

DISTRICT 10
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Governor's Message

Hello Zontians! It is hard to believe February is coming to a close and we have had such a mild winter. Spring definitely seems as if it is just around the corner. With spring, comes our Area Meetings! What a great opportunity for us to learn more about Zonta as well as share our club initiatives for membership, legislative awareness, fundraising, etc. Sharing our successes and yes, even sharing our "not-so-successes", often spurs new ideas. I'd like to emphasize that area meetings are not just for training of incoming club officers. It is a workshop opportunity to learn more about Zonta — at Club, District and International levels. Great opportunities to invite a friend for exposure to the wonderful and unique world of Zonta!

Beyond the Area meetings, the 61st Zonta International Convention in Torino, Italy is just around



Governor Janis Wood
 Zonta Club of Central Oklahoma

the corner. Early registration is open now until 1 April. We currently have the District 10 Raffle open—we are doing sales electronically since the drawing will be held before the area meetings. Please see the D10 website for information. You may contact District Treasurer **Carolyn Smith** via e-mail from the website to let her know your check is on the way. Raffle tickets are \$100 and depending on sales, you may receive up to \$3500 reimbursement for registration, travel and lodging. Many clubs purchase a ticket to fund their delegate! The winning

ticket is transferable to another District 10 Zontian if you are unable to go.

Zonta International Slate of Candidates has been released. **Sally Rankin**, Zonta Club of Houston, is on the slate for International Director. Way to go, Sally! We are proud of you!

We are trying to link up all D10 Zontians that will be attending ZI Convention thru the website. If you are going, please let **Judy Kautz**, webmaster know so you can be part of the group plans. Also, if you need a roommate, we will try to link up other D10 Zontians. Our District 10 Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, 7 July, so please remember this date when making your travel plans. ZI President, Pres-Elect, and Liaison, Sonja will join us. Great photo opportunity!

Couple of Zonta International points from the ZI

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Governor Continued

January Board meeting—Our Zonta trademark has been registered in the US and EU (27 countries)! What does this mean for our work? In the future, wherever Zontians produce documents such as business cards, letterheads, brochures, etc, the logo must include the tiny “r”—®. I will share more information when the logo with the trademark is ready for use. It will be made available on Zonta.org website.

One final note on Zonta International Foundation – D10 is doing extremely well in club and individual donations. We are close to achieving the number one goal of 100% of D10 club

donating to ZI. Also this biennium we have increased the number of individual givers and several clubs are working hard to be recognized at convention for 100% of their club members donating to ZI. We are in great shape to end the biennium in the top 10 so let's finish strong! I certainly don't want to steal Foundation Ambassador, Barbara Yoder's thunder, as I know her newsletter article provides additional details, but I want to thank you again for your generosity.

See you at the area meetings!

Yours in Zonta Service,
Janis

Celebrate Zonta Rose Day — March 8



The beauty of a single yellow rose has been a favorite Zonta symbol for decades. The yellow rose has adorned many Zonta items from stationery to clothing, and has been used in many charter and anniversary celebrations.

The Zonta Rose is much more than a lovely flower. Since 1999, it has served as the symbol of Zonta Rose Day, which falls on March 8 and coincides with International Women's Day (IWD). International Women's Day is a global celebration of the progress made towards achieving real equality for women in all aspects of life. It is an opportunity for us all to reflect on the achievements of the past and to prepare for the challenges that lie

ahead as we continue and strengthen our efforts to improve the lives of women around the world. On this special Day, Zontians worldwide are encouraged to publicly distribute yellow roses, or items bearing the image of yellow roses, accompanied by information about Zonta International and issues relating to improving the lives of women.

In a letter from ZI President Dianne Curtis, she encouraged us as districts, clubs and individual Zontians to celebrate IWD and Zonta Rose Day in a meaningful way in our community. Plan a service project to commemorate the occasion; invite a friend or colleague to learn more about Zonta membership; or make a donation to the Zonta International Foundation to support and sustain Zonta's service and advocacy efforts worldwide. However you decide to celebrate, she hopes that you will continue to support ZI service and advocacy efforts that ensure a better future for women and girls worldwide.

Organization, Membership, and Classification



Lt. Gov. Donna Dodgen
Zonta Club of Seguin

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS!

The Zonta International biennium goal is to increase membership to 33,000 members worldwide. As of January 31, 2012 we have 30,371 active members in 1,203 active clubs. There were three new clubs chartered in the month of January: one in District 6 Area 1, another in District 13 Area 3, and the last in District 26 Area 2. There were no disbanded clubs in the month of January 2012. **All good news—membership is on the rise!** Thanks for all the hard work! District 10 saw a 19.23% decline in one year BUT now we are at a 8.83% decline which translates into a 10% improvement...WAY TO GO! Our goal remains; a net increase of 1 new member per club which translates to 23 new members! We can do this and the numbers show we are on our way. I am aware of several clubs that

have had or are having membership events. There are many ways to recruit members, a club does not have to have an event, personal contact and relationships bring in members too!!!

The Zontian is continuing to look for submissions on membership successes. The clubs in District 10 are doing great things, go to the website and submit your success. Other Zonta clubs could use your ideas just as we can use theirs.

E-clubs and electronic meetings are going to be a bylaw topic at the Convention in Torino. Previously ZI had advised us that they wanted to establish e-Clubs but to do so require a bylaw change thus authorization in the bylaws. I look for lots of changes in the membership area in the coming biennium so the bylaw session(s) at convention should be FUN!

The e-NEWSLETTER is full of good information and has a membership highlight section. I encourage each of you to read the e-NEWSLETTER as it is a quick and timely update for us. If you do not receive the e-NEWSLETTER, visit the Member Resource section on the ZI website and update your member profile.

As continued reminders!

Keep in mind the Zonta International Membership Incentive Program which is to successfully recruit two or more new members

between 1 June 2010 and 31 May 2012, and receive special recognition. Instructions and forms are available at www.zonta.org. Also, the new Club Achievement Checklist on the ZI website is an opportunity to be recognized at the International Convention as well as aid each club in assessing their strengths and limitations. We can help our other Zonta clubs by recommending a qualified friend, family member, or colleague by using the Prospective Member Referral Form on the Zonta International website – www.zonta.org. Use our new social media sources of Facebook, Flickr, LinkedIn, Twitter and YouTube to tell friends and colleagues about Zonta!

Zonta International is also asking: Are you a former Z or Golden Z club member who is now a Zontian? And if so, The International Z Club and Golden Z Club Committee is looking for you. Please send your name, the name of your current Zonta club and a brief story about why you joined Zonta to pr@zonta.org. Include how your membership in The Z Club and/or Golden Z club impacted your life and why did you choose to later become a member of Zonta International. These submissions may be used later on the ZI website or in a Zonta publication.

I hope to see everyone at the Area meeting and then onto Torino!!!!!!

Zonta International Foundation

**Barbara Yoder, , Zonta Club of Johnson County,
Foundation Ambassador**

Foundation contributions reached a significant milestone both internationally and in District 10 as of the January 31st report date. Total giving internationally topped \$3,355,319. This means that at 83% of the biennium that we collectively need about \$400,000 to make the total goal of 3.7 million. Many districts will have area meetings this spring. This fact can be celebrated and of course it is another opportunity to make an extra gift to support ZI's programs and services.

District 10 has now surpassed their 2008-10 giving total of \$133,064. Our district has contributed \$138,154 as of January 31, 2012. We remain in the top 10 districts! Twenty-one of our twenty-two clubs have contributed at least once this biennium. Another cool statistic is that we are number 4 of all districts in the percent of members participating in individual giving. This translates to more than \$42,000 given by individuals....a big thanks! Below are the totals per area for this biennium.

Area 1	\$63,219
Area 2	\$36,745
Area 3	\$37,533

If you or your club makes a gift to honor or remember a special individual or event this spring, both the AE and JK are falling behind in their goals at 53% and 67% respectively. These funds are dear to many in District 10.

Some reminders:

- 1) Please go the ZI web site and see the wonderful updates on International Service and ZISVAW projects.
- 2) Don't forget your club can be honored at convention if 100% of your members have made an individual gift this biennium.
- 3) There is someone in your group that can champion this 100% project! The forms are easy to print or donate on line! I have heard from 4 clubs that have a solid plan to achieve 100% giving.

I so look forward to see everyone at Area Meetings! Thank you for your Zonta passion and understanding that action is needed on your part to raise the status of women world-wide. Respectfully,
Barbara Yoder

Z-Club/Golden Z Update

By Barbara Yoder



It is that time of year to put two things in the minds of all Z and Golden

Z sponsors and members. The Emma Conlin Award is due to Zonta International the last of April. The form is on the international site and is a good inventory of club service. Clubs can write about their service to their school, community and international.

The second item is to round up those young women to apply for the Sara Metcalf district scholarship. This can be found on the District 10 web site.

Don't let these monies go unclaimed or let the opportunity go by to let international know about all the service being done by our mentored clubs! If you need help email me!

Barbara Yoder

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WWW.ZONTADISTRICT10.ORG

By **Judy Kautz, Zonta Club of Central Oklahoma, District Webmaster and District 10 Parliamentarian**

The District 10 webpage continues to grow and improve. You can find real-time information on the site, most recently the Area 2 Call to Meeting. Regular calendar updates are input with information gleaned from your club newsletters. I welcome emails from your clubs on your upcoming activities, and I will gladly post them on our webpage calendar.

Photos from the District 10 Conference continue to be a challenge to upload. I am exploring different programs to see which ones will provide ease of viewing and downloading, and I hope to have the photo section up and running soon.

Our Facebook page and group has regular updates with information on District 10 activities. Just use the search box on Facebook for Zonta District 10 and “like” us so you can get regular updates.

These are your websites, maintained for your use. If there is something you’d like to see added, please contact the webmaster@zontadistrict10.org.

Delegates Pass ERA Resolution at Conference

By **Sheryl Flanagin, Zonta Club of Fort Smith, Area I Director**

At the 64th District 10 Conference, voting delegates unanimously passed the Resolution to Support Ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution.

Upon advice of District 10 liaison **Sonja Honig Schough** and District 10 By-laws and Resolution Chairman **Kayleen Kill**, the resolution submitted by Zonta Club of Fort Smith was amended to limit the resolution to District 10. The passed resolution reads as follows:

Be it resolved therefore that District 10 Zonta International supports the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution. Zonta clubs in District 10 are encouraged to prepare for effective advocacy by informing themselves about the Equal Rights Amendment and to make serious efforts to support the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment in order to advance the status of women in the United States.

The current wording of the ERA, first written by Alice Paul in 1923 and proposed Senator Curtis and Representative Anthony (a nephew of Susan B. Anthony), was adopted in 1943.

“Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or any state on account of sex.”

In 1972 both houses of Congress passed the amendment and sent it to the states for ratification. Three-fourths of the states (38) are required. By 1977, thirty-five states had ratified. The deadline for ratification was extended to 1982, but no additional states ratified. Today, the fifteen states yet to ratify are **Arkansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana**, Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Missouri, South Carolina, North Carolina, Arizona, Nevada, Utah, Illinois, and Virginia.

Efforts continue on the national and state levels to achieve ratification. March 22 marks the 40th anniversary of the passage of the ERA in Congress.

District 10 Jane M. Klausman

Women in Business Scholarship Awarded

By Connie Stierstorfer, Zonta Club of Fort Worth, District 10 JMK Scholarship

The Jane M. Klausman (JMK) Women in Business Scholarship program was established to encourage women to enter careers and to seek leadership positions in business-related fields.

The JMK scholarship application for 2012 is now available on the Zonta International (ZI) website. The deadline to submit an application to a club in our District is set by each club individually, so contact the club in your area to find out their deadline.

Club level:

- Each club selects one application to send to their District Evaluation committee
- Some clubs provide money awards on the club level

District level:

- The District Evaluation committee selects a district recipient from the applications received from the clubs within the district
- \$1,000 & a certificate is awarded to the District recipient by ZI Foundation
- \$1,000 & a certificate is also awarded to the District recipient by District 10

International level:

- ZI Foundations selects 12 recipients from the applications received from the District recipients.
- \$5,000 & a certificate is awarded to the 12 recipients by ZI Foundation

Who is eligible?

Any woman undertaking a business and/or business-related program at an accredited university/college/institute and living or studying in a Zonta region/district, in at least the second year of an undergraduate program through the final year of a Master's program at the time the application is submitted to the district, may be considered for the Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship. Previous Jane M. Klausman recipients may not apply to renew the Scholarship for a second year.

Please help us get the word out about this Scholarship to woman in your area.

District 10 Young Women in Public Affairs

By Donna Wiley, Zonta Club of San Antonio, District 10 YWPA Scholarship

YWPA Scholarship Application Deadline Reminder

As the deadline to submit your club's YWPA application is fast approaching, here are just a few reminders regarding the 2012 YWPA Awards:

- Deadline to submit applications for District Award is Saturday, **March 31, 2012.**

Send applications to:

Donna Wiley

YWPAChair@Zontadistrict10.org

or wileyd@sbcglobal.net

Mailing address: 9022 Rio Sedona DM, Hel-

otes, TX 78023

- Information, applications and related forms can be found on the Zonta International website, www.Zontainternational.org.
- Please advise your applicants to limit essay responses to the word limit indicated on the application form. Please forward the applications to me for District 10 judging. I will forward the selected winner to the District 10 Governor by May 1, 2012.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns regarding the YWPA Awards. I'll look forward to receiving your club's application.



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**Advancing the Status of Women
Worldwide**

Zonta International is a global organization of executives and professionals working together to advance the status of women worldwide through service and advocacy.

ZI District 10 is comprised of clubs in five states: Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas.



Dates to Remember:

2012

- 2/3 2012-2014 Governor's Orientation
- 2/25 Articles due to editor for February D10 Newsletter**
- 3/8 International Women's Day/Zonta Rose Day
- 3/31 Area 2 Meeting, Zonta Club of GET, Longview, TX
- 3/31 ZI Convention early registration ends
- 4/21 Area 1 Meeting, Zonta Club of Parker County, Weatherford, TX
- 5/5 Area 3 Meeting, Zonta Club of Seguin, Seguin, TX
- 5/20 Articles due to editor for May D10 Newsletter**
- 7/7-23 ZI Convention, Torino, Italy