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Pancakes for the Girls Shelter

Several Zontians attended the annual Girls Shelter Pancake Breakfast at Applebee's on Saturday, July 20th. This annual fundraiser usually raises over \$1000 for the Girls Shelter. Attendees enjoyed all you can eat pancakes and drinks served by the girls from the shelter and Girls Shelter board members.



Left: Sheryl, Cathy and Judi

Below: Kim, Katie and Haylee Dow



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- Rio Grande Valley International Airport in Harlingen
45 minutes/40 miles
- McAllen Miller International Airport in McAllen
1.5 hours/70 miles
- Brownsville South Padre International Airport in Brownsville
30 minutes/27 miles

Start making your plans now!

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Next Monthly Meeting

Monday, August 19th at 6pm

Leisa Gramlich from the Fort Smith Museum of History will present an inside view of the upcoming The Divergent Path - Women in Arkansas History exhibit. 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.





President's Message

Over the last six months, the African-American community in Fort Smith worked hard to re-establish a chapter of the NAACP here. The once-active club dwindled away in the 1980s and disbanded. To earn a restart, leaders had to gather more than 100 people willing to pay a \$30 membership fee to reconnect with this important national group.

In discussing the effort to build a local group, the Rev. Jerry Jennings, pastor of Mount Moriah Missionary Baptist Church noted: "Our young people today, just being so nonchalant about their current positions, they don't really realize they're standing on the shoulders of people who didn't have it so well."

That observation should resonate with all of us who live in the so-called post-feminist world. Many young women today naively believe that the war for equal rights has been won. But true pay equity remains a distant goal, and state legislatures across the country use women's health as a political football.

And as for harassment-free workplaces, consider San Diego Mayor Bob Filner, who is known among his female employees as a "dirty old man." Mayor Filner describes himself as a "hugger of men and women." But the women who work for him say he deliberately isolated women and made passes at them. He acknowledges he has treated women badly, but says he is not guilty of sexual harassment. But women say he has urged them to come to work without their panties and forcibly kissed and groped employees, council members and constituents. As of this writing he remains the mayor of San Diego.

We observe the 165th anniversary of the gathering at Seneca Falls to try to create a new kind of democracy, one that recognized the equality of women and gave them the vote. But the achievements set in motion there came slowly and only with the unremitting commitment of women to make its goals a reality. It took 72 years for women to get the vote, and it was another 85 years before the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act became law.

I revere the international goals of Zonta, but we still have a lot of work in this country to remain true to the goals of Seneca Falls. And it is up to us to make sure that young women know the fight is in their hands.

For these reasons, I ask you to spend a few moments thinking about the women you know who don't belong to Zonta. Are they not committed to social equality? Do they not want equitable pay? Do they not require equal protection under the law?

Please invite someone you know to our Aug. 19 meeting with Leisa Gramlich, the executive director of the Fort Smith Museum of History. A pretty important Fort Smith woman herself, she will discuss the museum's "Divergent Women" exhibit looking at significant women in area history.

Plan to bring a friend to the first Wednesday lunch, which will be Aug. 7 at The Rib Eye or the quarterly dinner Aug. 28.

Finally, please join me in welcoming new members Iris Jones, Martha Gooden and Judy Mathewsen and help them get plugged in quickly to the important work we do. Maintaining a robust membership of busy women is one way we show our respect for the women on whose shoulders we stand.

Judi

Family Fun at the Crisis Center

By Kathleen King

A grand time was had by all Tuesday night, July 22nd at the Crisis Intervention Center. Kathy Jarvis, Susan, and Kathleen entertained 5 children helping them stick foam animal shapes on plastic pencil boxes to make Treasure Boxes. They also assembled puzzles of Super Heroes and Pocahontas. Two tiny tots watched in the comfort of snuggle carriers their Moms wore. After a trip to the playground, everyone cooled off with grapes, cookies and popsicles for refreshments. Kathy read a story and many books were left for the kids and the Moms.



From left: Treasure Box ingredients and Kathleen King hard at work.

Member News

- ❖ At the Arkansas Press Association meetings Judi Hansen was the honored with an award for best Editorials among the Large Dailies. Congratulations Judi!

Editor's note:

Please send an email to

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with your member news by the 20th of each month.

SPSF News

By Linda Kaufenberg

Join Single Parent Scholarship Fund for "A Night in Tuscany", celebrating Italian food, wine and music. The event will be held on Saturday, August 24 at 7 pm at the Sicard home, 3400 South "O" Street. Tickets are \$60 and include food, wine and beer. There will be a live auction and entertainment by "Sweet and Lowdown". Proceeds benefit single parents by placing education within reach so they can increase their income earning potential and bring their children out of poverty. For tickets, call 479-434-6171 or email spsf_ar@yahoo.com. Viva Italia!



Help is needed for SPSF fall interviews scheduled for August 13 and 14 at Bank of the Ozarks, Rogers Avenue and Waldron Road. Times on Tuesday, August 13, are 10-noon, 1-3 and 5-7 pm. On Wednesday, times are 9-noon and 2-5 pm. This is a wonderful way to learn about SPSF and the people who receive scholarships. There are a script and a score sheet to help with the interview. Call 479-434-6171 or email spsf_ar@yahoo.com to schedule your time.

Congratulations Hazel!



By Linda Kaufenberg

How exciting it was to learn that Hazel Douglas had been awarded the District 10 Zonta Rose Scholarship! Hazel has experienced some difficult circumstances during the summer having some medical issues and her daughter having a car accident in Little Rock. Hazel is a senior with a 3.14 grade point average and only has 20 hours to earn a degree. It was a big decision for Hazel to put her troubles into perspective and enroll for the fall semester. Zonta's support for her was a big catalyst in her decision.

Good News for the Crisis Center

By Susan Steffens

The Donald W. Reynolds Crisis Intervention Center (CIC) is pleased to announce that a collaborative effort between the Agency and First Presbyterian Church (FPC) has been achieved for Transitional Housing Assistance, to assist female victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in reaching self-sufficiency.

Clients who face obstacles not solvable within the time frame of a shelter stay may be referred to the transitional housing program. CIC clients are invited to stay in the program from six months to one year, as long as they are making progress in their case plan and abiding by house rules.

Clients in the program will not be charged rent. Utilities, maintenance and repairs are provided at the expense of the First Presbyterian Church. Clients will be responsible for purchasing their own food and other basic necessities. Clients are responsible for securing their own transportation. Clients must participate in a case plan, designed to meet their individual needs and goals.

Each client will also be assigned a mentor, provided by the First Presbyterian Church, who will offer spiritual encouragement and guidance as the client progresses through the program. The first 60 days of residency will be similar to the client's safe shelter stay with strict house rules, mandated group attendance and curfew. The length of their stay in the transitional housing program will be supported by case management by CIC and mentorship by FPC.

During their stay in the program, clients will work on skills such as budgeting, education, job skills, and legal assistance. Clients will be encouraged to open and maintain a savings account each month. At the end of their stay in the program, their savings allows them to pay a deposit toward permanent housing and/or to cover other expenses or purchase needed furniture items, etc., for their new home. Clients are expected to obtain employment while in the transitional program. They are also encouraged to continue their education and to be involved in community volunteer activities.

The Crisis Intervention Center is honored to have been chosen by the First Presbyterian Church for this incredible opportunity for those we serve.



Barbara Yoder Visits

Our Area 1 Director, Barbara Yoder attended the July meeting as part of her tour of Area 1 clubs. Barbara called Fort Smith her "hero club" for the work we do in service and advocacy. Thank you Barbara for the visit!

Upcoming events

- The First Wednesday Lunch will be August 7th at the Ribeye Steakhouse on 71 and Zero. Lunch begins at 11:30am and continues till 1pm so please feel free to order when you get there.
- Enjoy a Mexican Fiesta for our Quarterly Dinner on Wednesday, August 28th. The party starts at 6:00 P.M. at Fort Smith Radiation Oncology, 8500 South 36th Terrace. The hostesses are Kim, Sheryl, and Linda Teague. Ole!

August 2013

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 Lunch at Ribeye Steakhouse on 71 and Zero | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 <div style="border: 2px dashed red; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">SPSF fall interviews</div> | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 Zonta Monthly Meeting 6pm | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 <div style="border: 2px dashed green; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">A Night in Tuscany</div> |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 Quarterly Dinner  | 29 | 30 | 31 |

September 2013

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 Lunch at Bangkok Café on Garrison | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 | 16 Zonta Monthly Meeting 6pm | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 Happy Birthday Marian Conrad!  | 21 International Day of Peace |
| 22 Happy Birthday Candy Foster! (the 21st) | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 Happy Birthday Paula Glidewell!  | 27 Happy Birthday Kathy Jarvis!  | 28 |
| 29  | 30 | 1 OCTOBER Happy Birthday Linda Teague!  | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |