



# ZONTA INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 10

Advancing the status of women worldwide through service and advocacy



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## District 10 Newsletter

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**Welcome to the new biennium! What a privilege to belong to an organization that makes a difference in the lives of women around the world!**

**Your district board is working diligently to establish goals and plans for this next two years, and that includes participating with you in your events and special club activities. We want to be present when**

**you celebrate, when you have fund-raising events and when you serve your local communities. Be sure to let us know what you have planned, and we will make every effort to have at least one of us present.**

**We will continue to publish our district newsletter quarterly as we have previously done, in the e-newsletter format through Constant Contact. Since it appears to be a challenge to provide input for the clubs portion, we will not publish that portion of the newsletter. Instead, your area directors will share club news in their columns, and we will put a link to your club newsletters on the club section of member resources on the District 10 website.**

**We want to congratulate the Zonta Club of Fredericksburg for celebrating 60 years of service to Zonta! We are proud of you, Zontians, and thank you for your many years making a difference in the lives of women!**

**I hope you are planning to attend the upcoming 67<sup>th</sup> District 10 Conference in Weatherford, Texas October 16-18, 2014. This will be a great time to celebrate the beginning of a new biennium, renew friendships and make some new ones. Remember that this is your conference - the district conference is a way to stay informed about the status of the district, and also to have a voice in what we do.**

**Our conference co-chairs Amy Mercer and Donna Couch, the members of the Zonta Club of Parker County, and your district board have been working together to plan a conference that is spirited, full of information and inspiring. The theme for the conference is Jammin' in the Jungle...a Zonta Adventure, so plan to bring your "wild attire!" Friday will be business casual dress, so we invite you to show your Zonta spirit in attire and adornment. On Saturday we have the option to wear 'jeans for Zonta**

dollars", so for \$10 to the D10 Foundation, you can wear jeans for Saturday business sessions. "Savor the Safari" is the theme of our Saturday night banquet, and animal prints will bring our conference to a fitting close.

Friday and Saturday business sessions will offer an opportunity to learn together about the Zonta International goals for the new biennium, as well as an in-depth look at new and continuing International Service projects. We also have some very special speakers and workshops scheduled, and an inspiring service project to benefit the Freedom House in Weatherford.

As always, we will have our silent auction, Go Wild-A Walk on the Wild Side, which will provide some irresistible treasures, as will our foundation auction. You will also be able to share items from your club through our Zonta Store by renting a table at the conference.

Please come, learn, grow, and have a voice. Each of you is an important part of our Zonta community and vital to the life of the organization. Your input is valuable! I hope you will join me on our Zonta Adventure as we Jam in the Jungle!

Thanks to all of you for making a difference! Zonta truly does change lives!

Serving Zonta joyfully!

Judy Kautz

Membership - Lt. Gov. Barbara Yoder

Zonta did not coin the phrase "Think Globally, Act Locally". Of course you will think of many sources....ancient philosophy both western and eastern, Hebrew Scriptures, the golden rule and many religions teach this concept. Specifically, you may not be able to solve every world or cultural problem but you must try to make a positive change. Many of us



use Zonta as that conduit to make positive change. It makes sense that more Zonta Members can make more positive changes....worldwide!

Our current District 10 membership is about 560. This is a significant drop from our 618 on May 31. I offer a resolution that I hope every club will join and buy into and a reminder that we know already. We need to recapture the 600 number at a minimum. Over the years we have had many good leaders and membership chairs teach us about membership best practices. We have listened and sometimes fretted over the results. That is ok! I know that if we follow our new International President's lead of conviction, commitment and courage, we can be successful in membership.

I want to make the next two years positive and world changing in District 10. I welcome each club and each member's comments and suggestions. Additionally I would like our district to grow by two clubs and an e-club too. So let's talk!

- Gather in those that did not renew if at all possible and see why they resigned. See if those members will return or voice an interest in an e-club.
- Try something new in your club.....be it service, fellowship or advocacy.
- Don't stress so much over the fund-raising! Yes we need money for good deeds, but leave time for the deeds as well.....

PS: Please join us one and all in Weatherford! Fun and Fellowship are a vital part of membership...just as much as learning, serving and advocating! Together we can support each other and grow as a district.

With Highest and Best Regards!

Barbara Yoder

## ZI Foundation Ambassador - Kim Vann

Zonta International proudly announced this summer that the Zonta International Foundation had exceeded their biennium goal by 3%, raising more by raising \$5,101,924.60 during the 2012-14 biennium.



The Zontians of D10 greatly contributed to that total by ending the biennium at 14th among all Districts by giving 171,986.66, a \$20,000 increase from the past biennium.

### A District 10 Giving Breakdown:

Amelia Earhart \$32,562.97

YWPA \$10,304.61

International Service \$45,221.16

ZISVAW \$48,034.49

Rose \$23,515.33

72% of District 10 Zontians made an individual donation totaling over \$63,000 giving District 10 the honor of earning the #1 spot in ranking of % of individual givers!

Congratulations to all the clubs of District 10 that achieved 100% giving among their membership and were honored in Orlando at the Zonta International Convention. Clubs receiving an award were: Central Oklahoma, Fort Smith, Mineral Wells, Parker County, Houston, Lafayette, Fredericksburg, and Harlingen.

I look forward to seeing you all at the 67<sup>th</sup> District 10 Conference in Weatherford this coming October. I will introduce you all to the new projects for the biennium and we will have some fun raising money for the foundation!

Kim Vann

District 10 Foundation Ambassador

### **Area 1 - Donna Couch, Director**

I am honored to serve as Area 1 director in this biennium. I have been in contact with most of the area clubs and will be winding that up over the next few weeks. I look forward to making club visits during my term and also participating in other club events whenever possible.



I look forward to seeing all the clubs at Conference in October and want to remind presidents to send in pictures and info on club activities.

### **Area 2 - Kathy Yates, Director**

Warm greetings for the new Biennium! I'm really looking forward to visiting Area 2 clubs and sharing stories, successes and ideas with you. We can learn from each other's successes and work together to support Zonta's goals. Thank you for your service and support of Zonta's mission through your club's projects and fundraising.



I am looking forward to seeing you and your fellow Zontians at our District 10 Conference in Weatherford in October for fellowship, information, inspiration and fun. Also, please remember to mark your calendar and don't miss the Area 2 meeting, March 20th - 21st in Lafayette! Hope to see you there!

### **Area 3 - Shelly Baumgartner, Director**

We'll catch up with Area 3 later. Please keep Shelly in our thoughts and prayers as her mother is seriously ill in Florida.



### **District 10 Webmaster - Carolyn Smith**

As is usual at the start of the new biennium, we will have many items to update. If you have suggestions or see errors, please let Carolyn know at [webmaster@zontadistrict10.org](mailto:webmaster@zontadistrict10.org)

### **Advocacy Committee - Sheryl Flanagin**

As advocates, we may sometimes feel that our efforts are not making a difference. However, many times the road to success is a long one-one in

which we may not actually see the results of our efforts. However, aren't we grateful to those who came before us and strived valiantly for women's rights? August is an excellent time to remember these advocates.

In 1971, Representative Bella Alzub proposed that Congress designate August 26 as "Women's Equality Day." This date was selected to commemorate the 1920 passage of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, granting women the right to vote.

The struggle for obtaining this right happened over a period of 72 years. Beginning with the first women's rights convention held in Seneca Falls, New York in 1848, this effort by so many is considered our country's most peaceful civil rights movement.

The unwavering dedication of Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton and the heroic actions of Alice Paul and other suffragists led to women having this most important right-the right to vote.

As Zontians we are increasingly realizing the importance of advocacy. Without the strong advocacy of these foremothers, our world today and our place in it would certainly be different. I fully expect that those of us in D10 will continue the efforts of our foremothers to ensure the rights of women and girls here and worldwide.

At the 62nd ZI International Convention, the following resolution was adopted: "The campaign "Zonta says NO" shall be continued and developed in the biennium 2014-16."

According to our new ZI Advocacy Chairman Margit Webjorn, we will now work to add more advocacy content to the campaign to achieve governmental and community commitment. Let's all make plans now to participate in this important initiative.

## 2014 Zonta International Convention



Congratulations to the clubs that received awards in Orlando!



**It was wonderful to see District 10 so well represented in Orlando.**

Your comments and suggestions to improve this newsletter are always appreciated. Please let the board know what you think of this new format.

If your email address changes, you can update using the link below. Don't miss out on your districts emails.

I look forward to seeing you in Weatherford. [Call to Conference](#)

**Yours in Zonta,**

Carol Collett

Zonta International District 10 Newsletter Editor



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