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District 10 Newsletter

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Governor Donna Dodgen

Hello District 10 Zontians.

Well, the New Year is off to a bang with the first quarter almost gone and we are all looking forward to our area meetings. You are invited to any meeting or you can come to all...the more the merrier!

I have been electronically following each of your events/programs as you celebrated March 8th - Zonta Rose Day and I must say that it makes my heart fill to be to be affiliated with such strong and powerful women...we each have a heart of service and advocacy which inspire me.

Since our district meeting I have participated in a ZI conference call with other Governors, had several contacts with our ZI liaison, International Director Laura Peters, and we have had a district board meeting. ZI has been making a very concentrated effort to communicate and we as a District have made the same commitment. So, I do hope you have been receiving information as it is available. The new governing documents have been sent out from ZI and the reports we have been receiving are outcome based on the ZI visioning document and strategic plan. My goal is to share a revised District strategic plan with each of you at our area meetings. Our District 10 website, Facebook page and twitter accounts have been routinely updated as quickly as we can. You are welcome to post on your club website, Facebook pages and re-tweet. The more we share the more exposure we obtain. I suggest you like other Zonta club Facebook pages and follow other clubs on twitter....it's fun to see what is happening!

Another quick reminder - 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 one time per biennium. Please continue to let us know what is happening in your clubs as we and I am sure other District 10 Zontians would love to attend your functions as often as possible.

Our e-newsletter is a work in progress and so you may see some differences each quarter until it works like we need and want. Currently, the club portion is included in the AD reporting area. Our goal was to have a less lengthy newsletter but we want information to be shared so if it has to be longer to do this then so be it. Please let us know what you think. We all need to show our appreciation to Pris Truesdell from the Zonta Club of San Antonio who is undertaking this very fluid task so please be understanding and we welcome your feedback. Look forward to seeing you all soon!

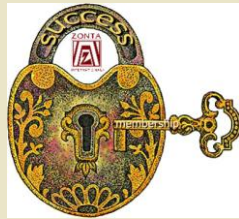
Donna Dodgen
District 10 Governor

Membership - Lt. Gov. Judy Kautz

Wonderful news...Zonta International membership is now above 30,000! Many thanks to all of you who are aggressively pursuing new members. Remember that if you have a membership event, or any other event, for your club, your District 10 Board members want to attend if at all possible. Please let me or Gov Dodgen know and we'll get the word out to the board members so they can check their schedules. We



We always try to have at least one board member in attendance, because we want to support you!



Mentoring your newer members, particularly those with three or fewer years in Zonta is vitally important to retaining them in Zonta! We must meet our members' needs through club activities, programs and service projects, if we are going to retain them and keep them interested and participating in Zonta. It is a good idea to have one

or two seasoned members in the club assigned to each newer member; mentors can keep their assigned members interested by inviting them to ride to meetings or participate in committee activities. Other ideas to reach out are to schedule a dinner, lunch or coffee date just to chat. Often there are questions that are not asked because there is no one-on-one opportunity to interface with seasoned members. Clubs can also formalize the mentoring process by scheduling a mentoring dinner or activity focused on newer members or even potential members. While all club members can participate, the focus is on those who may not understand all facets of Zonta. You can use focus groups or a panel - there are any number of ways to conduct a mentoring activity. For more ideas, check out the membership page on our District 10 website.

Once again I'd like to remind you not to forget the key 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!

ZI Foundation Ambassador - Kim Vann

A big congratulation goes to District 10 for being on top of the leader board for money donated to the Zonta International Foundation. As of January 31st, District 10 has donated \$69,617.66. Compared to this time last year, \$61,444.50 had been donated; resulting is a 13% increase in giving!

District 10's standings when broken down fall into these categories:

- #1 in giving to the Jane Klausman Women in Business Scholarship Fund
- #1 in giving to the Young Women in Public Affairs Award
- #1 in giving to ZISVAW
- #2 in giving to Amelia Earhart Fellowship Fund
- #3 in giving to the International Service Fund
- #9 in giving to the Rose Fund

Zonta International sent out the following message to encourage donations to the Rose Fund:

Coinciding with International Women's Day on 8 March, Zonta Rose Day is a day to reflect on the voluntary work done by Zontians all over the world to improve the status of women.

This year, we invite you to celebrate Zonta Rose Day by sending a yellow rose tribute to someone who has made a difference in your life. Just make a donation to the Rose Fund, and we will email a virtual rose bouquet to the recipient or recipients of your choice. Your donation to the Rose Fund will enable Zonta to continue to support international service projects and educational awards that advance the status of women worldwide. To send a rose:

Click on the [Rose Day Campaign Form](#) link to enter the name and email address of the recipient and your personal message. Save the form and email it to bwolinski@zonta.org.

Click the donate link on the Rose Day Campaign form (or the link below) to make your gift.

What a nice way to recognize someone special to you! I look forward to seeing you all in April and May for the Area meetings. Thank you for all you do for Zonta!

Respectfully, Kim Vann

Area 1 - Barbara Yoder, Director

Each Club sent in some bullets of club activities. Please take a minute to scan these. I see strong women changing the world! I have had a great time attending meetings and events. Area One meeting will be on May 4th..... see everyone soon!

- **Zonta Club of Central Oklahoma** reaches its 50th Member! President Angie Weaver, forms a special Centennial Anniversary Committee to lead the clubs "History in Brief" to assist D10 and ZI to tell the story



of Zonta's 100 years. LouAnna Munkres and Judy Strothmann accepted the call to co-chair the committee.

- The **Zonta Club of Dallas** is gearing up for our annual Amelia Earhart luncheon on Saturday, February 16. Wendy Okolo, AE Fellow UTA, will be our guest speaker. Every year we invite girls from local schools who have shown talents and interest in math and science. The goal is to encourage these young women to follow in the footsteps of women like Amelia Earhart or our AE Fellows and pursue a career in math or science. This is our club's major fundraiser each year. -We look forward to hosting the Area 1 meeting May 4th!
- The **Zonta Club of Fort Worth** reports a growing Membership of professional women who share a common commitment~ a total of eight (8) new members since June 2012-yea! Save the Date~ April 11th for the Professional Woman of the Year Banquet- Honoree: Ft Worth Mayor Betsy at the Colonial Country Club. April 14th- Join us for the 5K Walk, Victory over Violence, with the Women's Center of Tarrant and a proud sponsor—The Zonta Club of Ft Worth.
- The **Zonta Club of Fort Smith** says NO to Violence against Women. \$1000 was donated to their local crisis center to emphasize 16 days of Advocacy. \$3000 went to the Crisis Center for "Strike out Violence". Additionally, the club has an active letter writing campaign for certification of CEDAW to members of Foreign Relations Committee and state legislators. Don't forget the flower ladies! Geranium sale April 13th. Contact **Kathleen King**.
- The **Zonta Club of Johnson County** reports two new members and continues to work to build club membership. Current club programs include: United Nations project in South Sahara Africa collecting shoes, a status of women meeting and a mentoring program for women called Real Life. Real Life is a role playing session for budgeting and goal setting. Yellow rose day will be celebrated at our March 20th meeting and "This is Zonta" will be the theme for our orientation/fellowship meeting in April.
- The **Zonta Club of Mineral Wells** hosted Parker County at their 2nd annual Amelia Earhart Banquet in January. These clubs heard Elizabeth McCormick, Black Hawk pilot honor our most famous Zontian and talk about her flight experiences. Monies raised benefited Grace Under Fire, a women's veterans organization.
- The **Zonta Club of Parker County** will once again partner with the Weatherford Regional Hospital to host "Go Red,Think Pink". It will be an evening event this year to recognize the importance of taking care of our heart. The event will be held Thursday, Feb. 21st from 5:00-7:30 at the Doss Heritage & Culture Center. It will begin with wine & chocolate and then have dinner with speakers on the topic of a "Healthy Heart". Parker County invites everyone to participate in the Annual Casino Night on Friday, March 22 from 6:00-9:00 at the Wild Mushroom. Tickets will be \$50 in advance and \$60 at the door. Please let **Peggy Hutton** know if you want tickets.
- The **Zonta Club of Stephenville** hosts its annual penny auction on March 2nd. This is the 15th year for the Penny Auction! This is a big family

event for the whole community and raises scholarship and service money every year! Please join us at 6 p.m. (Doors open at 5) Stephenville City Park 760401. Johnson County and Ft Worth members will join in on the fun. Everyone is invited, of course!

Area 2 - Suzanne Russell, Director

Happy early spring to all! Spring has already arrived in some parts of Area 2. Houston has azaleas in bloom and mild weather. This time of year is one of the best to be out and about in our Area. Among Area 2 club events that are being held this spring are the following:



- March 1, 2 and 3: Antique Show, Tea Room and Pie Bar- Maude Cobb Center, Zonta Club of Longview www.zontalongview.clubexpress.com
- March 2: Annual Woman of Achievement and Scholarship Brunch honoring former District 10 Governor Maggie Warren as 2013 Woman of Achievement- Abacus Restaurant, Lafayette, Zonta Club of Lafayette www.zontalafayette.com
- April 20: Area 2 Meeting, Comfort Suites, Lafayette, Zonta Club of Lafayette
- April 27: Clay Sport (Skeet) Shooting Event benefiting the ZCH Educational and Charitable Fund-American Shooting Center, Houston, Zonta Club of Houston www.zontahouston.org

Details are available from the sponsoring clubs and on their websites.

Additional Club News:

- Two **Zonta Club of Longview** members, **Jeanine Lewis** and **Kelly Hall**, were honored at the January 8, 2013 Stars Over Longview celebration at the Maude Cobb Center. This honor is bestowed on 12 women annually who have improved the quality of life of a group within Longview or the Community of Longview as a whole.
- Exciting news from the **New Orleans Club**: Zontians **Helen Green** and **Alana Villavaso** met with ZI President **Lynn McKenzie** and **Jason Friske** for dinner and a tour of New Orleans neighborhoods last November. Lynn and Jason were in New Orleans for a conference and specifically requested to meet with New Orleans Zontians.
- The **Zonta Club of Houston** welcomes new member **Denise Gault**, transferring from the Zonta Club of Bangor, Maine. On January 29th the Houston club hosted the Quarterly Awards Dinner for The Women's Home (TWH) at United Way Headquarters. The event recognizes TWH graduates of the vocational training program and their success in securing jobs.
- **Zonta Club of Greater East Texas** is continuing work on their quilt honoring East Texas cancer survivors and the memory of those who are deceased. Squares are available for a donation of \$100 each and forty

squares have already been subscribed. The quilt will be displayed in the Longview Museum of Fine Arts and Texas Bank and Trust, among other locations.

A success story has come my way that I would like to share with you. About a year ago a former work colleague of mine mentioned that his wife, a breast cancer survivor, was interested in helping poor rural women in India have access to cancer screening, especially mammograms. The colleague and his wife are presently expats living in India. I had mentioned Zonta in the course of our conversation and my colleague wondered if Zonta might help his wife achieve her dream. Through contact with the District 25 Governor, my colleague's wife has joined a local Zonta club and with help from organizations including Zonta, launched fundraising for a "Mammo Mobile" for rural Indian women. To learn more, please visit www.mammomobile.org. The power of Zonta to help a dream become reality!

Area 3 - Marianne Seal, Director



Although some of our district is blanketed in snow, spring is just around the corner! One important spring event is the Area 3 Meeting on April 5-6. The Zonta Club of Brownsville will be hosting this year and they are planning a great meeting at the Courtyard by Marriott. The theme is Membership is the Key to Success! This is your time to share ideas and information with other club members and officers regarding membership and other issues. Governor Dodgen, Lt. Gov. Kautz and other District Officers and Committee Chairs will be attending to keep our area informed about District and International goals. Training for Club Presidents and Treasurers is scheduled, however all club members are encouraged to attend and participate. Registration information will be sent by email the first week of March. I hope to see you there! Please consider supporting other clubs' events. For more information, please contact me or each Club President. Other upcoming Area 3 events are:

- March 11 - **Zonta Club of Brownsville** hosts the Woman of the Year Banquet, Valley Inn and Country Club - A local businesswoman who is actively involved in community service is selected by club members. She is honored at the event and is awarded \$1,000 to be donated to the local charity organization of her choice.
- March 23 - **Zonta Club of Brownsville** hosts their 12th Annual Golf Tournament at Valley Inn and Country Club. Proceeds from the tournament are used for Service Awards and scholarships.
- April 8th - **Zonta Club of Brownsville** holds its annual membership drive and installations of Z Club members.
- April 12 & 13th - **Zonta Club of Fredericksburg** holds its annual Trash & Treasures Sale at Memorial Presbyterian Church. A

preview party is scheduled for Friday, April 12th. This annual event is the fundraiser for the club's scholarship fund.

- April 13th- Zonta Club of San Antonio presents Dine 'n Dialogue, their 2nd annual authors' luncheon at The Bright Shawl, 819 Augusta St., San Antonio. This fundraising luncheon features Texas authors, two of whom are also Zontians- Angela Smith and Kaleta Doolin.
- April 23rd - **Zonta Club of West Hidalgo County** hosts annual Shining Stars Banquet, honoring three women from the community for their exception work in the fields of Business and Professions, Education and Youth and Community Service. The Flag Collection is on display and a brief background of the club and Zonta International is presented.
- April 24th - **Zonta Club of Seguin** will observe "Denim Day" a nationwide sexual violence prevention and awareness campaign. Details can be found at www.denimdayusa.org
- In April - **Zonta Club of Seguin** will present "The Vagina Monologues." This presentation was a successful awareness-raiser for the prevention of violence against women. An email will be sent to District Clubs when date and place are confirmed.
- May 13 - **Zonta Club of Brownsville's** Service Awards Banquet and Installation of 2013-2014 Officers and Board.
- May 21 - **Zonta Club of West Hidalgo County** Installation of Officers.

Jane M. Klausman Committee - Tiffany Smith

It is time to start thinking about the Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship. A copy of The Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarship application was sent to all club presidents and can be found at www.zonta.org. The application includes all eligibility requirements. Each club can set their own deadline as to when the application is due to the club. Once the club has selected a club level winner, the application should be sent to the district level. The application is due to the District Governor by July 1, 2013. The winner selected at the District level will be awarded \$1,000. The District level winner will then be submitted to Zonta International for consideration for one of 12 International awards. The 12 ZI winners will receive \$7,000 each.

Be sure to include your club's due date prior to sending the applications out. Remember, last year our District level winner was selected as a ZI recipient! I challenge each club to submit an application to the District level! If you have any questions, contact me at tiffanys@ZontaDistrict10.org.

District 10 Webmaster - Judy Kautz

Information and calls for our area meetings and the Zonta International North American Inter-district meeting registration link are now posted on the District 10 website. We also have club activities posted on the website

calendar as well as in the Zonta Flash section. Visit the website at www.zontadistrict10.org.

Also, if you want your club activity featured, just send a note and or/flyer to the <mailto:webmaster@zontadistrict10.org>.

Be sure to visit our Facebook page and like us 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!

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

Sincerely,

Pris Truesdell

Zonta International District 10



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