District 10 Newsletter

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Reflecting on the Governor's Summit, I am reassured about District 10's willingness to embrace change in a thoughtful way that keeps the traditions of supporting each other and our clubs in the forefront! Thank you to those who traveled, joined or supported this meeting!

- Together at the summit we enjoyed Seguin hospitality without a fault.
- We also supported our district scholarships and the ZI foundation in a meaningful way.
- We joined in a sincere memorial of Zontians and others in our networks.
- We celebrated our clubs successes with year-end awards.
- We revisited best practices for advocacy, membership and service.
- We made history by sharing our district meeting on-line with "Zoom".
- We learned and relearned some leadership and negotiation tips, from Jacquie Gudmundsen, via Zonta Leadership Development Committee.
- We received a wonderful invitation to our 2017 District Conference from Central Oklahoma...!!!!!!

International Reminders

Please be on the look out for the Zonta Magazine in your mailbox, and presidents will receive a club mailing too. If you are on Facebook you were able to get an on-line preview of this volume. Or go to the ZI web site and you can download a copy, here. I would suggest you take your hard copy and use it as a recruitment tool for your club. This edition details this biennium's service and advocacy projects. Zonta is amazing!

International President Sonja Honig Schough spent some time with the governors via phone recently. Here are some things I wanted to share.

- The new Young Professional member explanation is now on-line at the ZI web site. YP is the classification to use on membership forms. (editorial note... Let's try this! We need more young ideas and voices!)
- The ZI board approved using 15 as the target for new club starts.
This was piloted last biennium and was deemed successful.

- Before the February ZI board meeting, the ZI website will have upgrades in membership and foundation tools; also upgrades to members personal dashboards on the site.
- Updated by-laws are on-line at the ZI site.
- New and updated manuals are on-line as well: International, Club and District Conference.
- A new resource portal.......
  http://membership.zonta.org/Tools/Resource-Library

Other notables......
Zonta members and clubs will be promoting 16 days of advocacy beginning November 25th. ZI has asked that each club send in a story to the website. This is our opportunity to tell about our projects in this area. District 10 has a lot to be proud of......so please honor this request!

District 10 has some amazing scholarship opportunities. Please be aware that our district unique scholarships of the STEM and ROSE will be due in February and March respectively. I know that each club can find good candidates. Let’s go for 100% participation!

November is the month set aside for thanks. I am thankful for the Power of Giving......I am thankful that this POWER has its own rewards!

I have benefited from Zonta role models giving to me and of course encouraging me. I have benefited with friendships and mentorships. I have benefited because I have been empowered women all around me and heard the successes of empowerment via ZI projects.

Thank you District 10 for excelling in this Power of Giving! If you have not participated in honoring a woman in the Every Member November ZIF Campaign it is not too late. Please consider this!

Respectfully,
Barbara Yoder
District 10 Governor

Membership - Lt. Gov. Sheryl Flanigan

Strength in Numbers--Recruiting to Retain

District 10 has accepted the challenge from ZI to increase our membership by 5% during this biennium. From the information and enthusiasm shared at our recent Governor’s Summit, I have no doubt that we are up to this challenge. During the past Zonta year that ended May 31, fifteen out of 20 clubs achieved 90% retention, and eleven out of twenty clubs achieved a growth rate of at least 5% last year. Plus, we recognized thirteen individual members who brought in 34 new members, all of whom rejoined! And, our membership has grown since our Governor’s Summit. Do you see why I have confidence in our ability to reach this ZI goal?

Additionally, from the membership forum led by our area directors, we learned some techniques for recruiting and retaining effectively. Clubs are holding membership drives and encouraging club members to bring potential members to club activities and programs. For retention, the key seems to be to engage the new members as soon as possible. One strategy is to place new members on a committee from the beginning. Then, it’s important to reinforce the new members by recognizing contributions. We have to establish that Zonta connection. This connection typically either happens or does not happen during the first two years of membership. If as a club and as club members, efforts are made to create a feeling of belonging and appreciation with new members, they are likely to make Zonta...
the organization of choice for themselves.

Remember we have Strength in Numbers. Let's all do our part to see that District 10 achieves this biennial goal!

"Growth is never by mere chance; it is the result of forces working together." -- James Cash Penny

Area 1 - Barby Crabtree

Central Oklahoma

Zontians have been very busy the past few months. We recognized Amanda Curtis as our YWPA recipient at our September Business Meeting (picture attached). We hosted the Ninth Annual Zonta Fall Classic Golf Tournament in October where we raised approximately $12,000. We are now ready to turn our attention to pecans and will pack 1700 pounds of pecans into one pound packages for sale at $11 per pound. Our pecans come from a local Oklahoma farm and are always "this year's crop" so they are fresh and delicious! We are planning, once again, to sponsor girls that are enrolled in Oklahoma County Youth Services SKIL program (which helps Oklahoma high school teenagers that are essentially 'couch homeless' -- meaning they do not have a home, but instead crash each night on a different friend's couch). This year the SKIL program has asked us to sponsor 11 girls! It seems a little daunting, but I know we will rise to the challenge.

Dallas

In September the Zonta Club of Dallas held a new member "rush tea" at the home of Kaleta Doolin. There were 7 potential new members in attendance. Two of the potential members have since joined the club.

Members spent time teaching life skills such as basic sewing and making sense of your pay stub to at risk young women at the Transitional Living Center.

At the October meeting the club awarded $4500 each to its service agencies, Vickery Meadows Learning Center (VMLC) and Our Friends Place. VMLC serves 1,200 adults and 330 young children annually by teaching English literacy skills at no charge in low income, highly diverse neighborhoods. Our Friends Place through its TLC program, provides homeless young women, poverty-stricken women, girls aging out of foster care, and young women escaping abuse or neglect with supportive homes where they can learn the skills they need for self-sufficiency.
Members took part in a Human Trafficking Awareness tour of the areas in Dallas where participants learned to identify the red flags and potential signs of human trafficking in their community.

Kaleta Doolin and Alan Govenar hosted two fellowship movie nights in their Hillgreen home. Film one was "the Invisible War" which addressed the conflicts and conflicts of interest in reporting sexual assaults in the military. The second movie was "Pink Ribbons." The film is based on the 2006 book Pink Ribbons, Inc: Breast Cancer and the Politics of Philanthropy by Samantha King.

Fort Smith

Colonel Bobbie Doorenbos, commander of the Air national Guard’s 188th Wing in Ft. Smith, is the featured speaker at the Zonta Club of Ft Smith’s November 14th meeting. She will share facts about her career that includes being one of the U.S. Air Force’s 1st female jet fighter pilots.

At our October meeting, Barbara Bethell talked about Girl Scouts and her years of involvement. Debbie Everly, executive director of the Riverview Hope Campus, also spoke at the October meeting. She reminded us that November is National Homeless Month.

Ft. Smith Zontians have been busy with The Girls Shelter. In September, the girls were treated to mani-pedis. Deb Chapman brought pumpkins to the shelter in time for each girl to carve her own jack o’lantern. The Girls Shelter Annual Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser was October 28th.

Members modeled their Halloween costumes at the quarterly dinner hosted by Linda Pope.

Johnson County

The Family Crisis Center luncheon was October 18th at the Cleburne Conference Center. It was an impactful program and a good reminder of why Zonta lends its support to this organization. The staff and supporters at the Crisis Center are on the frontline fighting against domestic violence. By supporting organizations that provide a way out and counseling to victims, we really are telling the world that we say NO to domestic violence.

Of course, we rounded out the month with our Seventh Annual Art Bra Event. We are still working on final numbers, but it’s safe to say we raised close to $20,000.00! A special thank you to Jessica Applegate who chaired the Art Bra Committee and helped make the event the success that it was!
Mineral Wells

Zonta Club of Mineral Wells hosted their 4th annual Sip, Shop and Socialize on November 10th. Women business owners had a great forum for showcasing and selling their wares, while the visitors sipped wine and munched on yummy snacks! The Zontians took advantage of the crowd to talk about Zonta, Zonta Says No, 16 Days of Activism and their December 4th Holiday Home Tour.

Parker County

September was our Garden Safari which benefits Freedom House and Habitat for Humanity Luncheon, October brought us the Pink Luncheon for Parker County Health Foundation and we also collected for UNICEF on Halloween trick or treating with our boxes. Our fall fundraiser was the pancake breakfast which was a big success at Applebee’s. We also were able to participate in the East Parker County Business Expo this year sharing our mission and Zonta Says No campaign.

Area 2 - Carole Moffatt

Zonta International has asked the Zonta eClub USA-2 to participate as the SOM
The Zonta Club eClub of USA-2 is honored to represent Zonta in this role and proud that their hard work over the last 18 months to get their eClub started and Chartered has led them to lead others by their example. The Zonta eClub of USA-2 has started a Book/Movie club as a social gathering. The participants watched "He Named Me Malala" for the first gathering and currently the Book/Movie club members are reading "Ashley's War" in preparation to discuss at our November social gathering. If you're interested in joining our Book/Movie Club please contact Christi Urman at christi.urman@gmail.com.

In October, the Zonta Club of Longview participated in "Light Up Longview" in downtown Longview to bring awareness to ending violence against women. Judge Bill Stoudt of Gregg County signed a proclamation on October 10 outlining the efforts. Also, the club has teamed up with local Z-clubs for the past four years to collect bras for www.freethegirls.org. Each Z-club competes to earn the most bras, then that school wins a party and this year, the Bra Drive trophy. On Saturday, November 12, the girls sorted, counted and packed all of the bras collected since September under the big tent at Prosperity Bank. Zonta Club of Longview congratulates and thanks the Trinity School of Texas Z-club for collecting the most bras (927!!) and congratulates all of the precious Z-club members from Hallsville, Longview, Pine Tree, Spring Hill and St. Mary's. The club also thanks member Staci Aldredge for this wonderful service project and her commitment to making it happen each year even better than the last.

In September, the Zonta Club of Lafayette President Kay Rockweiler presented club charter President Maggie Warren and club charter Board Member Joann Pugh with certificates for 35 years of service and membership in Zonta! Also in September, the club inducted new member Julia Barry. On Friday, November 10, the club volunteered at Honor Fest. Also, the club honored Billi Lacombe, Executive Director of Faith House, as their 2016 Woman of Achievement at a banquet in her honor in November. The Yellow Rose Room at Faith House is one of the club’s service projects. Faith House supports services for domestic abuse survivors and their children in seven Louisiana parishes.

The Zonta Club of Greater East Texas had a great turn-out for their October Membership Mixer. Two guests attended and by the end of the evening, they were two potential new members. Their next Membership Mixer will be on December 13. On November 8, the club held their monthly general meeting and celebrated Zonta International’s birthday with a cake.

The Zonta Club of Shreveport held their UN dinner in October. The exchange students gave excellent presentations on their culture. Each student shared information on geography, history, food, music and social issues.
The Zonta Club of Houston congratulates Carolyn Phillips for 40 years of service and membership in Zonta! The Houston club has another new member, Pam Perraud. The club's November meeting program was a presentation by Diane Savage, the Executive Director of Bay Area Turning Point which is a domestic violence center and a club service project. The club has a new service project to collect school supplies and backpacks for refugee children in the Houston area. Also, club member Therese Hartwell will host a book club discussion of When the Moon is Low by Nadia Hashimi, which is a moving story about a family from Afghanistan forced to make agonizing decisions in order to escape the violence in their country. We hope the author will Skype into the discussion, which is later in November.

Area 3 - Deitrah Davis

The Zonta Club of Fredericksburg hosted a Membership Meeting in September. Beautiful invitations were sent or hand delivered to a diverse section of the community. These invitations were made so that each invitee was personally invited by an individual member. Thirty guests attended and at the end of the evening the Club had gained nine new members.

The Club members had planned a nice evening which entailed a social hour with music, heavy hors d'oeuvre, and a short program detailing the wonderful goals and accomplishments of our own Zonta story. Barbara MacManus gave a short report about the Zonta International Convention which she attended this past July. The attendees were given the opportunity to ask questions of the members and all questions were answered to the best of our ability. It was a wonderful evening; all the members were so pleased with the results.

The Club once again had the Funnel Cake Booth at Oktoberfest. This is the Fredericksburg attended the first Club's biggest fundraiser of the year. ever Governor's Summit in Seguin, Oktoberfest is a three day long event Texas on October 15, and it takes at least forty to fifty 2016. Attending were Bonnie volunteers and members to maintain Baseke, Barbara MacManus, the booth. It is hard work but also a lot Frankie Hohenberger, Jo Ann of fun as people are lined down the Krauskopf, Karleen Carlisle and pavilion to get a hot out of the grease Marti Barth. It was a very well funnel cake. On a whim this year, we organized meeting with great added toppings of strawberry, information to take home to our chocolate and caramel to the menu. All Club members. Thank you to the in all it was a great weekend with Sequin Zonta Club for their perfect weather. hospitality.
The Zonta Club of Brownsville has been busy during the last two months. Their program for the month of September was on Literacy. They invited a Speaker from the Literacy Center who presented a program on the literacy needs in the community and the services that they provide to meet the needs.

In September they also had their first Advocacy project for this Zonta year. They partnered with Girl Scout troop #365 who was instrumental in securing 50 Build-a-Bears. These were presented to the Friendship of Women shelter. Pictured is Tori Leal presenting the bears to the shelter director.

In October their Speaker was Brownsville Zonta member and District 10 Status of Women Chairman, Alicia Roberts, who presented a program on Zonta International service projects and our connection to the United Nations. Information on the ZI projects was shared and discussed.

During the meeting they finalized their Advocacy schedule/projects. They began by partnering with the Friendship of Women on a Walk to end Violence Against Women on October 15. The event was well attended. On October 18, they participated in the Pedals on the Lake, an event sponsored by the Cameron County District Attorney's office. Victims of domestic violence gave testimonials, including famous chef Sylvia Casares, formerly of Brownsville. All participants were given rose pedals and together they walk to the lake and drop the pedals on the water. The pedals represented victims of domestic violence. It was a very moving event.

On November 10 through December 10, they will have a "Zonta Says No" electronic billboard. It will be located at a very busy, high traffic intersection. They are excited about this. They will also sponsor a "Zonta Says No" Walk on November 19 at Veterans Park. T-shirts and bracelets will be provided to participants.

On October 15, Alicia Roberts and Laura Gilmore traveled to Seguin to participate in the Governors' Summit. They were proud to have been recognized in several areas, including membership and Status of Women. They are now in the process of planning their Christmas Tour of Homes. From the members of Brownsville, Wishing all a very Happy Thanksgiving!!
The Zonta Club of West Hidalgo County has been busy this year! In August we were excited to award the first Keesha Zey Scholarship was awarded to Alicia Saucedo. This scholarship will help Alicia, a single mother of five, continue her education.

In September members met at private theater for pizza and a movie. It was our club's first strictly social event and was well attended. Members enjoyed a fun movie and having time to visit and relax. Plans are to hold social events regularly in the future.

In October, four members attended the first Governor's Summit in Seguin. Members enjoyed the casual and informative event.

Also during that month, members volunteered at the Candlelight Vigil at our local women's shelter. The vigil is held to recognize the victims of domestic violence who lost their lives in the past year and to celebrate the survivors. Our club also provided a hot dog meal for the children living in transitional housing at their Fall Festival.

**STEM Scholarship - Jennifer Ehlers**

*Announcing:*

**The Zonta District 10 STEM Scholarship**

($1000 scholarship to be awarded to one qualified recipient through the Zonta D10 Foundation)

Please help to spread the information about our newly created scholarship.

The goal of the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Scholarship is to encourage more young women to pursue a higher education degree in science, technology, engineering or math, while also encouraging leadership achievements in science, technology, engineering and/or math and a dedication to the advancement of the status of women.

We are targeting currently enrolled undergraduate female students from a
District 10 state, who are majoring in a STEM field

The scholarship application is available on the District 10 website. Application

The deadline is February 1, 2017.

**Advocacy - Angie Allen**

Thank you all for sharing your amazing advocacy projects at the District 10 Summit in October! I am always so impressed at the work the clubs are doing to advocate for women. One project discussed was the presentation of the movie, *Sold*, to the community by Fort Smith’s club. Information about the movie may be found at [http://www.soldthemovie.com](http://www.soldthemovie.com). Several clubs have "Zonta Says No" banners and billboards in their communities. The Brownsville club assisted the Cameron County District Attorney's Office in its Petals on the Lake, where floating petals symbolize the courage of domestic abuse survivors.

Beginning November 25 through December 10, please be looking for an email for 16 Days of Activism. Please forward those to people you know! Get the word out that women's rights are human rights! I encourage you all to use the image below as your social media profile picture during the 16 Days of Activism.

![16 Days of Activism](image)

**Foundation - Kim Vann**

Seguin was a SUCCESS! Thank you to the members of the Zonta Club of Seguin for hosting our first ever Governor's Summit. Having a one day event did not keep donations down for the Zonta International Foundation. 17 clubs pledged and turned in $67,046 while 54 individual givers donated $8,221 for over $75,000 for our international service project and scholarships. THANK YOU District 10 for your generosity. I had the privilege of awarding plaques to clubs who were 100% individual giving last biennium. Those clubs were: Dallas, Austin, Brownsville, Parker County, Fredericksburg, Lafayette, Shreveport, Mineral
Wells, Seguin, and Houston. Congrats to you all. Remember ZIF’s Every Member in November campaign. ZIF’s goal is for every Zontian to commit her personal support for Zonta’s international service and education programs by making an individual gift directly to the Foundation during the month of November. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. See you all in the spring at area meetings.

YWPA - Suzi Feickert

The Young Women in Public Affairs Award was established in 1990 to encourage more young women to participate in public affairs by recognizing a commitment to the volunteer sector. Additionally, these young women demonstrate evidence of volunteer leadership achievements and dedication to the advancement of the status of women. It is not necessary for these women to show a desire of a public affairs career. When clubs participate in YWPA, public recognition of Zonta and our goals can occur.

The criteria for eligible young women has changed somewhat during the past few years. Pre-university, pre-college is no longer a precondition. Of prime importance is the age - 16 years old by April 1, 2017 and no older than 19 years by April 1, 2017. This means the applicant may be enrolled in high school, college/university, or work in a job which may or may not be a paid position. Clubs are encouraged to contact high schools, junior colleges, university, or any other venue where young women may be participating in activities advocating for the advancement of the status of women.

It is not necessary the applicants to the YWPA award are members of a Z Club or Golden Z club.

If you know of a young woman who is interested in applying for the YWPA award, and she lives in District 10, but a local club is not participating in the award process, she may apply directly to District 10 by sending the hard copy of her application to:

Suzi Feickert
800 Post Oak Blvd
Apt 36
Houston, TX 77056

I have distributed information to club presidents regarding YWPA. Additionally, the application is available on the Zonta International website. To locate the application:
1) first go to www.zonta.org
2) Sign in
3) Look at the top bar for my Zonta
4) Tools
5) Look at the pull down menu - Awards, Scholarship and click
6) Look for Young Women in Public Affairs - YWPA
7) Select the tools you may need such as the application
There you have it! "Easy Peasy"
VERY IMPORTANT CHANGE
The criteria of eligibility was changed: From 2016 on, all classified members and employees of Zonta International and their family members ARE NOT ELIGIBLE. This is the SAME criteria as Jane Klausman award.

Important DATES: Selected recipient's applications are due to District 10 YWPA Chair, Suzi Feickert, by April 1, 2017. My suggestion to participating clubs is to have February 28, 2017 as your due date. That gives your club one month to review the applications, select your recipient, and send the recipient's application to me.

The Club recipient's application may be sent by snail mail to the same address above. A PDF may be sent to me at sfeickert@sbcglobal.net.

As always, if you have questions, please ask!

Webmaster - Judy Kautz

We are progressing in our efforts to launch a new D10 website. In the meantime, check out our current site for all Governor's Summit presentations, including the Stepping Up to Leadership video and Jacque Gudmundsen's presentation on How to Get What You Want. You will find information on District 10 Clubs Advocacy activities on the Advocacy page. All information on our current site is updated so you will have all you need at your fingertips. If you have ideas for things you'd like to see on the site, please drop a note to webmaster@zontadistrict10.org.

A few thoughts to share

Bunless burgers are good! Especially, if you don't have to prep all the toppings. Especially, when you are eating them with good friends and good conversation.

A supermoon is very different from a full moon, just like Zonta is different.

Black Friday will be in Wear Orange Day!

There have been lots of changes since the last newsletter, a one day summit works, a new District 10 Scholarship, water heaters last three years sometimes, and the Cubs can win the World Series after 118 years.

As we enter the holiday season, remember to enjoy yourself and those around you. Take some time to be grateful. Be safe. Until next year, Zontian sisters.

Yours in Zonta,

Carol Collett
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