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Save The Dates

**68th District 10
Conference**
Oct 15-18, 2015

District 10 Newsletter

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Welcome to our new E Club! The Zonta E Club of USA-2 has submitted all their paperwork and dues for official charter in Zonta International! You may recall the original name for the club was Zonta E Club of District 10, but since some of the members live outside of the district, the club requested their name be changed to USA-2. Congratulations to all the members

of this new club and welcome! Club officers include Christi (Walker) Urman, President, Danita Utsman, Vice President, Sherry Williams, Treasurer, Laura Henderson, Secretary, and Candi Ward, Director. They will have a charter celebration virtually in September, so look for information and announcement soon. For those clubs in the district who would like to help out our new e club, it has been our tradition to give a donation (if the club is able) to the newly chartered clubs. Individual Zontians are welcome to donate as well. Please email Treasurer Sherry Williams at slwill307@gmail.com for her address if you would like to send a donation to the new club. District 10 is so generous! Thank you for supporting this new addition to the district!

District 10 Conference is fast approaching! Come & Discover Dynamic Diversity - Have a 3D Experience is our theme for this year's conference, hosted by the Zonta Club of Houston. This year's conference, October 15-17, 2015, will be terrific! Our Zonta International President, Maria Jose Landeira Oestergaard, will attend as our International Representative, which will make our events extra-special! Our hotel is newly renovated, and all events and activities except Friday night will be at the hotel. Rooms are beautiful, WiFi is free for us, and the view of Houston is spectacular. Our talent show on Thursday night will be back. Join us at the

Houston, Texas
Hosted by the
Zonta Club of Houston
(Call to Conf will be
available later this year)

[Conference Web Page](#)

[2016 International
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July 2 - 6, 2016
Nice, France

Clubs on Fire



Zonta eClub of USA-2,
you rock!!! Thank you to
all who worked hard for
many months to make
this happen.

Longview

60 years of service and
the world's largest club!

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Commitment - Courage**



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Armadillo Palace on Friday night for some good old fashioned country fun with line dancing and barbecue, and be sure to wear your Western duds! We will feature Zonta Says No at our banquet, so plan to wear something orange. Please be aware that there will be no club parties allowed in suites or rooms, as it is too disruptive to hotel guests. Instead we will all gather in the Cityview Suite, a very large room at the top of the hotel, and have our fun there. You may set up your parties around the room and bring in your own food (quietly!)...this will be an interesting alternative to our usual Friday night club gatherings! Plan to enjoy all the conference activities - flags, luncheons, Foundation auction, banquet, etc, that always make our conference memorable. We will vote on next biennium's officers, our biennial budget, and some important proposals. Remember that every club's vote counts! Make plans to attend! You can find hotel information at this [link](#) or visit the District 10 webpage at

www.zontadistrict10.org for more information. Our Call to Conference and President's Packet will be sent to club presidents not later than August 15th and also posted to the website. Look for them!

Best Attended North American Inter District meeting ever! The Inter-district meeting was attended by over 150 Zontians from North America, the International President, Maria Jose, President-Elect Sonja and the International Board. District 7 Zontians led by Governor Polly Horton were our hosts with event Chair Barbara Thorsen doing an excellent job. The workshops were well received as were the round table discussions on Friday evening. Thank you to all District 10 Zontians who led workshops, round table discussions and represented District 10 well! I was extremely proud to hear the announcement that District 10 was the only district in Zonta International with all clubs making donations to the Zonta International Foundation! Thank you for your generosity! Thanks also to Jo Carson and Barby Crabtree for their top donations at the NAID. There were five top donations, and District 10 had three of them! Leading with excellence in Service, Advocacy and Fundraising was the theme! Why not join us next time in June 2017 in Fairfax County - District 3!



District 10 Zontians at the North American Inter District meeting learned much and enjoyed seeing other Zontians from North America and Canada.

L-R Danita Utsman, Janis Wood, Naila Guiterrez, Janet Graber, Jo Carson, Barby Crabtree, Sheryl Flanagin, and Sharron Miles. Seated, Judy Kautz and Barbara Yoder. Not pictured, Sharon Hebert.

If you would like to see the presentations, [Link to 2015 NAID Presentations](#)



District 10 Zontians were top givers at the North American Inter District meeting! Pictured left are Gov Judy Kautz, Barby Crabtree, Zonta Club of Dallas, Jo Carson, Zonta Club of Fort Smith, and Dolly Dastoor, ZI Foundation Committee Chair.

Thanks for all you do to empower women and make the world a better place! See you at our conference!
Serving Zonta joyfully!

Judy Kautz
Governor, District 10

Membership - Lt. Gov. Barbara Yoder

Leadership, like swimming, cannot be learned by reading about it." -Henry Mintzberg, McGill University
I love this quote.....it is evocative of many things. Jumping in head first, practicing, having a good instructor, being coached, then having fun because we succeed! All of this is what we do in our clubs as we simultaneously do local and global service, advocacy, and that miracle called fund raising.



There may be other articles in this District 10 Newsletter regarding the North American Inter-district Meeting but I want to say that the leadership presentations were spot on! The meeting participants also had to work and reflect on our Zonta experience from club level start to present! The leadership picture below is one that Kathleen Douglas shared with us.

I think a good use of part of a board meeting would be to review this manual. Service to Zonta also includes recruiting members! Members make world change and individual clubs possible!

Kathleen Douglas' Conclusion * Provide opportunities for members to use their skills, attributes and knowledge * Encourage leadership whenever/wherever possible * Acknowledge growth * Say thank you to those who have said YES!

One of my favorite activities is thanking you. I know that we are all collaborating volunteers. But what power we have in this collaboration! Please come to conference and bring a guest you are introducing to Zonta. Fill the carpool with first timers too!

Much Thanks and Respect, Barbara Yoder

Area 2 - Kathy Yates

I have had a great year as Area 2 director. Most recently I had the honor and privilege of installing new officers & board members and participating in inductions of new members. Thanks to all the Area 2 clubs who included me in these ceremonies. It was such a pleasure.

Thanks to all the outgoing officers and board members for your dedication and service to Zonta!

Congratulations and thanks to all the new officers and board members. A special thanks goes to those officers and board members who are graciously continuing their service to Zonta and its mission. I look forward to working with all of you in the upcoming year! Congratulations to the clubs for the increases in membership!!! And WELCOME to all the new members!

Zonta Club of Shreveport - My visit to the Shreveport club was such a pleasant experience. What a dynamic group of women. I had the honor and pleasure of installing their officers and directors and Lt. Governor Yoder inducted their new members. Thanks, Lt. Governor Yoder. The club has increased its membership by four.

In the upcoming year, the goal is to continue supporting Dress for Success for Women, Rescue Mission, Women Shelters and Meals on Wheels. They are currently gearing up for their "Zonta on the Greens" fundraiser.

Zonta Club of New Orleans - Recently, I visited the New Orleans club. I had the pleasure of spending time with a few but mighty women of Zonta. Having been chartered since 1959, it was with much sadness that they have voted to disband. I would like to thank everyone who has given of their time and dedication to ZI mission over their many years as members. On a positive note, four members will continue their service by joining the e-club.

Zonta Club of Lafayette - The club was pleased to host the 2015 Area 2 meeting. Friday night attendees were treated to a presentation of powerful Louisiana women in history. Representatives from 5 of the six clubs of Area 2 were present. Everyone had a great time and all of the attendees went home with door prizes. Thanks for all the hard work and hosting a great meeting.



In the Spring, the club held its annual "Save Ze Ta Ta'z" fundraiser. It was a huge success raising more monies than ever before. Almost 100 folks were in attendance even with the terrible weather. The event was promoted in the FACE magazine, and articles with pictures of the event were published in the Daily Advertiser and the Acadiana Advocate.

At the May meeting a new member was inducted and I had the privilege of installing the officers and board members.

Zonta Club of Houston - I had the honor and privilege while visiting the Houston club to install their 2015-16 Board. It was a great meeting. Preparation and plans are in full force for the D10 Conference in October keeping all the members extremely busy. Even though they are really busy, they took time out to staff the Ten Thousand Villages store and volunteer at BATP, as well as, held a Chico's Shopping fundraiser.

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Zonta Club of Longview - Congratulations!!!! Longview recently celebrated 60 years of service to Zonta and is the largest Zonta Club in the world with 151 members. I was honored to be included in both recent induction ceremonies adding 56 new members. It was a special honor for the new members in April as Governor Kautz was part of the induction ceremony. Thanks, Governor Kautz.

The club's fund raising has been over the top. The club has a great working relationship with the Longview Police Department and the ETATT - East Texas Anti-Trafficking Team to stop sex-trafficking in their community. A pair of annual events made for a good fit as Zonta Club of Longview staged its seventh annual prom dress giveaway and hosted the service club's trademark antiques bazaar.

Zonta Club of Greater East Texas - The club has increased its membership by four. They presented scholarships at the May annual meeting, the GET Zonta scholarship to a young woman that has been commuting to Kilgore College from Dallas, TX, and the YWPA scholarship was presented to a young woman that had moved here with her mother from Syria. She came to the US with an extremely limited vocabulary and is now one of the top students in her class. In June, new members were inducted and new officers were installed. Early this month, they held the first fellowship of the year at Artwalk in Longview. It was a wonderful evening, with wine, appetizers, and some beautiful local art on display.

Area 3 - Shelly Baumgartner

Fredericksburg:

- Honored Ernestine "Tina" Burnham as their Woman of Achievement in July. Tina was born in 1917 and lived through the Great Depression. During World War II she served as a "Rosie the Riveter". In order to serve her country better she enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard. Serves and supports Veterans: organized a recognition "honor" board at her



local church, placing of flags at a local cemetery: writes notes, letters, sends cards to veterans as they serve our country.

- Hosting an Adult Spelling Bee to provide funding towards the Zonta Club of Fredericksburg's Scholarship and Literacy Funds on September 22.
- A group of our members started a mentoring program for at risk 7th and 8th grade girls at Fredericksburg Elementary School. During the last meeting before summer vacation, the group known as Zonta Group Mentoring helped the girls make bracelets. Each bead of the bracelet represented different things they had discussed during their time together, such as school, parents, addictions, dating and sex, friends and self esteem. The students also added other beads as they wished. The plan for the fall school schedule is to add the 6th graders as well.
- The Scholarship Committee did an outstanding job of selecting ten recipients out of forty-two applicants to each receive the \$1,000.00 scholarship. These girls were from all around the Texas Hill Country. Any graduating senior or woman of any age wanting to further her education is eligible, if the county she lives in borders on Gillespie County. This year we honored the Young Woman in Public Affairs along with the scholarship recipients at the Scholarship Awards Banquet. Education is truly the key to a successful future and these young women are the future.

West Hidalgo:

- The recipient of West Hidalgo's Young Women in Public Affairs award has received the award and recognition from Zonta International.
- Hosted Cover Stories, an annual fundraiser this past March with authors David Bowles, Frank Brewster and Esteban Bravo.
- Member Dulce Hernandez was named Attorney of the Year at the Mujeres Unidas Volunteer Recognition Dinner on March 24. Dulce volunteers many hours providing victims of family violence with immediate legal advice and/or representation in divorce and custody matters.
- Honored three local women at their Shining Stars banquet. [Event Information and Pictures](#)

Seguin:

- Hosted the Cinderella Ball
- Participated in the SAYLA (Seguin Area Youth Leadership Academy) ice cream social
- Recognized Pam Krippner

Austin:

- Hosting an author's lunch with mystery writer Susan Witting Albert on August 29.
- Recognizing Brooke Doherty the local Jane M. Klausman Woman in Business scholarship recipient at our August meeting.
- Recognized Priya Ramamoorthy as their 2015 Young Women in Public Affairs Scholar awardee.

- Held its annual planning retreat where members discussed club goals and objectives for the coming year. Membership, fundraising, scholarship, service and advocacy efforts were among the the topics covered.



San Antonio:

- Members continue to concentrate their efforts on the Roy Maas' Youth Alternatives program.
- Recognized Roxan Gonzalez a student at Our Lady of the Lake College as their Jane M Klausman Woman in Business scholar.
- Volunteering at Girlsville.



- Recognized Nicole Pena as their Young Women in Public Affairs scholar at the May meeting.

Brownsville:

- The 2014-2015 year with a Service Awards and Installation of Officers banquet. This is the event in which we celebrate by presenting monetary awards to agencies that we support who are in sync with our mission statement. Status of Women Chairman Marina Zolezzi introduced the representatives from the agencies who were the recipients of our service awards for the year, among which are the Friendship of Women Shelter, The Adult Literacy Center, Infant and Family Nutrition Agency, In His Steps Shoe Fund, among others. Representatives accepting the awards gave a brief report on their agency as they came to the podium. Following the service awards, Alicia Roberts, Chairman of the Scholarship committee, presented scholarships to eight Seniors from each of our local high schools, including one from our Z Club at Lopez High. Each of the graduates told us a little about themselves and their college and career goals.

Also, during this event, our new officers for 2015-2016 were installed. They are Laura Gilmore-President, Estela Vasquez-Vice President, Rebecca Robles- recording secretary, Kathy Jennings-Corresponding Secretary, and Marina Zolezzi, Treasurer. Directors are LeeAnn Greer and Alicia Roberts (2014-2016) and Jovita Chase and Laura Gonzales (2015-2017). Honorable Judge Janet Leal installed our new officers. Congratulations to our new Board!

In July we had our Planning Meeting at the Holiday Inn. We discussed our plans for the new Zonta Year and reviewed our tentative budget. We will continue our hands-on project of feeding the homeless at La Posada. We will work toward having

our annual Christmas Tour of Homes and annual Golf Tournament. Some items will be finalized in our August meeting. The meeting was well attended. We are looking forward to our new year!



Planning Meeting held July 11

Front row: Marina Zolezzi, Becky Robles, Laura Gonzales, Kathy Jennings
Standing: Rosalie Gutierrez, Estela Vasquez, Alicia Roberts, LeeAnn Greer, Laura Gilmore, Marlys Zapata, and Elvia Garrido

Around the Area

Area 3 Zontians sent a note to Maude Lette. She was happy to receive it and said that she misses all her Zonta friends.



Advocacy Committee - Sheryl Flanagin

Summer time and the livin' is easy unless you are Zontians and you are busy gearing up for another year of service and advocacy. This upcoming year will be filled again with actions from our D10 clubs on the issues that relate to our mission-trafficing, violence against women and girls, education for girls, women's health concerns, pay equity, economic growth for women, and equal rights for all.

As you probably read in our latest Zontian, President Maria Jose Landeira Oestergaard indicates that the focus for Zonta International is Goal No. 5 of the 17 proposed Sustainable Development Goals of Beijing +20: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls. All our advocacy projects should be directed toward this goal. President Maria Jose said, "...I thank you all for your conviction, commitment, and courage in living up to Zonta's mission through service and advocacy. Together we are achieving more!" As D10 Advocacy Chair, I, too, thank the clubs and members of District 10. We are making a difference!

Foundation Ambassador - Kim Vann

Changes to the Zonta International Foundation recognition pin program began July 1, 2015. The following changes were made:

* Wishing to continue to encourage new donors, the first pin will still be issued at the \$100 level.



* The next lifetime giving levels and pin recognition will be at every \$500 mark through \$3000.

* For the higher levels, we will keep the same pin series (Turquoise, Opal, Topaz, Pearl, Ruby, Diamond, Sapphire and Emerald) but recognition milestones have been adjusted.

At the District Conference this fall in Houston, I will be collecting any old lower level giving pins you would like to donate. Zonta International asks for us to donate them back to help cut down on costs to the program.

In other news, District 10 is sitting at #8 in giving with \$98,123 in donations so far this biennium. That is over \$17,000 more than this time last biennium - WOW! 213 of us have made individual donations so far and we are still the only district to report 100% club giving this biennium. Overall the Zonta International Foundation has raised 40% of its goal for the biennium with donations totaling over \$2 million.

Keep up the good work! I am proud to serve as your Foundation Ambassador.

Kim Vann

Reflections of the Editor

What I learned this last year:

- Lots of great Zonta resources....ZI Website, Zontian Magazine, other District websites and newsletters, past governors, AE Fellows, long-time members
- Say "Yes" and figure it how later
- Ask, ask again, ask again.....ask someone else
- Lift a paint brush, hours on the computer - service is what you do, not where you do it.
- A small act of kindness is long remembered
- There is a real Zonta rose (Zonta Rose Story). There were two others before this one. I thought any yellow rose was a Zonta rose.
- This newsletter can be published every two months.
- Some Zontians open their emails before mine is in my inbox

Yours in Zonta, Carol Collett

Zonta International District 10 Newsletter Editor