

District 10 Newsletter

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Zonta International—Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide



A Message from Governor Sharron Miles

Dear Zontians,



Thanks so much for sharing your newsletters with me each month! I am so proud of the work you are doing to “advance the status of women” in District 10 and in our world.

I received a message from Janet Halstead, ZI Executive Director. She had two reminders for all club members. First, she encourages all of you to go to the ZI website www.zonta.org and register. It's easy to register and once registered, Zontians have access to important member information resources. The site is updated frequently, so visiting often is recommended. Please encourage all Zontians to become registered users and to fully utilize this international member information resource. Non-registered visitors to the ZI Web site see only the public page. The public homepage includes a button to click – “Zonta Club Members Register Now.”

Secondly, she reminds all Zontians about the Member Networking Directory. Networking within Zonta is a benefit of membership and a privilege. Our mission of *Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide* is a shared commitment among all Zontians. Shared friendships and fellowship, and professional interests, especially across national borders, enhance a member's total Zonta experience. The Networking Directory can facilitate these activities. By default every Zonta Club member's name, club and country are displayed. It's up to Zontians to visit the Member Networking Directory and decide which portions of their contact information they would like to share with the Zonta world. Let's make the Member Networking Directory a useful tool for everyone to connect across districts and countries!



I also received a note from Glenne Harding, Zonta International OMC Chairman, about **Make A Difference Day**. What is **Make A Difference Day**? **Make A Difference Day** is the most encompassing national day of helping others -- a celebration of neighbors helping neighbors. Everyone can participate. Created by USA WEEKEND Magazine, Make A Difference Day is an annual event that

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takes place on the fourth Saturday of every October. The next event is Saturday, October 27, 2007. Millions have participated. In 2005, 3 million people cared enough about their communities to volunteer on that day, accomplishing thousands of projects in hundreds of towns. Your project can be as large or as small as you wish! Look around your community and see what needs to be done. Check out at this web site <http://www.usaweekend.com/diffday/aboutmadd.html#whatis>. You can make a difference, get some publicity for Zonta, and maybe win some money!

I recently returned from a D-10 Board meeting with the Zonta Club of Central Oklahoma. Wow! They have put together a wonderful conference for us in October. Please talk it up with your club members, and find ways to have several of your members attend. It's much more fun when you get to share it with others. It's our time to recognize and celebrate all of the wonderful things you have been doing in your local clubs! You should have received the call to conference which was mailed earlier this month.

Speaking of celebrating your activities--**club reports are due by August 31, 2007**. These are the ones that you need to complete to get recognized for all your hard work. **Reports are due to Karon Lowe**, District Secretary. She will send them out to Committee Chairmen for scoring for awards at the Conference.

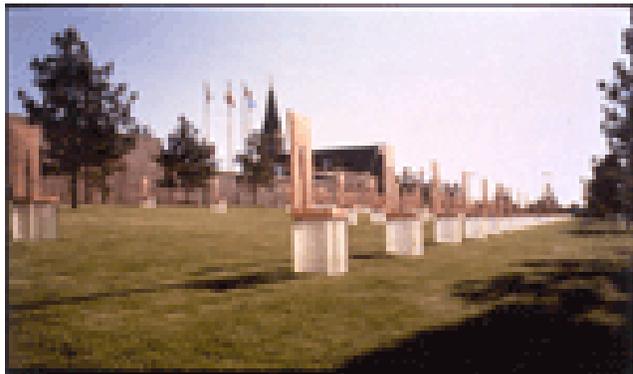
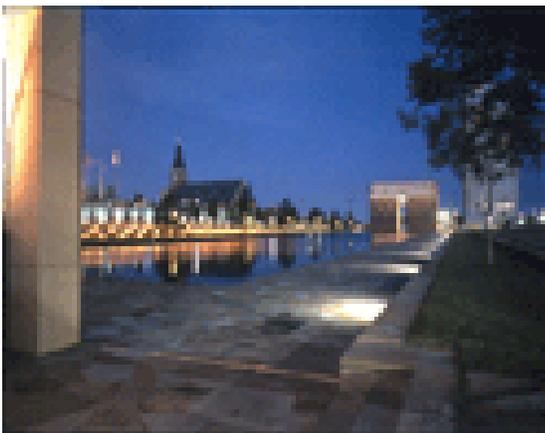
I want to close with a few commendations. First, accolades to our Nominating committee who has been working diligently to find candidates qualified

and eager to serve our District. If you are on the slate of officers I wish you well. Serving this District has been an honor and a joy for me. Finally, I must give a giant "thank you" to our membership and club leaders. I truly appreciate those of you with the "can do" attitude who have stepped up when needed, and often with out having to be asked. You are an amazing group with which to be associated!

Sharron



Save the date- October 19-21, 2007, and book your plane, train, or automobiles, and come to Oklahoma to get your "Kicks on Route 66"!



Host night event at the District 10 Conference includes an evening at the Oklahoma National Memorial and Museum shown in the pictures above. The **Oklahoma City National Memorial** is the largest memorial of its kind in the United States. It honors the victims, survivors, rescuers, and all who were changed by the Oklahoma City bombing on April 19, 1995. The memorial is located in downtown Oklahoma City on the former site of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building, which was destroyed in the 1995 bombing. Don't miss this inspirational event!

District 10 ranks **seventh** overall in giving as of June 30, 2007. (applause, ladies!) We have 11 months left in this biennium so we are on track to make our district goal. The most current figures available for the ZIF are summarized here.

Stats June 30, 2007	2006-08 Goal	2006-08 District Goal	YTD Dist 10	Percent Of District Goal YTD
International	\$1,500,000	22,719	15,319	67%
Rose	\$800,000	32,793	15,994	49%
AE	\$650,000	24,827	13788	56%
J Klausman	\$125,000	6,494	5141	79%
YWPA	\$150,000	5,603	5057	90%
ZISVAW	\$550,000	19,694	13648	69%
WHIPPI	\$30,000	1,496	1899	127%
Total all	\$3,805,000	\$113,626	\$72,372	64%

I have been in contact with many club presidents and other leaders in our district regarding our 100% individual giving challenge. I hope when you read my note that you know either from attending an area meeting or your club agenda that Governor Miles and I are challenging each of the 790 members of District 10 to give an individual contribution to the ZI foundation this biennium. Just imagine the impact if every member gives. For example a \$10 gift per member can fund an entire Amelia Earhart fellowship or make an even larger impact on the youth leadership or Jane Klausman scholarships. (And as the Governor says, an Andrew Jackson would be good too!)

Here are the clubs that are 100% so far: DFW, Fort Worth, La Fayette. Clubs that are gaining momentum are Brownsville, Central OK, Fort Smith, Houston, and Weatherford! Who in your club will be the champion for your 100% giving? The president of your club of course can provide leadership and if your club board jumps on board, I should be able to have the biggest

photo op ever at district conference. Several Presidents have written to me to say their board has resolved to make them a 100% individual giving club.

28 clubs receiving 100% individual giving awards....."priceless".

I hope you are visiting the ZI web site every week or so. I find many items that keep me proud to be a Zontian. Ideas and stories that amaze me about all the strong women I soldier with to raise the status of women. Collecting resources to fund ZI's services and programs is called development. This portion of the site puts this into perspective.

What is development? (from the ZI site)

Development is many things. It is:

- A building, a growing, the cultivation, and the accumulation of the resources an organization requires in order to achieve its mission.
- A science, an art, friend raising, fund raising, and the planned promotion of understanding, participation and support.

As always I am here to facilitate and help answer your foundation questions. Here is my e-mail contact information. barbara.yoder@cleburne.k12.tx.us Thank you ladies and gentlemen for your generous spirits! BE WELL and DO GOOD WORK!



We have entered the second year of our biennium, and our enthusiasm and energy continues to grow. Growth is the topic of this article and from my conversations with clubs in District 10, there is an undercurrent of excitement. For instance, new clubs in formation in District 10 include The Zonta Club of Greater East Texas, a club on the verge of receiving their charter acknowledgement from ZI. They are a diverse group of 20 or 21 energetic women who have been meeting for several months and are planning service projects, fundraisers, attendance at conference in Oklahoma City and a charter dinner.

Unless you try to do something beyond what you have already mastered, you will never grow.

The Zonta Club of Seguin has been granted permission to pursue organizing a new club in Gonzales. If you know anyone in Gonzales, please email their club president, Linda Duncan. The Seguin club has also added 9 new members to their roster as of the end of May.

Hillsboro is also on the agenda for pursuing a new club after the fall semester is in swing at Hill College. There is already a Golden Z Club at Hill College, and now there is a faculty member who is really excited about the prospect of a Zonta Club.

A Zing will be held on October 11 at Under the Texas Sun in Marshall, Texas. All of you will be invited. This is a wine shop featuring Texas wines and is owned by two young women from Marshall. Check out their website, www.underthetexasun.net. We still hope to charter a club for women in Jefferson and Marshall, and this will be a perfect venue for attracting women from that area. They have offered a free wine tasting and will extend the invitation to their mailing list. How good is that?

The Zonta Club of Ft. Worth will be featured in a local newspaper, and believe it or not, the reporter is a former Z Club member from the Longview High School Z Club. Their recent meeting was a shot in the arm for them and several prospects attended. Their momentum is gaining!

Now I want to share thoughts from our Zonta International membership chairmen with their contributions from "Membership Matters". From Glene Harding, ZI OMC Chairman, thanks to all of you who participated in the Membership Survey last year. Results are close to completion by the survey vendor and should be available by the end of September. The publication date is later than hoped because of the overwhelming

response – over 10,000 participated, which represents 1/3 of the total membership of ZI. All districts and all larger countries were well represented in the survey which will mean more significant and actionable results.

District 18 Conference in Lagos, Nigeria addressed the question "How to Make ZONTA Attractive to Young Members?" Here are their thoughts: Meetings must be well planned, time management must be brought into play: **less talk and more action!** Further provoking questions included "Why did you join Zonta?" Women of District 18 felt delighted being regarded as qualified to join this club of well-recognized ladies in their town. The following suggestions were offered: mentoring of new members, leadership qualities of officers, networking opportunities—all were thought essential to attractive young women to Zonta. Regular training, local service projects, accessible meeting places also encourage individual support to new, younger members. Participants agreed that loyalty and respect between leaders and members, and sensitivity and friendship offered to new members are of fundamental importance. Most important: allow the younger members to speak!

We talk of recruiting members, but the emphasis should be on **"Recruit to Retain"**, with comments from Maxelyn Tudman, Chairman of ZI OMC Recruiting Subcommittee. She compares recruiting a new member for Zonta to recruiting a new employee. If that member or employee is lost, you will realize the cost of appointing the wrong person. How do local clubs look at recruiting quality candidates? Do we just persuade them to join without asking them what Zonta will mean to them? Attrition in the first 4 years of membership in Zonta is 49%: nearly half of our new members leave within the first 4 years of membership. We must reduce this attrition rate by asking the following commitments:

- Attend club, board and committee meetings
- Take leadership roles in the future
- Support projects, particularly fundraising
- Other financial obligations, such as dues, attendance at functions, selling tickets, and time commitments
- New ideas for the club
- Zonta International Foundation

This may be the time to re-look and re-think our recruiting processes!

Commitment is a binding, but happy, response to duty. It is at once peaceful yet compelling, for it obligates one to action. It is essential to the good life. It is doing what everyone can do.

See you all in Oklahoma City at District Conference. You will miss a fabulous weekend if you stay at home to watch a football game on TV.

Zonta Club of Central Oklahoma

Empower Students Honored at Luncheon

Members of the Zonta Club of Central Oklahoma congratulated graduates of the Rose State Empower and Empower Works programs, designed to assist disadvantaged women who have been on State assistance to obtain new jobs. The club has assisted women in the program throughout the past year, purchasing haircuts at the local beauty college, providing clothing and toiletries, and donating school supplies. Three graduates of the program, *Ms. Ruth Alferos*, *Ms. Deanna Field*, and *Ms. Carolyn Webster*, told their stories, which were full of inspiration and overcoming hardships. The club will continue to assist the Empower programs this next year as well.



L-R, President Judy Kautz, Carolyn Webster, Service Co-Chair Diana Furst, Deanna Field, Mary Bishop, Ruth Alferos, Pam Emmons, Sharon Hebert, Pres Elect Tiffany Smith, and Director Sue Tytgat celebrate at the Empower luncheon. Ms Webster, Ms Field, and Ms. Alferos are all graduates of the program.

COK Club Recognizes Jane M. Klausmann Recipient
Shayla James, a local Oklahoma City resident, won the Jane M. Klausmann scholarship for the Zonta Club of Central Oklahoma. Shayla is a current student at Oklahoma Christian University, studying Chinese and Business. She plans to get her MBA in China, through OCU's program there. Although both District 10 and the club do not offer scholarship money, Shayla, if she wins at District, has an opportunity to go on to International where she would be able to win \$5,000 if selected. Her mother is a single parent raising her high school aged brother, and her father died while she was in high school. All of us in Central Oklahoma are proud of Shayla and wish her the best in future competitions and in her studies.



Scholarship Chair Pam Emmons (right) shares Jane M. Klausmann club winner Shayla James' many accomplishments with the Central Oklahoma club at the June meeting. Shayla is studying Chinese and Business at Oklahoma Christian University.

Central Oklahoma Club Prepares for District 10 Conference

Central Oklahoma club steering committee and members are busily preparing for the District 10 Conference to be held in Oklahoma City Oct 18-21. District members will be receiving their Call to Conference packets very soon. COK ladies have plans for a fabulous conference...don't miss it!



(L-R) Area 1 Director Janis Wood, Conference Co-Chair Tiffany Smith, Theresa Farris, Peggy Beabout, Rhoda Brown, Conference Co-Chair Sharon Hebert, and President Judy Kautz assemble the Call to Conference packet for the District 10 Conference. Let us know if you have not received yours!

Zonta Club of Dallas

Jan Robinson, Connie Steirstorfer, and Kaleta Doolin attended the Third Women's Peace Conference held in downtown Dallas. Kaleta reports that her experience was a wonderful peaceful high feeling as she walked away. She attended several workshops and two of the major events. Jan and Kaleta sat together to hear Kaleta's old

classmate and childhood friend, **Swanee Hunt**. **Bill Clinton** appointed her in 1993 as Ambassador to Vienna where she helped with survivors of the massacre in Srebrenica in Bosnia. After her return to the U.S., she began teaching at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard. In 1997 she co-created their Women in Public Policy Program. Among her graduates are many women presidents.

Zonta Club of DFW



Our May Member Awards Dinner & 07- 08 Board Installation at Hilton DFW Lakes was LOTS of fun! Members received fun awards & gifts, appreciation certificates, and board recognition certificates. We surprised our Charter President with a dozen beautiful roses. Our new board was installed for the 07-08 year! Congratulations to our new board: **President Dottie Nicholson**, **Vice President Bill Carey**, **Treasurer Sylvia Hicks**, **Secretary Sue Murray**, **Director Adrienne Garcia-O'Malley & Advisor Chantal Carey**, **Nominating Committee Chantal Carey (Chairman) & Sue Murray**. We were visited by our District Governor **Sharron Miles** & our District Zonta International Foundation Ambassador **Barbara Yoder**. **We hit our goal of 100% individual giving to ZIF being the first in Area 1 to accomplish this! Yea, ZDFW!**



D10 ZIF ambassador Barbara Yoder, Charter President Chantal Carey, and D10 Governor Sharron Miles



*Back, L-R: Secretary Sue Murray, Dir Katy Turner, Dir Adrienne Garcia-O'Malley
Front, L-R: Treasurer Sylvia Hicks, President Dottie Nicholson, VP Bill Carey*

Chantal attended the May Zonta Club of Johnson County Inter-City which was a celebration of the year closing and installation of their new board at the Ridgmar Neiman Marcus Café! It was fun to see Zontians from other clubs. Congratulations to ZC of JC.

On May 24 Bill & Chantal attended **Sue Murray's** Open House at her new business location. She has a beautifully functional educational center in Las Collinas. Congratulations to Sue for all your successes!



ZDFW 07-08 Secretary Sue Murray, CEO of EDUCORP

On May 25 Sue & Chantal were able to enjoy a visit with ZI OMC Chairman Glenne Harding as she had let Chantal know she would be in town and would like to meet us. She congratulated us on our success saying it takes 5 years to get a club balanced and we were doing a great job! (Go team ZDFW go! Yea, ZDFW!)



L-R: Chantal Carey, Sec Sue Murray, and ZI OMC Chair Glenne Harding

Our May club service project was our 5th Tuesday Supper Club at the Samaritan House in Ft. Worth. It was a fulfilling event led by Chairman **Bill Carey**. Thanks go to the ZCFTW members assisting. Bill also had the opportunity to tour the gardens there.

Our Charter President **Chantal Carey** really got the ball rolling and the new board plans to keep the momentum up. This month alone e-mails were sent out asking for help with a Girl Scout problem. An organization wanted to set up a rehab facility next to a Girl Scout camp in Dallas. This would have housed young men between the ages 18-25. The request was for letters and support at the City Council meeting that next Thursday. With a lot of help the plans for the facility were denied. The Girl Scouts won. We do hope that the Rehab center finds a suitable place to help these young men out, just not next to a camp for young girls. ZDFW Potential Member

Information Session and Annual Member Planning & Training Dinner & ZDFW Birthday Celebration was Tuesday, June 19th at 6:30 pm at the Hilton DFW Lakes in Grapevine, TX. We had potential members there as well as our “Dinner for a Senior” recipient for the month.



VP Bill Carey & Senior Dinner Recipient Helen Baker

JUNE Service Projects/Fundraisers were: continuing selling Genesis Women’s Shelter cookbooks & Z Bands, collecting donations for August School Supplies project, Senior Dinner project and member training.

ZDFW’s Potential Member Information Session, Event Planning, & Training Dinner was Tuesday, July 17th at Hilton DFW Lakes. New potential members were present with one joining that night! Welcome **Jackie Sears!**



Newest ZDFW Jackie Sears

July Service Projects/Fundraisers were: continuing selling Genesis Women’s Shelter cookbooks & Z Bands, collecting donations for August School Supplies project, member training and the Samaritan House 5th Tuesday Supper Club. Thanks to our Fort Worth Club friends assisting in this 5th Tuesday event.

Zonta Club of Fort Smith

New Zonta Year Starts Off with a Zing!

That’s *zing!* instead of *bang!* because the Zonta Club of Fort Smith actually held a true Zing -- a meeting/party at which we share the exciting world of Zonta with new prospective members. The energy in the room, due to the fabulous power-point of our past year by Treasurer **Linda Teague** and the great discussions of our programs

and activities was . . . amazing!

“We actually had intended to benefit our existing members by taking a fresh look at what we are all about,” says President **Sheryl Flanagan**. “But we had seven guests, and out of those seven, three have already decided to join us.”

After the business portion, the meeting featured rotating tables that covered different aspects of our local Zonta activities. Members discussed new ideas concerning our involvement with the Girls Shelter, Girls Inc., Girl Scouts, Breast Cancer Awareness, Crisis Center for Women, Girls State, Heart Association, Suits for Success, Partners in Education Career Event, Single Parent Scholarship Fund, Fountain of Youth Adult Day Center, Rose Day, ZISVAW (Zonta International Strategies to Eradicate Violence Against Women) and Membership.

Guests to the meeting included a Literacy Specialist with the local public school system, a Hispanic Liaison Officer of a bank, an administrative assistant of a large local company, two staff members of the Crisis Center for Women, an executive director of a new Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center, and a director of an adult day center.

The Zonta Club of Fort Smith calendar for 07-08 provides much for us to look forward to, with great programs and speakers for our meetings, quarterly dinners, First Wednesday lunches, and all of our meaningful service projects.



Members and guests sit at one of four discussion tables at the July 16 meeting.



From left, new member Nancy Moon, guest Grissa Schmitz,

and member JoAnn Gedosh enjoy refreshments before the meeting.



Linda Teague becomes inducted as treasurer by Sheryl Flanagin, president.



Guest Mary Mastin visits with Membership Chair and Club Secretary Kim Vann.



Beverly Stites-Jones, left, retired Magistrate Judge, receives formal member induction by President Sheryl Flanagin.



Above, member Tracy Day looks for a dollar at the prompting of 50--50 Chair Dolores Chitwood, standing, while guest Keley Simpson and member Karen Ford visit. Our meetings conclude with a lucky winner taking home half the 50-50 proceeds.

Zonta Club of Fort Worth

Zonta Club of Fort Worth – An Exciting 80th Year Ahead

The Zonta Club of Fort Worth is entering its 80th year with tremendous excitement and is anticipating new opportunities for growth and the development of its members and programs.

At the June planning meeting, which was held at Phyllis Worrell's house, Club President Connie Stierstorfer announced that club membership grew by 10% over last year. "We are so excited by the success of our efforts over the last year that we want to keep the momentum going by providing an exciting calendar of events, publicizing our 80th anniversary and encouraging each member to spread the word and bring guests to every meeting, fundraiser and event."

In order to build more cooperation and synergy with other clubs in the area, Connie urged each member to find out about other clubs and make an effort to attend their meetings and events.

The Club will hold its very popular annual Quarters Auction on September 15th at the University Christian Church across from TCU. The event will have a western theme and will include a barbecue dinner catered by a local restaurant. Last year, approximately 125 people attended the auction. Proceeds will go to service funds.

In October, the club will hold a garage sale with items donated by the members. A limited number of booths are also available to be rented to other vendors. The event will be held at the parking lot of MNM Enterprises in Fort Worth.

November will ramp up the excitement with a full-page article about the Club appearing in the *Fort Worth Texas* magazine. The extra publicity will generate lots of interest as the Club celebrates with its 80th Anniversary and Style Show at the Ridglea Country Club. There will be a silent auction, lunch and a fashion show featuring the Coldwater Creek clothing line. Invitations will go

out to the Fort Worth mayor and local press.

The Jean Boenker Christmas Party will be held in December to benefit local girls and the Club approved two new \$100 scholarships to be awarded at the annual Status of Women Banquet in April.

The Zonta Club of Fort Worth would like to issue an open invitation to all the area clubs and members to attend its meetings and participate in each of its events.

Zonta Club of Johnson County



On August 16 we had the opportunity to showcase the high caliber of women who are Zontians. Colonel **Judy Kautz**, Zontian from the Zonta Club of Central Oklahoma, was the guest speaker for our joint meeting with the Rotary Club. Colonel Kautz was commissioned through Officer Training School in 1977, serving in the United States Air Force for over 25 years. She has held a variety of positions in aircraft maintenance,

acquisition logistics, supply, and logistics management, including command of two squadrons. Her duty assignments have included such locations as Australia,

New York, Washington, California, Oklahoma, and Texas. Of particular note was her assignment to Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland, where she was managed logistics support for Air Force 1, Air Force 2, and the rest of the Nation's distinguished visitor fleet. She was selected as an Outstanding Young Woman of America twice.



The Zonta Club of Johnson County is hosting a community Spelling BEE on September 26. The BEE benefits Zonta programs –specifically literacy programs in Johnson County. Local businesses will be asked to sponsor a team for \$300

which includes lunch for three spellers and eight supporters. Additional tickets are \$12. Corporate team will be listed in promotional ads and in a program distributed at the luncheon. Each team is encouraged to bring a cheering squad. A Spirit Stick will be awarded to the team with the loudest and best dressed cheering squad. There will also be an audience spell for \$5.00 each. Plan now to participate!

Zonta Club of Houston**Zonta Club of Lafayette**

The Zonta Club of Lafayette installed new officers and board members at the May 7, 2007 meeting held at Alesi's Italian Restaurant.

PresidentElizabeth "Libby" Angelle
Vice President.....Lisa LeBlanc
SecretaryKaty Yates
TreasurerJudy Stelly
DirectorMary Ann Wilson
DirectorMargaret "Maggie" Warren
DirectorMary Farmer- Kaiser

Monthly service donation was floral arrangements for residents of local nursing home—to be delivered on Mother's Day.

June 4 and August 6 meetings were held at First Lutheran Church school cafeteria and were devoted to planning our upcoming year, service projects, fundraising and approving the budget. We recruited a new member at the August meeting. She will be inducted at the September meeting. Our service project for August was paper goods for Faith House, a local shelter for battered women and their children. We did not meet in July."

Zonta Club of Shreveport

The **Zonta Club of Shreveport** has had a busy summer. Our June Business Meeting was our **Annual Picnic** and this year was held at **Chris Pastilong's** home. This was also our Officer Installation Dinner. **Kayleen Kill**, our Area 2 Director, was wonderful to come and perform the installation. As she did so, she distributed yellow roses to each officer and board member installed. Our 2007-2008 officers and board members are:

Officers

President – **Sue Kirkland**
1st Vice President – **Julie Stackhaus**
2nd Vice President – **Katherin Aulds**
Treasurer – **Janice Blount**
Corresponding Secretary – **Aliene Hennigan**
Recording Secretary – **Ruth Strozier**

Board Members – 2007-08

Nancy Guin
Marsha Millican
Terri Catlett

Board Members – 2006-08

Bernice Cauble
Jeanette Miller
Cathleen Johnson

Our July Business Meeting was held at our new Hands-On-Service Project, **LifeHouse for Women**. We were welcomed by Executive Director **James Hoover**, and his enthusiasm for his new rescue mission was contagious! LifeHouse is a non-profit faith-based transitional program for women in recovery. This is a residential and outpatient program for single women in recovery from substance abuse and women returning to society from prison. They hope to start accepting residents by the end of the year, and our club plans to start a mentoring program, as well as providing them with the donation of some basic needs items. We had a tour of the building and a complete overview of their plans.

In August, our Business Meeting was a "covered dish" dinner at the home of **Sue Kirkland**. This was also our "**Woman of the Year**" Dinner. Our worthy recipient this year was a member of our club, **Janice Blount**. She has been a Zontian since 1990, and served as our club president in 1993 and 1994. She has held various club positions and is currently our club treasurer. Janice works many long hours for Zonta, especially during our annual fundraiser – our Antique Show & Sale – when she takes charge of the kitchen duties. Her service includes the Caddo Council on Aging and Dress for Success among many. For the past three summers, Janice has volunteered at the "ISM" (I'm Still Me) Percy R. Johnson Burn Camp. She works as a counselor at this camp for burn victims. Janice says she enjoys the camp because, "It does your heart good to see the kids be themselves and not worry about their scars." The Zonta Club of Shreveport is indeed fortunate to have Janice Blount as a member.

Zonta Club of San Antonio

The Zonta Club of San Antonio selected two recipients for our Jane M. Klausman scholarships. The first recipient was **Valjean Woock-Cox**, who attended our June membership meeting. **Valarie Spiser-Albert** performed the presentation of the scholarship to **Valjean. Rubina Says** is out of the country this summer and will be presented her scholarship at a future meeting.

During June, July and August, the speakers at our membership meeting have presented very interesting and informative programs. In June, **Jane Macon**, attorney-at-law, gave an inspirational presentation on her trip to the Building Bridges – Breaking Walls conference in Jordan. This conference was sponsored by the International Women's Forum and **Queen Renia Al Abdullah** of Jordan. Ms. Macon showed us a number of pictures taken in Jordan and the surrounding area. She spoke about her experiences with the International Women's Forum and at this conference. In July, **Susan Malcik**, a Foreign Service Office Management Specialist in the U.S. Department of State and **Donna Wiley's** sister-in-law, spoke on "An Embassy Insider's Reflections on Kabul". Her talk about life for the Afghan women, and life in the embassy was brought to life by her slide presentation. The embassy workers had fun doing "hooch" crawls on the time off. In August, **Sue Barse** spoke on long-term care and her program was titled "Is There a Hole in Your Financial Plan".



The Zonta Club of San Antonio attended their first social outing for the 2007 – 2008 year. Members and guests of the Zonta Club of San Antonio convened at the Cameo Theater in downtown San Antonio to watch *Menopause The Musical* on Sunday afternoon, July 29. Twenty members and guests attended the social outing. The musical takes place in Bloomingdales, NYC and revolves around the Power Woman, Soap Star, Earth Mother and Iowa Housewife. Everyone laughed throughout the entire show which was accented with tunes from the 60' and 70's. At the end, women were encouraged to join the cast on stage and were presented with buttons stating "**I've Changed! Menopause The Musical**". **Valarie Spiser-Albert** and **Donna Wiley** had a great time on stage with the cast and other women!

Donna Wiley and **Amy Hone** attended the North American Seminar: A Time To Grow – In Leadership and Membership June 22 – 24 at the Detroit Marriott and Eagle Crest Conference Center. Amy Hone presented an outstanding speech on membership recruiting. The other workshops were very informative and the event was a great networking opportunity, with other North American clubs, and also the District 10 members that were present!



District 10 attendees to the conference include (L-R): Sharon Hebert (Central Oklahoma), Mary Frances Gardner (New Orleans), Lt Gov Danita Utsman (Longview), Gov Sharron Miles (Johnson County), Amy Hone (San Antonio), Donna Wiley (San Antonio), Judy Kautz (Central Oklahoma), Dar Kurtz (Johnson County), and Janis Wood (Central Oklahoma)

DISTRICT 10 YWPA WINNER COMPETE'S FOR INTERNATIONAL AWARD

Twenty-six applicants from 13 countries will be considered in the final selection for the five US\$1000 International Awards. Our District 10 YWPA winner, Hope Ellis McFarland, will compete for this award. Hope McFarland of Keithville, LA is an 18 year old junior at Caddo Magnet High School in Shreveport, LA. Hope is pursuing a career in the field of Journalism and one of her life goals is to be a part of changing the world one story at a time. Hope created a program called the A.B.C.'s of Self-Esteem in which she has encouraged hundreds of girls to **Accept** themselves for who they are, **Believe** in themselves and their ability to achieve their goals, and **Convince** themselves they can do it, they can achieve their dreams. Hope is very active in the Literacy programs in her community. A very talented young lady, Hope shows her dedication to improving the status of women through her volunteerism in the community.

The Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA) Award was created to recognize young women for the following: Commitment to volunteerism, Volunteer leadership achievements, and Dedication to the advancement of the status of women.

Since 1990, more than 400 awards have been given to women representing more than 45 countries. Jan O'Brien, Coordinator for the Young Women in Public Affairs Subcommittee, and District 10 Chairman, Kathy Coleman of Zonta Club of Fort Smith, encourage each club to contact local high schools to solicit applicants. Our goal is to double both the number of clubs submitting applicants and the number of participants in each club for the coming year.

<u>Dates to Remember:</u>		
<u>2007</u>		
August	15	Klausman Women In Business International Scholarships district candidates due to ZI
September	15	Early Bird Registration for District 10 Conference
October		Klausman Women In Business International Scholarships international recipients announced
	3	Deadline for Hotel registration for the District 10 Conference
	18-21	ZI District 10 Conference, Oklahoma City, OK
	24	United Nations Day
November	8	Zonta International Day
	15	Amelia Earhart Fellowships applications due
	25	International Day for the elimination of Violence Against Women
	25-Dec 10	16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence

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More information about each candidate is included in the President's packet for the District 10 Conference.