting Clays in Kaplan, Louisiana. Shooters of all ages and ranking are encouraged to attend as this will be a registered shoot in addition to a fundraising event. Contact **Maggie Warren** at maggiwarren@cox.net for registration and information. This is also the weekend of Festival International, so there's an extra reason for you to visit us. (www.festivalinternational.com). Y'all come!

Our next meeting will be Monday, March 5th at Alesi's Italian Restaurant at 4110 Johnston Street with 6:00 - 6:30 pm Social and 6:30 pm Dinner & Meeting. Our service project for the month is donating/collecting money for gas cards (\$25 increments) for the American Cancer Society (travel expense dedicated to women patients) that **Amy Fusilier** spoke to us about at our February meeting.

Acadiana Outreach will be speaking at our March Zonta meeting to provide us with information about the programs for women in our area. Please remember the clients of the Naomi House when we clean our closets so that they can have 'interview clothes'.

Last month, on Valentines Day, Maggie and her daughter Sarah delivered many packages collected from our February service project to the Acadiana Outreach Center for the benefit of the Naomi House, a women's only shelter. I'm sure that all was well received and enjoyed by the ladies.

The Zonta Club of Lafayette will hold our Woman of Achievement and Scholarship Awards Banquet on Tuesday, March 20th at Don's Seafood & Steakhouse in downtown Lafayette. **Dr. Doris Bentley**, a pioneer in the education field, will be honored as our 2006 Woman of Achievement along with the Zonta International Jane M. Klausman Scholarship winner **Melissa Manuel** and our other scholarship recipients. Please reserve your spot by mailing \$30.00 per person (checks payable to Zonta Club of Lafayette) and mail to 152 Inez Lane, Lafayette, LA 70506 or email kimhitt@hotmail.com for info. We will also have our silent auction that night, as this is a fundraiser all enjoy.

Zonta Club of Longview

The Zonta Club of Longview celebrated Amelia Earhart with a luncheon and program on February 13, 2007, about the WASP organization in World War II. **Nancy Parrish**, Founder and Executive Director of the National WASP WWII Museum was the speaker, along with her mother who was a WASP. It was a very entertaining, educational afternoon.



L-R: Danita Utsman (District 10 Lt. Gov.), Nancy Parish (AE Speaker), Nancy Scalco (AE Committee Chair), and Jerry Anne Jurenko

The members of the Longview Club are busy preparing for the 33rd Antique Show to be held March 1-4, 2007, at Maude Cobb Activity Center. The co-chairs for the event are **Renee Hawkins** and **Debbie Silverthorne**. Added this year will be a preview party on Thursday, March 1, from 7-9 p.m. At that time Zonta will recreate the "Antiques Roadshow" when professional appraisers will be available to help attendees determine if the object in the attic is a treasure or a geegaw. (A geegaw is a showy object or bauble that's not worth much and has no easily discernible function.) The Antique Show is the only fundraiser of the Club. It allows the Club to provide scholarships for Z Club members and women reentering college, as well as contribute to nonprofit organizations that support women and children.

Zonta Club of Brownsville

The Zonta Club of Brownsville had another wonderful and very successful Christmas Tour of Homes on December 12. Five beautiful homes were featured. We were busy all day with a record number of visitors. We got excellent newspaper and television coverage in both the local 5:00 pm and 10:00 pm news. Thanks to our busy committee for all of their hard work and to all of our members and Z Club members who worked the Tour. Special thanks to **Rosalie Gutierrez, Aurora de la Garza, and Lourdes Simmons** for organizing the event and finding the homes.

As is our custom, some of the proceeds from the tour were used to sponsor six families for Christmas. Some of our members and Z Club members shopped, gift wrapped, and delivered the goodies to the families (see photo). Our shoppers were **Lori Gillum, Elia Lopez, Sandy Altemeyer, Marlys Zapata, Linda Marin, and Alicia Roberts and the Z Club**. This project has been very rewarding for us. Our Z Club truly enjoys this project and they feel good about helping the less fortunate in our community.



Marlys Zapata delivers Christmas goodies to a family in Brownsville

Our January Amelia Earhart program was presented by **Linda Fossen**, one of our members, who provided information about women in non-traditional roles. She featured stories about women from Afghanistan and their changing roles in the last four years. Her program was very informative. During this meeting we also installed two new members, **Bruni Villarreal and Linda Marin** and welcomed some former members, **Margarita Gonzalez, Amalia Garza**, and a new to our club Zontian, **Connie Tuttle** who was a former member of a Zonta club in New Jersey.

In February, we welcomed two new members. They are **Sylvia Cancino and Norma Valle**, who will be installed at a later date. Our program was a fun, get to know each other event with **Elia Lopez**, member, leading the program/discussion.

We are now preparing for one of our busiest months. Our Woman of the Year function is scheduled for March 5 and our annual Golf Tournament is scheduled for March 31. On April 21-22, we will host the **Area 3 Meeting here in Brownsville**. We have reserved rooms at the Holiday Inn Express. We are planning a Friday night event (for those who come early) at the Cobbleheads Restaurant and a Saturday night shopping and dining in Mexico. The meeting will be informative and fun. We will send out a packet about the meeting soon. Hope to see you here in April!

Zonta Club of Fredericksburg

The Zonta Club of Fredericksburg has been extremely active this last quarter. We held an Elegant Elephant Sale fund raiser in early November that grossed well over \$3000 for our scholarship fund. At our regular meeting date in November, we hosted an appreciation dinner at our local community center for all who helped with our Funnel Cake booth at Fredericksburg's Oktoberfest celebration; this fund raiser netted our club over \$6000 for scholarships!

Our December meeting was held at member **Marti Barth's** home where we were served a delicious meal to members, spouses, and prospective members. Our holiday tradition of having Marti's fabulous punch proved again an annual success as well as the donated items for Kerrville's women's shelter. Also in December individual members donated funds to our local Needs Council where our Z Club organization purchased items and gift wrapped them for delivery to families who were in dire straights.

January's meeting saw us inducting two new members, taking time to honor Amelia Earhart and organizing our local campaign to fight heart disease in women, but more about that in next quarter's column. We are managing to stay busy here in Fredericksburg and all of us are looking forward to hearing more about the area conference in Brownsville.

Zonta Club of Mexico

We continue with our principal objectives that are to help the beaten women in Mexico and to help the poor people who are living in the small town of Malinalco.

We are preparing some pamphlets and booklets in order to show the objectives of the Club Zonta International and the Club Zonta of Mexico to the public in general and try to recruit new members.

Unfortunately, we are only 24 members of Zonta of Mexico (Some of them are not active) and we have scarce resources for promoting the Club and to accomplish our objectives, which is why we are advancing step by step. On the other hand we are working with some documents that we need for the registration of the Club in Mexico. We need some authorizations of the authorities if we want to increase the donations for our institution. This is a cumbersome work.

We are trying to obtain funds organizing bingos and raffles of HD TV sets and other articles. But those funds are not enough for satisfying our necessities.

Zonta Club of San Antonio

For the first time in recent history our regularly scheduled January meeting was cancelled due to three days of ice that crippled the city. Schools were closed and many businesses (including The Petroleum Club were closed). We were able to reschedule the meeting for January 24. While attendance was lower that it would have been the week before, the program was excellent. We had four members from the local 99s with one spouse. Everyone enjoyed meeting **Colonel Lisa Firmin** and hearing about her experiences in Iraq. **Cadet Lacey Thompson** accompanied Colonel Firmin. She is an Honors student majoring in Spanish. Lacey is looking forward to an Air Force career and everyone enjoyed

talking to her.



L-R: Stella Leis, member of the 99s, our speaker, Colonel Lisa Firmin, and club member, Lorna Engleman

We had our fourth meeting with the residents of the Well on January 20, 2007. We are pleased to report that the house is now complete with ten residents. Our informal discussion with input from each attendee was quietly led by **Lorna Engleman**, who is a certified life coach.

At the Christmas meeting, we collected donations which the club matched for a total of \$500 for the ladies at the Well House. We presented \$50 gift certificates for 7 current residents and \$150 H.E.B. gift certificate for the house a couple of weeks before Christmas. The ladies were overwhelmed at our generosity and were excited about a trip to Wal-Mart.

The club membership voted to **cancel** the 2007 Antique Show scheduled for January. We were not able to get a confirmed contract from the Airport Convention Center and all other venues investigated were much too expensive. We will try to schedule a show for the fall and will work with the show coordinator to find a date that won't conflict with other shows in the area. Deposit has been made and contracts distributed for a show scheduled for May 16, 2008.

Report of a Successful ZING

Zonta Club of Houston held its first **ZING** (*Zonta Informational Network Gathering*) on Jan. 31 at the Aquarium Design Group (ADG) (<http://www.aquariumdesigngroup.com>).

The ZING was a **huge** success, thanks to the hard work and efforts of **Diane Gonzales**, the Membership Committee and our Members. A very special Thank You goes to **Barbara Halstead** and her son's **Mike** and **Jeff Senske** for providing the wonderful ADG venue.

In attendance were approximately 16 very motivated and excited guests. **Suzan Miles** gets kudos for bringing in the most guests and a table sale for the GSB. Go Suzan!

The evening started with a short one-on-one 'Meet and Greet' period which provided guests the opportunity to meet our members and enjoy **Pat Lepe's** wonderful hors d'oeuvres. **Sherry Williams** then provided a very lively and interesting introduction and history of Zonta. Then the fun began.

The **ROUNDTABLE NETWORKING** consisted of four networking areas. Each Area discussed a different focus topic to include: Service, Zonta International, Fundraising, and Advocacy & Fellowship

Guests were invited to participate in networking sessions in each of the four networking areas. A networking session consisted of 2 guests & 2 members. Each session lasted 10 minutes. A bell was rung when it was time for the guests to move to the next networking session.

Zonta Club of Houston

Objective was to get to know each other, exchange business cards and to share with the guests why we joined Zonta and why we stay in Zonta. Many guests found it hard to move on to the next table and leave behind such interesting conversation. Once the networking was completed, the excited guests, reconvened for wrap-up presentations. The presentations included:

- **Zonta International Foundation**– **Kayleen Kill**, Area 2 Director
- **Houston Club Advocacy** – **Linda Licarione**
- **Houston Club Fundraising**
 - *Educational & Charitable Fund: Glass Slipper Ball* - **Barbara Halstead**, Chair
 - *Operating Fund: Gift Wrapping/ Garage Sale*-**Sally Rankin**, Ways & Means Chair
- **Houston Club Service Projects** – **Carolyn Phillips**, Service Chair
- **Drawing For Door Prizes**
- **Close & Invitation to consider the Opportunities: Mary Ann Collier.**

The evening ended much too quickly and was a tremendous success. Please watch for our excited guests at the February meeting and at upcoming service projects. Please make them feel welcome. Thanks to all for participating and sharing your enthusiasm for Zonta.



Area 2 Meeting

The Area 2 meeting will be held May 5-6 in Houston at the Courtyard by Marriott in West University (2929 Westpark Dr; Houston, Texas 77005; 713-661-5669). We are in the midst of finalizing costs and specifics, but we do know this. It will start with lunch on Saturday, May 5 and end before lunch on Sunday May 6. One of the Amelia Earhart fellows will be attending to talk to us and receive her wings. In addition, we hope to have someone with CARE attending to describe our Zonta International Foundation programs with CARE.



TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES

Saturday evening we will have an optional event in the West University area that includes a shopping night at Ten

Thousand Villages, a non-profit fair trade store and one of the Zonta Club of Houston's service projects. The store carries high quality handmade jewelry, home decor, and gifts that you won't find anywhere else See www.tenthousandvillages.org for more information.

Come join us for a weekend of fun and knowledge. Contact Kayleen Kill (kayleen-kill@houston.rr.com or 281-293-9533) for more information.

Area 1 Meeting

Dear Area 1 Zontians,



Plans are being finalized for the upcoming Zonta International, District 10, Area 1 Meeting to be held in Fort Smith, Arkansas, on April 28-29, 2007. President Sheryl Flanagin and the Fort Smith club are planning a wonderful weekend as host club.

The meeting will be at the Courtyard by Marriott, 900 Rogers Avenue, Fort Smith, Arkansas 72901, 479-783-2100. Accommodations: \$89.00 + 14.25% room tax for either a two queen room or a king room with a pull-out. Call the direct number to make reservations, and be sure to inform the hotel that you are with Zonta Area 1 Meeting.

No need to fear flying monkeys when you follow the Zonta Yellow Brick Road to Area 1 Meeting.



Click your heels and help Zonta Club of Fort Smith celebrate forty years of Zonta!

Dates to Remember:

2007

February	28	UN Commission of the Status of Women meeting begins
March	8	Zonta Rose Day and International Women's Day
	21	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
April	1	District 10 Rose Scholarship applications due to Lt. Gov.
	1	Deadline for contributions to Zonta International Foundation
	1	YWPA winners due to District YWPA Chair
	21-22	Area 3 Meeting, Brownsville, TX
	28-29	Area 1 Meeting, Fort Smith, AR
	30	Emma Conlon Award (Z and Golden Z Club) applications due to ZI
May	1	Club Officers Report Form 2007-2008 due to ZI
	1	YWPA district candidates due to ZI
	5-6	Area 2 Meeting, Houston, TX
	31	International nominations due to District Nominating Committee Chairmen
	31	Klausman Women in Business Scholarship club candidates due to district chair