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## District 10 Newsletter

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#### District 10 Conference Wrap Up:

If you attended our conference, thank you! If you weren't able to make it, I'm so sorry, as it was a superb weekend, ably hosted by the Zonta Club of Houston. Here are some highlights:

- Our flags were beautiful, as usual, especially with the addition of our new Zonta flag! Thanks to Karen McNallen and Ann's family who transported the flags and poles and placed them, and thanks to the Zonta Club of West Hidalgo for maintaining them! The Parade of Flags was dedicated to the memory of Ann McNallen Makowski, the mother of our flags.

- Our giving D10 Zontians contributed significantly, as usual! We had 19 clubs give \$64,732, with 75 individual donors giving \$12,430, for a total of \$77,162. Additionally, through Dollars for Scholars, individual donations and our Past Governors' 50/50 raffle, we raised over \$4,000 for our D10 Foundation. Thank you so much for your generosity! Thanks also for the positive vote to establish a new District 10 STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) award; we certainly will encourage young ladies to enter these career fields!

- We celebrated the charter of our new EClub of USA-2 by electronically connecting members who could not attend into the conference! We hope to do more of this in the future! And we celebrated our new Golden Z Club at UAFS, and our new Z Club of Godley Roar in Johnson County.

**Mineral Wells - 3 new members**

**Shreveport - 3 new members**

**Brownsville - 1 new member**

**Houston - A great conference!**



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- We elected our officers for the next biennium - Barbara Yoder, Governor, Sheryl Flanagin, Lt Governor, Marianne Seal, Treasurer, Barby Crabtree, Area 1 Director, Carole Moffatt, Area 2 Director, Deitrah Davis, Area 3 Director, and appointed positions, Kathy Yates, Secretary, and Shelly Baumgartner, Parliamentarian. Nominating Committee: Judy Kautz, Chair, and Carol Collett and Frankie Smith Hohenberger, members.

- We went back to the 60's for our Talent Show, line danced at the Armadillo Palace, and we got reacquainted with our fellow Zontians and made new friends. We focused on Zonta Says No at our banquet, and everyone looked lovely in orange! Congratulations to all clubs who won awards - honored at the banquet.

- We particularly want to thank our International Representative for attending - she delighted us with her stories, jokes and lessons, and made herself available to all - for photos, conversation and questions. We were delighted to have her attend!

What a pleasure to see all of you...thanks so much for attending! I am proud of you and all that you have accomplished thus far in the biennium, and so honored to be your governor!

- All materials from the conference will be posted on the District 10 website very soon...I will post a link for you on the welcome page of the District 10 website. Photos will be available from Suzi very soon and you can download Patty's photo from the Zonta Club of Austin Facebook page!

**Zonta International Convention in Nice, France:** It is not too early to begin planning for the convention, if you are going to attend. The website is up and the hotel list is available. We are establishing a separate page on our D10 website for convention, where you can see who is going, and let us know if you'd like a roommate or traveling companion. Maria Jose has also provided to documents for us about safety at the convention. I will post both of those on the convention webpage, and we'll also send those out via email to club presidents to share with their clubs. I do hope you will attend!

**Copyrighted material on club websites:** Please use caution when you are posting photos or other materials on your club websites. We have had an incident where a club unknowingly posted a copyright photo to advertise our conference, and the company found the photo and charged a fee for a license to use it. If you use Google to find images, take the following steps to prevent using copyrighted material. Also, to find images on Google that are in the public domain and not restricted by license/copyright, go to: settings, advanced search, usage rights, "Free to Use" to check the status of an image.

Thank you for all you do to empower women...the world is a better place because of Zonta!

Serving Zonta joyfully!

Judy Kautz  
Governor, District 10

**Membership - Lt. Gov. Barbara Yoder**

**News flash.....** We have had 6 new members in dues receipts in the last week. This is a very good omen! I cannot be more proud of our hard work to provide service to Zonta by increasing membership and know we as a district share the vision of our International President Maria Jose to stop the loss of membership in North America. I think that District 10 has some great ideas and best practices in this area. Let's keep the momentum going! Don't forget to try the strategy of planning to strengthen your club with



**PURPOSE.** Find the gaps in your club's diversity, professions and talents. Those members are in your network.....and we need to ask them to join us!

A gentle reminder: Half year dues time starts soon, on December 1! This time of year is a great season to bring potential members to an advocacy event and a holiday fellowship. The best of both worlds! Open a window of discovery against violence and for awareness. Showcase the best practices in your city and region.....and introduce a new like-minded member to Zonta. Please resolve to put a new member event together soon! Don't forget your district board would love to know about these events and will attend if at all possible!

Thank you District 10 for a most wonderful conference in Houston. And thank you Zonta Club of Houston! I came back refreshed and revived. I know that our district will finish the 2014-16 biennium strong. I have loved seeing the recent club newsletters reviewing the district meeting. These newsletters confirm that coming together made a great impression on your delegates and other attendees. We need this community and interaction!

Respectfully,  
Barbara Yoder

## **Area 1 - Donna Couch**

What a great D10 conference we had! Thank you Houston for a great time. Great speakers and great friends rounded out the great opportunity we experienced as Zontians



I am proud to say that all but one club from Area 1 was on hand to participate in our election of our new board who will take office at Convention in France next July. Each club has been busy working on service projects and are preparing to be visible in their communities during the 16 Days of Activism. I applaud all the clubs working to Say No to Violence!

## Area 2 - Kathy Yates

Thanks to all of D10 for all the prayers and well wishes! Greetings from Area 2. I hope many of you were able to attend the District 10 conference. I am really bummed that I had to miss it. I heard it was great with loads of education and lots of fun. Congratulations to all the clubs that received awards.



The Area 2 meeting is scheduled for April 23rd and will be hosted by the Greater East Texas club in Longview, Texas. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. Area meetings are a great time to network and learn what other clubs in the area are doing. We are looking forward to a great meeting with a large attendance. Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and a joyous and wonderful holiday season.

Kathy Yates, Area 2 Director  
District 10  
Zonta International

## Area 3 - Shelly Baumgartner

It was an exciting and informative District 10 Conference. I am so proud of the service and advocacy that Area 3 clubs promote. I also want to congratulate each club on their award recognition! I can't wait to see all of your activities to support the 16 Days of Activism!



### **Zonta Club of West Hidalgo:**

Zonta Club of West Hidalgo volunteered at the Candlelight Vigil Mujeres Unidas in honor of the eight victims of domestic violence in Hidalgo County in the last year.

Zonta Club of West Hidalgo will host Cover Stories on Saturday Nov. 14. It is an event with authors to raise funds for their local service projects.

### **Zonta Club of Austin:**

Zonta Club of Austin volunteered at Capital Area Food Bank for a hands-on volunteer event.

Zonta Club of Austin co-hosted a happy hour with Allies Against Slavery, Texas Association Against Sexual Assault and AUSTIN HSMIA to Celebrate the Austin City Council unanimously passing of the RESOLUTION TO ADDRESS HUMAN TRAFFICKING.

### **Zonta Club of Brownsville:**

The last couple of months have been busy and productive for the Club of Brownsville. At the end of September, our Women Helping Women leadership project held its first graduation. Seventeen women were awarded certificates of completion and our club also awarded them with a new outfit (chosen by the graduate) for their future job interviews. The Women Helping Women project started in the Spring. Our club partnered with another agency, Project San Diego, who serves low income

women. We put together curriculum that could ultimately help these women get into the workforce, thus helping themselves and their families. Monthly sessions were held in which participants learned about dressing for success, job interviews, job hunting, etiquette, and about other resources available to them, including continuing education. The project was a big success. Zontians Estela Vasquez and Judith Lucio coordinated this project. Job well done!

In October, our United Nations program was observed with a speaker, originally from Jamaica, now living here. Maureen Rattray is a nurse who volunteers yearly on a Jamaica Medical Mission. This organization takes medical doctors and staff to Jamaica to perform procedures in low income rural areas in Jamaica. She shared experiences from this mission.

Four members of our club traveled to Houston to attend the District 10 Conference. Those attending were Alicia Roberts, Kathy Jennings, Marlys Zapata, and Laura Gilmore. All reported that the conference was great. Speakers were excellent and they got to meet ZI International President Maria. Our club took pride in being able to increase our contributions to the ZI Foundation and we were happy to bring home a few awards!

We scheduled a **Zonta Says No** walk at the end of October but it was canceled because of inclement weather.

On October 21, we participated in the Cameron County District Attorney's "No Excuse for Abuse" program, Petals in the Lake. We were invited to set up a table with our Zonta Says No information. Handouts were available for participants. The program was held at Texas Southmost College campus. Speakers included women affected by domestic violence, Laura Maxwell, the mother of a woman who was murdered by her abusive ex-husband, and Nancy Oakley, renowned and Oprah-featured author who was herself a victim of domestic violence. Part of the event included taking a handful of rose petals to the lake which represented victims of domestic violence.

For our November meeting, our speaker was Kristolee Galvan, a victim of domestic violence. She shared her very moving story with us. During this meeting we also celebrated Zonta's birthday with chocolate cupcakes! Nice treat! Several prospective members attended our meeting. We welcomed Neida Ruth Grantland to our club. She joined in October. We are happy to have her here.

We are now preparing for our Christmas Tour of Homes which is scheduled for December 13.



Zontians Alicia Roberts,  
Judith Lucio, Rosalie  
Gutierrez, Elvia Garrido, and



Estela Vasquez with partners from Proyecto San Diego.



Graduates of our Women Helping Women project, along with instructors.

Zontians Kathy Jennings, Alicia Roberts, Laura Gilmore, and Marlys Zapata at District 10 Conference memorial service honoring Zontian Maude Lette who passed away in August.



Zontians Marlys Zapata, Kathy Jennings, Alicia Roberts, ZI International President and Laura Gilmore enjoying an evening at Armadillo Palace.

### **West Hidalgo**

Zonta Club of West Hidalgo County has had a busy few months.

In August we lost our dear member Ann McNallen Makowski, the keeper of the flags. Many of our members attended a very touching memorial held by her family.

September welcomed two new members to our club. This has brought our membership up to 50! At this meeting Border Patrol Agent Maria Guerrero presented a video of the 2012-2016 Border Patrol Strategic Plan and answered members' questions regarding border activities and human smuggling/trafficking.

October has become our annual dress-up time! Many of our members came in full regalia.



Associate Professor of Political Science at South Texas College, Jenny Bryson Clark, presented a program on "Trafficking and Migration from Central America". A very informative talk and more information for those of us living in South Texas.



On a more somber note, on October 22 Zontians and husbands attended a Candlelight Vigil at the local women's shelter, MujeresUnidas. Members handed out the candles used in the Silent Walk honoring the eight victims of domestic violence in Hidalgo County in the last year.

On November 14 the club hosted "Cover Stories." Our third annual event featured three local authors who discussed their works and inspirations. Almost 100 people attended this growing event which is our fundraiser for local scholarships.



Our annual December meeting is a Holiday Social. Plans are being made to hold this event at a member's home. Hosted by Past Presidents, it is a combined fundraiser and service project, as well as a good time to visit with members. Members are encouraged to bring gifts to be distributed to women and teenage girls residing in Transitional housing.

### "Oranging" District 10



For those of you who attended our recent conference held in Houston, wasn't it great to see the focus on advocacy? Many thanks are due Governor Judy for her gifts of these really nice orange Zonta Says No to Violence Against Women bracelets, the Zonta Says No pins, and that huge Zonta Says No to Violence Against Women banner displayed throughout the conference. Of course, much of the content of our meeting focused on advocacy. Our Status of Women Luncheon speaker Misa Nguyen, director of programs, United Against Human Trafficking, shared information about her organization, which has the mission of ending

modern day slavery. Displayed during this luncheon were inspiring but often horrifying art works displaying the effects of human trafficking. I was happy, also, to present an advocacy workshop with information about three new initiatives: Cities for CEDAW, Istanbul Convention, and Women's Empowerment Principles, as well as the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence. It was fun, too, to share how active our clubs were this past year in "oranging" our areas in the fight against violence against women. And, of course, didn't we make a statement at our closing banquet---a sea of beautiful orange!

If you were unable to attend, I hope you will take some time to visit our ZI website to learn more about our three new initiatives. Also, I am confident your clubs are making plans to participate in the **16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence**. Please, share your actions on the website and send to me a picture with information. Remember, we are not going to keep our advocacy actions a secret. Share, share, share.

### **Interesting Items from the Editor**

There are many ways to keep up on Zonta happenings. Here are a few of them:

- Zontian Magazine - A new issue came out this month.
- Zonta eNewsletter - Much like this newsletter, it has many great articles. District 10 is often in there. If you are not receiving this, check your member information on [Zonta.org](http://Zonta.org) or contact ZI.
- Social media
  - A great way to keep up on the District 10 happenings and news between newsletters is Facebook. Most clubs have a Facebook page, just type in the club name. District 10 also has a Facebook page.
  - I also follow a few Zontians on Twitter. They find some really awesome stuff about the way other clubs, districts, and ZI are getting the word out. Here is something you might have missed, [PASS it On Party Pack](#) from District 9. (Think Superbowl Fundraiser!)
- I encourage you to learn, explore, and experience the Zonta community. There is so much out there. If you are interested in seeing anything Zonta related or have questions about Zonta (who, what, where, when, why, or how), just let me know. To be empowered, knowledge is key.

Yours in Zonta,  
Carol Collett  
Zonta International District 10 Newsletter Editor