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Zonta International is a global organization of executives and professionals working together to advance the status of women worldwide through service and advocacy.

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Geranium Sale Time!

When: Saturday, April 14, 2012

Where: Sagley & Edwards
parking lot, Rogers Ave.

Time: 8am-2pm

Price: \$27 flat/ 18 plants
\$1.50 per plant

Pick up your presale forms at
Monday night's meeting.

Dr. Georgia Hale speaks about STEM program at January Zonta Meeting



Dr. Georgia Hale, Dean of College of Applied Science and Technology, was the guest speaker at the January meeting of the Zonta Club of Fort Smith. She spoke on the topic of "Ways to increase female students in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) program at UAFS."

Dr. Hale reported that only 25% of the students enrolled in the STEM program were female. She said that part of the problem is gender stereotyping, such as the "Girls can't do math" kind of thinking.

A new program this summer for high school students titled The Guitar Project, and the BEST robotics program are two ways she is trying to increase female interest in STEM related careers.

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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.



From the President's Pen

Dear Zontians,

You all are in for such a treat Monday night!! This will be a meeting you will not want to miss! Dr. Kris Gast, radiation oncologist from Fort Smith Radiation Oncology, will be speaking about the history of breast cancer. It will not just be a talk, there is a "show" involved that I think you will all really enjoy! You will have to come Monday night to see it~ no more hints!!

This past week I got to tag along with Mommy to visit the Central Oklahoma club. It was very interesting to see how other clubs conduct their meetings. I left with new ideas, and also knowing that I think the way we hold our meetings is just fine! ☺

After much thought, we decided to combine Zonta Rose Day with our First Impressions event. What better way to celebrate International Women's Day than by empowering women with the skills to secure a good job! Thank you to Heather Robertson, First Impressions committee chairman, and her committee for working so hard to put together this amazing service project!

One last thought..... GERANIUMS!! It is that time again! Kathleen King, chairman of the sale, will be passing out presale forms Monday night and giving us our instructions for the sale. Remember, this is the club's one and only service project. The sale provides all of our service money for the 2012-2013 Zonta year ~ so get ready to SELL!! See you all Monday night!

*Sincerely,
Kim*



Zonta International District 10

Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

District 10 is proud to once again offer a drawing to help offset costs to the Zonta International Convention in Torino, Italy. Since the convention registration cut-off for early bird fees is April 1, the cut-off for tickets sales is March 14, 2012. The ticket drawing will be held March 15, 2012 so that the winner will have available funds in order to register by April 1.

To purchase a ticket, please email District 10 Treasurer Carolyn Smith at Carolyn.Smith@walls.com and mail your check to 1007 N. Buffalo, Cleburne, TX 76033. She will enter your name in the drawing using a standard ticket. If fewer than 35 tickets are sold, the winner will receive whatever funds are received from the sale of tickets. If more than 35 tickets are sold, proceeds over \$3500 will go to the District 10 Foundation.

We have established an information page on the ZI Convention on our District 10 website (www.zontadistrict10.org) and we will keep a list of those D10 Zontians and guests that will attend the convention for your convenience. We have also posted an information sheet to assist you in making your plans. If you are planning to attend and your name is not on the attendees list, please email webmaster@zontadistrict10.org (using the link on the page) and we will add you to the list. Please include your club and the inclusive dates of your travel.

District 10 Raffle

Cost \$100

Value up to \$3500

**Reimbursable for Registration, Hotel,
Transportation Costs**

61st Zonta International Convention

Jul 7-12, 2012

Torino, Italy

Transferable to any D 10 member

Only 100 tickets will be sold

Drawing to be held

Mar 15, 2012 in Cleburne, TX

Zonta International News

A message from Zonta International President Dianne Curtis...

March 2012

Dear Zontians,

Celebrated annually on 8 March, International Women's Day (IWD) is a global celebration of the progress made towards achieving real equality for women in all aspects of life. It is an opportunity for us all to reflect on the achievements of the past and to prepare for the challenges that lie ahead as we continue and strengthen our efforts to improve the lives of women around the world. International Women's Day also coincides with Zonta Rose Day – a special day for Zonta clubs and Zontians around the world to raise awareness in their local communities of Zonta International's mission to advance the status of women worldwide.

As you celebrate International Women's Day and Zonta Rose Day, know that you have much to be proud of. As members of Zonta International, you have contributed to Zonta's efforts to make lasting and positive changes in the lives of women throughout the world, including working to end violence against women and provide survivors of violence the services they need in El Salvador, Guatemala and Haiti. In Cambodia, Nepal and Uganda, you have supported efforts to prevent burns violence and have helped survivors of burns violence seek justice. In Rwanda, you are a part of a collaborative effort to ensure the first HIV-free generation by 2015; and, in Liberia, your efforts have provided hundreds of life-changing surgeries and rehabilitation services to women suffering from obstetric fistula, giving them back their lives.

Likewise, your commitment to Zonta's educational programs helps women achieve their educational goals and pursue careers in fields traditionally dominated by men. The Amelia Earhart Fellowship enables women studying aerospace science and engineering to conduct research that can have an impact on our everyday lives. Our Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship recipients and Young Women in Public Affairs Awardees are the next generation of leaders and benefit greatly from our encouragement and support.

I encourage you as districts, clubs and individual Zontians to celebrate International Women's Day and Zonta Rose Day in a meaningful way in your community. Plan a service project to commemorate the occasion; invite a friend or colleague to learn more about Zonta membership; or make a donation to the Zonta International Foundation to support and sustain Zonta's service and advocacy efforts worldwide. However you decide to celebrate, I hope International Women's Day is an inspiration to you as a district, as clubs and as members of Zonta International to continue to support our service and advocacy efforts that ensure a better future for women and girls worldwide.

Best wishes for a meaningful and memorable International Women's Day and Zonta Rose Day!

Warm regards,

Dianne K. Curtis

Zonta International President Zonta International Foundation President

OKC Road Trip

By: Kim Vann



Area 1 Director Sheryl Flanagin poses with Zonta Club of Central Oklahoma President Teresa Farris.

Sheryl Flanagin and I recently visited the February meeting of the Zonta Club of Central Oklahoma. Sheryl was there on “official” business, as Area 1 Director, and I was just “along for the ride” ☺

It is was nice to see how other Zonta clubs conduct their member meetings and business. The OKC club eats dinner before the meeting and each member pays \$15 for their dinner. Their program for February was New Member Orientation. Several members went over all aspects of Zonta from the International to the club level. The OKC club has a 501c foundation, so they conduct foundation business first, which is their service money, and then they conducted club/operating business. The night ended with a drawing for a mystery gift which rose over \$140 for their club operating.

It was nice visiting our Oklahoma City friends! They were all still talking about how good of a time they had at our District 10 Conference last October and they hoped to see us all at the Area 1 meeting in April.



Sharing Zonta Zeal

Area 1 Meeting Saturday, April 21, 2012 Hosted by the Zonta Club of Parker County

Area 1 Meeting is coming in April! Registration will begin at 8:30 Saturday, April 21, 2012, with sessions beginning at 9:00 and lasting until 5:00.

You will hear the Governor’s report, information on membership, and receive various training for attendees. Information about Zonta International Convention will be given by Governor Wood and Lt. Governor Dodgen. It’s all about Sharing Zonta Zeal!

The Zonta Club of Parker County has an exciting evening planned for those attending. You are in for an evening of dining, dancing if you choose, and some great country western music. There will also be a reception like no other on Friday because the Mineral Wells Club has joined forces with the Zonta Club of Parker County. Don’t miss out on this great time!

See you at Fairfield Inn & Suites in Weatherford.



February Fun at the Girls Shelter



During the month of February, Zonta made two visits to the Girls Shelter. On February 1st, Kim, Katie, Candy, and Sheryl provided a craft night for the girls. The girls decorated their very own heart shaped valentine box, donated by Cathy Williams.



On February 21st Pat and company presented their annual travel show for the girls. Below is a recap by Pat.

Editorial comment: I thought the evening was GREAT!

Because the Fort Smith newspaper had a recent photo story of the first UAFS Chinese foreign student who came to the Girls Shelter to donate some books to their library, I thought it would be more 'of interest' to the girls to focus our Zonta 'Evening Out Somewhere in the World' on China. So I contacted the girl, whose American name is Cheri. And I invited her to come join us for the 'revelry'. And revelry it was, suitable for Marti Gras, minus anything alcoholic. Allan and I did a 'show and tell' with our slides of the most beautiful part of southern China (which, incidentally Cheri had never seen and SHE was delighted to see because it was a part of China that she had only heard of) She arrived in a GORGEOUS, red silk Chinese silk gown, with side slits and she, herself, a very pretty girl and incredibly sweet. And the girls were mesmerized with the dress--feeling it, asking questions, looking at her like a movie star. And she was wonderful!

As the evening went on, the girls asked more and more good questions of both of us. While this 'charlar' (Spanish word for a focused 'chat') was going on, Delores McMillan and Deborah Avillion set the dining table for Chinese style desserts with steeped, hot tea in Chinese cups without handles. Dolores Chitwood contributed to the 'goodies' but was unable to attend.

My Chinese 'foster son' had sent Chinese gifts for the girls who participated in the after dessert-QUIZ on China, and each girl received a gift--ranging from two really 'teenaged' shoulder bags to beautiful ceramic hanging-ornaments and silk scarves. After we left the dining table, one of the girls who had been quiet, except for few questions came up to me, punched her fist in the air and exclaimed "I'm going to be a nurse and travel to China!" "And then around the world", I answered her.

At 9 p.m. we left Cheri and the girls still 'in the party mood' talking, showing off their prizes and the happiest moods I have ever seen. I think 'a good time was had by all'---a fitting evening to Marti Gras! Let the good times roll!

3rd Annual First Impressions Workshop

In celebration of International Women's Day and Zonta Rose Day

When: Thursday, March 8th

Time: 5:30-7:30pm

Where: Cancer Support House

Needs:

Donations of door prize items: gift cards (like \$5 or \$10 to Sonic or Starbucks), small items (like lotion, stationary, jewelry) - Please turn them into Jennifer Schmidt.

Donations of Professional Clothing: Seasonal professional clothing (no winter), accessories (necklaces, bracelets, pins, etc), bags (totes, briefcases, purses), and scrubs (medical uniforms)

Please bring all donations to the February 27th Zonta meeting.

Quarterly Dinner

Cajun Cooking!



*Thank you hostesses
Dolores, Debbie,
Candy and Wendy
for a delicious meal
and great company!*

Scholarships

It is scholarship season again! The Zonta Club of Fort Smith awards a local winner \$200 to each of these scholarships and submits them to compete for these District 10 Scholarships.

ROSE SCHOLARSHIP

Description: The Rose Scholarship is awarded to a non-traditional student, female head of household, and primary wage earner of the family. Applicants should be individuals pursuing post high school training or certification programs not necessarily requiring a baccalaureate degree. The recipient must use the scholarship to attend an educational institution that is accredited and normally maintains a regular faculty and curriculum and normally has a regularly enrolled body of students in attendance at the place where its educational activities are regularly carried on. This scholarship can fund a certification program such as law enforcement or fire training education at a technical/trade school or a community college.

Due Date to District 10: March 1, 2012

District 10 Point of Contact:

Cathy Williams, Zonta Club of Fort Smith

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Fort Smith Committee Members:
Julie Moncrief, Cathy Williams, and Kathy Coleman

YOUNG WOMEN IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS (YWPA) AWARD

Description: The Young Women in Public Affairs Award honors young women in secondary level or pre-university schools, ages 16 to 19, who demonstrate a commitment to leadership in public policy, government and volunteer organizations. The program operates at the Zonta club, district and international levels. Zonta clubs provide awards for club recipients, and district and international awards are funded by the Zonta International Foundation. District recipients receive US\$1,000, and five international recipients are selected from the district recipients to receive awards of US\$3,000 each.

Due Date to District 10: April 1, 2012

District 10 Point of Contact:

Donna Wiley, Zonta Club of San Antonio

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Fort Smith Committee Members:
Lori Bauer, Kathy Smith, and JoAnn Gedosh

JANE M. KLAUSMAN WOMEN IN BUSINESS SCHOLARSHIP

Description: The Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship is awarded annually to women pursuing undergraduate or Master's degrees in business management. The program operates at the Zonta club, district and international levels. Zonta clubs provide awards for club recipients. Zonta International awards scholarships of US\$1,000 each at the district level and twelve international scholarships in the amount of US\$5,000 each. The Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarships are awarded annually and may be used for tuition, books or living expenses at any university, college or institution offering accredited business courses and degrees.

Due Date to District 10: May 31, 2012

District 10 Point of Contact:

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Fort Smith Committee Members:
Dolores Chitwood, Kara Bushkuhl, and Janie Weber

March 2012

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 1 st Wed lunch Gourmet Gallery	8 Zonta Rose Day & 1 st Impressions Workshop 5:30pm	9	10	11 Daylight Saving Time begins
12 Board Meeting 5:15pm	13	14	15	16 Happy Birthday Judi!	17  Happy Birthday Cathy W!	18 Happy Birthday Deborah!
19 Zonta Meeting 6pm	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Happy Birthday Sheryl!	30	31 Happy Birthday Kim!	1 Members billed for 2012-2013 DUES

April 2012

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
2	3	4 1 st Wed Lunch Marketplace	5	6	7 World Health Day	8 Easter 
9 Board Meeting 5:15pm	10	11	12	13 Happy Birthday Lori!	14 GERANIUM SALE 8-2pm	15
16 Zonta meeting 6pm	17	18	19	20	21 Area 1 Meeting Weatherford, TX	22
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