

# Fort Smith Zontian

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## Club and Member Activities

**Col. Bobbie Doorenbos**, commander of the Air National Guard's 188th Wing in Fort Smith, is the featured speaker for our **November 14th meeting**. She will share about her career that includes being one of the U. S. Air Force's first female jet fighter pilots. She graduated from Iowa State University in 1992, followed by graduation from the Academy of Military Science in Knoxville, TN. This will be a terrific program!

At our **October meeting**, **Barbara Bethell** presented on **Girl Scouts** and her involvement over the years. She reviewed the rewards of Girl Scouting and explained the structure of Girl Scouts Diamonds of Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas. Barbara served as Fort Smith Girl Scout council president when it merged in 1954 with the Mt. Magazine council. She was president again in 2008 when the council was one of five regional groups to merge into one, to form the Girl Scouts Diamonds. Today this council includes a membership of 9,740 girls and 75 full- and part-time employees. The organization celebrates its 100th year in 2017.

"Girl Scouts is truly in my blood," she says. She is a strong believer in support for the organization's summer camp, scholarships and programs.

**Debbie Everly**, executive director of the **Riverview Hope Campus**, also spoke at the October meeting. She noted that November is national homeless month. She urged all to buy tickets to attend the presentation by **Ron Hall**, author of "**Same Kind of Different as Me**," which is going to be made into a major motion picture. He speaks Thursday, **November 10**, at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Bible Church. Tickets are \$10 and are available at LifeWay Christian Store, Solid Rock Book Store, and online at [www.riverviewhopecampus.org](http://www.riverviewhopecampus.org).

Our club enjoyed a lovely and delicious **Quarterly Dinner at Lynda Pope's** beautiful home in Van Buren October 24. Members modeled their Halloween costumes in Lynda's big back yard that featured her coi fish pond and cuter-than-possible little doggies. Inside, we enjoyed a buffet of salads, soup, chili and desserts by Lynda, Judy Mathewson, Candy Foster, and Caron Roberts. It was a great crowd that included Hillary Clinton. We were happy that member Laura Fenton could be with us; she has been undergoing surgeries to remove non-malignant cancerous tumors in her stomach. Thank you, Lynda and Hostesses!



Halloween Fun: from left, lovely witch **Deb Chapman**; Hillary and a Great Idea (**Sheryl Flanagin and Cathy Williams**); Pres Witch **Paula Glidewell**; "Zonta Club of Fort Smith" **Judi Hansen**, and one of the lovely dinner tables at hostess **Lynda Pope's** home. Quarterly Dinners are always fabulous!

# Service and Advocacy

## Girls Shelter Fun



Club Member and Vice President **Deb Chapman** has provided unique involvement activities with our project of the Girls Shelter of Fort Smith. Above, in September the girls were treated to **mani-pedis!** Then just before Halloween, they had a great time creating their own **jack o'lanterns**. Deborah Chapman brought pumpkins and carving equipment for the girls, who spent the evening laughing and enjoying themselves. Learn about future dates at the Girls Shelter and plan to help out and reap joy.

The **Girls Shelter Annual Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser** took place October 28, and our club members once again provided desserts. Thank you to **Kim Vann** for organizing, and to **Sheryl Flanagin** for accepting cash donations from those of us who couldn't fit a pie into our schedule and purchasing desserts at Sams Club. Writes Sheryl, "*Many thanks to the many Zontians who either brought or sent a dessert and to those who gave money so that lots of goodies could be purchased. On a personal note: I got lots of looks and comments from those in Sam's as I made that huge basket full purchase of desserts. Of course, I directed them to the pasta dinner.:-) We had a few unopened cakes and pies at the end of the evening which were then auctioned off to raise even more money for the shelter.*" Zontians attending and helping that evening were **Kathleen Cates, Judi Hansen, Sheryl Flanagin, Judith Matthewson, Lynda Pope, Kim Vann, and Marilyn Barr.**



Helping at the **Girls Shelter's annual Pasta Dinner** is a great service project of our club. At left, member **Kathleen Cates** organizes a beverage table. Center: the event signage recognized Zonta as a sponsor; our service for this event has been a yearly tradition for many years. Right: At the dessert table works **Suzette Phillipot**, a Golden Z member and Kim Vann's stepdaughter, who volunteered several hours of help. Thanks to all for this successful evening!



Zonta members enjoyed the **11th Annual Power of the Purse luncheon** sponsored by United Way of Fort Smith area and the Dollywood Foundation October 21. The program is an investment in local children's education, providing free books for local children from birth till their fifth birthday. Luncheon guests had the opportunity to bid on beautiful purse and bag collections which had been donated. **Martha Gooden** made the reservations for the seven members who were at the Zonta table, including **Jo Ann Gedosh, Candy Foster, Paula Glidewell, Judith Hansen, Cathy Williams, and Deborah Chapman.** **Debbie Everly**, who spoke at the September meeting regarding Home Campus, joined as a new Zonta member. **Kris Gast** sponsored an additional corporate table, with **Kim Vann and Sheryl Flanigan** present. *Submitted by Deborah Chapman.*

## Coming Up

- First Wednesday: Nov. 2 at Green Papaya, Grand Ave.
- Zonta Meeting November 14th
- Zonta Board November 10th
- Dec. Quarterly Dinner: Martha Gooden's Dec. 12, 6 pm

**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.*