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District 10 Newsletter

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Governor Donna Dodgen

Area 1 Director Barbara Yoder said it best, "June 1 is the symbolic pass the torch day for the new calendar year for Zonta. I want to say thank you for stepping up to serve your club and Zonta.' We on your District 10 Board feel the same way...thank you all and let the new Zonta year commence!

Area meetings are behind us and what a time we had! At each meeting the content was the same but the flavor unique. Many, many thanks to the clubs that hosted and the Zontians that attended

so please for those attended; remember to share the information with your club members. Our District 10 website has information from the meetings posted, so please take a look.

Just a quick reminder of items that have been due; May 1st club officer contact information to Zonta International and the District Governor; May 31st district dues to the District Treasurer; June 1st ZI dues to International; and June 3rd District 10 nominations for District office were due to the District nominating committee

Remember that our District newsletter is a work in process and with the most recent issue, we are returning to the format of a general information newsletter with links for club information. This was at your request during the area meetings. 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 that is upcoming such as events, projects, happenings etc. that you'd like to share with the District.

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 District 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 and find the two District 10 clubs that have submitted service stories. Also, remember Zonta Says NO has a Facebook page which we can use to spotlight what we are doing in our communities to raise awareness on violence against women.

Most recently our Zonta International president was interviewed during the ZI campaign RaiseForWomen Challenge of which we came in 2nd and

garnered a \$20,000 prize in addition to the \$130,000 that was raised of which will be used for our international projects and education programs. President Lynn was interviewed during this challenge by The Huffington Post and her message can be viewed using the link [Huffington Post](#).

A few weeks ago all Zontians were invited to be a part of a PR/Communications webinar, and I participated in it, the first ZI has offered. More are on the horizon! Next week after I return along with several of our District 10 Zontians from the North American Inter-District Summit, I will be a part of our second governors' conference call focusing on the recent ZI board meeting and other items.

The ZI Orlando convention website is open and early bird registration has been set at \$399 per person. We are hoping that the flags from the Zonta Club of West Hidalgo County will be used for the convention!

Upcoming dates to remember

- June: The Zontian magazine will be distributed
- July 1: JMK District Scholarship applications are due to ZI
- Aug 1: For the first time we have the opportunity to apply to be a member of President-Elect Oestergaard 's 2014-2016 international committees. The application is on the ZI website and is due August 1st.
- Nov 8: Zonta's 94th Birthday
- Nov 25 - Dec 10: 16 Days of Activism/Zonta Says NO

Thank you all for your service!

Yours in Zonta,
Donna Dodgen

Membership - Lt. Gov. Judy Kautz

Thank you to all District 10 Zontians and Area Directors for your input during our area meetings! It was terrific to focus our meetings on membership, and enlightening to hear all your wonderful ideas for recruiting and retaining members in Zonta International. The presentations from all the area meetings are included on the District 10 website under Member Resources, including the information presented on membership. I encourage you to take a look at the materials, especially if you were not able to attend an area meeting.



E-Clubs is a topic of great interest in Zonta International and District 10. You can find more information on e-clubs in the membership presentation from the area meetings and also in the ZI Membership Manual, Section 3.10, pp 29-34, available on the ZI website. Here is a link to the [ZI Membership Manual](#) if you wish to read more about e-clubs. There is a workshop at the North American Inter-district Summit in mid-

June specifically on e-clubs, where we will learn more about how to form and maintain such a club. We'll provide more information after this workshop.

Thanks to all of you for your service and dedication to Zonta. I encourage you to review the Objects of Zonta for inspiration, and continue to spread the



word about all that we do to improve the lives of women - how can we not attract members with the stirring mission that we have? Once again work to "find them, keep them, thank them." I can offer no more powerful and effective words to serve as inspiration for us as we emphasize membership to carry out Zonta's mission!

ZI Foundation Ambassador - Kim Vann

Well, the Area meetings are over, and all I can say is WOW! It was so nice to have the opportunity to visit Brownsville, Texas and Lafayette, Louisiana, two places I had never been before. Sadly, I had to miss the Area 1 meeting due to a scheduling conflict with my daughter's dance recital. But, my friend and Fort Smith incoming President Judi Hansen took my place and did a fabulous job! Thank you for all the wonderful auction items that were donated for the area meetings. The items were sold for a total of \$6957. Also, we had 68 individual givers!

Total contributions to the Zonta International Foundation as of April 30, 2013 are \$1,585,742.41. This compares to \$1,475,681.96 contributed in April 2011; an increase of \$110,060.45. April represents 46% of the Biennium, and current contributions are at 32.11% of goal. So far, 564 of 1,202 active* clubs have given, and 2,407 of 30,125 active* members (8.54%) have given.

District 10 currently is ranked 7th with \$73,980.66 in donations to the Zonta International Foundation. We are also ranked 5th in giving to Amelia Earhart, 1st in giving to Jane Klausman, 2nd in giving to YWPA, 12th in giving to International Service, 7th in giving to ZISVAW, and 12th in giving to the Rose Fund. GREAT JOB DISTRICT 10!!

Finally, for those of us who love a competition...congrats to Area 2 for raising the most funds for the Foundation from all the Area meetings!

Area 3 raised \$1795

Area 1 raised \$2272

Area 2 raised \$2890!!

Congratulations to us all!!!

Thank you all for your love of Zonta and our causes. It shows in your giving! See you all at the beach!!

Respectfully yours,

Kim Vann, 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

Many thanks to the Zonta Club of Lafayette for hosting a successful, informative and fun Area Meeting on April 20th! We had several first-timers present and they joined in the fun on Friday evening as we learned a few Cajun and Zydeco dance steps after we feasted on a sumptuous buffet including some dishes home-made by Lafayette club members.



The meeting included District 10 updates, among them membership, ZI Foundation, Advocacy and the Nominating Committee. Interactive discussion included some brainstorming on fundraising projects and discussion of e-clubs and e-members. It was also pointed out that ZI now allows clubs to conduct business electronically. Over \$2000 was raised through auction for the ZI Foundation. Revised President's manuals were distributed to club Presidents or their representatives. The meeting's presentations will be posted on the District 10 website.

Area 2 club highlights and news:

- An April visit to the New Orleans Club allowed me to meet their new club member, **Pat Jolly**. Welcome to Zonta, Pat!
- Longview will be holding their Woman of Achievement Luncheon on May 28th at 11:30am in the Maude Cobb Activity Complex
- Houston has selected their Woman of Excellence, **Carol Collett**, who will be honored at the Federation of Houston Professional Women's "Women of Excellence" banquet on September 7th at the Hyatt Regency in Houston

Details of events are available from the sponsoring clubs and on their websites. Please be sure to copy me and webmaster Judy on notices of Area 2 club events.

Enjoy summer, Zonta service and fellowship, and be safe! District Conference is just around the corner.

Area 3 - Marianne Seal, Director

The Zonta Club of Brownsville hosted the Area 3 Meeting on April 5, 2013. The theme for the area meeting was Membership - the Key to Success! The meeting was well attended and all seven clubs of the area were represented. A big thank you to **Alicia Roberts** and **Laura Gilmore** and the members of the Zonta Club of Brownsville for hosting the meeting and to all the participants who made the meeting so productive.



Governor **Donna Dodgen**, Lt. Gov. **Judy Kautz**, District Parliamentarian **Kayleen Kill**, and Area 1 Director **Barbara Yoder** represented the District 10 Board. ZIF Ambassador **Kim Vann** gave an update on the Foundation projects and goals. Business included updates on District 10 and ZI, District Membership, Website information, District Nominating Committee report and information on the new E-Clubs. A spirited game of ZONTA Bingo was held between sessions and participants generously bought auction items to raise funds for the Foundation.

Attendees had time to discuss membership issues, fund raising and service projects that have been successful at their clubs. Several clubs are welcoming new members this month and are anticipating more to join! The area meeting was a terrific opportunity to find ways to meet the needs of our members. Let's use what we learned to build our membership - our Key to Success!

District 10 Webmaster - Judy Kautz

Your website has new material for your use! We now have an Advocacy page where you can find all the latest information forwarded from ZI and District 10 Chair Sheryl Flanagin. In the next few weeks, we will also provide a contact form where clubs can provide input on all their advocacy activities to share with other clubs in the district. Additionally, there is a new section for club newsletters where we will post the most current newsletters from the clubs in our district. Be sure to email your newsletters to webmaster@zontadistrict10.org so they can be included. Also, 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!

Young Women in Public Affairs - Suzi Feickert

And the District 10 YWPA Recipient is.... **Julia Goolsby**
The Zonta International District 10 is proud to announce the Young Women in Public Affairs recipient. Julia Goolsby is the Zonta Club of West Hildago recipient. Ten clubs in District 10 submitted applications for consideration in the YWPA District Award for 2013.

Ms Goolsby is a junior at Lamar Academy, McAllen ISD and is enrolled in the International Baccalaureate course of study. Her personal goal is to study International Relations at Georgetown University. By pursuing this course of study, Ms. Goolsby intends to advocate change via the State

Department, United Nations, or an NGO project. She views this goal as way to collaborate with other organizations to help struggling nations and in turn help women worldwide prosper.

Of the many school activities, Julia is president of the Science Olympiad, Vice-President of quiz-bowl Masterminds Team, and junior class representative of International Baccalaureate Volunteer Organization. In these endeavors she has learned leadership skills in which she can change parts of an organization. An example is she recruited more female trivia enthusiasts in Masterminds, previously viewed as a "male club."

In the community, Ms. Goolsby volunteered to help control an invasive plant, Arundo Donax. This plant hurts the local ecology and drains the Rio Grande Valley of its water supply. Further more, she went to Europe collaborating with scientists studying this in its native environment. It is hoped that data collected in Europe will help scientists in the Rio Grande Valley develop solutions in controlling this invasive plant.

When writing about the status of women in your country and worldwide, Ms. Goolsby sees a major issue in lack of health knowledge, especially sexual education. She writes that she has not had a health class since the fifth grade. "Either not understanding an explanation or not hearing about sexual precautions, many women have fallen victim to un-protection, afflicted with disease, or an unwanted pregnancy." She writes further, "Women's status in society cannot change unless we take control of our choices, and plan for the future."

Let's give a "Big Shout Out" to Ms. Julia Goolsby!

Amelia Earhart Committee - Donna Couch

Sharon Langenbeck, Chair of the ZI Amelia Earhart Fellowship program, has announced the AE Fellows for 2013 and two recipients are completing their studies in District 10. They are **Laura Suarez Henderson** from Columbia who is studying Aerospace Engineering at UTA. Laura is a prior AE Fellow from 2011. Also accepting is **Kim Hyerim** of South Korea, who is attending Texas A&M University and also studying Aerospace Engineering.

Of the 35 Fellows accepting awards for 2013, 4 recipients are USA citizens. The remaining Fellow represent Belgium (1), Canada (2), Columbia (2), Estonia (1), Finland (1), France (1), Germany (5), India (2), Italy (3), Lebanon (1), New Zealand (2), P.R. China (1), Poland (1), Russia (2), South Korea (1), Spain (2), Taiwan (1), Tunisia (1), and Turkey (1).

We hope to have the two District 10 students join us at our Conference in October. A biography of the recipients will be available on the ZI website by June 1.

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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