



# Zonta International® District 10

*Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide*

District 10 Newsletter

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Dear District 10 Zontians,



Governor Donna  
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Well, our biennium has begun and I am sure we are all off to a running start!! I know your District 10 Board and Chairman are. I want to take this opportunity to tell you how proud I am to be affiliated with such strong and powerful women...we each have a heart of service and advocacy which inspire me! Thank you!!

District 10, once again had a grand presence at the Zonta International Convention in Torino, Italy. We have come back with many new friends and a renewed commitment to Zonta! Shortly afterward we had our first District Board meeting and accomplished a great deal. Everyone on the board is working

on their task lists, plus items for the upcoming conference. This year's District conference will be fun and educational, and I want to take this opportunity to invite each of you to attend. We would love to have a record number of first- and second-timers, along with the usual suspects!

I look forward to seeing each of you very soon at District Conference where we will be learning and updating you on many Zonta-related items. Your District 10 Board is here for you and your club. We are committed to help in any way we can and your Area Directors are a direct line of communication for your club President! The Area Directors are budgeted and tasked with attending a business meeting for each club in their area once per biennium. We, and I am sure other District 10 Zontians, would love to attend your functions as often as possible. So, let us know what is happening. If any Board member is fortunate enough to live, work, have family close by or have a reason to be in the area, we will try our best to attend. Please remember that anytime a club invites a District Board member or any member of Zonta to a club event for a specific function, it is the club's responsibility for expenses. A major goal for your District 10 Board is to be good stewards of your District's money.

As you read this you are probably aware that we are trying a new electronic version of our District Newsletter; more in line with ZI's e-newsletter...please let us know what you think. Pris Truesdell from the Zonta Club of San Antonio is undertaking this task so please be understanding and we welcome your feedback.

Look forward to seeing you all soon!

Yours in Zonta service,

Donna  
Zonta International District 10

Dodgen,

Governor

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## We Have a Winner...

**Carolyn Phillips**, Zonta Club of Houston, has won the District 10 raffle for reimbursement of expenses for Registration, Hotel, Transportation Costs up to \$500 to District conference in Longview, TX, October 18-20, 2012.

When notified, Carolyn said that this was the first time she has won, and that would leave her more to spend at the auction.

Congratulations, Carolyn!

## Area 1- Barbara Yoder, Director



Barbara Yoder

I have been so happy to see club activities and emails from Area 1 clubs. I love seeing Face Book entries and all the pictures and activities. Advocacy against trafficking is a theme for several club events across our area. Additionally clubs report the following: Central Oklahoma's biggest fundraiser, Zonta Fall Classic Golf Tournament, is scheduled for Oct 5, 2012. Central Oklahoma membership increased from 41 to 46 members since the beginning of the Zonta year with number 47 and 48 in the works!" Fort Worth's Boots and Bling is on September 15<sup>th</sup>. Fort Worth has 4 new members, too! Fort Smith's just had their summer quarterly dinner and reminds us that 16 days of advocacy is coming up soon, Johnson County's Art Bra Event is on October 11th, The Mineral Wells Club is hosting a Casino Night on September 22, 2012 at the Holiday Hill Country Club from 7 to 10pm. Tickets are \$25 which includes \$200 in chips and a chance to win a trip to Vegas and heavy appetizers. "Look Good Feel Better Program" with the American Cancer Society is MW project too. Women who are going through cancer treatments can spend an evening being pampered. They are given a makeup kit worth \$300 and wigs, hats, and scarves. The date is October 8<sup>th</sup> at Palo Pinto General Hospital in Classroom #1. Parker County will help with the County's Health Association Pink Luncheon in October, and Stephenville is hosting their 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Arts, Crafts and Gifts Show on November 3-4. This is a bunch of busy women making good for their communities and the world!

Soon we will all be meeting at the "View". I know that conference is always an adventure. Some from area one will travel by train. Thank you, Fort Worth for organizing this ride. I know that there will lots of good fellowship and stories to share after that.

Please mark your calendar May 4<sup>th</sup> for Area 1 meeting in the spring. The Dallas Club will host us and they are already working to make this event a special leadership meeting.

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## *Area 2 - Suzanne Russell, Director*



Suzanne Russell

Warm greetings for the new Biennium! I'm looking forward to visiting Area 2 clubs and sharing stories, successes and ideas with you. Thank you for your service and support of Zonta's mission through your club's projects and fundraising. Please consider joining your fellow Zontians at our District 10 Conference in Longview in October for fellowship, information, inspiration and fun. And don't miss the Area 2 meeting in April in Lafayette!

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## *Area 3 - Marianne Seal, Director*



Marianne Seal

It is the end of summer and Area 3 Clubs are scheduling projects, events and service. I am looking forward to visiting the clubs and seeing the diversity of our Zonta service and advocacy. We can learn from each other's successes and work together to support Zonta's goals. The District 10 Conference in Longview will be soon and will provide another opportunity to share information. See you there!

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## *Membership - Lieutenant Governor Judy Kautz*

Membership is the key to our success as Zontians; without members, we cannot effectively do the mission of Zonta International, advancing the status of women globally and locally. It is the cornerstone of our clubs and our district, and we need each one of you to help us find new members!

Several significant items regarding membership came from the Zonta International Convention this past July, including renaming our OMC Committee to simply Membership Committee. We also approved e-clubs, a concept which we will learn more about in the next few months. E-clubs will really make a difference to those potential members who want to join Zonta but have no club close to them, and this powerful concept should help us to build our membership strength.

As a district, we have set a goal to increase our membership by 21, which represents a net of one additional member per club in our district. When we achieve this goal, we will have increased our membership by 3 percent, which may not seem like much, but will make a big difference in the sustainment of District 10, our clubs, and ultimately our worldwide mission of improving women's lives. We will provide you some additional tools which may assist you in gaining new members, and we'll talk about them at the upcoming District 10 Conference in Longview in October. If you have a special technique or idea that

has worked for you in recruiting and retaining members, please plan to share it with us at the conference. It will be a terrific, informative and fun gathering of our district Zontians, so don't miss it!

Also at the District 10 Conference, we will reward those individuals who brought in members who renewed their memberships. This information was provided by your club presidents in June with the submission of annual reports, and we look forward to recognizing those of you who achieved this goal. In the past, we have used bees and pearls to honor you, but, unfortunately, these items are no longer available. Since membership is the key to Zonta successes, this year we are beginning a new tradition of giving keys with a special holder which you may wear as a pin. This is our way of recognizing your success in recruiting members, so look forward to those presentations in October at our conference.

At the ZI Convention during the seminar on membership, we heard the phrase "find them, keep them, thank them." What powerful words these are, and they can serve as inspiration for us during this next biennium as we seek new members to carry out Zonta's mission!

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## Amelia Earhardt Committee - Donna Couch

As is always the case with District 10, we will have our annual report at our Amelia Earhart Luncheon at Conference in Longview in October. We have invited AE Fellow **Wendy Awele Okolo** of the University of Texas - Arlington to be our guest and speaker. In addition to Wendy, we have 2 other new fellows receiving wings and certificates this year. They are **Divya Thakur** from The University of Texas and **Elizabeth Rollins** from Texas A&M. We also have a second time award to **Sonia Hernandez** of The University of Texas.

The Zonta Club of Austin has proposed a luncheon at the UT campus this fall to honor all AE Fellows, past and present, who wish to attend. That Club is working with the District 10 Board and **Sharon Langenbeck**, AE Foundation Chair to coordinate an Inner City type event this fall. One of the drivers behind this is to give our AE Fellows and chance to network with each other and Zontians with the hopes it will inspire them to help others follow their dreams and also to encourage them to be a future Zontian.

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## ZI Foundation Ambassador - Kim Vann

### New biennium - New Goals - New Ambassador

Wow! A new biennium has begun, Zonta International Convention is over, the Zonta International Foundation service projects have been selected, and District 10 has a brand new Foundation Ambassador, me! What big shoes I have to fill. Following in Barbara Yoder's footsteps is going to be hard, but I promise you I will give it my all to do the best job possible for District 10.

The 2012 Zonta International Foundation fundraising goal is \$4,938,000 an increase of \$1,180,000 from the past biennium. Did you know that District 10 as a whole gave \$151, 916.71 to the Zonta International Foundation this past biennium? That is an impressive number! Congratulations to us all!

Zonta International is retaining the two international service projects - the Liberian fistula project and Rwanda's elimination of new pediatric HIV infection and response to survivors of domestic and gender-based violence - and increasing funding to 1 million for each project.

The three ZISVAW projects for the biennium are: Mass Communication with a Purpose: Global Partnership on Edutainment for Social Change, Safe Cities for Women in Honduras, and Empowering Women in Rural Samoa to Combat Violence.

Two of Zonta's education programs will benefit from additional funding from the Foundation. There will be 10 International YWPA awards of \$4000. This is an increase of 5 awards and \$1000 per award from the past. Winners of the international Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarships will receive \$7000, an increase from the current \$5,000.

So, lots of exciting new projects for us all to learn about! I look forward to sharing the details of these projects at the 65<sup>th</sup> District 10 Conference in Longview this October. Hope to see you all there!

### 2012-2014 Foundation Fundraising Goals

International Service Fund.....	\$2,000,000
ZISVAW Fund.....	\$1,162,000
Amelia Earhart Fellowship Fund.....	\$700,000
JMK Women in Business Scholarship Fund.....	\$232,000
Young Women in Public Affairs Award.....	\$144,000
Rose Fund.....	\$700,000
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$4,758,000</b>

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## Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship - Tiffany Smith

### District 10 Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship Recipient Announced

Congratulations to the Zonta Club of Fort Worth for submitting the District 10 Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship winner! **Sumeeta Kumar** was selected as the winner from a pool of nine applications. Ms. Kumar will be attending Dartmouth's Tuck School of Business this fall to begin work on an MBA. In early 2012, *The Economist* named Tuck the world's top business school. Ms. Kumar has already done remarkable things while working on her undergraduate degree not only academically but also in line with Zonta's mission. She has spent time as the marketing director for a non-profit dedicated to helping victims of domestic violence begin life anew. More information on Ms. Kumar will be presented at the District 10 Conference.

Remember to make sure your club submits an applicant for the JMK Scholarship at the district level next year by July 1st. The district level winner is awarded a \$1,000 scholarship and is submitted to Zonta International to be considered for one of twelve international scholarships in the amount of \$5,000 each. Any woman undertaking a business and/or business-related program at an accredited university/college/institute, 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, is eligible to apply. The scholarship may be used at any university, college or institute offering accredited courses and degrees.

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## District 10 Webmaster - Judy Kautz

The new biennium also ways presents a challenge on the D10 Website as we work to update all the information pertaining to the new Zonta year. District Officers and Committee Chairs are now updated, and club information is in work. If you notice something that is wrong, please let me know so it can be corrected.

We have continued this year with the Z-flash, the column on the right side of the home page, which provides you with late-breaking news. Newly posted items include a link to conference materials, and a club news area in which flyers of upcoming club activities are posted. If you have an event with a flyer, please forward it and we will post it on the site so others in the district can see it and plan to attend.

The goal of our District 10 Website is to provide you with the tools you need to conduct your Zonta business. We have tried to include those items that will be of use to you, but if there are additional items you'd like to have, please let me know at [webmaster@zontadistrict10.org](mailto:webmaster@zontadistrict10.org).

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## Service - Kara Arteaga

### ***United in Service***

Thank you to all for completing your end of club year reports. We have a lot to be grateful for, a lot to be proud of, and a lot to look forward to in this current biennium.

Zonta's International Service Programs continue to help women in developing countries improve their legal, political, economic, educational, and health status. These are the service goals for the 2012-2014 biennium:

- ***Promote international service and ZISVAW projects.***
  - **We need our members and our communities to know what we are doing.**
- ***Encourage and support local service projects focused on Zonta's mission.***
  - **All our projects must be focused on Zonta's mission.**
- ***Emphasize the importance of supporting these projects.***
  - **For people to support them they need to know them and the ways they can collaborate to reach the fundraising goals.**
- ***Increase internal and external visibility of these projects to increase global awareness of Zonta's contributions to advancing the status of women, as well as the credibility of our organization.***
  - **When planning each service project, plan how to promote it.**

Zonta International will have an **annual service competition** to recognize, at the 2014 Convention, the best service projects.

This will include the visibility given to them. So, start working on good service projects, aligned with Zonta's mission, and make the projects visible, promote them! More information will be provided at The D10 Conference in Longview regarding the competition.

I will leave you with a quote I read recently that stated "***Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.***" by Margaret Mead.

As Zonta members, we are indeed a group of committed citizens that are making great efforts to change the world. As individuals we must remember that every effort we make, every helping hand we give, - can and does make an impact and can change the world! Thank you for all your work to advance the status of women.

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We welcome your comments on this new format for the district newsletter.

Sincerely,

Pris Truesdell, Editor  
Zonta International District 10