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Club and Member Activities

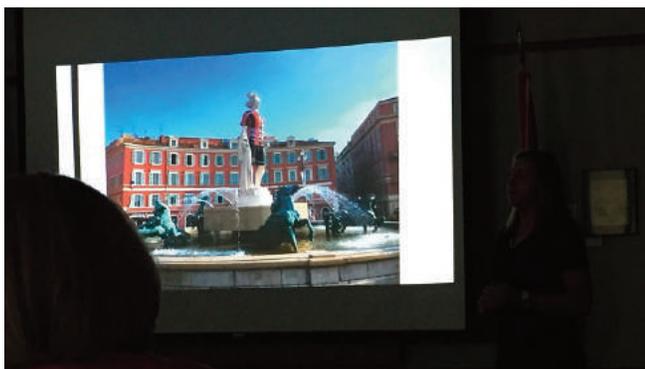
At our upcoming **September 12th meeting**, reports Program Chair JoAnn Gedosh, our speaker will be **Liz Martin, Provider Relations Manager with Peachtree Hospice**. Liz will discuss how “How Not to Leave a Mess for Your Family” (upon your demise). See you there at 6 p.m.!

At our **August 8th meeting**, **President Paula Glidewell** shared a great overview of the business-and-pleasure trip she took to Nice, France for the Zonta International 63rd Convention July 2-6. She began her trip with a visit to Barcelona and also visited Monaco. She noted that the convention “was so well-managed and staffed – even the trips and tours.” She enjoyed learning about all of the service projects being considered. “The worst problems are addressed in the projects,” she noted. One featured project was gender-based violence in Vietnam.

Other news from the meeting: It was announced that for our service project with the **Crisis Center for Intervention**, we are going to have quarterly events such as an upcoming pizza party. We also would like to obtain library cards for all of the women.

Treasurer Kathy Smith reviewed the proposed budget. Our club plans to give \$4,850 in scholarships and grants, \$1,700 towards our club projects, and \$2,460 to Zonta International (that’s one-third of our funds).

Even if you are not helping design the Zonta Club table at the **Phyllis Wheatley Club Tablescape event September 10th**, you can still buy a ticket and go sit at the table and enjoy! The luncheon event is held at the St. Boniface Fellowship Center, North 18th & C Streets, by one of the oldest women's civic and social organizations in Fort Smith. Tina Dale is our table chair.



At the August 8 meeting, we enjoyed great photos of Paula Glidewell’s trip to the ZI convention in France. Kathy Smith awarded Candy Foster \$22 in the 50-50 drawing. Guest Talisha Richardson visits with member Martha Gooden, at right in photo.

What’s Happening:

- Zonta First Wednesday Lunch @ La Huerta on Garrison Sept. 7 at 11:30 a.m.
- Zonta Board Meeting @ Dewey’s @ 5:30 pm, Sept. 8
- Phyllis Wheatley Tablescape, Sept. 10, St. Boniface Fellowship Center
- Zonta meeting, Sept. 12 @ 6 pm @ FSPL meeting room

“Endless Summer” Great Quarterly Dinner Aug. 15 at Kathleen Cates’



We enjoyed truly endless views and beauty and delish galore at the party, hosted by, in right photo, bottom row: Kathy Davis, Kathleen Cates, and Laura Fenton. Thank you, ladies!

Connecting with Zonta International and District 10

**Governor's Summit – October 15, 2016
Seguin, Texas**

Letter from District 10 Governor Barbara Yoder:

Dear District 10 Zontians,

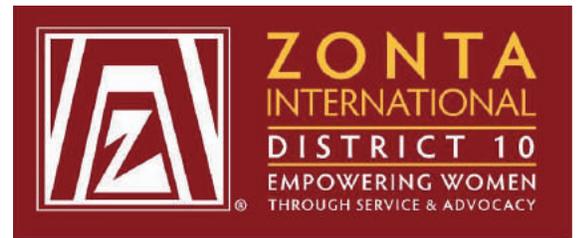
I am so excited about our **first District 10 Governor's Summit!** I am thankful that the Zonta Club of Seguin is our host club, and I know we all will learn a lot from this district meeting. (Besides, you know that we love to meet and greet in our district. So don't miss that!) Along with our District 10 updates, we will have Jacquie Gudmendsen from the ZI Leadership Development Committee join us for an afternoon work session. How exciting to have a ZI representative here!

Our summit will focus on leadership and be flavored with fellowship and learning. Two years is too long not to make contact with friends and leaders in our District. **I am challenging each club to bring at least 15% of your club members to this meeting.** The registration is not prohibitive at all! Target participants for this meeting are new members, potential members and seasoned members....in other words all! I look forward to this first Governor's Summit! Communication is the key indicator for many things! Zonta communication is very important and I ask you to engage with your club, in your district and with the ZI website! Watch for a change up in the district web site, a president's blog and more use of the Zoom electronic platform for meetings! I couldn't be more proud of District 10, it's history and what we will do together in 2016-18!

Included in this Call is information about the hotel block reserved and about a fellowship event sponsored by our host club Zonta Club of Seguin on **Friday, October 14**. Be sure to join in for this fun time together. We'll be amazed, I'm sure, at just how crafty some of our members are! Also, for those staying over Saturday evening, Seguin Zontian Lisa Burns is hosting a cookout for us.

One other exciting opportunity: Potential Zontians may attend free of charge. Just add their names when you send in your registration. (Of course, this would not include travel or any hotel expenses.) But, what a wonderful way to introduce Zonta to these potential members!

I am looking forward to seeing you in October at our very first Governor's Summit. We'll be "always reppin"!



For hotel information, registration, agenda and invitation, visit www.zontadistrict10.org.

Membership - Lt. Gov. Sheryl Flanigan Letter in District 10 Newsletter:

As our new biennium begins, I am honored and excited to serve as your Lieutenant Governor and look forward to growth in our membership.

A vital and respected member of Zonta International, our district experienced a significant increase in membership from 2014-15 to the end of May 2016. Our goal now should be to protect that increase by retaining current members, by recruiting new members, and by increasing our number of clubs.

Goal 3 of ZI's biennial goals focuses on membership: Zonta International builds and sustains a vibrant global membership. To facilitate achieving this goal, ZI will develop and implement plans to transition Golden Z club members and former scholarship recipients to full Zonta membership and develop membership strategies and materials to attract professionals to our organization. Another vital aspect of this goal is for clubs to recruit and retain committed and skilled members.

Specific goals for our district are to show a net membership growth of at least five percent as compared to the last biennium and to achieve a net increase of at least one additional club during the 2016-18 biennium.

Thus, we obviously have our work cut out for us. But the clubs and members of District 10 are not ones to back away from a challenge. In fact, we like that!

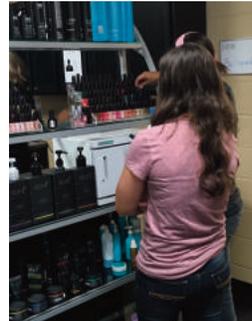
"Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success." Henry Ford



Service and Advocacy

On Friday, August 12, Zonta member **Deborah Chapman** took the two girls from the **Girls Shelter** in for their first manicure and pedicure to help them prepare for school. Haircuts will be scheduled at a later time. "We were pleased and surprised when the **Fort Smith Academy of Salon and Spa** offered these services for free for our Girl Shelter girls," Deborah says. "We are sending a special note of our deep appreciation to the director of the Academy for her generosity."

Both girls will be attending Northside. Miss Peggy Jones said that more girls are expected within the next few weeks.



In the News

Member Cathy Williams noted:

"I had heard about what Quick Trip stores are doing to help battered women and/or victims of human trafficking. They have safe rooms for the women where they can get away from their predators until they can get help. The signs indicate where the women will be safe. I saw this in Tulsa yesterday." Thank you, Cathy!

Indeed, the website confirms: QuikTrip, a Tulsa-based convenience and gasoline retailer has partnered with Safe Place, a national outreach and prevention organization to ensure that anyone in danger has somewhere to turn.

This sign is posted at every QuikTrip. A "safe place" sign signifies that, if you are in any danger (domestic violence, sexual assault, lost children, sex trafficking, any fear for your safety), QuikTrip has a secluded and hidden area you can sit in until help arrives. Simply go in and tell any employee you are in need of a safe place. They are trained not to tell anyone you are there until the authorities arrive.

Please share this for those who don't know what these signs mean or how they can get out. You never know what someone is going through, and hopefully you will never need to find a safe place... but if so, now you know.



Zonta Club of Fort Smith, chartered April 24, 1967, is part of Area 1, of District 10, of Zonta International.

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