

**ZONTA INTERNATIONAL
72nd DISTRICT 10 CONFERENCE
October 19-21, 2023 (Houston, Texas)**

District 10 Slate of Candidates (Biennium 2024-2026)

GOVERNOR	Shelly Baumgartner (Austin)
LT. GOVERNOR	Susan Greenberg (Austin) Lisa LeBlanc (Lafayette)
TREASURER	Donna Couch (Parker County) Linda Licarione (Houston)
AREA 1 DIRECTOR	Tanya Hodges (Parker County)
AREA 2 DIRECTOR	Dory Thomassie (Lafayette)
AREA 3 DIRECTOR	Diane Hodges Popp (Austin)
NOMINATING COMMITTEE	
	Barbara Behal (Seguin) Connie Davis (Central Oklahoma) Kayleen Kill (Houston) Terry McJilton (Greater East Texas) Dianna Ward (Johnson County)

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Candidate for Governor - Shelly Baumgartner, Nominated by the Zonta Club of Austin



Shelly Baumgartner joined the Zonta Club of Austin in 2006. At the club level, Shelly was President, Vice-President, Secretary, Director, and Scholarship chair. In District 10, Shelly is the current Lieutenant Governor and was Area 3 Director, Service Chair, and Parliamentarian. She has appreciated the opportunity to interact with Zontians around the world and the opportunity to work with others to build a better world for women and girls. Shelly has worked in the financial industry for twenty years. She is currently a Senior Manager at Charles Schwab Trust Bank, where she leads a team of Client Service Managers in providing excellent service to governmental and corporate retirement plan clients. Shelly and her husband Jason enjoy spoiling their bunny rabbit, Kirby Star. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, cooking, traveling, and all things Zonta.

Candidate for Lt. Governor - Susan Greenberg, Nominated by the Zonta Club of Austin



Those who know me know I love my job! Those who really know me know ZONTA is my passion!! In ZONTA I currently serve as District 10, Area 3 Director. Over 20 Years a Zontian, serving as past President of the Zonta Club of Austin and whatever other office was needed. In the process of forming the Zonta Club of San Antonio – Alamo City; should you choose me to be your Lt. Governor I will be a member from San Antonio at the time of Induction. The letters behind my name define my focus and accomplishments as a lifetime learner. CMP – Certified Meeting Professional – over 30 years of logistics, event management and fiscal responsibility. CASE – Certified Association Sales Executive – educated in “how” Associations operate; ZONTA is an association. CTA – Certified Tourism Ambassador – ensure each person is treated with kindness and welcomed wherever they travel. GRI – Graduate REALTOR Institute – exemplifying the commitment to provide a high level of professional service secured by a strong educational foundation. As a Complex Director of Sales & Marketing each day is filled with real world skills balancing hospitality, customer service, client relations and team management with fiscal responsibility. Focus and intention combined with care and thoughtfulness create success. These skills directly correlate to the organizational leadership and management style I choose to exemplify and will bring to the role of Lt. Governor. People don’t care what you know, until they know that you care. I care about Zonta, our fellow Zontians and all those we seek to assist as we build a better world for women and girls.

Candidate for Lt. Governor - Lisa LeBlanc, Nominated by the Zonta Club of Lafayette



Lisa M. LeBlanc, a Zontian since 2004, is a dedicated wife, mother, and grandmother. Her grandchildren provide the most enjoyment she has ever experienced, except for her marriage of 35 years to the same guy! She and her husband, Mark, love to travel out west and enjoy hiking and exploring. She is a Program Coordinator for the Health Promotion and Wellness program in the School of Kinesiology at UL Lafayette. Lisa teaches online courses, advises students, and coordinates all aspects of the program. Lisa has a master’s degree in education and is a graduate of the Lafayette Leadership Institute, Class of XXII. The Zonta Club of Lafayette reached out to Lisa in 2004 when they learned she was coordinating a program for young girls in conjunction with the Pines to the Gulf Girl Scout organization. The Girl Power program had several partners that educated young women in

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nutrition, life skills, and self-esteem. Those partners included the Woman’s Foundation and the Performing Arts Society of Acadiana. She has served on several non-profit boards, including Faith House of Acadiana, the domestic violence prevention program and shelter serving seven parishes in Louisiana. After becoming involved with Zonta, Lisa joined the Lafayette club and has been an active member serving as Secretary, Vice President, President, and several committee chairs. She is passionate about supporting the education of women in the Lafayette community, Zonta District 10, and Zonta International. She served as Area 2 Director in the 2018-2020 biennium and District 10 Secretary under the direction of Governor Carole Moffett in the 2020-2022 biennium. She has served as the chair for several district 10 scholarships. She currently serves as the D10 district chair for the Young Women in Public Affairs award.

Candidate for Treasurer - Donna Couch, Nominated by the Zonta Club of Parker County



Donna Couch is a 20 + year member of the Zonta Club of Parker County and is very passionate about the mission of ZI. Donna has served in every position except Secretary in the local club, including 7 years as Club Treasurer. She has served District 10 as Amelia Earhart Fellowship Chair under 2 different Governors, Jane M Klausman Scholarship Committee member, Area 1 Director and is the current Service Chair. She started her career 50 years ago, right out of high school. While working, she attended college at night and obtained her Finance degree. Her first experience in accounting was in banking, and from there moved to construction, oil and gas, manufacturing, and non-profit, and most recently public accounting. Her current position is Staff Accountant for an international company supporting the box industry. Her accounting background, team-player mentality, and her commitment to Zonta make her an excellent choice to serve as District 10 Treasurer.

Candidate for Treasurer – Linda Licarione, Nominated by the Zonta Club of Houston



I am excited to be a part of such an amazing organization as Zonta with incredibly talented, energetic and committed members. I am passionate about Zonta’s mission of service and advocacy and helping women and girls achieve their full potential. I love learning from others, as well as sharing my knowledge and experience to support others in their life’s journeys. Zonta has afforded me the opportunity to ‘play it forward’ and hopefully make a difference in other’s lives working with our service partners. I have been a member of Zonta Club of Houston for twenty-three years. I have served two terms as President and Vice President, numerous terms as Director, six terms as Treasurer and most recently Treasurer from 2018-2022. Over the years I have served as various committee chairs and currently I am our Service Chair. I am currently retired from the natural gas industry with careers including Gas Revenue Manager, Physical Gas Trader, and Application Software Project

Manager. Serving as Club Treasurer combined with my accounting background, I understand the importance of properly budgeting, accounting and reporting income and expenses. I also recognize the importance of the District 10 Treasurer’s role as liaison in providing guidance to meet Zonta International along with District 10’s reporting and payment requirements on a timely basis. It would be an honor to serve as your District 10 Treasurer.

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Candidate for Area 1 Director – Tanya Hodges, Nominated by the Zonta Club of Parker County



I am currently employed with Plains Capital Bank as a Senior Lending Assistant in Willow Park since 2013. I have forty-six years of banking experience in Tarrant and Parker County. I have been a member of the Zonta Club of Parker County since 2007. My roles with Zonta have been Vice President, President and served on the board of directors for two years. I have had the pleasure of being our Membership Chair for the past fifteen years. I was awarded Club Woman of the Year in 2013 and received the President's "Z" Award for above and beyond achievements in 2011-2012. Zonta is very important to me in many ways. I am also active with our Five Star East Parker County Chamber of Commerce as Ambassador Chair for the past three years. I received the Ambassador of the year award in 2017 and 2018. In 2020 I was honored to receive the Athena Leadership Award. Currently I serve on the Programs

Committee, Banquet Committee, Secretary for a B2B Leads Group and have been on the Chamber Board for three years. In past years, I have served as a Board Member with United Way of Parker County, BNI Networking Leadership role, Treasurer for Minter's Chapel Cemetery Association in Grapevine, Texas and Ambassador and Board Member for Weatherford Chamber of Commerce. I am a member of North Side Baptist Church in Weatherford, Texas.

Candidate for Area 2 Director – Dory Thomassie, Nominated by the Zonta Club of Lafayette



I was born in New Orleans and moved to New Iberia at the age of four. New Iberia is a small town centered in the Acadiana region of South Louisiana. I was an outsider in a Cajun culture. As an outsider, I empathized with other outsiders. I knew what it was like to want to be a part of a society that was not always open or inclusive to those who march to their own drummer. I was different. I went to an all-girls Catholic school from kindergarten through 12th grade. It was an insulated education without much exposure to the wider world. I graduated and attended USL in Lafayette Louisiana. At that time, I was told I had two choices for a course of study, I could become a teacher or a nurse. I chose teacher – blood and body fluids were a hard no for me. I studied art and history. These two fields have meshed perfectly throughout my educational career, which lasted for over 36 years. I retired and realized I

needed more purpose in my life. Zonta came to me by happenstance. It was at a fundraiser event, I encountered Dr. Mary Ann Wilson, a former professor of mine and a member of the Zonta Club of Lafayette. She brought me over to the table where other Zontians were seated. She told me I needed Zonta. I had never heard of Zonta. I went to a meeting to check it out and met people who became valued friends. Now I don't know why more people don't know about Zonta and embrace the mission and vision of Zonta.

Candidate for Area 3 Director – Diane Hodges Popp, Nominated by the Zonta Club of Austin



I joined the Zonta Club of Austin in 2001. I have held multiple club positions including President, VP, Club Treasurer, Foundation Treasurer, Secretary, Nominating Committee, Club Director, Fundraising Committee Chair (leader of our Poetry Slam and Luna Fest), and Service Chair- some positions more than once! Also, I have held these District 10 positions: Parliamentarian, Women in Technology Scholarship Chair, Foundation Ambassador (current), and Assistant to the Nominating Committee Chair. I have participated in almost all Area 3 meetings, District Conferences and Governor's Summits, one NAIDM and three International Conventions. I love Zonta and have been consistently involved at both the club and district levels since joining 22 years ago. I have enjoyed getting to know members from various clubs

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across the district and feel that the fellowship is critical to the organization. I have been interested in the Area 3 position for years, but waited to run until after my son graduated from high school so I can better commit my time and energy to the position. I have a good understanding of the expectations required to be your next Area 3 Director and hope you will vote for me.

Candidate for Nominating Committee – Barbara Behal, Nominated by the Zonta Club of Seguin



I have lived in Seguin since I was 15 years of age. I graduated from Seguin High School. I have one daughter who is married and lives in Houston with their 3 dogs and a bird. My husband died in 2004. I joined Zonta in 2005. I was not able to join until I was about ready to retire. I worked for Social Security Administration and interviewed for claims all day. Soon after I joined Zonta I learned that the International Convention was going to be in Melbourne Australia. I immediately said I'm going. My son-in-law had a brother and sister who lived there. My daughter, son-in-law, cousin, and I went. During the day they explored the city and showed me the sights at night. Then we went to the Gold Coast Area and stayed two weeks visiting family. I retired about three months after I got home. I've been to a number of International Conventions, District 10 meetings, and Area 3 meetings. I hope to

be going to Brisbane in 2024. I love to travel and since my retirement have been all over the world. But there is still a lot to see. I am active with the American Cancer Society Relay For Life and American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network. I have been a volunteer lobbyist for them since 2005. I am also on the Seguin Silver Center Board, an ambassador for the Seguin Chamber of Commerce, and work with my church. These are a few of the things that I stay active in. And I am usually at the gym before 7 am. But other than that I do nothing. I have a sister, Pat Grigg, who has been in Zonta since the 1980's. We also have another sister, but she is not active in anything.

Candidate for Nominating Committee – Connie Davis, Nominated by the Zonta Club of Central Oklahoma



I am proud to have been a Zontian since 2006. I have been blessed to have the support of Zontians at all levels of my journey. I have had wonderful examples of what it means to not only be a Zontian, but a Zonta leader, from the club and district levels. As I fulfill my term as District 10 Governor, I am further blessed to have international examples as a positive influence as well. One of my favorite activities as a member of the District 10 board has been the focus on leadership development, and the understanding that we must be intentional about developing our next generation of Zonta leaders. My Zonta journey has taught me that respect for diversity of perspectives and thought makes an organization stronger. Thus, if selected to serve as a member of the Nominating Committee I will prioritize finding and encouraging diverse talents to step up to service at the district level.

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Candidate for Nominating Committee – Kayleen Kill, Nominated by the Zonta Club of Houston



I have been a member of Zonta since 1978 in 3 clubs in 3 different districts. Currently, I am a member of the Zonta Club of Houston and serve as Treasurer and Ways and Means Chair. I have served as Club President and almost everything else. I have served on the District Nominating Committee in the past, as well as serving on a number of District Boards as Secretary, Treasurer, Parliamentarian and Area Director. Although I haven't been as active in the District in recent years, if elected, I will use my contacts to search out qualified members for the various positions.

Candidate for Nominating Committee – Terry McJilton, Nominated by the Zonta Club of Greater East Texas



Hello Zonta sisters, I began my Zonta journey in 2001 with the Zonta Club of Longview. During that time, I was on the Scholarship committee and the Chairperson of the Z Clubs. My work schedule as a Speech-Language Pathologist changed and I could no longer attend lunch meetings, so I became a Charter member of the Zonta Club of Greater East Texas. Our Club meets at 6pm on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. You are all invited to attend. I have served on every committee, chaired our fundraiser, the Zonta Antique Show, served as President 2 times, and then as Area 2 Director, during the 2020-2022 Covid/Zoom meetings. It was during those Zoom meetings, prior and recent conferences, and Area meetings that I have been able to meet many of you in our District 10. I am running for the position as a nominating committee member for the next biennium (2024-2026). I will happily serve Zonta.

Candidate for Nominating Committee – Dianna Ward, Nominated by the Zonta Club of Johnson County



Greetings! I have been a member of Zonta Club of Johnson County and ZI for almost 13 years. During this time, I have served as club president, club secretary, and chaired various committees. Currently, I am serving another term as club secretary, and on the District level, I am serving as Area 1 Director. I retired from the State of Texas (Health & Human Services Commission) in 2021, serving the state for 30 years. One thing I love about retirement is it has allowed me more time to dedicate to Zonta, my local club and district, and continuing to fulfill my life's passion of serving and helping others.