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District 10 Newsletter

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What a privilege it is to be a Zontian and see all the exciting activities and projects which work to help women locally and globally. We have a lot of news to share this month!

Be sure to read below about our new mission and vision statements, and our new theme!

Conference Wrap Up:

Heartfelt thanks to our Conference Co-Chairs Donna Couch and Amy Mercer, and to all the ladies of the Zonta Club of Parker County led by President Peggy Hutton for a superb District 10 Conference. I also want to thank our past governors for their support and involvement in the conference - we benefit greatly from their wisdom and their willingness to assist wherever they are needed. I particularly want to thank all the members of the District 10 Board, who pitched in wherever they were needed, in addition to doing their regular duties! Thanks to all of you. We all enjoyed spending the first day of the conference focusing on advocacy and service, and you all shared ideas about what you are doing to get your members and your communities on fire for Zonta advocacy! On Saturday, we learned about all the new Zonta International Foundation projects adopted by ZI members at our convention in Orlando, and clubs articulated their donations for this first year of the biennium. We also learned all the latest information from our various District 10 Committee Chairs, and about the active role these ladies are taking as they reach out to club members throughout the district. We took your suggestions to heart, and we will make resulting changes for our next conference. Specifically, we will go back to business attire for our general sessions and forego jeans. We will also continue with the Presidents' Breakfast, as that was well received by participants as a great mechanism for idea-sharing. We will continue with mixing up our luncheon seating - it was a wonderful way to meet other Zontians in the district and share ideas. Finally, next year's conference will be held in one venue so we won't have to drive to the various activities, except for the Friday night event, which will not be far. Thanks to everyone for the suggestions; if you have others, please send

them on to me or any member of the board and we will certainly consider them. All conference materials will be available on the D10 website within the next week. A photo disk will also be provided to each club, thanks to our conference photographer, Angie Weaver, and banquet photographer, Patty Chimene.

16 Days of Activism/Zonta Says No: Many of you are immersed in our annual campaign to prevent violence against women. I hope you are posting your photos and activities on the Zonta Says No website, so we can share your good works and ideas with others. Simply go to www.zontasaysno.com to post your photos and information. Thank you to our District 10 Advocacy Chair, Sheryl Flanagin, for sharing the daily information during our 16 Days of Activism. I know our club Advocacy Chairs are sharing the information as well, and you can also find it on the District 10 Facebook page.

New Mission, Vision and Theme Statements/Zonta logo:

As you all may recall, we voted at the last ZI Convention to remove the word "executives" from our mission statement; there were other items approved during the convention which also affected our mission and vision statements, and the ZI Board, Committee Chairs and Governors have worked very diligently to incorporate the changes. As a result, the Zonta International Board has approved the new vision and mission statements and the new theme for Zonta. The purpose of the changes is to accommodate the decisions made at Convention, to modernize the language so it is appealing to all generations, and to facilitate the possibility for translations. As a whole, the Board believes the new statements and theme are simpler, more powerful and indicate clearly our point of difference to other organizations. The statements and the theme are included on page 65 of the Governing Documents, which will be published as an electronic booklet in the web soon and also made available as a printed booklet. The statements are as follows:

MISSION: Zonta International is a leading global organization of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy.

VISION: Zonta International envisions a world in which women's rights are recognized as human rights and every woman is able to achieve her full potential. In such a world, women have access to all resources and are represented in decision making positions on equal basis with men. In such a world, no woman lives in fear of violence.

THEME: Empowering Women Through Service and Advocacy.

The ZI Public Relations and Communications committee and the ZI Board have worked hard doing the benchmarking of Zonta and developing the branding strategy for Zonta. The Zonta emblem will not be changed, but a refreshed logo and visual identity will be released with the new mission, vision and theme in January. Communication materials and tools for all clubs will be available, including club logos, templates for letterheads and power point presentations. The official launching of the refreshed identity will be January 2015.

These are, indeed, exciting times to be a Zontian! Thanks to all of you for making a difference! Zonta truly does change lives!

Serving Zonta joyfully!
Judy

Membership - Lt. Gov. Barbara Yoder

Wonderful stuffbecause we know that the more Zonta members we have the more we can accomplish. Zonta members returned from conference renewed. This is evident from events this fall.



It is said that there is no limit to the amount of good a person can do if she does not mind who gets the credit. So just think what amount of good a Zonta Club

can do! I think it is tremendous what a Zonta member and club risks for women we have never seen or may never meet. This risk may be time, talent or treasure. Changing this risk into action is changing the world. The payoff is the true definition of altruism! So good on us.

I want to thank each one of you for being a Zonta member. Please continue to tell Zonta's story to your network. Don't forget...ask, ask and ask like-minded folks to join us. As potential members visit your club or hear your story, you may also find women who share your passion for women but have trouble fitting meetings into their schedules. We have another opportunity to increase our Zonta world. District 10 will charter an e-club by renewal time in the spring.

Please pass their contact information onto your club president or me so we can use their influence to raise the status of women as well.

Be well and do good work. Don't forget to put your club stories, advocacy and successes onto the ZI website. Happy Holidays and wishes for the New Year!

With Highest and Best Regards!

Barbara Yoder

ZI Foundation Ambassador - Kim Vann

It was so nice to see everyone in Weatherford, Texas for the 67th District 10 Conference. Twenty clubs turned pledged \$59,361 along with almost \$10,000 in individual donations totaling close to \$70,000 donated to the Zonta International Foundation! This is about \$8000 more than the 2013 District 10 conference donations. Way to go District 10! I was so proud and amazed at the generosity.



A special thanks to Sally Rankin, our auctioneer for the foundation. She did a fabulous job of securing high bids for our items. Also, thank you to all the clubs and individuals that donated items for the live auction. The auctioning of the flag bearers proved beneficial along with the wearing of jeans on Saturday for a \$10 donation to the foundation. Also, thank you to Kara Arteaga, D10 Service Chair, who co presented the Zonta International Foundation report.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and look forward to seeing you all again at the Spring 2015 Area meetings.

It is the personal thoughtfulness, the warm human awareness, the reaching out of the self to one's fellow man that makes giving worthy of the Christmas spirit. Isabel Currier, Author

Kim Vann
D10 Foundation Ambassador

Area 1 - Donna Couch, Director

Area 1 is off to a great start for the biennium. In our eight clubs, we have 14 new members, plus we have one club who has arranged for sponsorship and has committed member for a new Z Club! We are off to a great start to reach our membership goals.



Members can be marking their calendars now for an exciting Area 1 meeting on April 25 hosted by the Zonta Club of Dallas. The club is very excited to welcome us to their city as they enter into their 91st year of Zonta service. The just hosted a big celebration of their 90th birthday.

Other clubs in Area 1 have been busy with service projects since June 1. Stephenville hosted their annual Arts & Crafts Fest, Johnson County raised over \$20,000 with their Save the TaTas event, Parker County participated in their annual Freedom House Garden Safari. In addition, Fort Worth is preparing for their annual Christmas Party for the girls at Christ Haven and Mineral Wells is kicking off the holidays with their Tour of Homes. All clubs are also planning for their upcoming Amelia Earhart events.

Area 2 - Kathy Yates, Director

What a great District Conference! As always, it was a learning opportunity and a lot of fun! Thanks to Parker County for hosting the conference, it was a wonderful event. Thanks to the Longview and Central Oklahoma clubs for hosting very informative and enjoyable luncheons. Meeting all the folks from Area 2 and from across the district was definitely a highlight of the conference. If you were there, you know what I mean. If



not, I encourage you to attend next October in Houston. This will provide an opportunity to learn more about Zonta and what the other clubs in your district/area are doing. It is truly amazing.

Please be sure to let me know of any special events/projects being held by your club during the year. I am hoping to attend at least some of these events. Don't forget you can also publicize them on the District 10 website.

Mark your calendar for Saturday March 21st for the Area 2 meeting in Lafayette! Hope to see you there.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday season!

Zonta Club of Lafayette- The club is working closely with, and is a sponsor of, Faith House's, (battered women's shelter) "No More Violence, No More Silence" campaign. As in years past, the club is once again adopting a family at the shelter and will fill their Christmas wishes. The club is also very excited about hosting the Area 2 meeting

Next up, they will be having their primary fundraiser, "Save Ze TaTa'z" on April 16th.

Congratulations Dr. Mary Farmer Kaiser! - During the past seven years as a Zontian, Dr. Mary Farmer Kaiser has risen through the ranks of the university world. After a national search with applications from across the country, Mary was chosen as the new Graduate Dean at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

Zonta Club of Longview- The club is very busy these days. They have approved thirty-one new members and are planning an orientation and induction in early December. Congratulations!!! Also in December, they will have Giving of Gifts day where they are partnering again with the Longview Police, Partners in Prevention, and all five of the local agencies that deal directly with sex-trafficking victims to collect items they need for their agencies. Zontians, ZClub girls, police officers, partners in prevention representatives and representatives from the agencies will all be present to answer questions, hand out brochures, and have a huge public awareness event. Their Zonta says NO! campaign to date has raised \$20,000 with another \$10,000 pledged. On April 16th an event to promote sex-trafficking awareness will be held and is free and open to the public.

Zonta Club of Shreveport- The club celebrated United Nations Day on October 20th with dinner and invited guests from four nations; Russia, France, Hungary and Belgium. Facts about Zonta International and United Nations were shared. Foreign Exchange Students presented a media presentation about their respective country. December 8th is a special evening as we celebrate with fellowship and giving back to the community with the Salvation Army Angel Tree. Members and guests will be treated to an evening of a sparkling light display. December 9th is "Action Day" for "Zonta says NO to Violence against Women" campaign. Members will wear orange buttons with message to end violence against women and girls. The Club will start the new year with a luncheon in celebration of Amelia Earhart on January 19th.

Zonta Club of Houston- This club is also very busy planning their 3rd Annual Charity Clay Sport Shooting Event which will be held on February 21st, while continuing with their ongoing projects. These projects include teaching classes at the Women's Home-a residential program for women in transition & changing their lives. Social Media/Linked In- women post their resumes on LinkedIn. Additional classes Managing Change, Career Exploration & Mock Interviewing. They volunteer on a regular basis at the Bay Area Turning Point women's shelter in their resale shop as well as the Ten Thousand Village- fair trade store when many of artisans in 3rd world countries are women. United Against Human Trafficking (UAHT) -coalition to provide public awareness & educate law enforcement on trafficking issues in community. One member is on the Board of UAHT dedicating many hours per month to the programs. ZCH also awards \$1250 each to the Barbara Halstead YWPA recipient & Jane Klausman recipient.

Zonta Club of Greater East Texas- The Zonta Club of Greater East Texas has been busy the last few months. The club has adopted the Women's Center of East Texas as their project for the biennium. By doing so, they donate necessary items for the shelter and provide assistance whenever needed. They are so excited to partner with them in October in hosting "Light the Night" at a local park. It is a community wide event memorializing the women who have lost their lives to domestic violence in the last year. Plans are also in progress for a 5K to be held after the first of the year and a much larger fundraiser to be held in the spring of 2016.

Zonta Club of New Orleans- New Orleans had to give up the poinsettia sale two years ago. In its place, they have begun the sale of Christmas greenery.....i.e., wreaths, table settings, greenery swags; all fresh and shipped to your door. Sales picked up greatly this year, hopefully to fully fund the scholarship to University of New Orleans next year. Members are encouraged to contribute once a month to maintain the level of the scholarship commitment to UNO. The last recipient is now attending law school!

Members are continuing to volunteer at Dress for Success. Zontians assisted at the "blow-out" sale and helped several women "dress for success" in their new jobs. Members also attended the Eden House gala, where Zontians again contributed to the residents by providing "anniversary celebrations" highlighting their sobriety progress.

For December the meeting will be at a wonderful restaurant in New Orleans. Instead of a gift exchange, donations will be made to either Dress for Success or the Scholarship Fund. It will be wonderful to catch up with one another.

In January the scholarship to the University of New Orleans will be awarded. It will also be "caring and sharing" time, as one of their members has recently been admitted to a nursing care facility. New Orleans Zontians take care of each other first, then the community.

Area 3 - Shelly Baumgartner, Director

On November 18, the Brownsville City Commissioners court issued a proclamation recognizing the work of our Zonta Club and of Zontians worldwide on our Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women campaign. Club member Estela Vasquez was instrumental in making this happen.

On Saturday, November 22, the Zonta Club of Brownsville, under the leadership of President Marlys Zapata, organized a Zonta Says NO Walk at the Veterans Park in Brownsville. We were joined by staff from the Friendship of Women shelter, among others to participate in the Walk. We distributed Zonta Says NO wrist bands and t-shirts to all participants. We have distributed 1,000 wrist bands within the community to wear during the 16 days of



activism.



Advocacy Committee - Sheryl Flanagin

As you read our District 10 newsletter, we are in the midst of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence. I am pleased to note so many actions already being taken by our clubs.

For example, the Fredericksburg Z Club has orange tee shirts for sale with No on one side and Z on the other. The students are hoping to generate questions about what "no" means to the student body. I also noticed on Facebook that Mineral Wells tied orange ribbons along a prominent highway. In Fort Smith, we have created an outdoor display placed along a busy street with our Say No to Violence banner and a large orange NO. Keep posting your actions on Facebook to get our message out! I encourage you to let everyone know what your club is doing to Say No to Violence Against Women. Also, share your story on ZI's Zonta Says No site.

In addition, as you recall, at our D10 Conference a resolution was passed supporting ratification of CEDAW. Four of our clubs have notified me of their club's resolution: Ft. Worth, Seguin, Fort Smith, and Mineral Wells. This action certainly supports the 16 Days/Zonta Says No campaigns. I imagine that other clubs have also adopted their own resolution, as well. If your club hasn't done so yet, I encourage you to make this issue a priority. We will be advocating for ratification in the next Congress.

My wish for you all is a peaceful, happy holiday season and New Year!

e-Club

As a Zontian, you are a part of a group of more than 30,000 individuals who are working together worldwide to better the lives of women and girls in their communities and across the globe. As a member of a Zonta club, you are improving the lives of women and girls through local service projects and educational awards.

As a Zontian, your professional and personal lives are busier than ever. From late nights at the office to kids and grandkid's sporting events, your time is precious and you may not be as engaged as you want to be as a Zonta volunteer. Or you may live too far from an existing club and cannot travel to and from club meetings. If this sounds like you, we have the answer!

Zonta's District 10 is forming an e-club. An e-club is a Zonta club that conducts its Zonta business meetings and holds meetings using the internet and other electronic media as tools to manage the club and its projects. An e-club has all the rights and responsibilities of a traditional Zonta club, but simply holds meetings electronically! This is great news for Zontians who are technology fluent!

I am extending an invitation to you to join us in forming this e-club as we work together, near and far from each other, to advance the status of women!

For more information, please contact,

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Or Katie Ward, Central OK katie.ward@us.af.mil

We look forward to a spring charter of this new club!

Young Women In Public Affairs

It is that time of years when clubs start organizing their Young Women in Public Affairs award program. I am encouraging clubs who have never participated in this program to consider doing so this year. Also, some clubs may have participated long ago, but have not in recent years.

This is an award established in 1990 by Zonta International. ZI's guide to YWPA states: "Young women are recognized for their active commitment to volunteerism, experience in local and/or student government, achievement in volunteer leadership, knowledge of ZI and its programs, and finally, advocate ZI's mission of advancing the status of women."

Many participating clubs have a monetary award for their recipient. However, it is not necessary for a club to have a monetary award when an application is submitted to the District 10 YWPA call for applications. This award could range from \$50 to \$1500 and is set by the club. Then, the club recipient's application is submitted to the district chair. A committee will select District 10's representative to ZI and award \$1000. In addition to this money, ZI will later send a check for \$1000 to the District 10 recipient. ZI chooses ten young women who exemplify the ideals of the YWPA program and award each an additional \$4000.

An important note is YWPA is an award, recognizing a young woman for her active commitment to her community volunteerism. YWPA is not a scholarship awarded based on grades or test scores.

IMPORTANT CHANGE to YWPA: Zonta International has decided to make eligible women based only on age, 16 to 19 years of age. Most of the applicants in the United States will be enrolled in high school. However, some 18 and 19 year old women will be enrolled in higher education, i.e. community college, university, or technical schools. These women are encouraged to apply.

In mid November, I sent out information about YWPA to all club presidents and club YWPA chairs whose names have been submitted to me. If anyone has questions, please contact

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Every day and everywhere

What does being a Zontian mean to me? After five years as a member of the Zonta Club of Houston, my understanding of what it means to be a Zontian has changed. It is more than meetings, service work, fundraising, and fellowship.

As a Zontian, our contributions make a difference to our community. I got to see the excited faces of children when they saw their newly painted and furnished family room. Next Friday, women who are overcoming drug and alcohol problems will attend our class on LinkedIn.

A Zontian is privileged to have an Amelia Earhart recipient explain "space junk", a YWPA recipient share their enthusiasm to make a difference. As I take a stroll around my neighborhood, I can look up at a street light and know that a woman is able to attend college at night without fear in Guatemala City. We make that possible for them, and you make Zonta possible for us. A basket of gratitude for you and everything you do that makes us who we are. It is about being a better person, every day and everywhere.

What does being a Zontian mean to you? Send your story to carolc@ZontaDistrict10.org

Your comments and suggestions to improve this newsletter are always appreciated. We will be publishing the newsletter every two months, so look for yours in January.

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Yours in Zonta,

Carol Collett

Zonta International District 10 Newsletter Editor



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