



Zonta International 73rd District 10 Conference

*Zonta Spirit in the Wild West -
Build a Better World for Women and Girls*

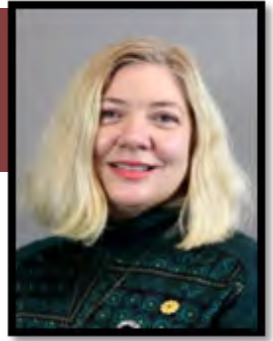
October 17-18, 2025
Seguin, TX
Hosted by the Zonta Club of Seguin

Mission Statement

Zonta International is a leading global organization of individuals working together to build a better world for women and girls.



Message from Governor Shelly Baumgartner



Dear District 10 Zontians and Guests,

The 73rd Zonta International District 10 conference in Seguin, Texas is coming soon, and I'm thrilled to personally invite you to join your fellow District 10 Zontians and celebrate the Zonta Spirit in The Wild West. A flurry of activity is happening as the Zonta Club of Seguin prepares to welcome you with Texas hospitality to a real small town with real Texas history. Be prepared for a weekend of connections, education, a little bit of business, and sharing of ideas, and a lot of fun with purpose.

We are fortunate to host Zonta International Representative, Unna Huh, who is joining us from South Korea. Unna will bring news from Zonta International, and she will extend her personal invitation to attend the 2026 Zonta International Convention in Vancouver, Canada.

A Thursday evening reception is planned with drinks, snacks, and fellowship to encourage you to visit and connect with other Zontians. The evening will also include auctioning of the right to carry the District 10 state flags during our Friday morning Parade of Flags. I can't wait to see which flag brings in the most funds for District 10's Dollars for Scholars program. After the reception, you are encouraged to linger and enjoy Third Thursday, which is an opportunity to shop, eat, and mingle in downtown Seguin.

There will be more opportunities to support District 10's Dollars for Scholars program through bidding on donated silent auction packages, and the purchase of historic Zonta items at our Heritage Table. The Dollars for Scholars donations provide the funding for District 10 to support our educational awards, including the Rose award, the Sara Metcalf award, Zonta Young Women in Leadership award, Zonta Women in Business award, and Zonta STEM award. These awards provide opportunities to women and girls as they work toward acquiring the knowledge and skills needed for a better world.

The Friday and Saturday business sessions are packed with informative and engaging speakers, presentations, and workshops. I encourage you to come prepared to learn from one another while you share and receive Zonta experiences.

Another highlight of the weekend includes updates on the Zonta Foundation for Women projects and educational awards from our foundation ambassador. We will all have a chance to individually contribute to the Zonta Foundation for Women during our live, and lively auction. The conference does contain a little business, and we will elect officers and a nominating committee to lead District 10 in the 2026-2028 biennium.

The Zonta Club of Seguin is hosting wine tasting and more at the optional Blue Lotus Winery Friday night event; you won't want to miss this fun excursion. After the optional Friday night event, join us for an opportunity to meet the candidates and more fellowship as we celebrate one another at the conference hotel.

There is so much more to enjoy during the conference weekend. Registration costs include our Status of Women luncheon, and our Amelia Earhart luncheon. Saturday morning, we will remember past Zontians with a Celebration of Life. Saturday evening will close out the conference with a Denim and Diamonds themed banquet where we will recognize club presidents and present club awards.

The Zontians in District 10 have a rich history of making the most of every opportunity to come together, share ideas, educate ourselves, and have fun with purpose. I always leave a District 10 Conference with new friends, new ideas, and a renewed spirit for our mission. I hope you will make plans to join us as we work together to build a better world for women and girls.

Shelly Baumgartner,
Governor, District 10, Zonta International



Message from Zonta International President and Zonta Foundation for Women President Salla Tuominen



Dear fellow Zontians,

Welcome to your district conference! It is wonderful that you could be here to celebrate the Zonta Spirit and recognize the vital role we all have in achieving Zonta's mission. This time together is a wonderful opportunity to meet fellow Zontians beyond your club, engage in discussions about important topics and share insights. I thank you for making the time for Zonta.

What makes these conferences special is the opportunity to share and listen to one another about what women's rights mean in your lives, clubs and communities. Even while ongoing counter-movements against DEI and gender-equity occur across the globe, Zontians are standing strong in our unwavering commitment to our values. As we look forward, it is important to realize that while the journey ahead still holds many obstacles, we will not be alone.

I am always encouraged for the future when I read about the actions being taken with your local service and advocacy initiatives, especially in our Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women and Zonta Says NOW to gender-equal climate action campaigns. We all resonate with the understanding that real change for more sustainable and equal future begins at the local level, and it is heartening to see so many of you making a real difference despite how easy it would be to look the other way.

But Zontians do not run from the conflicts that threaten to tear down the world we are building. We stand strong in defending the hard-earned advancements in gender equity that we, alongside many others, have tirelessly worked to achieve over the past century.

Let us look ahead with excitement knowing that you will continue to amplify Zonta's presence and participation in the global dialogue on women's rights and gender equity. Let us keep standing for education equality, women in decision-making, climate justice and for ending gender-based violence. Let's continue to speak up for human rights of women and girls and let's continue to take actions!

Until we meet again at the 2026 Zonta International Convention in Vancouver next July, please accept my warmest wishes and heartfelt thanks for your invaluable contributions to Zonta. I wish you all a fulfilling uplifting conference and look forward to the wonderful work that lies ahead as we build a better world for women and girls.

Unna Huh, Director Zonta International and Zonta Foundation for Women



Since joining Zonta in 2014, Unna has served as club, president, area director, district committee chair, lieutenant governor and governor. Some of her achievements include establishing Z and Golden Z clubs in Seoul, organizing a nationwide walkathon and creating the first DEI committee to address violence against women and girls.

Throughout her career, Unna has been a pioneer in educational technology and global cooperation. She established the educational technology department at Hanyang University, contributed to the informationalization of Korea and served as a congresswoman and chair of the International Parliamentarians Association for Information Technology (IPAIT). Unna is committed to leveraging her experiences to support Zonta's international service projects and seek better ways to help those in need.

As a leader at one of the country's top schools, Unna diligently reviews various aspects of school affairs with directors, striving to share goals and develop organizational strategies to overcome challenges. Working in an international school alongside a diverse, multidisciplinary team, she gracefully navigates issues stemming from varying perspectives and cultures, fostering collaborative and peaceful interactions among individuals from diverse backgrounds.



Preliminary Conference Schedule

Thursday, October 16

District Board Meeting	9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Conference Registration/Welcome Reception/Flag Auction (First United Bank, 200 N. Austin St., Seguin, Tx 78155)	5:00 pm- 7:30 pm
Zonta Store, Dollars for Scholars Silent Auction, Flags (Set Up) (The Big Red Barn, 390 Cordova Rd., Seguin,Tx 78155)	3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Friday, October 17

Conference Registration (The Big Red Barn)	7:00 am - 7:45 am
Opening & First Business Sessions	8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Status of Women Luncheon (Hosted by Zonta Club of Dallas)	12:00 pm - 1:30 pm
Second Business Session	1:30 pm - 5:00 pm
Host Club Event-Blue Lotus Winery (5151 FM 20, Seguin, TX 78155)	5:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Club Hosted Parties (Holiday Inn & Suites, Meeting Room)	8:00 pm - 10:30 pm

Saturday, October 18

District Voting (Big Red Barn)	7:00 am - 7:45 am
Conference Registration	7:00 am- 7:45 am
Celebration of Life (Hosted by Zonta Club of Lafayette and Zonta Club of E-Club)	8:00 am - 9:00 am
Third Business Session	9:00 am – 11:00 am
Breakout Sessions	11:00 am -12:00 pm
Amelia Earhart Luncheon (Hosted by Zonta Club of Houston)	12:00 pm - 1:30 pm
Fourth Business Session	1:30 pm – 5:00 pm
ZI Representative's Reception	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Awards Banquet	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Governor's Gathering (Holiday Inn Express & Suites, Meeting Room)	9:30 pm – 10:30 pm

Sunday, October 19

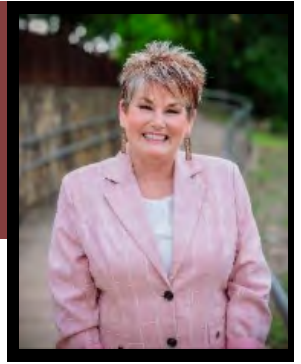
Combined District Board Meeting (Hampton Inn, Meeting Room)	9:00 am - 11:00 am
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Zonta Store raffles and the ZI District 10 Silent Auction will close at 3:30 pm and winners will be announced by the end of the business sessions Saturday, Oct. 18th.

**Business or western attire to be worn during business sessions.
Cocktail or western attire is appropriate for the Banquet.**

Welcome to Seguin

Donna Dodgen, Mayor



Elected in November 2020, Donna Dodgen serves as Mayor of Seguin, bringing a lifelong passion for community service to the role. Before stepping into the mayor's seat, she represented District 7 on the Seguin City Council from 2012 to 2018.

A native of small-town South Texas, Donna always felt called to make a difference in her community. She earned degrees from both the University of Texas at Austin and Our Lady of the Lake University. A former downtown business owner and proud longtime resident, she has been actively engaged in the Seguin community for more than 30 years.

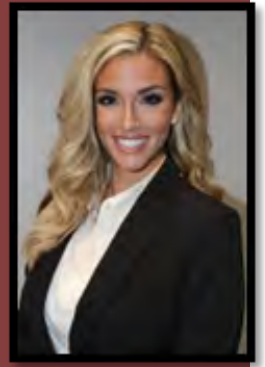
Mayor Dodgen currently serves as Chair of the Northeast Partnership for Economic Development and sits on the Board of Directors for the Alamo Area Council of Governments. Her past leadership includes service on the Seguin-Schertz local Government Corporation Board, the Seguin Area Chamber of Commerce Board, Zonta International District 10, and Emanuel's Lutheran Church.

A graduate of multiple community leadership programs, Donna is one of Seguin's rare "Distinguished Citizens," having completed the Seguin Citizens Fire Academy, Police Citizens Academy, and the City's Citizens Univer "City". She is also a proud graduate of Leadership Seguin Class #2.

Mayor Dodgen's deep commitment to Seguin has earned her numerous accolades, including the Potter's Award for Unstoppable Impact – Wilson Pottery Foundation, Hope in Action Hero Award – Community Council of South Central Texas, Community Builder Award – Guadalupe Masonic Lodge No. 109, Juan Seguin Award – Seguin/Guadalupe County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and Zonta Woman of Achievement Award – Zonta Club of Seguin.

When she is not at City Hall or on the community circuit, Donna works full-time as a clinical dietitian and Director of Dietary Services at Post Acute Medical Specialty and Rehabilitation Hospital of Luling, also serving as Corporate Director of Long-Term Acute Care Dietary Services.

Status of Women Luncheon
Friday, October 17, 2025
Hosted by Zonta Club of Dallas
Speaker: Jacqueline “Jackie” Ott
Guadalupe County Commissioner, Precinct 1



Jackie Ott is a lifelong Texan, wife, and mother of two who has deep roots in Guadalupe County through her husband’s six-generation family heritage. A graduate of Texas A&M University with a business degree and a law degree from Houston, she is an attorney with extensive experience in property, real estate, business, contracts, family, and criminal law.

Jackie serves as Municipal Judge for the City of New Berlin and formerly as an Assistant Guadalupe County and District Attorney, focusing on crimes against children, violent crimes, and sexual abuse. She is active in her community, being a member of Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, State Bar of Texas, the local Aggie Alumni club, Seguin Chamber of Commerce, several Republican Women’s Clubs, and is a graduate of Leadership Seguin.

She and her husband are small business owners who enjoy travel, boating, and the outdoors. Jackie is an avid softball and 42 (dominoes) player.

As of January 1, 2025, she began her first term as Guadalupe County Commissioner, Precinct 1, with a commitment to prioritizing public safety, fiscal responsibility, education, and the development of quality roads and infrastructure.



Amelia Earhart Luncheon

Saturday, October 18, 2025

Hosted by the Zonta Club of Houston

Speaker:TBD

We look forward to hearing from a member of the Firefly team at our upcoming conference. As a Texas-born, Texas-proud company, Firefly Aerospace was formed in 2017 and established its roots just north of Austin. Firefly's headquarters, spacecraft facilities, and rocket manufacturing and test site (a.k.a. our Rocket Ranch) are all co-located within a 30-minute radius, allowing us to build, test, iterate, and test again in a single day to accelerate vehicle production.

With more than 800 employees, Firefly is quickly growing to support regular launches, on-orbit missions, and lunar landings. This passionate, hardworking team rapidly and continuously innovates to make our customers successful and unlock space for humanity.

Firefly's launch, lunar, and in-space services will continue to evolve to provide regular, rapid, and reliable access to space for the growing defense, space exploration, and commercial space markets. Our advanced mission services include responsive launch, in-space maneuverability, space domain awareness, and long-haul communications as well as lunar deliveries and imaging services on and around the Moon and transport services to nearby planets such as Mars and Venus.

Firefly Aerospace is on a mission to make space attainable for everyone, including the next generation workforce. As part of this mission, Firefly's DREAM (Dedicated Research Education Accelerator Mission) program was established in 2019 to encourage students to dream big and develop an interest in STEM by donating excess payload capacity on our Alpha rocket. DREAM eliminates the cost of entry for launch, allowing educational institutions to focus on developing and operating a small satellite program and training the next generation of aerospace engineers. The first round of DREAM payloads flew on Firefly's Alpha FLTA001 rocket in 2021.



The Dollars for Scholars Silent Auction supports our District 10 scholarships and awards: Young Women in Leadership Award, Women in Business Scholarship, Rose Award (non-traditional), Women in STEM Scholarship, and Sara Metcalf Scholarship which are paid through our District 10 Foundation. Our goal is to raise enough funds to continue awarding scholarships/awards for a minimum of \$1,000 each every year. Each club is asked to contribute one item for the auction with a minimum value of \$50-\$75. We encourage clubs to submit more than one item if possible. Individual members are also encouraged to donate items for this worthy cause. We thank you very much for your contribution to keeping our scholarships available to serve women and young ladies in our communities. Information will be available at Registration about where to drop off your items and auction forms will be available to fill out then. THANK YOU!

HERITAGE TABLE Where the old is new again! Once you have been in Zonta for a while, you accumulate a lot of Zonta-themed inventory – shirts, pins, plaques... the list goes on! The Heritage Table is the place to recycle those items you may no longer have room to cherish and provide the opportunity for other Zontians to love them. The opportunity to love the item will come in the form of a small donation to the District 10 Foundation ranging between \$5 - \$20.

Welcome Reception

Thursday 16, 2025 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm



200 N. Austin Street, Seguin, TX 78155

Light Bites-Refreshing Beverages

Flag Auction benefiting the District 10 Dollars for Scholars scholarship fund

Enjoy Zonta Fellowship and experience the local “THIRD THURSDAY”
downtown shopping - sipping - dining opportunities

ZI District 10 Service Project



**TruLight127
Ministries**

Recommended donation suggestions; a \$25 gift card from Wal-Mart or Target provides girls the opportunity to shop for personal items while in services at the TruLight127 village. Other items that are requested: Softsoap body wash, kids shampoo & conditioner, body lotions, chapsticks, fun socks, detangling hair brushes, friendship elastic bracelets, journals, girls therapy coloring books

Friday Night Event

Blue Lotus Winery.

5151 FM 20, Seguin, TX 78155



The evening's main event promises laughs
and an all around good time!

Event ticket includes parking, entry to winery, meal, one complimentary
glass of wine, and special entertainment.

To support the Zonta Club of Seguin scholarship
program and service projects. Western wear is encouraged.

See Registration form page 1 to sign up to attend

Saturday Night Banquet

Special Chef Prepared Meal

featuring Beef Tenderloin



Photos with International Representative Unna Huh
Parade of District 10 Presidents
Presentation of Awards

Let's unwind and enjoy each other's company as we bid farewell to our fellow Zontians before heading home.

Social Hour will feature
live music performed by
Natalie Rose



Cash bar available throughout the evening to include
beer, wine and mixed drinks

ZONTA SPIRIT IN SEGUIN

The Zonta Club of Seguin is pleased to welcome you to our community and to experience the ZI District10 Conference at “The Big Red Barn” located on the grounds of The Texas Agricultural Education and Heritage Center.



The Center is located on a working farm in Guadalupe County on land that has been farmed since the 1850's. The land was donated in 2003, by Wilfred and Betty Bartoskewitz who are fifth generation farmers.

The Center's numerous buildings, representing a life and time from days gone by, also features the Pecan Museum of Texas and the World's Largest Pecan.

You are sure to enjoy a stroll through the Center's grounds, enjoying fall in south Texas.

The Holiday Inn Express & Suites hotel is within two miles of the Center, and convenient for a short commute.

A variety of businesses are available near the hotel for your every need to include Starbucks, Dutch Bros Coffee, Applebees/IHOP, Chili's, Guiseppe's Italian Restaurant, Los Cucos Mexican Restaurant, Jersey Mike's Subs, Dollar General, HEB, WalMart, Walgreens, CVS, Dollar Tree, and much more.



Holiday Inn Express & Suites

2801 Jay Road, Seguin, TX 78155

(830) 379-4440



[Click here for Reservation Link](#)

Group Name: 2025 Zonta District 10 Conference

Group Code: ZON

Rooms & Rates

Standard Queen Nonsmoking - \$165.00

Queen Suite Nonsmoking - \$180.00

This discounted rate ends **September 17, 2025.**

Self-Parking and Wi-Fi is
complementary with your reservation.



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Name: _____ Nickname if preferred: _____

Zonta Club of: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Best contact: Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please list your Club or District Office Title: _____

Check all as appropriate: Club Officer/Title____ Member____ Delegate____ Proxy____
First-Timer____ District Officer/Chair____ Past Governor____ International Officer/Chair____
Past International Officer/Chair____ Guest____

Club Presidents please check if you (or designated rep) will attend: Banquet _____

FOOD ALLERGY OR DIETARY RESTRICTIONS: Please **circle** if you need *dairy free, gluten free, or vegetarian*
REGISTRATION FEES:

Early Bird: (By 9/28/2025)	Members (check/cash)	\$295.00 x _____	= \$ _____
	Members (card)	\$306.00 x _____	= \$ _____
	Guests (check/cash \$235, card \$244)		= \$ _____

Regular: (After 9/28/2025) Guests check/cash \$235, card \$244	Members (check/cash)	\$325.00 x _____	= \$ _____
	Members (card)	\$337.00 x _____	= \$ _____
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One Day Registration \$200.00 (check/cash) FRIDAY _____ or SATURDAY _____ = \$ _____

One Day Registration \$207.00 (card) FRIDAY _____ or SATURDAY _____ = \$ _____

Banquet Guest \$95.00 x _____ = \$ _____

Friday Night Host Club Event \$75 x _____ = \$ _____

EARLY BIRD: Registration must be **postmarked or emailed to address below by September 28, 2025.**
Cancellations must be received by **October 5, 2025** for a full refund. Afterwards, refunds will be based on costs incurred.

Make check payable to: **Zonta Club of Seguin**

Mail to: Zonta Conference, c/o Sharon Illhardt, 3270 N. State Hwy. 46, Seguin, TX 78155

Or credit card: _____ MasterCard _____ Visa _____ American Express _____ Discover _____
Name on Card _____ Expiration Date _____ Billing Zip _____
Credit Card # _____ 3 Digit Security Code (on back of card) _____

For questions or to send registration forms, contact Sharon Illhardt, sillhardt@gmail.com, 830-832-6946
Conference registration will only be confirmed by email.

This is page 1 of 2 forms for registration. Complete & return both at time of registration



Liability Clause

1. I acknowledge that Zonta District 10 is not liable for any personal losses, damages or illness resulting from my attendance at the district conference.
2. If I need medical treatment because of my participation in this district conference, travel to and from the conference (including air travel), or any events incidental to this conference, I agree to be financially responsible for any costs incurred because of such treatment. I am aware that the district does not provide health insurance for me and that I should carry my own health insurance.
3. I have read this document, and I am signing it freely. I understand the legal consequences of signing this document, including (a) releasing the district from all liability, (b) waiving my right to sue the district, (c) and assuming all risks of participating in this district conference, including travel to and from the district conference (including air travel) or any events incidental to this district conference.

Signature of Attendee/Guest: _____ Date: _____

Note: This is page 2 of 2 forms for registration. Complete and return both at time of registration.