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YWPA Deadline:

April 1

2017 Area Meetings

Area 1: Burleson, TX
March 25

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Area 2: Houston, TX
May 6

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Area 3: Austin, TX

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ARE YOU READY FOR SPRING AREA MEETINGS?

I sure hope so! The meetings have a theme of Strength in Numbers and will also explore ZI/UN goal #5 of working towards gender equality. Officer training will be imbedded. I

sincerely look forward to seeing as many D10 Zonta members as possible at these meetings. It is such a pleasure traveling in our district and sampling the flavor of each group! Our host clubs this spring are Ft Worth, Austin and Houston. They are ready to greet and assist their area director and most importantly you. I want to thank them in advance for this help in nurturing D10!

Don't forget that if one area meeting date is not convenient for you, that the meetings are all designed to deliver the same package of information and training. You can attend any meeting(s) that fits your schedule! I want to remind everyone reading this that area meetings are not just for club officers but for everyone. The meetings are a way to meet like minded Zonta members and introduce first timers to a larger network. Let me challenge each club to bring first timers to these meetings.....no matter how long of tenure in Zonta that member may have! Area meetings are also a great place to bring potential Zonta members! I applaud our clubs and this is a great way to hear about projects first hand! Please see the link on this newsletter's side bar for the meeting dates and particulars! Presidents, be sure and respond to our area directors and ask questions, as well.

District Officer Nominations.....are open. See the link for application within this newsletter. Every biennium the nominating committee works to ensure that District 10 has a smooth transition and that new leadership is in place. Frankie

April 22
[Registration - Area 3](#)

May Newsletter
Deadline: May 15

**District Officers Slate
2018-20**
June 2
[Nomination Form](#)

NAID
June 2 - 4
[NAID Website](#)

**Call to October 2017
Conference: mid
August**

2017 D10 Conference:
October 19-22

**2018 Convention:
Yokohama, Japan**
June 6-July 3, 2018
[Website](#)

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Hohenberger, Carol Collett and Peggy Hutton are your elected nominating committee. They will be present at the area meetings to introduce themselves and provide applications so that individuals and clubs can step up to district leadership! Please consider nominating yourself or members of your club. There is much leadership talent in our district. I can highly recommend the district board experience. It is wonderful and you will learn so much! Have you been a club president? Then you have the necessary skills and experience to move up to district!

Noteable.....

- The first ever **STEM scholarship** has been awarded to Brenda Anel Rosales. This applicant was encouraged by the Ft Smith club to apply. I want to thank the STEM committee and their chair Jennifer Ehlers.
- Marcelinda Williams reports that 7 Rose Scholarship applications have been received. She has judges lined up to pick a winner and we will report to the district as soon as they have finished their deliberations.
- Don't forget that the YMPA applications are due to chair Susie Feickert by April 1.

Social media..... I am so glad to see our D10 clubs posting their events, service, programs and advocacy on facebook and other social media. This is the best exposure! Please continue and even step up your posts. Consider boosting special events and share them to me so they can be shared to the D10 page. Did you know.....posting 3 times a day will reach more eyes. Experts say 8am, Noon, and 6 pm is a good pattern to use.

Practicing.....I hope you are growing in Zonta! Everyone gets better and then really good at whatever time is spent on! Change and especially world change takes practice. Better results come from practicing with a like-minded group, so I think we have a perfect practice place in Zonta!

The link below reflects on children 5 and under. Please take a look at this [study](#) from the Gates Foundation.

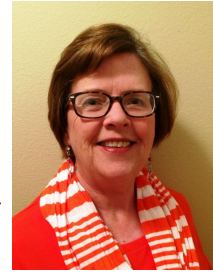
I want to make sure that everyone saw the [2015-16 Annual ZI Foundation Report](#) that was delivered electronically on March 8th Rose Day. Page 23 is particularly of note. This is the page that acknowledges exceptional gifts of clubs and districts. The Zonta Club of Brownsville is one of twenty five clubs that donated between between 10,000 and 19,999. They topped District 10 giving in 2015-16. Three other district 10 clubs were also acknowledged for giving over \$5,000. These clubs were Central Oklahoma, Johnson County, and West Hildago County. District 10 is certainly a generous group! We also were doubly acknowledged on the last page. District 10 was in the Top 5 Districts with the largest increase in contributions to the Foundation over the same period last fiscal year and also at 100% giving!

Respectfully,
Barbara Yoder,

Membership - Lt. Gov. Sheryl Flanigan

Springing Forward Toward Area Meetings

During the spring we Zontians come together for a time of learning, friendship, and fun. I'm talking, of course, about our Area Meetings. This year we have one scheduled for each of the three spring months- March, April, and May. And, I am looking forward to seeing my Zonta friends at all three.



At the Area One Meeting hosted by Zonta Club of Fort Worth and Johnson County, the Area Two Meeting hosted by Houston, and the Area Three Meeting hosted by Austin, I'll be giving updates on current membership stats and upcoming membership initiatives and tools from ZI. Since we were given the goal of a 5% increase over May 2016, I am appreciative of any help ZI can give us. In addition, I'll provide the updated president's thumb drive and discuss areas of concern to club leaders.

I'm looking forward to celebrating spring with all of you!

"Unless a tree has borne blossoms in the spring, you will vainly look for fruit on it in autumn."

---Walter Scott

Always remember: Strength in Numbers!

Save the Dates

The North American Inter-district meeting is June 2 -4. This meeting has workshop components in tracks of membership, advocacy, leadership and service. Several in your district are attending and the international board is attaching their meeting to this calendar so they will be at this meeting as well. The meeting is in Washington DC and that may interest those to have time to explore that wonderful site. The interdistrict organizers have arranged a time to travel to the capitol on June 2nd to speak to legislative representatives. If you have never engaged with your government please consider this opportunity! Here is the link to learn more!

<http://www.northamericanmeeting2017.com/>

Heads Up!

The district conference for October 2017 will be hosted by Central Oklahoma. This is the 3rd week in October, 19-22. Co-chairs Sharon Hebert and Tiffany DeLaughter Smith have put an excellent committee together to address every element! Don't miss this meeting! This is an election year and there will also be delegate business for by-laws, standing rules and budgets. Look for the call to be available electronically around August 15th.

Respectfully,
District 10 Board

Nominating Committee

Your 2016-18 Nominating Committee is looking for our great members to serve the district as an officer. We will be at every Area Meeting to inform and encourage everyone to seriously consider a district position

as another way to continue the Zonta work in 2018-2020. Any member or club can submitted their own name or that of another member to the Nominating Committee. The elected district officers are Governor, Lt Governor, Treasurer, and an Area Director from each of the three areas. Additionally, there are three members on the Nominating Committee. [Nomination Form](#) are due on June 2 and the slate of candidates will be announced in mid August. The elections will take place at the 2017 District Conference Oct 19-22.

The committee members are:

Frankie Hohenberger, Fredericksburg frankieh1324@gmail.com
Chair

Peggy Hutton Parker County peggyhutton@ymail.com

Carol Collett eClub of USA-2 embracelife2011@gmail.com

Additionally, Zonta International is seeking nominations for the 2018-20 Board. Additional information is available on the [Zonta Website](#), from a District 10 Nominating Committee member, or by emailing the ZI Nominating Committee at [ZI Nominating Committee](#)

Webmaster - Judy Kautz

We are proud to announce that our new refreshed District 10 website will go live March 23rd! Be sure to check out our new look and explore all the information we have to offer. You'll find all the latest on area meetings and upcoming District 10 activities. I hope you like the new look! At the area meetings, you'll learn more about the new site, and also information about improvements to the Zonta International website. In the meantime, please send your feedback to webmaster@Zontadistrict10.org.



March Madness

March is my favorite time of year.

- In Texas, the flowers start to bloom, trees become fuller.
- The daylight hours are getting longer.
- Baseball season starts. And this year, the Cubs are the defending champions. The last time that happened as 108 years ago. That is ten years before Zonta.
- A perfect NCAA bracket, a lady can dream you know
- St Patrick's Day, the only day I would drink green beer
- Watermelon is almost in season, crawfish are in season
- Area Meetings are starting, be sure to get to one.
- But the "Yellow Dust of Texas" is all over my car, windows, I cannot stop sneezing. That is really March Madness

If your email address changes or is no longer available to you, please let us know. I would like to have you receive this.

Club Presidents or Membership chairs, please let me know

the name and email address for all new members. This will insure that they are receiving the newsletter and all other District 10 communications. Just another way to engage your members for the club, area, district, international, and women worldwide.

Yours in Zonta,

Carol Collett
Zonta International District 10 Newsletter Editor/Public Relations

