



# Zonta Club of Fort Smith

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# Newsletter

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## Good Job!

Almost \$500 was raised at our Zonta auction! To follow up on our January program on Zonta International projects and fundraising, the program chair encourages members who haven't donated individually to Zonta International to do so this month. If members missed the meeting, they may not realize that we're striving to have 100% of our members make individual gifts to the foundation. Any gift of at least \$1 will count toward our club's goal. Donor forms are available [on line](#), on the sign-in table at the meeting, or from Kim Vann. Remember, any amount of at least \$1 works and gifts are cumulative over a lifetime.



Pat Crump wins a bid!

## More Scholarships to be Awarded

Please review the scholarships below and consider who you know that could either apply for the scholarship or who might know some possible applicants.

### Young Women in Public Affairs Award

Applicants are young, female leaders in community activities. Award is \$500 (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 \$500 ((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.

<http://zontafortsmith.wordpress.com/scholarships/>



## Next Monthly Meeting

Monday, February 10th at 6pm

The program for February is very special. We will have Will Jones, an attorney from the Arkansas Attorney General's Office, speaking about Human Trafficking. He is the head of the recently appointed state task force on Human Trafficking. Members should be encouraged to invite other women or even groups who want to know more about trafficking in Arkansas to come hear Attorney Jones.

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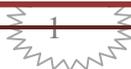
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Zonta Club of Fort Smith received its charter April 24, 1967.

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



## Girls Shelter Happenings

By Kim Vann

Zonta played a big part in making the girls Christmas a great one. Thank you to all the members who donated to the girls' Christmas stockings. Sheryl, Kim and Candy treated the girls along with Ms. Debbie to pizza buffet at Larry's Pizza for their Christmas party. The girls so enjoyed opening their gifts and stockings and left wearing their new scarves and gloves.

In January, many Zonta members participated in the Polar Bear Walk held at Creekmore Park on January 10th. Zontian Kim Vann who is also a Girls Shelter board member chaired the walk for the Girls Shelter. Almost \$2500 was raised from the walk.

Upcoming events for the Girls Shelter include a travel show presented by our own Pat Crump. Date is yet to be scheduled, but club members will be informed as soon as the date is set.



Left: the gifts!

Right: the chilly walkers!



## Member News

Fort Smith Relay For Life, lead by Kim Vann, wins 2013 All American Relay Award! One of only two in the state! South Sebastian-Greenwood was the other winner!



Kim, center, displays the award. Congratulations Kim!

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.

## First Impressions Workshop

The annual First Impressions Workshop is set for March 6<sup>th</sup> at the Cancer Support House. We are targeting women who have recently (or soon will be) re-entering the workforce due to displacement, divorce, 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.

Lori Bauer will be chairing the event this year with Linda Kaufenberg as second chair. Members are asked to start collecting clothing and accessories for the "clothing store". Scrubs are especially welcome as are all types of professional clothing including accessories like belts and scarves.

Look for more on this event soon!

## Annual Career Fair Set for May 15th

The Zonta Career Fair for Girls will be held on May 15 at Kimmons Junior High School. Members who would like to help with the fair or who know any women in non-traditional careers should email Cathy Williams with the prospective participants' contact information. Cathy will be happy to follow up on members' suggestions. Contact Cathy at [Catwill@cox.net](mailto:Catwill@cox.net).



## President's Message

The second half of our Zonta year got started with a BANG! when Kim Vann, the District 10 Ambassador to Zonta International Foundation outlined the international projects Zonta is undertaking in Africa and South America. She did such a great job inspiring us at the meeting that we raised almost \$500 in our mini-auction! Thanks to

all who participated. We are well on our way to 100 percent giving.

We're about to get 100 percent busy with all the fun things coming up in the next several weeks. The First Impressions workshop is set for March 6, the geranium sale is set for April 12, and the Career Fair is May 15. Keep your eye out for emails from Caron or me with reminders.

I belong to more than one civic organization, but the reason Zonta is dear to me is that we're always doing something. From social networking like the first Wednesday lunch to community projects like First Impressions and the Career Fair to the one-on-one interactions we have at Girls Shelter or Crisis Intervention Center -- there's always something to remind us of why we belong. I think that's why we are successful at giving to the foundation.

As we hasten to the end of our Zonta year, I challenge everyone to bring a friend to a meeting. The February 10th meeting on trafficking will be a great one for letting people know what we're about.

When you are selling geraniums, try to do a little Zonta selling too. Sure, they're great, hardy, Judi-resistant flowers, but the money we raise does a lot of good -- in the world and in Fort Smith. Make sure people know about the scholarships we give and the service we perform.

One last request: Take a look at the [Call to Conference on the Zonta International website](#). Is this the year that you will go to an international conference? I hope so. Let me know if you're planning to attend -- or even if you're just thinking about it.

Summer is coming, but in the meantime, stay warm!

*Judi*

## Upcoming events

- The 1<sup>st</sup> Quarterly Dinner will be held February 24<sup>th</sup> at Caron Roberts' home at 6pm. An Italian Feast is being planned. Vediamo allora (see you then!) and look for more information via email.
- Jo Carson is looking for some decorating help for the Valentine's Day fundraiser for Next Step Homeless Services. Next Step is the parent organization of the Esther Home, one of our projects. She has a plan and the supplies, she just needs worker bees from about 1 to 5 p.m. Feb. 14 at the glass pavilion downtown. If you are still looking for ways to get your service hours in or if decorating is your deal, shoot Jo a message at [jocarson@mac.com](mailto:jocarson@mac.com).
- The DWR Crisis Intervention Center's Strike Out against Domestic Violence bowling fundraiser has been rescheduled to May 3. So if there is any interest in forming a Zonta team again this year, there's still time! Contact Sharon Steffens for more information.
- The annual First Impressions Workshop will be held March 6<sup>th</sup> at the Cancer Support House. Look for more information on this event soon.

## February 2014

| Sunday | Monday   | Tuesday | Wednesday                                      | Thursday | Friday                                | Saturday       |
|--------|--|---------|--|----------|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| 2      | 3  | 4       | 5<br>Lunch at<br>Hamburger Barn<br>on Garrison | 6        | 7                                     | 8              |
| 9      | 10<br><b>Zonta<br/>Monthly<br/>Meeting 6pm</b>   | 11      | 12   | 13       | 14<br><b>Next Step<br/>Fundraiser</b> | 15             |
| 16     | 17   | 18      | 19   | 20       | 21                                    | 22             |
| 23     | 24<br><b>Zonta<br/>Quarterly<br/>Dinner</b><br> | 25      | 26   | 27       | 28                                    | 1 <b>MARCH</b> |

## March 2014

| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday                                       | Friday | Saturday  |
|---|--|---|---|--|--------|---|
| 2   | 3  | 4<br>Happy Birthday<br>Iris Jones!<br>           | 5<br>Lunch at River<br>City Deli in<br>Stonewood<br>Village | 6<br><b>First<br/>Impressions<br/>Workshop</b> | 7      | 8<br><b>Zonta Rose<br/>Day/<br/>International<br/>Women's Day</b>   |
| 9   | 10<br><b>Zonta<br/>Monthly<br/>Meeting 6pm</b>   | 11  | 12  | 13   | 14     | 15  |
| 16<br>Happy Birthday<br>Judi Hansen!<br> | 17<br>Happy Birthday<br>Kathy Williams!<br> | 18<br>Happy Birthday<br>Deborah<br>Avillion!<br> | 19  | 20   | 21     | 22  |
| 23  | 24   | 25  | 26  | 27   | 28     | 29<br>Happy Birthday<br>Sheryl Flanagan!<br> |
| 30  | 31<br>Happy Birthday<br>Kim Vann!<br>       | 1 <b>APRIL</b>  | 2   | 3  | 4      | 5   |

And, April 12<sup>th</sup> - Geranium Sale!