

District 10 Newsletter

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Area 1

Sheryl Flanagin, Director



As your Area 1 Director, I was very impressed by the number of awards won by clubs from our area at the D10 64th Conference held in Fort Smith.

In both Division I and Division II, clubs from Area 1 received recognition in every category, many times as the first place winner. Parker County, Fort

Smith, Fort Worth, Johnson County, Dallas, and Central Oklahoma received either first, second, or third place in the Status of Women/Service, Finance, United Nations, Public Relations, Pressbook, and Newsletters Awards. Congratulations!

Now, we can look forward to our Area 1 Meeting to be held April 21 in Weatherford. Parker County is making plans for another fun-filled, informative meeting. They have enlisted the help of their neighboring club, Mineral Wells. Should be a great time for all! Mark those calendars!

Best wishes to you all for a wonderful holiday season.

Central Oklahoma

CENTRAL OKLAHOMA WINS ATTENDANCE CUP AND TRAVELING HAT AT DISTRICT 10 CONFERENCE:

The Zonta Club of Central Oklahoma once again took home the Attendance Trophy and Traveling Hat from the District 10 Conference held in Fort Smith, Arkansas. The trophy and hat are presented to the club who has the most members at the conference traveling the greatest number of miles. The club had 17 members in attendance.



L-R, Debbie Miller, Connie David, Sharon Hebert, Dalia Lopez, Andrea Ismirle, Janet Graber, Karen Goss, Kim Alley, Pres Theresa Farris, Gov Janis Wood, Gale Gendron, Diana Powell, Peggy Beabout, Naila Gutierrez, Angie Weaver, Judy Kautz and Mary Ann Briscoe.

CENTRAL OKLAHOMA SUPPORTS GLOBAL OKLAHOMA:

The Zonta Club of Central Oklahoma once again participated in the annual Global Oklahoma celebration, held at Rose State College each October. The club uses this event as an opportunity to increase awareness about Zonta International and the local club, and also to publicize the annual pecan fundraising event. UN Chair **Janet Graber** organized shifts of club members at the booth which features the club banner and ZI flags. Rose State College has long supported the Zonta Club of Central Oklahoma, so this is also an opportunity to give back to the institution as well.



L-R, Club members Karen Goss, Gov Janis Wood, UN Chair Janet Graber, Dalia Lopez and Ruth Marciniac man the Global Oklahoma booth.



Past D10 Gov Judy Strothmann (center) shows Diana Powell (left) how to use the scale while Debbie Miller opens a 30 pound box of pecans.



Club members greet visitors to the Zonta Club of Central Oklahoma booth at Global Oklahoma



L-R Janet Graber, Connie Davis and Kateri Peeler carefully weigh and measure bags of pecans.

CENTRAL OKLAHOMA LAUNCHES ANNUAL PECAN SALES FUNDRAISING EVENT: Central Oklahoma Zontians gathered on November 10th to separate out, measure and package 2000 pounds of pecans to sell to the local community. The club has been selling pecans for years and has a regular clientele who buy the pecans every year. The pecans come from a local farm in southern Oklahoma and the pecans are always the current year's crop. Known for their plumpness and sweetness, the Landgraf Farms pecans are preferred over those available in local grocery stores. This year we have purchased 500 pounds more than previous years in the hope that we will raise more funds, thus contributing to advancing the status of women locally and globally.

Dallas

Fellowship and Fritos Pie by Elizabeth Simon and Kaleta Doolin

The publication of **Kaleta Doolin's** new book, *Fritos Pie: Stories, Recipes and More* was celebrated Oct. 2 with a book signing party at **Elizabeth Simon's** home. Zonta members, special guests and Doolin family members enjoyed delicious Fritos recipes such as Kaleta's Frito Nuggets, Mango Frito Picosito, Calavo Dip and of course, Fritos Chili Pie while listening to Kaleta share stories about growing up in the Fritos culture, about her father, **Charles Elmer Doolin**, the co-founder of Fritos, and about her mother, Kitty, one of the important women behind the Frito men (and a Zontian). She told about how C.E. and his brother

Earl invented the machinery and process for manufacturing Fritos corn chips, one of the greatest products to come from the Lone Star state. We armchair traveled from 1932 up until 1959, from the city of San Antonio to the whole nation, snacking along the way. How lucky for us to know the family attached to one of the largest snack food companies in the world today. Who doesn't love Fritos!?! Kaleta addressed the group, sharing insight into her desire to research and write this book about her family, the Frito Company and *Fritos* recipes. She said, "My book is a composite of different sources of information from the recipes of Nell Morris, a company employee who used the character trade name *Daisy Dean* (and who was another *Zontian*), to original recipes, celebrity chef contributions, and other sources including video interviews, audio transfers, photos, old advertisements, in-house trade magazines, letters, documents, and photos and is very much like my artist books."

And last but not least, Kaleta personally signed 2 cases of books for the special occasion of her first book signing.

Fort Smith



Fort Smith Zontians with ZI Director Sonja Hönig Schough

The Zonta Club of Fort Smith hosted the 64th District 10 Conference in Fort Smith on October 20-23 with attendees from Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, California, and Sweden. Having the theme "Live the History," members enjoyed a fun-filled welcome with a Southern hat contest, informative business sessions, a wonderfully entertaining Friday night event, and a beautiful awards finale.



Fort Smith "Southern Ladies"

Nicki Babb, Executive Director of the Crisis Intervention Center accepted Zonta's annual \$1000 donation to the center from Status of Women chairman **Jo Carson** at the October member meeting.



Nicki Babb and Jo Carson

Zena Featherston Marshall (center below) was inducted into the club by President **Kim Vann** and membership chair **Heather Robertson** at the October Zonta meeting. Zena works for the Fort Smith Public School system in the partners in education program. She was brought to the club by long time Zontian **Cathy Williams**. Welcome Zena!



Johnson County

Best Wishes for the Holidays to come and of course the best New Year to all of our sister clubs! We are trying to catch our collective breath after our Art Bra Event in October and looking forward to 2012 as well. We are proud to invite our events benefactor CAREity Foundation to our December Holiday Party to present a check. CAREity Foundation works to deliver women's health and counseling services for breast cancer patients.

Our club was blessed to have the Honorable Judge **John Neill** speak to our club in November about CASA: **Court Appointed Special Advocates** was started in our county in 2002. Several of our club members volunteer for this organization that works for the girl child and siblings in so many ways. Judge Neill noted that he was proud to speak in front of all women!



Judge John Neill, District 18 court, Johnson County

This was our club's 3rd year to sell pecans to fluff up our general fund. **Angela Allen** keeps her crown as Pecan Queen. We are eager to learn from her networking/phone techniques!



L-R: Dianne Packwood, Ivy Peterson, Barbara Yoder, Angela Allen and Karon Lowe (picture taker.....Carolyn Smith who would not get in the shot!)

Parker County

ZC of Parker County is winding up its fall membership drive. We increased our membership by 11 fantastic women who have promised to participate "enthusiastically." We are excited about the value these new members will bring to our club and our activities and projects.

As "admission" to our annual Christmas party hosted by member Amy Mercer (director), we collected more than 20 coats for women served by local women's shelter Freedom House.

Additionally, our club members "rang the bell" for Salvation Army, collecting approximately \$800. Also, our members voted to share the recent District membership award we won at the conference in October with our community; we sponsored two angels from the Salvation Army tree, and we donated \$150 to our local Meals on Wheels program.

In January, we are looking forward to our annual Amelia Earhart recognition. This year, we are joining with the ZC of Mineral Wells for an evening meeting and observance of the event.

ZCPC has many things planned for the next several months: our second annual "GO RED" event, partnering with the Weatherford Regional Medical Center Healthy Woman program in a women's health fair and luncheon. In March, we will host our 8th annual Casino Night, our only major annual fundraiser for our scholarship program. Historically, we have cleared more than \$10,000 annually to offer deserving women full scholarships to pursue higher education. To date, we have awarded more than \$50,000 in scholarships to more than 35 Parker County women.

Plans are under way to host the Area I Conference in April. We are waiting to hear from the District what the theme will be, and we will proceed from there. We are looking forward to hosting our area clubs in Weatherford!

Area 2

Debbie Silverthorne, Director



Making History....That is what the Zonta Club of Fort Smith did at the 2011 District 10 Conference in October. The theme of "Living the History" was a great way of remembering where we've been and a catalyst for planning for the future.

District 10 Conference highlighted the accomplishments of our clubs in Area 2 over the past year and gave focus to

the events and projects that are being planned for the upcoming year.

Congratulations to all the clubs of Area 2 for the awards you received. It is evident that your clubs work hard in every aspect of Zonta; from membership, to service, to fundraising.

Planning for the Future.... Mark your calendars for the Area 2 Meeting to be held in Longview, hosted by the Greater East Texas Zonta Club, on March 31st.

Have a Blessed Holiday Season!!

Debbie Silverthorne
Area 2 Director



Our Woman of Excellence, Robin Dickehuth with her husband Rob

At our September meeting, we presented our Jane M. Klausman Scholarship award to **Kristina Pontious**. We were delighted Governor Wood joined us to present Kristina the District award too. Many thanks go out to **Anneke Schreuder** and **Melinda Sturgess** for their work on the scholarship committee.

Houston

In September, we honored our Status of Women Service Chair **Robin Dickehuth** as our Woman of Excellence at the annual Federation of Houston Professional Women gala. Robin is a dedicated and hard-working Zontian, who has served in several positions, including Service Chair for two terms, Club Secretary for two terms, and coordinator for The Women's Home service project.



Anneke Schreuder, Carole Moffatt, Kristina Pontious, Melinda Sturgess and D10 Governor Janis Wood

As many District members know, we mourn the October 5th passing of **Barbara Halstead**. She was a good friend and mentor to many Zontians and avid supporter of the Zonta mission both on the local and national level. A Zontian since 1996, Barbara held many leadership positions within the organization. At the District level, she served as District YWPA Chair

and also Co-Chair of the 2001 District Conference. Recently, she served Zonta on the International level when she was 2010 International Convention Gala Chair. However, Barbara had the greatest influence at the club level. Within the Houston Club, she held several offices and served on countless committees. She also chaired one of Zonta Houston's most successful fund-raising galas. Most recently, she held the office of Club President.



Barbara Halstead

At our October meeting, **Carolyn Phillips** provided an interesting and informative presentation on the United Nations and The Commission of the Status of Women. This was a timely presentation, as October 24, 2011 marked the 66th anniversary of when the U.N. officially came into existence. We also inducted new member **Carol Sands** at our October meeting. Carol found our club through a member contact on LinkedIn. We are thrilled Carol has joined our club!

In early November, we invited guests and potential members for a festive shopping night at our service project, Ten Thousand Villages, which was decorated and filled with gifts for the holidays. Also, we have recently updated our web site with the new Member Spotlight page developed by our Public Relations Chair, **Monica de la Cerda**. This month's spotlight is on **Robin Dickehuth**. We've also added our newest service project, The Community Cloth. We are very proud of member **Suzan Miles**, who was recently awarded the WAVE Mentoring Pay It Forward Service

Excellence Award for 2011 by her employer. She has worked very hard mentoring young women in her women's network.

Please note, the iPad2 raffle winner was selected on November 16, and it was Houston attorney **Michael Beckwith**. Thanks to all of the District members who contributed to our fundraiser!

Area 3

Sharon Illhardt, Director



I want to thank the Fort Smith club for hosting the District 10 Conference this year. It was very enjoyable and quite special to have two representatives from ZI, **Sonja Honig Schough** and **Dr. Sharon Langenbeck**, join us. I was amazed with all of the AE fellows and their research projects.

I would like to extend congratulations to the newly elected District 10 Board members for the next biennium. I look forward to serving the district as secretary and working with these board members as we address the business and issues of District 10.

One of the most important issues for Clubs to maintain their focus toward will be growing your club membership. District 10 has a number of clubs below 25 members. As we know from our experiences, the fewer the members in a club, the more difficult it can be to accomplish service, advocacy, and fundraising. It is vital to the health of a club to grow to 25 members and more, to do the business of Zonta both at home and abroad. Please focus your energies on membership retention and growth in your current club. Wouldn't it be amazing if all our District clubs had over 50 members? ZI would take note of that I am sure. Membership growth and retention is the work of each club member. Your individual contacts in the community and your commitment to the effort of membership will result in the growth and prosperity of your club. There are new members awaiting your invitation now! I am sure you will succeed as you challenge your members with this mission. I look forward to hearing about your club's growth and recognizing your efforts at the Area 3 Meeting in Seguin.

Please join me for an informative and fun Area 3 Meeting in Seguin on Saturday, May 5, 2012. Share the date with all club members and make plans to head there in the spring.

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving and enjoy Happy Holidays.

Brownsville

The Zonta Club of Brownsville has been busy since we began our Fall meetings. In the month of September we held our dinner meeting at the Holiday Inn. Our program was on Literacy. We invited a speaker from the Brownsville Literacy Center to provide a program on the literacy needs in our area. Our members were asked to bring books to the meeting to donate to the center. We will also assist the center by providing nice, slightly used purses that they can sell in their annual fundraiser.

In October some of our members attended the Zonta District 10 Conference in Fort Smith, Arkansas. Those attending were President **Alicia Roberts**, **Brunilda Villarreal**, and **Laura Gilmore**. All reported that they had really enjoyed the conference. The trip provided opportunities for fellowship with members from other clubs as well as with the Amelia Earhart fellows who presented at the conference. Upon our return, a slide show of the conference was prepared by Bruni to present to all members at our November meeting. Highlights of the conference included the election of the 2012-2014 officers. We were also glad to report that our West Hidalgo club friend **Marianne Seal** was elected Area 3 Director. We look forward to working with her in the next biennium. Congratulations, Marianne!



Bruni Villarreal, Sharon Illhardt, Area 3 Director, Laura Gilmore, Donna Dodgen, Governor-elect, and Alicia Roberts.



Attending the D10 Conference from our club were Bruni Villarreal, Alicia Roberts, and Laura Gilmore.

Also during our November meeting our members worked on a hands-on project to benefit the women at the battered women's shelter. Members had been collecting toiletries to use to prepare personal bags for the women at the shelter. We prepared 100 bags which were presented to the shelter.



Zontians deliver toiletry bags to Battered Women's Shelter in Brownsville, November hands-on project. Pictured left to right, Jovita Chase (new member), Lily Champion, Executive Director, Friendship of Women, and Bruni Villarreal.

We are also getting ready for one of our biggest fundraisers, The Christmas Tour of Homes. Committee Chairman **Teresa Del Castillo** and her committee

have been busy preparing for the event. Five homes will be presented on Sunday, December 11. Our members and Z Club members will be assigned to work at the homes as hostesses for the event. Following the tour, we will end our day at our annual Christmas party. More information on the tour next time.

President **Alicia Roberts** and all of the Brownsville Zontians want to wish all of our Zonta sisters a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

Fredericksburg

FREDERICKSBURG

The Zonta Club of Fredericksburg planned and implemented a very successful new member recruitment meeting on September 19, 2001. The members were encouraged to select prospective new members from women in the community that would help to advance the status of women worldwide. A lovely invitation was created and could either be hand delivered or mailed to these women in advance of the meeting.

The program for the evening was presented by President Sharon Joseph and Past President Jo Ann Krauskopf. A Power Point presentation about Zonta International, District and Local programs were presented to our guests and helped to inform current members about the many facets of Zonta.



President Sharon Joseph and Past President Jo Ann Krauskopf.

OCTOBERFEST is a Festival held in Fredericksburg the first weekend in October. The Zonta Club of Fredericksburg has been selling Funnel Cakes since the beginning of the Festival. This is the Club's largest fundraiser for the year. Chairmen's **Frankie Hohenberger** and **Beverly Weidenfeller** worked tirelessly to schedule workers, buy supplies and get the equipment in top order. The Z-Club members have been a

life saver to the members of our Club. They are willing to work whenever they are needed.



Liz Wunderlich adding oil to the Funnel Cake Cooker

Two members of the Zonta Club of Fredericksburg attend the 64th District Conference in Fort Smith, Arkansas. **Jo Ann Krauskopf** and **Marti Barth** were this year's delegation to the Conference. They enjoyed every aspect of the Conference and brought home much valuable information for the Club. They enjoyed meeting the Amelia Earhart Fellows and the International Director, **Sonja Honig-Schough**.



Jo Ann Krauskopf, ZI Director Sonja Honig-Schough, ZI Amelia Earhart Committee Chair and Marti Barth

San Antonio

In August, we had a social instead of a business meeting. Seven club members, two former members, and five family members attended the play *The King and I* at the San Pedro Playhouse in August. We all went to dinner afterward at Los Barrios, a popular Mexican restaurant.

Our speaker in September was **Jennifer Farias**, Event Coordinator, at Roy Maas' Meadowland facility who talked to us about volunteer opportunities with Girlsville. Since Girlsville has been our primary service opportunity for several years, it was great to hear from Jennifer how much the girls appreciate our visits and activities.



Thank You Card presented by the girls at our last activity.



Girls showing off "Trick or Treat" bags made at our September event