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District 10 Newsletter

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Dear District 10 Zontians,



Governor Donna Dodgen

The 66th District 10 Conference at South Padre Island, Texas hosted by the Zonta Club of West Hidalgo County is upon us! Make plans now to attend October 17-20, 2013. The District 10 website has information including the call to conference, so be sure and take a look! Each conference is unique and this year is no exception as we are including a District service project, the availability of wearing jeans for Zonta dollars, the

popular networking corner, a surprise District pin, and exploring the possibility of recording oral Zonta stories/history! The Call to Conference was sent out to the club presidents and via Constant Contact (like our newsletter) as well as posted on the District 10 website. So, no excuse!

Just a little tidbit as to why I chose this location for the District Conference. I began my Zonta leadership journey in South Padre Island with Mary Brower as conference Chairman, Candi Ward as Governor and the abundant memories of that conference are filled with fun, laughter and awe...it made a lasting impression and I wanted to round out my leadership journey there. Full circle so to speak!

I know I keep saying this but remember that our District newsletter is a work in process and with this publishing we are once again using the format of a general information newsletter with links for club information as well as setting limits for articles, pictures and number of stories per club. This is an attempt to keep our newsletter a quick informative read. The newsletter will be published in the months of February, May, August, and November to include information from the three months previous to the publication as well as any information you'd like to share with the District that is upcoming such as events, projects, happenings etc..

The recent ZI newsletter included a picture of a Johnson County Zonta Club service project....WAY TO GO! It is easy to upload to ZI and we can all do this. Remember we have two opportunities to promote our local service projects through the Zonta Says NO campaign and our Zonta Service Recognition Award. We are all doing great things in service so showcase your time and energy through the Zonta Service Recognition award. Highlighting what we do locally raises the visibility of your club and assists with membership recruitment and retention. Nominations are due to me the Governor by midnight December 30th, 2013 with the best

service projects being exhibited and recognized at the 2014 Orlando convention. I encourage you to visit the Zonta Says NO website or Facebook page and highlight or upload a story.

Currently, I am serving on a ZI membership task force and helped develop the membership survey that you have been asked to complete. I encourage you to do so! ZI offered another webinar and will continue to do so. District 10 was represented at the North American Inter-District Summit by at least 10 Zontians. We made a good showing and were heavily involved. Recently, I participated in a Governor's conference call focusing on our upcoming District Conferences, ZI convention information, the new membership survey, and other items.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at our conference and having my Zonta cup filled. It is one of the many things I love about this organization! Remember, all of us on the District 10 board are here for you and your club!

Thank you all for your service!

Yours in Zonta,
Donna Dodgen

Membership - Lt. Gov. Judy Kautz



We are excited to announce the formation of the Zonta E-Club of District 10 effective June 1, 2014. This E-Club will provide benefits to those who wish to belong to Zonta but are challenged by extremely busy jobs, commutes, frequent travel or simply living in an area where no Zonta club exists.



What is an e-club? It is a Zonta club whose members hold meetings, do service and support the mission of Zonta. E-Club members will determine how they want to communicate; this may be done through conference calls, webinars, on-line meeting software, chat rooms or meeting face-to-face. I know there are many of you who are concerned that E-Club members will lose that wonderful networking opportunity that we all enjoy at our meetings and activities; however, if a person wants to be a part of this wonderful organization that does so much for so many, belonging to an E-Club is a better alternative than not being a Zontian at all. Additionally, E-Club members have the opportunity to meet together once a year so they will be able to see and interface with each other then. This meeting usually takes place in association with our annual District 10 Conference, so we will be able to enjoy their presence at that time as well.

Many of you have asked how an E-Club performs service, and this is a great question. Zonta International suggests that the E-Club might select an overarching service theme for the biennium. Then, their members decide what they want to do to support that - dedicate one weekend or day where all do their service at the same time. They could also decide to partner with a like-minded group and join that group to perform their service. If some members live in close proximity to each other, they could perform their service or other activities together.

What can you do to help with our E-Club? Provide us with names of individuals who are potential E-Club members! If you know of fellow Zontians who have moved away or departed Zonta because of work or

family commitments, send us their contact information. If there are those who at some point wanted to join Zonta but lived too far away from existing clubs, send us their information! Remember though, that this E-Club is not intended to take local members from existing Zonta clubs in the district. It is for those who can't regularly attend meetings or participate in club activities because of location, work, travel or family commitments. Please forward suggested potential member information to LtGov@zontadistrict10.org.

ZI Foundation Ambassador - Kim Vann

I am so looking forward to the upcoming District 10 Conference at South Padre Island. Things to remember in regards to the Zonta International Foundation:

- Delegates, when packing for your trip, bring your Zonta International Foundation pledge sheet and checks to present during the Friday morning session of the conference.
- New this year, for a \$10 donation, Zontians can enjoy a "Jeans for Zonta Dollars" option for the Saturday sessions. All money raised will go to the Zonta International Foundation.
- Bring items for the annual Zonta auction. Bring money to bid on items as well.

Total contributions to the Zonta International Foundation through July 31, 2013 are \$2,658,823.53. This compares to \$2,530,139.98 contributed in July 2011; an increase of \$128,683.55. July represents 58% of the Biennium, and current contributions are at 53.84% of goal.

District 10 giving so far for this biennium is \$84,522.66 with 100% of the clubs contributing. District 10 is the only district with these bragging rights!

Area breakdown of giving:

Area One: \$35659

Area Two: \$21938.66

Area Three: \$26905

District 10 Contribution: \$20

Lastly, is your club working toward 100% giving this biennium? I so hope so. Leaders so far are Central Oklahoma with 14 individual givers, Fort Smith and Houston who have 10 individual givers, followed by Johnson County, Lafayette, and Harlingen all with 9 individual givers.

Yours in Zonta service,

Kim Vann

D10 Foundation Ambassador

Area 1 - Barbara Yoder, Director

Our meeting on May 4th went splendidly! The Zonta Club of Dallas hosted and we could not have asked for more! The Marriott Addison was a fabulous location and they spoiled us with good food and service. The Dallas Club hosted a pre-meeting reception on Friday, complete with Frito pie and margarita punch. Their Saturday night event at Kobe's and Pete's Piano Bar was a great finish to our meeting. This meeting coincided with the 84th anniversary of the Zonta Club of Dallas. Much Thanks!



All 8 clubs in Area 1 were represented and fifty-two Zontians attended. Besides officer training a summary of fundraising and service was compiled during our club crosstalk. We found the "Membership is a Key to Success" a great theme! To sum up: good fun, good ideas, good fellowship and ZIF fundraising too. I want to thank all that attended and especially **Governor Dodgen, Lt. Governor Kautz** and **District Treasurer Smith** for handling the greatest part of the agenda and training officers.

Clubs in Area One are busy with year-end elections, club reports and installations. I think I can say that joining in area meetings restarts our engines and we will be entering warp-drive by conference in South Padre! I am honored and happy to be in Zonta.

Respectfully,
Barbara Yoder

Area 2 - Suzanne Russell, Director

It's time to start planning the Zonta year. Clubs are scheduling events and fundraisers. Below is a list of some of the upcoming events in Area 2 for 2013 and 2014. Exact dates will follow later. Many thanks to the Zonta Club of Shreveport which will host the Area 2 meeting in 2014!



- **Zonta Club of Shreveport**
 - Antiques Show
 - Area 2 meeting - April 26, 2014
- **Zonta Club of Longview**
 - Antiques Show *and* Prom Boutique (Saturday) - first weekend in March
- **Zonta Club of New Orleans**
 - Holiday evergreens fundraiser - Fall
- **Zonta Club of Lafayette**
 - Susan B. Komen Breast Cancer Symposium - October
 - Woman of Achievement - Fall
 - Save Ze TaTa'z - Spring 2014
- **Zonta Club of Houston**
 - FHPW Women of Excellence Banquet: Carol Collett, Houston Club honoree - Sept. 7

This Fall I am looking forward to more club visits. During my recent visit

to the Zonta Club of Longview, we celebrated long-time member Muriel Turner's birthday. Thank you Muriel for your service and dedication to Zonta!

I'd like to share an incentive that the **Greater East Texas Club** is using to encourage members to bring guests. Every time a member brings a guest, the member's name is entered in a drawing for a massage and manicure or pedicure. The drawing will take place at their Christmas party, just in time to use for the holidays.

I hope to see many of you at the Parrot Party on South Padre Island!

Area 3 - Marianne Seal, Director

The new year is in full swing-- new committees, fresh projects, exciting fundraisers. Club members are busy working on local and international service. Several area clubs are planning different events this fall, so watch for announcements. Let's support each other, when we are able!



It is time to make plans for the 66th District 10 Conference in South Padre Island, hosted by the Zonta Club of West Hidalgo County. The Call to Conference is out and the Presidents have received their information. The District Conference is always a great time to share ideas with other clubs, reconnect with Zontian friends and recharge Zonta energy.

In addition to the interesting speakers and meetings, there is golf, fishing and fun on South Padre Island, so bring a family member and make it a mini-vacation! I hope to see you there.

District 10 Webmaster - Judy Kautz

Check out the District 10 website for all the latest information on the upcoming District 10 Conference Oct 17-20! For your convenience, all information is located on the home page until after the conference. Also, club newsletters are being posted on the newsletter tab under the club name. You will receive an email notice from time to time with those newsletters that have recently been posted. Be sure to email your newsletters to webmaster@zontadistrict10.org so they can be included. Visit our Facebook page to keep up on all the latest information. Just search for Zonta District 10 and the page will come up; click like and you are connected! Feel free to post your club activities on the D10 Facebook page as well!

District 10 Service Committee - Kara Arteaga

As the club year came to an end, I started to look forward to reading and learning all about the wonderful service projects that each Zonta club participated in. I know each of you made a difference in your communities, and each of you demonstrated the tremendous positive enriching capabilities that we make on behalf of Zonta.

At D10 conference I will give updates on service efforts. Do you send stories to the ZI "Tell Your Story" to post to the website? Please share your club stories and service projects.

Thank you for your service!
Kara Arteaga, Chair

Mammo Mobile: A Project We Should Care About The Project

A fellow Zontian from the Madras (Chennai), India club is working to bring cancer screening to rural women in the state of Tamil Nadu, in southern India. Tamil Nadu has a population of 72 million with over 50% living in rural areas. Over 18 million of these



are women who generally have access to only a Village Health Nurse, and no access to effective cancer screening. Cultural and logistical factors keep many women from seeking examination in cities causing many to seek treatment only after cancer is well advanced. Some studies have estimated that by 2020, one fifth of the world's cancer cases will occur in India. These facts are taken from the website

www.mammomobile.org. Zonta Club of Madras member Shadi Ganz is the driving force behind an effort to purchase a "Mammo Mobile", a bus whose screening capabilities would include digital mammography, ultrasound, biopsy and a technique called LEEP (loop electrosurgical excision procedure) which can remove malignant cells. The Mammo Mobile will provide service to women in rural areas throughout Tamil Nadu. Similar projects have been successful elsewhere in India and also in Africa. The cost to provide a Mammo Mobile is a daunting €400,000 (approximately \$536,000). This includes the cost of a pathologist and a technical assistant for one year. The WIA Cancer Institute of Chennai will provide a driver for the Mammo Mobile.

How Can We Help?

Publicize this project through website links, social media or personal interaction. Donations are sought not just of money, but also of art which can then be sold and the proceeds donated to the Mammo Mobile. Organizations who are supporters of the Mammo Mobile are the Zonta Club of Madras and the WIA Cancer Institute in Chennai. Artists supporting the project are Shadi Ganz and Alette de Groot, executive project manager of the Mammo Mobile. Please visit www.mammomobile.org to see how you can help.