



# Zonta Club of Fort Smith

Member of Zonta International

# Newsletter

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The Zonta International fiscal year start date of June 1, 2012 brings a slate full and a plate full of new people and new projects to keep in the forefront;

- New Fort Smith Club Board and New Members
- New District 10 Governor and Board
- New International Board after Torino, Italy Conference
- New and continuing International Bienium Projects 2012-2014, decided in Torino

Thankfully, our sustaining Club Projects will provide us with stability as we continue to advance the status of women in our community. Several longtime members have resigned and new members have stepped forward to be mentored so they, too, can continue the Zonta Mission in Fort Smith. Thank you members for committing to serve in various capacities with our projects.

Beat the heat, have a nutritional tall fruit smoothie of some kind!

PS..don't you just love "file photos"? I will do an "age progression" update for the next newsletter. *Kathleen*

From the new Editor... Wow, talk about big shoes to fill! Kim did a fabulous job producing a fun and informative newsletter. Thank you Kim!

Comments and/or suggestions for the newsletter will be greatly appreciated. If you have anything you would like to have included in the newsletter please send it to me before the 20th of each month. Photos gratefully accepted!

Please direct comments to 479-926-9466 or [Caron.S.Roberts@gmail.com](mailto:Caron.S.Roberts@gmail.com). Thanks!



7-12 July 2012  
Torino, Italy

Wishing happy travels to Debbie Adams and Jo Carson as they head to Torino Italy for the 61<sup>st</sup> Zonta International Convention!

From Debbie: *"My first Zonta Int Conference was in San Antonio, TX, 2010....I was so moved by the attendance from around the world, it brought me to tears...."*

*I vowed, to myself, I would attend all, going forward...The day after returning home, I set up a savings account for ITALY... I must attend! I thought...."*

*The Conference in Torino will be life altering, just as San Antonio....I can't wait to be among all 1500 plus Zontians in Torino! Thinking of it brings tears....United we stand! Thank you Zonta, for enlightening and informing me of the what I have deemed " The Great Movement", "ADVANCING THE STATUS OF WOMEN"...."*

Debbie will be rooming with a fellow District 10 Zontian, Peggy Hutton, from Weatherford, TX.

We wish them all a grand time.

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Zonta Club of Fort Smith received its charter April 24, 1967.  
Our club is part of Area 1, of District 10, of Zonta International.

**President:** Kathleen King **Editor:** Caron Roberts

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

## Summer celebration at the Girls Shelter

Sheryl, Kim, and Katie held an end of school cookout for the girls at the Girls Shelter on May 15th. The girls were very excited about summer starting. The Shelter connects them with other agencies such as the Crisis Intervention Center for volunteer opportunities during the summer. Girls at least 16 years of age are able to work during the summer.



The Shelter was very proud to have a Northside High School graduate among them! Zonta provided the graduate with a cookie cake and balloon to help celebrate her accomplishment. She was very grateful for the gifts.

## Quarterly Socials off to a Great Start

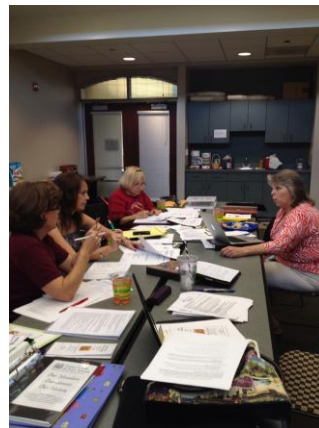


Good company and good food were had at the June Social at the Reynolds Cancer Support House.

## New Board Holds Retreat

The newly installed board met to plan the agenda for 2012-2013. Highlights include:

- Naming of committee chairmen
- Review of service projects
- Review of operating and service budgets
- Creation of calendar of local events



## Next Monthly Meeting

Monday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at 6pm

Bring guests! Amy Sherrill from the Next Step Day Room will update us on its services to women, especially through the Esther Home.

## Upcoming events

- We will have “second Wednesday” in July as we’ll be celebrating Fourth of July on the first Wednesday. Meet on July 11<sup>th</sup> at the Green Papaya!
- We will be issuing a new club directory and yearbook soon. If you have updated contact info, please send a note to Caron Roberts ([Caron.S.Roberts@gmail.com](mailto:Caron.S.Roberts@gmail.com)) with changes.



## Meet our new member Linda Kaufenberg!

### Who am I?

- Mother of two children, Nicki and Gary and grandmother of four, Jonathan, Nicolaus, Addi Rae and Drew. Have an English daughter Donna and grandchildren James and Sarah plus great-grandchildren, Peyton, Reed, Drake, Tatum and Leigh. Also stepson Chris and grandchildren; Jady, Maddox and Kingston.
- Executive Director of Single Parent Scholarship Fund of Crawford, Franklin and Sebastian Counties
- Treasurer of Millennium Estates Property Owner's Association and The Noon Exchange Club
- Stringer for The City Wire
- Was in the Communications Department at Beverly Enterprises for more than 10 years.
- Was Editor of Charleston Express and Publisher of Greenwood Democrat and for more than 15 years

### Where am I from?

Depends on when you ask; my home is where I am living. I was born in Pine Bluff and lived there and in Little Rock until I graduated from Hall High School in Little Rock. I was part of the integration crisis in 1958 when they closed the high schools. After two years at UALR, I was married and we became corporate gypsies. Cecil Dowdy and I lived in Oklahoma City, Midwest City and Norman in Oklahoma; Garland and South Oak Cliff in Dallas; Aurora, Colorado; Baltimore, Maryland; Lake Charles, Louisiana and Little Rock, Paris, Charleston and Greenwood in Arkansas. Since 1989, I have lived in Van Buren and Fort Smith. Over the years, I have lived in about 40 houses.

### What are my hobbies?

Sewing and reading - indoors. Gardening, fishing and hiking - outdoors.



## Meet our new member Christy Burney!

I moved to Fort Smith from Little Rock in June of 2011. I work for Gallagher Benefit Services as Account Manager. We assist Employers with their employee health insurance benefits; as well as other group benefits.

I have two children – Hayley is 21 and Jackson is 18. I collect rocks and the rule of thumb is if you go on vacation, you have to bring me a rock. I have a volcano rock from Costa Rico, an emerald rock from New Zealand and tons of rocks from all over Arkansas. I also enjoy sports (GO HOGS!), camping and enjoy being in the outdoors.

I became involved in Zonta through JoAnne Gedosh. I met her at church and she took me under her wing and introduced me to the wonderful organization of Zonta International.



## Zonta International District 10

*Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide*

Plans are shaping up for the next District 10 conference in Longview, Texas on October 18-21<sup>st</sup>. This is a great opportunity to meet other Zontians from across the district.

**June / July 2012**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
24	25	26 f	27	28	29	30
1 JULY	2	3	4 Happy 4 <sup>th</sup> of July!!! Happy Birthday Linda Kaufenberg!!!	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed Lunch – Green Papaya	12	13	14

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15	16 Zonta Monthly Meeting 6pm	17	18	19	20	21
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**July / August 2012**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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29	30	31	1 AUGUST	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Happy Birthday Sandra Reiss!	15	16	17	18
19	20 Zonta Monthly Meeting 6pm	21	22	23	24	25