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Advancing the status of women worldwide through service and advocacy



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District 10 Newsletter

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Dear Judy,



This being my final newsletter article let me say **THANK YOU** for all that you have done and your willingness to be of service!! I have had a wonderful time as District Governor! District 10 Rocks!!

Area meetings are behind us and what a time we had! Due to family illness I was unable to make each one in its entirety but like we do in Zonta we are flexible, resilient, and able to adapt. Thank you to the District 10 Board! 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. For those who attended, please remember to share the information with your club members. Information presented at the meetings is posted on the District 10 website, so please take a look.

For a brief overview - District Status

- Financially stable - met goal 600 members for budget purposes
- Technology presence for newsletter, marketing/communication on Facebook, twitter, linked in, and email information to save postage
- Continued D10 Board attending clubs functions as able
- 100% clubs pledged and gave to ZIF

General Information Update

- ZI service award recognition - 3 club projects submitted - Johnson County, Ft. Smith and Houston
- Apr 1 YWPA club applications was due to district and then to ZI by May 1 - winner (repeat) Julia Goolsby of West Hidalgo County!
- Club officer form to ZI by May 1 & to the District Governor
- ZI dues by June 1
- District dues are due postmarked by May 31
- ZI Convention - Orlando Florida June 27 - July 1 District picture scheduled during district meeting Friday 6/27 from 930-10 with pix at 950am; District Governor is sitting with districts and seating moved around; May 16th is the deadline to get memorial information to Governor; the Governors will have a part in the Memorial Service; All conference rooms will have WIFI and live streaming of some of the convention will occur
- Trade show - day 1 Saturday will focus on service project recognition; day 2 Sunday will focus on Zonta Says NO; day 3

will feature membership & fundraising success - 1 club in D10 has already reserved a table; each club participating is responsible for setup, manning, and take down of items for the table

- Convention information and President's packet was mailed to Club Presidents at the end of March - there is a club mailing link on the ZI website if need
- 66 pages of bylaws - information page on ZI website to help understand and remember to attend the open forum at the convention. The more informed we are the less time our bylaw sessions will take!
- New name proposed for Z club and Golden Z is Z Club International denoted with colors to distinguish between High School and College Clubs
- Please alert your Z clubs that there is a Z Club & Golden Z Club survey on the ZI website
- As of 4/1/14 we have 199 Z clubs & 78 Golden Z clubs internationally
- District 10 Raffle for District Conference in Weatherford - \$25/ticket and available from the District 10 Board members

Upcoming dates to remember

- July 1: JMK District Scholarship applications are due to ZI
- October 16 - 18: District 10 Conference in Weatherford Texas hosted by the Zonta Club of Parker County
- Nov 8: Zonta's 95th Birthday
- Nov 25- Dec 10: 16 Days of Activism
- June 19-21, 2015: North American Inter-District Summit in Minneapolis, MN

Thank you for your service and the best to you all!

Yours in Zonta,
Donna Dodgen

Membership - Lt. Gov. Judy Kautz



As we march into a new biennium, we continue to recognize how important our members are to Zonta. They execute service projects, raise funds, and serve as examples of professional women who care about making the world a better place for everyone, especially women! I am so proud of all of you and the incredible work you do. It goes without saying that if we have more members, we can do more to change our world! Keep up the push...our work is so important to women and girls throughout the world and we need members in order to accomplish that mission.

On June 1st, we begin another Zonta biennium...one filled with promise of milestones to achieve and new projects to embrace. Let us once again resolve to invite new members to join us! Our ZI Membership team is working hard to provide us new tools in our quest, and your incoming Lt Governor, Barbara Yoder, has some great new ideas herself for our



search. I do want to remind you of that all-important phrase "Find them, keep them, thank them".

Thank you for all you do to improve the lives of women locally and globally. Your passion for Zonta and your joy in serving our organization are inspiring! You do make a difference!

ZI Foundation Ambassador - Kim Vann

It was so nice to have the opportunity to visit Austin, Shreveport, and Cleburne for the 2014 Area meetings. Thank you for all the wonderful auction items which were auctioned for a total of \$8908, \$2000 more than what was raised last year!

I am proud to announce that so far District 10 has 8 clubs with 100% giving, which is 5 more than the past biennium. Those clubs who are 100% individual givers are Harlingen, Mineral Wells, Fort Smith, Parker County, Houston, Lafayette, Austin, and Johnson County. These clubs will have special recognition in Orlando this summer at the Zonta International Convention.

Zontians have until May 30th to get in their individual donations to be acknowledged in the 2013-2014 Zonta International Foundation annual report. Lifetime donation totals of \$100 and above are recognized in the report.

Also, for those of us who love a competition...congrats to Area 1 for raising the most funds for the Foundation from all the Area meetings! Money raised at the area meetings: Area 3, \$1175; Area 2, \$3193; and Area 1, \$4540. Congratulations to us all.

Finally, if you are in attending the Zonta International Convention in Orlando, please stop by the Foundation booth and make a donation. Let all Zontians all over the world see the generosity of D10 Zontians.

Thank you all for your love of Zonta and our causes. It shows in your giving. See you all in October.

Kim Vann

D10 Foundation Ambassador

Area 1 - Barbara Yoder, Director

Area 1 clubs enjoyed a FIESTA in Cleburne Texas at their meeting on May 3rd. Fellowship and the "District 10 Membership is Key" agenda renewed all 72 folks in attendance! All 8 clubs were represented from Area 1. Sadie the burro was our special guest and invited us to a picture taking session, and the evening event proved we have many talented artists.....canvases galore with margarita renditions and a few rogue Thunder Basketball images too!



Special thanks to all attendees and the Johnson County Club for organizing this meeting. We were thankful for updates from our Governor, Governor Elect, Advocacy Chair Sheryl Flanagin and Foundation Ambassador Kim Vann. Kudos to Area 1 for proving that a fun

auction makes big money for the foundation! Theresa Farris and Janet Graber teamed up to auction for the ZIF greater good!

Please know that this past biennium has been fast and furious, but I have learned so much about my fellow Zontians and all the clubs. How wonderful to be working for world change for women, yet doing so with so much variety, action, persistence, and tolerance. I commend each club for their heart for raising the status of women worldwide. See everyone at conference in Weatherford!

New member Dianna Ward from Johnson County joins Area Director Yoder: Framed at the Fiesta!



Area 2 - Suzanne Russell, Director

Thank you to the Zonta Club of Shreveport for hosting a successful and informative Area 2 meeting! Check out the photos from the meeting and it's obvious that all attendees had a good time. Everyone's good mood must have contributed to the generous spirit in the room as \$3101 was raised during the auction for the ZI Foundation!



During the meeting an "idea sharing" session was held. I'm summarizing the results below along with a few ideas from last year's sharing session.

- Fundraising ideas: Bunco tournament, Scrabble competition, pecan or geranium sale; Art Bra event: auction donated bras, request donations, have local police (male) & firemen model bras; hold an event with a local business: some businesses donate a percentage of sales to the charities holding events at their business. These include Buffalo Wild Wings, Chili's, Raising Cane's (chicken), and Chico's.
- Service ideas: Annual participation in home building for Habitat for Humanity; junior high school "career fairs" for girls featuring local career women (also a good opportunity for recruiting the career women to Zonta); collection of gently-used bras can start

a business for a woman survivor of sex trafficking. Longview club participated in this with their Z Clubs (www.freethegirls.org).

- **Membership:** Persistence in asking our friends and acquaintances to Zonta meetings and events can be the key to obtaining a new member. Offer to pick them up and come with them to the event.
- **PR:** Explore your local newspaper's policy for non-profit advertising-it could be free or low cost.

This is my last District newsletter as Area 2 Director. The best part of this job has been meeting and getting to know all of you! Area 2 has dedicated Zontians working on meaningful and important service projects. I have been impressed with how significant the service projects of each of our clubs are. For me the "good" news in leaving this job behind is that now I know many more of you to look forward to seeing at Area meetings and Conference!

Area 3 - Marianne Seal, Director

This is a busy time of year for Area 3 Zontians. Thanks to those who attended the Area 3 meeting in Lakeway. The Zonta Club of Austin did a wonderful job of hosting the event. We met in the brand new Lake Travis Community Library and agreed that it was a lovely and comfortable setting. For those who were unable to stay for the Flamenco Symphony concert at Patty Chimene's home, well, you missed a fantastic evening. The group now has many new fans!



Thanks to the District Officers who attended and presented information for our clubs - Governor Donna Dodgen, Lt. Gov. Judy Kautz, Treasurer Carolyn Smith and Area 1 Director Barbara Yoder. Foundation Ambassador, Kim Vann and District Advocacy Committee Chair, Sheryl Flanagin were also there to present new issues and goals in the Foundation and in advocacy.

We focus on leadership for the coming year by electing and installing our new officers. Congratulations to all who have been chosen and agreed to further serve Zonta! You truly make a difference.

A heartfelt thanks to all of you in Area 3 who gave me the opportunity to represent you as Area 3 Director. I have truly enjoyed this biennium-learning about your clubs, meeting your members and officers and seeing all the different ways we work together to uphold the ideals of Zonta. It has been a wonderful experience for me and I hope to continue our friendships and our growth in the future!



District 10 Webmaster - Judy Kautz

I am pleased to announce that Carolyn Smith, Zonta Club of Johnson County, will be the District 10 Webmaster for the next biennium. Carolyn is enthusiastic about taking this on, and eager to hear your ideas about changes and improvements to the website. As is usual at the start of the new biennium, we will have many items to update. If you have suggestions or see errors, please let Carolyn know at webmaster@zontadistrict10.org

Advocacy Committee - Sheryl Flanagin

Advocacy Happens in D10

This spring I had the pleasure of attending all our Area Meetings for the first time. What a nice opportunity! Reconnecting with Zontians from all across District 10 and hearing their stories of service and advocacy made for inspiring visits. As your D10 Advocacy Chairman, I am so pleased with the strides we have made in our advocacy endeavors. We made quite a showing during the 16 Days of Activism/Zonta Says No Campaign, didn't we? As we proceed into the next biennium, I fully expect that we will continue to grow in this important aspect of Zonta International.

As usual, I do have a request for you. From the recent headlines of the atrocities committed against over 270 girls in Nigeria, we must now, more than ever, advocate for passage of the International Violence Against Women Act. This Act, presented now in both the House and the Senate, does three main things:

- Ensures that the status and security of women around the world remains a key U.S. foreign policy priority
- Makes permanent the existing Office of Global Women's Issues at the Department of State headed by an Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues
- Mandates Congressional oversight on progress of the implementation of the U.S. Strategy to Prevent and Respond to Gender-Based Violence Globally

Please, contact your Representatives and Senators to urge support of I-VAWA. One easy to use link is www.womenthrive.org/ivawa-thanks. The current cry is #Bring Back Our Girls. Let's work toward a world where such horrors cease to occur.

Everyone has the right to live free of violence.



I stand behind women and girls across the world.



#IVAWA

YWPA Fellowship Committee - Suzi Feickert

The Zonta International District 10 is proud to announce the 2014 Young Women in Public Affairs recipient. Julia Goolsby, recipient for the Zonta Club of West Hildago YWPA, is the Zonta District 10 YWPA recipient! Thirteen clubs in District 10 submitted applications for consideration in the YWPA District Award for 2014. Total applications starting at the club level were 63 plus an additional application received from an area where there is no club. As a high school junior, Ms. Goolsby was the District 10 and Zonta International Foundation YWPA recipient for 2013.

Ms Goolsby will graduate from McAllen High School, McAllen ISD and is enrolled in the International Baccalaureate course of study. During the summer of 2013, she spent part of her summer in Costa Rica building a greenhouse. Through this project, Ms. Goolsby has focused her energy on global efforts of conservation. She accepted admission to Stanford University for the fall semester 2014. Her course of study will enable her to learn more about international environmental problems. She hopes to build a career with the US State Department, supporting international conservationism and helping the US come to agreements regarding the environment.

Of the many school activities, Julia is president of the Science Olympiad, Vice-President of quiz-bowl Masterminds Team, and president of International Baccalaureate Volunteer Organization (IBVO). In these endeavors, she has learned leadership skills and team building.

In the community, Ms. Goolsby volunteered to help control an invasive plant, Arundo Donax. She wrote about this project in her 2013 application. Data collected in this project was published this past January in Biocontrol Science and Technology Ms Goolsby shows her commitment to community outreach through community projects of the National

Honor Society and IBVO. She volunteers at the Colonial Manor Nursing Home, Vannie Cook Children's Cancer Center, Quinta Mazatlan, and Keep McAllen Beautiful. She states that she has organized IBVO's participation in more than twenty community events this school year.

When writing about International Awareness, she states, "Since I began to consider a career in International Relations, I have been aware of the importance of perspectives. A broad range of viewpoints is an important tool in understanding and negotiating with foreign diplomats. Therefore, new knowledge inside and outside of school is important."

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. Her IB program is housed in a separate part of the building. There, the "status of women seems hardly an issue." However, she observes this is not the case when crossing the breezeway to the Options School. Here, the women students finish high school and care for their baby. " The issue of lack of health knowledge affects people across the globe. Either not understanding an explanation or not hearing about sexual precautions, many women have fallen victim to unprotected, afflicted with disease, or an unwanted pregnancy." Her research points to "family planning in many underdeveloped countries is an unheard-of concept. Women's status in society cannot change unless we take control of our choice, and plan for the future." Ms Goolsby proposes the women's movement embrace the information age as a step toward improving the status of women.

Her application has been submitted to Zonta International offices for consideration in becoming an 2014 international recipient of YWPA.

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

Composite profile of a 2014 YWPA club recipient

(information extracted and summarized from 12 club's submissions)

The composite club YWPA recipient is usually very involved in community service and has a broad outlook on the world and the needs of the people. The recipient is a very busy high school student.....in college she is planning to study either journalism, physician assistant, pediatric dentist or political science or maybe a doctor of optometry, on the other hand maybe a human rights/social justice attorney; an Officer in the US Marine Corps or a scientist in the medical examiner's office, a sports attorney, maybe mathematic analysis of economics or be a US Ambassador to a developing country...or a biomedical science degree leading to doctor to help her home village in Africa, a financial analyst then law school; a career in medicine, or working international environmental issues for the U.S. State Dept.

To start on this career she plans to study at Spring Hill College, Stanford U, UT-Tyler, Loyola U, TAMU, Rice U, an Oklahoma university, U of Houston Law School or one of several unspecified colleges.

She has left quite a track record in high school.....member of honor societies, IB programs and many specialized clubs. Also she is involved in sports and in various religious groups in leadership roles. There is often international service travel involved, she has served internships with a

variety of organizations including roller derby, and participated in youth leadership training and Girls Incorporated.

She has often had international experience already...she has been to Costa Rica, Bulgaria, the Mediterranean, South Africa, Canada. One is from Nigeria and has been back to work on a service project in her village, or she went to the Caribbean Islands, Nicaragua jungles, etc. They come from varied ethnic and cultural backgrounds.

They were submitted by Fredericksburg, Ft Smith, West Hidalgo, Longview, Greater East Texas, Houston, Baton Rouge, Dallas, Johnson Co, San Antonio, Ft Worth, Central Oklahoma and Lafayette.

The three judges were non-Zontians (to avoid any bias), two retired school teachers the other a former scientist who's now a community advocate. They all said that it was hard work to make the selection, but they enjoyed it very much! But they also agreed unanimously and independently on the District 10 recipient which is amazing.

If you were looking to hire someone who is smart, ethical and a hard worker, any of them would be a great candidate. These are future Zontians and I hope our clubs can keep track of them.

Carolyn Phillips, Houston
YWPA D10 Committee assistant 2014

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Sincerely,
Pris Truesdell
Zonta International District 10



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