

DISTRICT 10
 NEWSLETTER

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Governor's Message

Season's Greetings Zontians! Since our last newsletter, District 10 had another wonderful conference. What a great event! Big thanks to Conference Chairman, **Kim Vann!** What a great job! We realize it takes many people to orchestrate a conference so big thanks also to the Zonta Club of Fort Smith! Key people spent many hours along with Kim, and co-chair, **Sheryl Flanagin** to ensure we had a successful conference. It is always such a wonderful experience to enjoy the fellowship of other Zontians while learning more about our mission and the effectiveness of our service projects. It was a special treat to meet our International Representative, **Sonja Honig-Schough**, who provided information from Headquarters to include **President Dianne Curtis'** message, positive feedback as well as inspiration. Also what a special treat for ZI Amelia Earhart chairman, **Dr Sharon Langenbeck** and six



Governor Janis Wood
 Zonta Club of Central Oklahoma

AE Fellows to be in attendance!

The election of District 10 officers for 2012-2014 biennium is one of the significant highlights of the conference. Our district is in very good hands with the continued leadership that was elected. I'm sure each of you joins me in looking forward to the great accomplishments that will follow.

The 61st Zonta International Convention is 7-12 July 2012 in Torino, Italy. The Call to Convention has been posted on the website and details are also included in the October Zontian magazine. Hope to see a

large District 10 contingency in Torino! District meetings are scheduled the morning of July 7th so please make plans to arrive early enough to attend. We will be scheduling a time for a District 10 photo by the official convention photographer, date to be published later. If you need a roommate, please let board members know, there may be others also looking for a roommate! Registration opens July 5th.

I hope all of you experienced a great Thanksgiving with family and friends as we transitioned from a very hot, dry summer to fall. The fall seemed very short-lived as we have begun the transition to shorter days and winter weather. Wishing all of you a wonderful Holiday season as we celebrate the ending of 2011 and bring in the New Year, 2012!

Happy Holidays!

Yours in Zonta Service,

Janis

Organization, Membership, and Classification



Lt. Gov. Donna Dodgen

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS!

The Zonta International biennium goal is to increase membership to 33,000 members worldwide. Good news, as of December 1st, per our international membership report, we have 30,021 members worldwide. District 10 has seen an 11.54% membership decline which is a 7.34% improvement to date; a net increase of 1 new member per club which translates to 23 new members! We can do this and are slowly but steadily doing it!

I have been asked by the ZI OMC Chairman and committee to respond to a few questions & I thought the questions would be good to share as food for thought.....a club self inventory!

- **What was the outcome of the ZI OMC presentations or discussion held at District Conference?**

- **Are clubs in your district aware of the difficult situation ZI is in with membership going down and are they willing to fight?**
- **Do you feel they are able to?**
- **What difficulties do the clubs face in recruitment and retention?**
- **What tools do you think the clubs and members need that are not currently available?**
- **How do you see the last half year of our biennium?**
- **Are our efforts showing?**

If you have any thoughts or wish to share, please contact me.

As continued reminders!

Keep in mind the Zonta International Membership Incentive Program which is to successfully recruit two or more new members between 1 June 2010 and 31 May 2012, and receive special recognition. Instructions and forms are available at www.zonta.org. Also, the new Club Achievement Checklist on the ZI website is an opportunity to be recognized at the International Convention as well as aid each club in assessing their strengths and limitations. We can help our other Zonta clubs by recommending a qualified friend, family member, or colleague by using the Prospective

Member Referral Form on the Zonta International website – www.zonta.org. Use our new social media sources of Facebook, Flickr, LinkedIn, Twitter and YouTube to tell friends and colleagues about Zonta!

Another important part of membership is to be sure our member information is up to date at Zonta International. We don't want to miss communication so to update your information, or to verify it is correct, visit the Member Resource section on the ZI website and click on Update Your Member Profile after of course you have logged into the site.

Zonta International is also asking: Are you a former Z or Golden Z club member who is now a Zontian? And if so, The International Z Club and Golden Z Club Committee is looking for you. Please send your name, the name of your current Zonta club and a brief story about why you joined Zonta to pr@zonta.org. Include how your membership in The Z Club and/or Golden Z club impacted your life and why did you choose to later become a member of Zonta International. These submissions may be used later on the ZI website or in a Zonta publication.

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OMC Continued

I hope to see everyone at area meetings and Happy New Year!!

Remember - Add one member to every club in the world!

Donna Dodgen, Lt. Gov & District OMC Chairman

Zonta International Foundation

By Barbara Yoder, Foundation Ambassador

October 2011 because of conference was a banner month for our district in foundation giving. District 10 remains loyal and determined to raise the status of women and their support of ZI's programs and service projects. Clubs pledged more than \$42,000 towards the six funds and individual gifts during conference exceeded \$9600. These individual givers had great fun with the auction items that were provided so generously by clubs and individuals. I cannot be more thankful and admiring of this conference event. I hope that everyone that attended conference has reported back to their clubs and urged them to be part of this international spirit as well.

Some reminders about the Zonta International Foundation follow: clubs that have 100% individual giving in this biennium will be acknowledged specially at the Convention in Torino. Clubs that contribute \$20,000 or more will be specially acknowledged, as well.

Please let me tell you of a success story for individual giving that the Longview club is trying of late. At each member's birth-

day coins are being presented by other members to the birthday celebrant. These coins are adding up and being sent to ZIF by the treasurer. As a result, Longview has passed our higher individual givers clubs of Central OK, Houston, and Seguin. So new competition ladies: Longview stands at 23 givers as of Oct 31. If you have forgotten Central OK is at 17, Houston at 16, and Seguin at 12. The plot gets more interesting as ZI's data from our conference is not complete. The majority of our contributions will be reflected in November 30th data, however, in a new report ZI shows District 10 number four in total number of individual givers. The other districts can learn from us. Across Zonta data tells us that about 10% of the members give individually while our district is at 24%. I say WOW!

My best wishes to every Zonta member and their club for the New Year.

Respectfully,

Barbara Yoder

Together we make a difference!

WWW.ZONTADISTRICT10.ORG

By Judy Kautz, Zonta Club of Central Oklahoma, District Webmaster and District 10 Parliamentarian

For those members of District 10 on Facebook, we have two new areas for you to check out. We now have a Zonta District 10 group, where we can provide updates and important activities. We also now have a Zonta District 10 page. The photos from the conference are in the process of being uploaded to this page and we will use it to provide important information as well.

Finally, the District 10 website has been revised to a new format and look. Check it out and let me know what you think. Remember to let me know if there are items that you would like to see on our district website, and be sure to send me any activities you'd like me to post on the D10 calendar, also a tab on the website.

Amelia Earhart Fellowship

By Donna Couch, Zonta Club of Parker County, District 10 AE Fellowship Chair

District 10 has much to be proud of when it comes to the Amelia Earhart Fellowships. Out of 35 fellowships awarded this year, 6 were awarded in District 10. This year's fellows include **Mousumi Ahmed** of Bangladesh and **Laura Suarez Henderson** of Columbia who are attending UTA and **Sonia Hernandez** of the USA is attending UT Austin. Attending Texas A&M are **Anshu Narang** and **Neha Satak**, both of India and **Nicole Susanne Sharp** of the USA. All 6 spoke at our District 10 Conference on October 22 in Fort Smith, Arkansas along with **Dr. Sharon Langenbeck**, ZI Foundation AE Chair.

District 10 individuals and groups have contributed enough funds to the AE Fellowship through 16 months of the biennium to more than fund 3 AE Fellowships of \$10,000 each.

District 10 Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship Awarded

By **Connie Stierstorfer, Zonta Club of Fort Worth, District 10 JMK Scholarship**

Congratulations to our District 10 Jane M. Klausman (JMK) Scholarship winner, **Kristina Pontious**. She has been selected as one of twelve winners for the Jane M. Klausman International Scholarship and has received a \$5,000.00 scholarship from Zonta International.

The JMK scholarship application for 2012 should be out by January, 2012 on the ZI's website. Please plan on getting the word out to all colleges after the first of the year. The deadline to have the applications to the District



Chair is May 31, 2012. We give a \$1,000 scholarship from District 10 and ZI also gives out a \$1,000 scholarship for the winner of District 10's JMK scholarship. This makes a total of \$2,000 awarded on the District level. District 10 chooses one winner to advance to the International level and that person will have a chance at one of the 12 scholarships for \$5,000 scholarship awarded on the International level. If you have any questions or need help with the JMK scholarship, please contact me and I will be glad to help in any way.

District 10 Young Women in Public Affairs

By **Donna Wiley, Zonta Club of San Antonio, District 10 YWPA Scholarship**

The 2010 District 10 YWPA winner was **Ayesha Kaur Kang**, submitted by the Zonta Club of Houston.

The purpose of the YWPA scholarship is to encourage more young women to participate in public affairs by recognizing a commitment to the volunteer sector, evidence of volunteer leadership achievements and a dedication to the advancement of women. Public affairs refers to all aspects of community life where decisions have to be made about issues which relate to and affect the communities in which they live and work.

The District 10 winner will receive a \$1000.00 award. In addition, International awards an additional \$1000.00 to the district winner once all appropriate paperwork is submitted to International. So in total, a district winner could win \$2000.00 from District 10! Five international winners will each receive an award of \$3000.00.

For 2012, following are the YWPA scholarship requirements:

- Applicants must be 16 to 19 years old.
- Applicants must be living or studying in a Zonta district or region at the time of applications.

Applicants must demonstrate evidence of the following:

- Experience in local or student government
- Knowledge of Zonta International and its programs advocating on behalf of Zonta International's mission to advance the status of women worldwide.

Please be sure to use the 2012 form for submission, which can be found on Zonta International's website. Please send your club applicants to Donna Wiley, District 10 YWPA chair by April 1, 2012.

I encourage all clubs to start their scholarship collection process by December, 2011.

64th District 10 Conference, October 20-23, 2011, Fort Smith, AR

For the Thursday night Hat Parade, the D10 board wore hats that could have been worn by women in different professions:

Back, L-R: Secretary Pris Truesdell, Area 3 Director Sharon Illhardt, Parliamentarian Judy Kautz, Area 1 Director Sheryl Flanagan, Lieutenant Governor Donna Dodgen

Front, L-R: Governor Janis Wood, ZI Director Sonja Honig Schough, Treasurer Carolyn Smith, and Area 2 Director Debbie Silverthorne



Club Hat Contest Winners: Angela Smith (Austin) with Gale Gendron and Kathy Bishop (both from Central Oklahoma)



Past District 10 Governors Mary Frances Gardner (New Orleans), Sally Rankin (Houston), and Candi Ward (San Antonio)

More pictures will be posted on the District 10 website soon.



Fort Smith members working the Registration Desk are Judi Hansen, Linda Teague, and Cathy Williams



Conference First-timers with mentor Peggy Beabout (COK) who is 4th from the left. Thanks, Peggy, for “mothering” the first-timers!



Conference Co-chair Kim Vann (Fort Smith) introduces Fort Smith mayor, Sandy Sanders



Conference Co-chair and Area 1 Director Sheryl Flanagin (Fort Smith)



Mayor Sandy Sanders, City of Fort Smith, presented a certificate of welcome to Governor Janis Wood and a “Key to the Frontier” to ZI Director Sonja Konig Schough from Sweden at the Opening Ceremony.

ZI Foundation Ambassador Barbara Yoder (Johnson County) is always amazed at the generosity of D10 Zontians. As she says, "We get it!" Many items were donated to be auctioned for the ZI Foundation and our Zontians bid generously. Over \$9,600 was collected through individual giving!



Amy Mercer (Parker County) and Angela Smith (Austin) with a book written and signed by Kaleta Doolin (Dallas)



Amy Mercer (Parker County) outbid Donna Dodgen (Seguin) on a bracelet, then presented it to her as a gift.



At the request of the D10 Board, Karon Lowe (Johnson County) made this beautiful quilt and pillow from sashes left over from the 2010 ZI Convention. Other supplies were furnished by Karon. Sally auctioned this for the D10 Foundation.



Sally Rankin (Houston) always does an excellent job as auctioneer!



Shelley Baumgartner (Austin) purchased a bottle of wine and carrier, while Patty Terrell Chimene (Austin) looks on.



Because some of our Zontians get caught in bidding frenzies, Sally reserved several of the items for "first-timers" only. Here First-Timer Kim Alley (COK) bought a pillow. Kim is a new member, first timer and made most of the hats worn by members of Central Oklahoma!



Past governors Mary Frances Gardner (New Orleans), Sally Rankin (Houston), and Candi Ward (San Antonio) induct Governor Janis Wood (COK) into their order effective at the close of the ZI Convention in July 2012.



We are fortunate to have 6 AE Fellows attending school in our district and all 6 were able to attend the AE Luncheon to receive their wings and certificates.

L-R: D10 AE Chair Donna Couch (Parker County), Governor Janis Wood (COK), Mousumi Ahmed (Bangladesh, University of Texas at Arlington), Laura Suarez Henderson (Columbia, University of Texas at Arlington), Sonia Hernandez (USA, University of Texas at Austin), Anshu Narang (India, Texas A & M University), Neha Satak (India, Texas A & M University), Nicole Susanne Sharp (USA, Texas A & M University), ZI Director Sonja Honig Schough, and ZI AE Chair Dr. Sharon Langenbeck

2012-2014 District 10 Board



Back, L-R: (Nominating Committee) Connie Stierstorfer (Fort Worth), Kayleen Kill (Houston), and Janis Wood (COK); Secretary Sharon Illhardt, Area 3 Director Marianne Seal, Area 2 Director Suzanne Russell, Area 1 Director Barbara Yoder (Johnson County)
 Front, L-R: Treasurer Carolyn Smith (Johnson County), Governor Donna Dodgen (Seguin), and Lieutenant Governor Judy Kautz (COK)



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**Advancing the Status of Women
Worldwide**

Zonta International is a global organization of executives and professionals working together to advance the status of women worldwide through service and advocacy.

ZI District 10 is comprised of clubs in five states: Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas.



Dates to Remember:

2011

- 11/25 International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women
- 11/25-12/10 16 Days of Activism
- 12/1 World AIDS Day
- 12/2 International Day for the Abolition of Slavery/Suppression of the Traffic in Persons
- 12/10 International Human Rights Day
- 12/21 International Day of Peace

2012

- 1/11 Amelia Earhart Day
- 2/3 2012-2014 Governor's Orientation

2/15 Articles due to editor for February D10 Newsletter