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President's Message



Put on your running shoes to keep up with the new year 2013. This newsletter is full of dates that fill your calendar with Zonta Activities. Committee chairmen will be calling on you to share your expertise for

the Spring projects that support Education, Advocacy and Service. Grab the hand of a new member and mentor them in your favorite Zonta Activity.

For the month of January, Zonta International is celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the Amelia Earhart Fellowship awarded annually to 35 women pursuing advanced degrees in aerospace sciences and engineering. Since 1938 there have been 959 women who have benefited from more than \$8million dollars to advance their careers. Fellowship winners will be featured all year in the Zontian Magazine that you receive online. Amazing women changing the world. *Kathleen*

Christmas and the Esther Home

Thanks to JoAnn Gedosh and others the five children at the Esther Home had a festive Christmas, waking up to find books, toys, outfits and more under the tree.

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Upcoming Scholarships

Rose Scholarship

Applicants are female heads of household, primary wage earners of the family. Award is \$400 (District 10 winners receive another \$1000). Applications due February 1.

Young Women in Public Affairs Award

Applicants are young, female leaders in community activities. Award is \$400 (District 10 winners receive another \$1000 award and ZI winners an additional \$4000). Applications due March 1.

Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship

Applicants are woman in business studies. Award is \$400 ((District 10 winners receive another \$1000 award and ZI winners an additional \$5000). The deadline for submission is March 1.

For details and links to applications, click [here](#).

Next Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, February 20th at 6pm

The Fort Smith Public Library is closed on Monday, February 18th. Our monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 20th at the library. The program is being developed but look for an aeronautical theme! See you there and please bring guests.

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.



2013 First Impressions Workshop Scheduled for March

By: Deborah Avillion

Are you tired of winter yet? If so, push it out the door by getting started on your spring cleaning! The First Impressions committee needs your gently worn career clothing/handbags/accessories for our annual workshop scheduled for 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 7, 2013. We particularly need scrubs. Casual clothing can be used ONLY if it is "office acceptable". Unfortunately, NO SHOES, no swimwear, no pajamas and no formal wear. If you have items to donate, please contact Jo Carson at jocarson@mac.com.

Our next committee meeting will be on Thursday, February 7 at the Reynolds Cancer Support House. I will make sure we adjourn in time to go get some of Dolores' delicious roast at the quarterly dinner that night so come join us for a fun, rewarding and easy Zonta project.

Volunteers needed:

- (URGENT) Design a questionnaire for potential participants to complete to help us customize the seminars to fit the participant's needs. Example: find out what type of work they most likely will be seeking in the next year.
- Refreshments coordinator – plan refreshments/obtain donations or good deals/decorate tables
- Door prize coordinator – need door prizes and goodies (pens/notepads) to put in participants packets
- 2 physically strong persons to pick up/deliver/set up the clothing racks
- Contact person/attendance tracker: allow your name/email/phone to be on the flyer; be the person participants contact to register for the seminar
- Registration coordinator: Obtain, print name tags/manila envelopes/run the registration table
- Tear down/clean up crew after the event including 2 physically strong persons to pack up/return the clothing racks to Abilities Unlimited

We are targeting women who have recently (or soon will be) re-entering the workforce due to displacement, divorce, being widowed, etc. Our goal is to teach them how to act and dress professionally as well as supply them with resources to fulfill their career objectives. **ZONTIANS ARE ENCOURAGED TO INVITE ANY WOMAN THEY THINK WOULD BENEFIT FROM THIS WORKSHOP.** The workshop is free, but seating is limited to 60 participants.

We are using the same format as last year; we will try to customize the workshops to focus on obtaining the type of jobs for which our participants are most likely to be applying.

Workshops:

- Social Networking and Resumes
- Interviewing and Professional Standards
- Positive self image/Professional Dress

For more information, contact Deborah Avillion at Debavillion@icloud.com or 479-926-7117.



Bills Planned to Curb Human Trafficking

By: Sheryl Flanagan

Zonta International has long taken an active role in endeavoring to combat the world-wide human rights violation of human trafficking.

It is fitting that during the month of January, proclaimed by President Obama as National Anti-Slavery and Human Trafficking Awareness Month, a bipartisan group of Arkansas legislators is ready to strengthen our state's human trafficking laws. The following are three separate bills that should be filed in the next few weeks as presented by the *Times Record* in its January 12 edition:

- A measure to raise the penalty for a conviction on human trafficking to a Class Y felony, punishable by up to 10 to 40 years in prison.
- A measure to allow certain convictions, such as prostitution, to be vacated to help the victims of human trafficking.
- A measure to allow the state Department of Human Services to consider opening shelters across the state to help victims of human trafficking.

Globally, human trafficking victimizes about 27 million people, the majority of whom are women and children. Arkansas is one of four states that have not enacted a basic legal framework to combat human trafficking.

As these proposed legislative actions proceed, Zonta Club of Fort Smith members should be ready to advocate for passage of these measures.



For more information, visit the [Polaris Project website](#).

Upcoming events / Service Opportunities

- The First Wednesday Lunch will be February 6th at La Huerta on Old Greenwood Rd (by Southside High School). Lunch begins at 11:30am and continues till 1pm so please feel free to order when you get there.
- Girls Shelter Valentine bake sale! See article below and get your order in for a February 14th delivery.
- Crisis Center – Strike Out Domestic Violence, a fundraiser, will be held February 2, 2013, 1:00 p.m. at Bowling World.
- Girls Inc Lunch on Thursday, Feb 7th, 11:30am. It is a ribbon cutting for their new gym floor and then they are selling lunch for \$10-- you can taste test all types of soups and chilis, all the fixings, dessert and drink.
- Quarterly Dinner to be held on Thursday, February 7th at the Cancer Support House. Delores Chitwood, Judi Hansen, Delores McMillan and Debbie Adams will be serving up pot roast and more. The dinner starts at 6:30pm.
- The annual Geranium Sale is set for April 13th!
- The Zonta Area 1 meetings will be held in Dallas on May 4-5th.

Girls Shelter News

By: Kim Vann

The Girls Shelter of Fort Smith held their third annual Polar Bear Walk on Saturday, January 12th. Zontians Kim Vann and her family, Sheryl Flanagin, Judi Hansen, and Lori Bauer along with her sister and niece and nephew all enjoyed a nice morning walk at Creekmore Park all to raise money for Zonta's longest running service project, the Girls Shelter of Fort Smith. A profit of over \$3400 was raised, and Zonta member Kim Vann, who is also a board member of the Girls Shelter, was the event chair for the walk.

Next up for the Girls Shelter is their annual valentine cookie and cupcake sale. \$10 gets you a dozen cookies or cupcakes delivered to you on Valentine's Day, February 14th. The desserts are being prepared by 24 Carrot Catering and Pastries. The cookies are large iced sugar cookies and the cupcakes come half white and half chocolate. Please see Kim if you would like to place an order.



Judi, Sheryl, Kim and Lori enjoy a brisk morning walk to aid the Girls Shelter.

Crisis Center News

The Crisis Intervention Center presently has 6 women and 7 children. Kathy Jarvis and Debbie Adams will have Valentine crafts and pizza dinner Tuesday night.

Did You Know That Amelia Earhart was a Zontian?

January is Amelia Earhart month. In July of 1928 she became a member of the Zonta Club of Boston. She was an active member in the club until her untimely death in 1937.

To learn more, visit the Zonta International website or <http://www.ameliaearhart.com/>.



January / February 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1 FEBRUARY	2 Crisis Center Strike Out
					ROSE SCHOLARSHIP APPS DUE	
3	4	5	6 First Wednesday Lunch at La Huerta Grill on Old Greenwood	7 Quarterly Dinner	8	9
10	11	12	13		15	16
17	Please note meeting move to Wednesday!!	19	20 Zonta Monthly Meeting 6pm at the FSPL	21	22	23

February / March 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
24	25	26	27	28	1 MARCH	2
					YWPA and JMKWB SCHOLARSHIPS APPS DUE	
3	4	5	6 First Wednesday lunch at Panera Bread	7 First Impressions Workshop	8 ROSE DAY	9 Happy Birthday Judi Hansen!!! 
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 Happy Birthday Cathy Williams!!! 	18 Zonta Monthly Meeting 6pm	19 Happy Birthday Deborah Avillion (the 18 th)!!! 	20	21	22	23
24 / 31 Happy Birthday Kim Vann (the 31 st)!!! 	25	26	27	28	29 Happy Birthday Sheryl Flanagin!!! 	30

Heads up: Geranium Sale will be April 13th!