



# Zonta Club of Fort Smith

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### Why We Give

For this newsletter we asked club members to think about the questions “What inspires you to donate to the Zonta International Foundation?” and “What is your favorite project?”. Our answers are as follows.

- The desperate need for their programs to be successful. (Marilyn)
- I believe if one is in an organization that supports varied projects it is their responsibility to join in the cause. My concern of course is Zisvaw that is designed to protect and educate women about the pervasive incident of abuse and violence. This issue is a world wide tragedy and Zonta's mission is world wide. When many give a little it makes a significant gift that will hopefully make a difference. (JoAnn)
- I usually choose the Zisvaw Fund as my favorite to support; I guess because I generally root for an "underdog." I think domestic violence, trafficking, war, and violence against women permeates societies worldwide. Somehow, with Jane Klausman and Amelia Earhart I feel there is almost "built in" support and advocacy from professionals in business and aviation-related careers. There is an overwhelming number of victims and limited resources to serve them. Politically, it's easy to look the other way and say "not my problem." All of the ZI funds are worthwhile, and I occasionally give to the other funds if there is a relationship between a friend I want to honor and another fund. However, Zisvaw has been close to my heart from the time I became a Zontian and learned about Zonta's international projects. (Cathy W)
- Over the past 18 years my giving has been about honoring fellow Zontians and donating to the cause that is important to them. Our dollars do make a difference and the amount you give is recognized by a level of giving pin. (Kathy C)
- The promise that a woman will be helped, comforted, made safe, cured. (Jo)
- Donating to Zonta International Foundation is a small way in which I am able to make a difference in the lives of women and children around the world. Usually, I designate my donations to our International Service Projects or ZISVAW. Both address critical needs. Together, Zontians are "women who change the world." (Sheryl)

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### Next Monthly Meeting

Monday, September 16th at 6pm

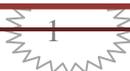
Crosby Cromwell from the Walmart Foundation will speak about their new “Dress for Success” initiative. She is a great speaker so bring guests to this meeting!

Zonta Club of Fort Smith received its charter April 24, 1967.

Our club is part of Area 1, of District 10, of Zonta International.

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Meetings are held the third Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Fort Smith Public Library.





## President's Message

I was fascinated when the July Zonta International newsletter posed the question: Why do you give to the Zonta International Foundation? I was eager to read why members from other countries give. Amy Wasserberg, president of the Zonta Club of Bonn, Germany, decided to make a contribution because of a ZISVAW service project in

Samoa. In the newsletter Wasserberg said she was always interested in the pressing issue of violence against women and her mother had been born in Samoa, once a German colony. She increased her donation by inviting friends to join her in a donation in her mother's honor.

My reason for giving to ZIF is not so personal. I give to ZIF because it supports practical, achievable goals for improvement in Africa. I have thought for a long time that the Western world's willingness to ignore the tragedies that unfold daily in Africa will cause it great grief.

But when I look at what Zonta does, it really makes me quite emotional. Thanks to the Rwanda Elimination of New Pediatric HIV Infection program, the once unimaginable goal of reducing the rate of mother-to-child transmission of HIV to below 2 percent is within reach. Zonta has supported this effort since 2008 (funding for this biennium is \$1 million), and now the government of Rwanda is calling for that goal in 2015.

Rwanda, torn apart just 20 years ago by civil war and still one of the poorest countries in the world, has 220,000 orphans because of AIDS, 100,000 of whom live in child-headed families, according to ZI. But thanks to ZI and other partners of UNICEF, service to prevent mother-to-child transmission is available at 82 percent of Rwanda's health facilities, increasing numbers of women who get tested for HIV get tested with their partners, and three-quarters of all pregnant women who test positive and three-quarters of all infants born to HIV-positive mothers, receive highly effective antiretroviral (ARV) treatment. Education, testing, ARVs: These three things have worked together to make it possible to end mother-to-child transmission of this monstrous disease.

So I give to ZIF because its targeted, results-oriented projects make a real difference for individual women and children, for a country and for a whole world.

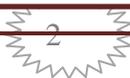
I look forward to learning why YOU give. What I'm not looking forward to is missing Crosby Cromwell speaking at our Sept. 16 meeting -- hopefully in the regular Community Room. This would be a great time for you to invite a friend to hear this gifted speaker. I know this would offer your friends a great picture of what Zonta is all about. I have to miss this meeting, but Paula is ready to chair.

Don't forget the First Wednesday lunch, Sept. 4 at Bangkok Cafe on Garrison Avenue in downtown Fort Smith. The menu is varied and you can always order your meal as a zero on the 0 to 10 spiciness scale.

Don't forget to make your plans to go to South Padre Island for the District 10 conference Oct. 17-20. You're going to be sorry if you miss it. There's always so much inspiration when women who support Zonta's mission get together to start changing the world!

*Judi*

**Please note that at the August business meeting we voted to move our business meetings to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month starting in January 2014!**



## Meet Our Newest Member – Martha Gooden

A native Arkansan, Martha grew up in Searcy. Before moving to Fort Smith, Martha taught school and served as school counselor and evaluation specialist in Columbia, Missouri.

After moving to Fort Smith she served as evaluation specialist as well as child and family therapist for the Western Arkansas Counseling and Guidance Center until her retirement.

Martha's husband Benny is associated with the Fort Smith Public Schools. They have three children and six grandchildren. Three of the grandchildren live with their parents in Fort Smith. Martha adds that their three dogs are a big part of their life.

Welcome Martha to the Fort Smith Zonta Club!



## Member News

- ❖ The multi-talented Julie Moncrief appears as “Hattie Finch”, working as a celebrity waiter for the Relay for Life event held at the Movie Lounge!



Editor's note:

Please send an email to Caron at [caron.s.roberts@gmail.com](mailto:caron.s.roberts@gmail.com) with your member news by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

## Shop for the Crisis Center

We will be collecting items for the Crisis Center at our September meeting. Please consider bringing any of the following items.

- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- Garbage Bags - small bags and kitchen size.
- Infant/Toddler Strollers (light weight and heavy duty)
- Towels (hand towels and bath towels)
- Beauty Aids including full size bottles of hair conditioner, shampoo, and body wash. And Q-Tips and hair brushes.

## Upcoming events

- The First Wednesday Lunch will be September 4th at the Bangkok Café on Garrison. Lunch begins at 11:30am and continues till 1pm so please feel free to order when you get there.
- The 5th Annual Pasta Dinner for the Girls Shelter will be held on Friday, October 4th 4:30-7:30pm at the West-Ark Church of Christ (900 North Waldron Ave). Tickets are \$10 per ticket or \$100 for table of 8. Silent auction items are needed. Zontians once again are being asked to bring their fabulous desserts and to volunteer at the dinner. Contact Kim Vann for more information.
- Sign up now for the 66<sup>th</sup> District 10 Conference in South Padre Island, Texas. The conference is billed as a “Parrot Party” and will be held October 17-20<sup>th</sup>.
- The August Quarterly Dinner will be this Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Hostesses Kim Vann, Sheryl Flanagan, and Linda Teague will serve up a Mexican feast at the Fort Smith Radiation Oncology offices at 8500 South 36th Terrace. See you there!
- The Phillis Wheatley Club presents the 14th Annual Tablescapes salad buffet luncheon, fashions & more on Saturday, September 7, 2013, 11:00 A. M. at the St. Boniface Fellowship Center.

# September 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Lunch at Bangkok Café on Garrison	5	6	7 Phillis Wheatley Tablescapes
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 <b>Zonta Monthly Meeting 6pm</b>	17	18	19	20 Happy Birthday Marian Conrad! 	21 <b>International Day of Peace</b>
22 Happy Birthday Candy Foster! (the 21st) 	23	24	25	26 Happy Birthday Paula Glide!!! 	27 Happy Birthday Kathy Jarvis! 	28

# October 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	1 <b>OCTOBER</b> Happy Birthday Linda Teague! 	2 Lunch at Williamsburg Café on Rogers	3	4 Girls Shelter Pasta Dinner 4:30-7:30	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 <div style="border: 1px dashed green; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">Fest of Ale benefitting Girls Inc on October 18<sup>th</sup>!</div>
13	14 Happy Birthday Kathy Coleman! 	15	16	17	18	19 <div style="border: 2px dotted red; padding: 10px; display: inline-block;">District 10 Conference in South Padre Island, Texas</div>
20	21 <b>Zonta Monthly Meeting 6pm</b>	22	23	24 <b>United Nations Day</b>	25	26
27	28	29 Happy Birthday Delores McMillan! 	30	31	1 <b>NOVEMBER</b> Happy Birthday Pat Crump! 	2