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President's Message

Recently, three Zontians decided that if they were going to publish a tell-all volume, they'd call it "Heat, Sweat and Gnats: My Arkansas Summer."

What is it about Arkansas' hot and humid summer days that seems to obliterate any memory of snow or ice or scraping windshields? Whatever it is, it's here.

So whether you are one of those who love to dig in the dirt or one who prefers to dangle her toes in the pool, I hope you've found a cool spot to rest and recharge your batteries. Your Zonta board is hoping to present you with a full slate of activities in the coming year to promote the status of women and girls worldwide — and to have fun.

We started the year with a wonderful social at the Reynolds Cancer Support House (thanks, Wendy, for coordinating that) where we feasted with Alan Crump's world-famous ribs (Thanks, Pat, for coordinating him!). We could ask him for his secret recipe, but we'd rather just benefit from his wealth of experience! And we need him to act as our tour guide, as he did so ably with the photo-essay of the Crump's time in Africa. Thanks to everyone who attended and brought a dish (or a husband) to share. We raised \$60 for our scholarship account.

If you are going to be in town, please plan to attend our First Wednesday lunch on July 3 at R and R Curry Express. On July 15, Emily Williams will be speaking to us about getting girls into those all-important STEM careers.

More information is to come, but take this as a quick reminder that the District 10 conference will be at the Hilton Garden Inn at South Padre Island in October. I hope you'll give some thought to attending, even if you don't think of yourself as the kind of person who goes to conferences. You'll meet some dynamite women and become recommitted to the Zonta mission. And you will practically fall out the front door of the hotel onto the beach.

Speaking of conferences, don't forget that the International conference next summer is in Orlando. Some details already are available at Zonta.org where you can make your lodging reservation. For most of us, this will provide a doable journey where we can meet our sisters from around the globe who work for the same goals we do.

OK. Go grab a library book and an iced tea and stretch out in a cool, dark place far away from sweat and gnats. We'll be grumbling about the cold before we know it.

Nah, I don't believe that either.

Judi

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.

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Next Monthly Meeting

Monday, July 15th at 6pm

Emily Williams from the U of A in Fayetteville, College of Engineering, will speak on E-CAP, a program for attracting women and minorities into STEM careers. Bring guests!

Member News

- Congratulations to Paula Glidewell for receiving the Lorillard Lou Gordon Humanitarian Award. It is a national award presented by Lorillard for the industry member who is active in serving their community.

Editor's note:

This is a new monthly feature for the newsletter for us to share member news such as new jobs, successes, family events, etc. Please send an email to Caron at caron.s.roberts@gmail.com with your news by the 20th of each month. Thanks!

Summer Solstice Fun



Thanks to Pat Crump and husband Allan for the delicious ribs and beautiful African slideshow! A great evening was had by all.



Meet Our Newest Member – Iris Breed Jones

Iris is a native of Fort Smith. Until her retirement, she held the following positions.

- Executive Director, Girls Club of Denison, Texas. 1973-1977.
- Executive Director, Fort Smith Girls Clubs (now Girls Inc.). 1977-2003.



Iris was the first female member of Ft. Smith Noon Exchange Club. She's an active volunteer at Wesley United Methodist Church.

Her husband, John, works for FEMA in New Orleans, Louisiana. Daughter Heather, lives with her husband and three children in Naples, Italy.

Welcome Iris to the Fort Smith Zonta Club!

Crisis Center Update

By Susan Steffens

For the Month of May, the Donald W Reynolds Crisis Intervention Center answered 122 Crisis Hot Line Calls, provided 363 nights of safe shelter and 1,009 meals to 27 women and children, and provided 12 forensic sexual assault exams. All services to survivors of domestic violence and/or sexual assault are provided free of charge.

There were two fundraisers in the month of May. First, the Lost Beach Island Oasis Bar and Grill and The Fort 94.5 radio provided a fundraiser for the Donald W Reynolds Crisis Intervention Center, Thursday, June 13th. Attendees enjoyed live music, a grilled feast, were a beer tasting from Core Brewing Company. The event raised over \$900. On June 18, the Crisis Intervention Center was honored by the Noon Lions Club with a donation of \$1,000. These combined funds will benefit the Crisis Center by paying for a portion of needed Nursing Certification classes. We are very grateful to all of our community sponsors!!

Honoring Local Girls

By Kim Vann

The month of June presented Zontians the opportunity to honor local residents of the Girls Shelter for their scholastic success and also honor seven scholarship recipients of Girls Inc.

Zontians Kim Vann, Judi Hansen, and Marilyn Barr attended the educational success reception held at Westark Church of Christ on June 6th. Kim Vann spoke shortly to the group about the history of Zonta and its relationship with the girl's shelter. Because of their good grades, the girls of the Girls Shelter were presented certificates and gifts and were told they had earned a weekend trip to Branson. Cake and punch was served to the many guests that included board members, friends of the shelter, teachers, and representatives from other agencies that work with the shelter.

On June 11th Zontians Cathy Williams and Kim Vann attended a scholarship reception for seven scholarship recipients of Girls Inc. The reception was held at Sake restaurant downtown. Family and friends of the recipients watched as Kim along with Girls Inc board members Jennifer Caldwell and Elaine Slaughter presented each winner with a certificate and flowers. Over \$10,000 was divided among the seven girls with awards ranging from \$1000 to \$2000.



Left: Certificates and cake for the girls at the Girls Shelter.

Right: Kim Vann with the Girls Inc scholarship winners.



Upcoming events

- The First Wednesday Lunch will be July 3rd at R&R Curry on Rogers (next to the old St Edwards). Lunch begins at 11:30am and continues till 1pm so please feel free to order when you get there.

July 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	1 JULY	2	3 Lunch at R&R Curry on Rogers	4 Happy Birthday Linda Kaufenberg! 	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Zonta Monthly Meeting 6pm	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	At the meeting we'll be taking photos for the yearbook for those who want an updated portrait!		25	26	27

August 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1 AUGUST	2	3
4	5	6	7 Lunch at Ribeye Steakhouse on 71 and Zero	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Happy Birthdays Genie Nichols and Sandra Reiss! 	15	16	17
18	19 Zonta Monthly Meeting 6pm	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	28	30	31