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### President's Message



March, a month dedicated to Women's History allowed us to celebrate International Women's Day with 40 women in attendance at the First Impressions Workshop.

Deborah Avillion and her committee created interactive interviews and "dress for success" modeling that was quite entertaining. The free fashions and jewelry had everyone smiling by the end of the evening.

In March we also celebrated the accomplishments of several women in the 188<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing, Arkansas National Guard who presented a powerful program for our business meeting. Making history for the 188<sup>th</sup> are the first woman Lt. Colonel and a woman recipient of the Bronze Star for military service in Afghanistan. The [Women's History 2013 Gazette](#) recognized eighteen women who made marked achievements in STEM careers. The women of the 188<sup>th</sup> too are recognized for their continued achievements in STEM areas. Shaking the hands of these women of distinction today, made me whisper a thank you to the past women who laid the groundwork for women and girls to advance in these important fields.

March facts: The first woman promoted to brigadier general in the U.S. Air Force was Major General Jeanne Holm. A Rear Admiral in the U.S. Navy credited with developing the COBOL computer language, and with coining the phrase "debugging" to fix a computer was Rear Admiral Dr. Grace Hopper.

*Kathleen*

### Sell Those Geraniums!

The Geranium Sale will be April 13<sup>th</sup> at Sagely & Edwards Realtors on Rogers Ave. This year there is also a second location at Brick City Emporium, in the Community Booth. Pre-sales should continue until April 5<sup>th</sup>. Kathleen will be collecting pre-sale forms with payments on March 28<sup>th</sup> and on April 5<sup>th</sup>, the last day for pre-sales.

Please contact Kathleen King if you haven't received the sales packet. The price is unchanged from last year with a flat of 18 plants costing \$27. Available colors include red, pink, salmon, white and yellow marigolds. Remember that these sales fund our scholarship programs.



Need inspiration? Read on page three about our latest scholarship winners!

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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.

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

## Next Monthly Meeting

Monday, April 15th at 6pm

Amanda Daniels, Executive Director of Girls Inc, will update us on what's going on at [Girls Inc](#), where girls are inspired to be smart, strong and bold. She will be presenting some ways in which Zonta can partner with Girls Inc to incorporate our mission of advancing the status of women. We will also be voting on the next group of Zonta leaders. See you there and bring guests!

## Looking to Next Year...

The nominating committee comprised of Kim Vann, Sheryl Flanagan, and Cathy Williams, presented the following slate for the 2013-2014 board.

- President – Judi Hansen
- Vice-president – Paula Glidewell
- Treasurer – Kathy Smith
- Secretary – Candy Foster
- Two-year director – Marilyn Barr
- One-year director – Caron Roberts
- Nominating committee: Kathleen King, JoAnn Gedosh, Julie Moncrief

## 2013 First Impressions Workshop a Hit!

This year's workshop was a big hit. The women attending enjoyed the presentations, the comradery, and the shopping.



Linda Kaufenberg demonstrates what to wear (and not wear!). Other presenters include Candy Foster on the power of positive attitude and Judi Hansen on how to interview for success.



Thanks to a generous donation from Charming Charlie's many outfits included accessories like the necklace shown above.



Kim Vann and Kathy Coleman put their marketing expertise to work.

Many thanks to event organizer Deborah Avillion and shopping organizer Jo Carson! We wish all the attendees great success as they enter the workforce.

## A Big Thank You to the Women of the 188th Fighter Wing



In a program was designed to celebrate Women's History Month, the Fort Smith Zonta Club were thrilled to host the officers from the 188th Fighter Wing, Arkansas Air National Guard. They presented an interesting video and slideshow highlighting their work in the military. Each person then presented a short session on their personal journey. Shown from left to right are Lt Col Tenise Gardner, Captain Bridgette Scott, Tech Sergeant Michelle Malone, and Lt Col Judy Mathewson. Go Flying Razorbacks!

## Two Scholarships Awarded

The Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship was awarded to Tasmin Holland. She receives a \$400 award and her application is submitted to the Zonta International District 10 for consideration of a \$1000 scholarship. Tasmin is a Junior majoring in Organizational Leadership at the University of Arkansas at Fort Smith. A letter of recommendation described her as a person “driven by a sense of a better world and a fair world”. Her particular field of interest is in entrepreneurial opportunities for women. Congratulations Tasmin!!!

The Young Women in Public Affairs Award was given to KateLeigh McAllister. She receives a \$400 award and her application is then submitted to Zonta International District 10 for consideration of a \$1000 award. KateLeigh helped lead a team of students to compete at the Best Robotics Competition. She helped in every aspect of the competition. She was directly involved in marketing, organization and scheduling and construction of the robot. She helped direct the design and programming of the robot and record keeping for the team. By all accounts, KateLeigh was responsible for reviving robotics at Northside High School. Congratulations KateLeigh!!!

## Zontian JoAnn Gedosh on a Mission to Guatemala

By JoAnn Gedosh

The medical/construction trip was just what it needed to be. Twelve hundred patients were treated in four and a half days about 85 miles north of Guatemala City high in the rugged mountains. Major physical complaints were sore neck, back, knee and feet pain. The women are like mules with the many babies (the average Mayan women has 8-9 babies) they carry on their backs plus loads of wood they carry for miles. In the area where we were most of the women dressed alike, very colorful with beautiful needle work.



JoAnn works at the table where a patient's history, blood pressure and temperature were taken. Below, colorful Mayan women.



## Upcoming events / Service opportunities

- The First Wednesday Lunch will be April 3rd at Joe's Pizza & Pasta on Rogers. Lunch begins at 11:30am and continues till 1pm so please feel free to order when you get there.
- The Zonta career fair will be for the Darby girls on the afternoon of May 17 in the Darby gym. Send suggestions for career representatives to Cathy Williams at [catwill@cox.net](mailto:catwill@cox.net). Volunteers will be needed and appreciated!
- Check out page 4 for more service opportunities at the Crisis Intervention Center and Girls Inc.

## Crisis Intervention Center News

The spring is a busy time for the Crisis Intervention Center. Upcoming fundraising events include:

- On April 26, Zontians are invited to volunteer at the "Break the Silence, End the Violence, Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" event at Van Buren high school. This event is a partnership between CIC and the VB school district honoring the survivors of domestic violence and/or sexual assault, and also honoring those who did not survive. Walk a Mile with young men and city leaders in high heel shoes (heels are optional). A day of activities is being planned including a survivors' walk, live bands, and food vendors. Look for more information on this event soon.
- April 27 is the city wide Step Up Speak Out Prevent Child Abuse event that everyone is encouraged to attend or volunteer for. This project is headed by Sam Sicard and Jackie Hamilton. Contact Susan Steffens for more information.
- May 17 - Wrangle up your cowboy boots and don your brightest bling for the Boots and Bling Ball to benefit the Crisis Intervention Center. The event features amazing food and drinks, silent auction, dance lessons, and the Backroad Anthem band! What more could you want for a fun evening in Fort Smith? Sponsorship opportunities are available and more details will be sent soon.

### Area 1 Meeting in May

The Area 1 annual meeting will be held May 4<sup>th</sup>, hosted by Dallas club.

"Membership Success is the Key!" is the meeting focus. Presidents Elect and new Treasurers will have a training session at this Area meeting.



### Career Fair Update

By Cathy Williams

The plans for the Career Fair are underway for the afternoon of May 17 at Darby Junior High. Members will be needed to help in preparations and support for the event. In addition to the Zontians who are excellent representatives from their career fields, help will be needed in identifying and contacting community career representatives; securing items for door prizes for the girls; and in extending hospitality to the professional women from the community who assist with the fair. (This event is a splendid opportunity for recruiting new members. It's almost like a giant rush party!)

We are fortunate that Heather Robertson Rincon, a former Zontian and Darby teacher, has agreed to continue to assist with the fair and will again be assigning the career fair as a service project to her outstanding Darby FBLA members. We have always enjoyed our relationship with those students and count on their very capable assistance each year. (Heather assures me that she will be re-joining Zonta as soon as her stepchildren get a little older.)

### Golf and Eat Crawfish For Girls Inc

Girls Inc has two big fundraisers coming up. The 12th Annual Nancy Orr Golf Tournament Benefiting Girls Incorporated® of Fort Smith is set for April 15<sup>th</sup>. Visit <http://www.girlsincfortsmith.org/> for more information. More teams of women are needed! And, enjoy fresh boiled crawfish and help Girls Inc on May 11<sup>th</sup> at their Crawfish Boil. Check the Girls Inc website for more information.

**April 2013**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 Happy Birthday Kim Vann!!! 	1 <b>APRIL</b>	2	3 First Wednesday Lunch at Joe's Pizza & Pasta	4	5 <div style="border: 1px solid green; background-color: #c8e6c9; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">Last Day to turn in Geranium Pre-Sale Forms!!!</div>	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 Happy Birthday Lori Bauer!!! (on the 13 <sup>th</sup> ) 	13 <div style="border: 2px dashed red; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"><b>GERANIUM SALE</b></div>
14 Happy Birthday Zena Marshall!!! 	15 <b>Zonta Monthly Meeting 6pm</b>	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 Walk A Miles in Her Shoes event in Van Buren	27 Step Up Speak Out Prevent Child Abuse event

**May 2013**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30 Happy Birthday Cissie Pendergrass (on the 1 <sup>st</sup> )!! 	1 <b>MAY</b> First Wednesday lunch at Chili's on Rogers	2 Happy Birthday Kathy Smith (on the 1 <sup>st</sup> )!!! 	3	4 <div style="border: 2px dashed red; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"><b>Area 1 Meetings in Dallas</b></div>
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 <b>Crawfish Boil for Girls Inc</b>
12	13	14	15	16	17 <b>Career Fair at Darby</b>	18
19	20 <b>Zonta Monthly Meeting 6pm</b>	21	22	23	26 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">Boots and Bling Ball benefiting the Crisis Center on May 17th</div>	

**And ...**

Happy Birthday Debbie Adams (May 29th)

Happy Birthday Jo Carson (May 30th)

