



Zonta Club of Fort Smith

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Zonta International is a global organization of executives and professionals working together to advance the status of women worldwide through service and advocacy.

www.zonta.org www.zontadistrict10.org www.zontafortsmith.wordpress.com

Geranium Sale Time!

We are only weeks away from the 33rd annual Geranium Sale! Remember that this annual fundraiser supports all of our scholarships and projects.

The price is unchanged from last year with a flat of 18 plants costing \$27. Available colors include red, dark pink, salmon, white and yellow marigolds.



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Geranium Sale

Red, White, Dark Pink (Fuchsia), & Salmon
& Giant Yellow Marigolds

Sageley and Edwards Parking Lot across from Creekmore Park

April 12th

8:00am - 2:00pm

\$1.50 per plant \$27 per flat of 18 plants

Call 479-414-9117 for more information.

All profits benefit local and international projects that advance the status of women.

Editor Stone * Girls Shelter

Crisis Intervention Center * Girls Inc.

Single Parent Scholarship Fund

Scholarships, Workshops and Career Fairs

for Women & Girls

Single Parent Scholarship Fund

ZONTA SAYS NO advocacy efforts



Planning Starting for the Career Fair

The annual Zonta Career Fair for Girls will be held May 15 at Kimmons Junior High from 12:00-3:00pm. This is a great event for Zonta members, presenters, and the girls who attend. Do you know any business or professional woman who would like to participate? Would you like to be involved in planning or execution? Contact Cathy Williams (catwill@cox.net) to volunteer. Heavy planning begins immediately after the geranium sale. Thanks!

Next Monthly Meeting

Monday, April 14th at 6pm

The 188th Fighter Wing, Arkansas Air National Guard, 4850 Leigh Avenue (across from Academy/Home Depot in Fort Smith), will be the location of the April Zonta meeting. The topic will be "New Mission/New Opportunities".

When you arrive at 6 p.m. at the front gate of the Wing, Judith Mathewson will be there with security to check your driver's license. Once you have made it on Base, take the first right into the parking lot, park, and walk into the Headquarters Building (across from the old Fort Smith Airport building). Tenise Gardner will be in the Auditorium on your right to meet and greet you all.

We will have a tour of the A-10 in the hangar, information about the new mission, and of course, answer questions about the 60 years of service in the Fort Smith area.

Looking forward to seeing you! Please RSVP by March 28th to Caron Roberts or Cathy Williams so that we can plan refreshments.



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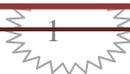
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Zonta Club of Fort Smith received its charter April 24, 1967.

Our club is part of Area 1, of District 10, of Zonta International.

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



Upcoming Events!

Please join us for
GIRLS INCORPORATED® OF FORT SMITH'S
CRAWFISH BOIL

**SATURDAY
MAY 17
2014** 6:30 P.M.
Hosted by
GEORGE & LUANN
MOSCHNER

Tickets

\$35	\$500
PER PERSON	PER RESERVATION
ADULT	PRIVATE TABLE
K-12th	Seating for 6
grade	Includes 2
FREE	bottles of wine
	& private wait
	staff

Proceeds to benefit Girls Incorporated® of Fort Smith.

To Purchase Tickets:
Contact a Girls Inc. representative
(501) 766-0376
or
purchase online
www.girlsinc.org
"Shop" tab

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Community Partner
LIVE UNITED
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DODGE
RAM

Inspiring all girls to be
80 YEARS
Strong, Smart and Bold!

Anniversary Celebration
girls inc.
Girls Incorporated®
of Fort Smith

Come reunited with past members and see where we are going!

SAVE THE DATE
APR 26
SATURDAY

2:00 PM
Girls Inc. Nancy Orr Center
1418 Old Greenwood Road
Fort Smith

Performances by
Girls Inc. Decider & Choir
Guest Speakers
A Look into the Future & How Far
We've Come

LIVE UNITED
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Member News

Congratulations to
Lori Garvey (the
former Lori Bauer)!

Lori and Jim Garvey
were married on
December 28. The
ceremony was at the
Darby Community
Center with a
reception at the
Bonneville House.



Left: Jim and Lori

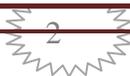


Right: Lori and her nieces (hopefully future Zontians!)

Editor's note: Please send an email to Caron at caron.s.roberts@gmail.com with your member news by the 20th of each month. Thanks!

Upcoming events

- The Area 1 Zonta meeting will be held May 2-4th in Cleburne, Texas. Please let Judi Hansen know if you are interested in attending.
- Our annual geranium sale is set for April 12th at Sagely and Edwards. Let's hope for a pretty day!



March Business Meeting Covers Important Topic

Human trafficking is largely an unknown, yet prevalent problem throughout the world, and the Arkansas State Task Force for the Prevention of Human Trafficking hopes to curtail the problem on a local and state level. At the March regular business Assistant Arkansas Attorney General Will Jones provided an overview on the task force and what the public can do to spread awareness on the issue.

Over 45 members and guests heard Mr. Jones define the complex problem of human trafficking and discuss the steps that the task force is developing to combat it.

For more information visit:

[Polaris Project](#)

[END IT Movement – videos](#)

[Southwest Time Record article](#)

(see photo on right)



Assistant Arkansas Attorney General Will Jones addresses the audience.



The meeting was a headline in our local paper.

Zonta Recognizes Importance of Advocacy

By Sheryl Flanagan – Advocacy Chair

With a revision of our mission statement a few years ago, we now state our goal as to advance the status of women worldwide through service and advocacy.

On the International, district, and local levels, we are encouraged to combine our service and advocacy efforts. To better achieve change, we must advocate. In doing so, we should take in account Zonta's objects of improving the legal, political, economic, educational, health, and professional status of women and to promote justice and universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms.

Recently, Zonta International Advocacy Committee Chairman Kay Meyer expressed her appreciation of the successful Zonta Says No campaign. This campaign illustrates how working with a common theme throughout our organization can have amazing effects.

To further advance Zonta's advocacy on a global level, the ZI Advocacy Committee hopes to increase understanding of global issues, to highlight which local issues have global dynamics, to support and share grass roots perspectives, and to provide analysis and resources that inform about global policies and events. Zonta International provides numerous advocacy tools at its web site.

For more information on international efforts, visit

<http://www.zonta.org/WhatWeDo/InternationalAdvocacy.aspx>

For more information on local efforts, visit

<http://www.zonta.org/WhatWeDo/LocalServiceandAdvocacy.aspx>

First Impressions Workshop a Hit!

On March 6, more than 30 women getting ready to enter or re-enter the job market participated in First Impressions, the Zonta Club of Fort Smith's annual dinner, workshop and wardrobe-enhancement effort.

Under the direction of committee chairs Lori Garvey and Linda Kaufenberg, members and guest speakers presented information on resume writing, using social media in the job hunt, interviewing and dressing for success.

Then they were guided through two rooms packed with work-ready wardrobe items and accessories donated by members and friends. Most ladies left with their arms full of items they will be able to use while seeking a job and working.

Fort Smith has long been known as a manufacturing city, but it has taken some hard hits in recent years as the economy stumbled and many jobs went to Mexico. Many of the women who attended last year's event and this one are participating in workforce education or retraining after being laid off when Whirlpool closed a local plant.

Some of them didn't finish high school before starting to work and are completing GED programs. Others graduated but know their skills need updating. Some are taking the opportunity to start new careers they hope will help them and their families prosper in the years to come.

Working with women from the Adult Education Center, the Single Parent Scholarship Foundation, area high schools and the University of Arkansas at Fort Smith keeps club members firmly planted in the community. This outreach effort, held each year as a celebration of Rose Day, gives them the chance to do at the local level some of the same things Zonta International does at the global level: advancing the status of women.

As an added bonus, several of the women at the workshop asked many good questions about Zonta and its work, promising to join the fight now and the club when they are able.



Guests and Zontians alike enjoyed hearing the speakers.



Kathy Coleman at work in the "shop"!



President's Message

Ladies,

As I write this, spring has finally sprung, and I hope that news finds everyone ready and willing to embrace the new season. Especially, I hope you take advantage of the sun when it shines and the rain when it falls to remind all your friends and neighbors you

have geraniums to sell.

Although we happily undertake some small fundraising for the projects we support (like the spaghetti dinner for the Girls Shelter), we have just this one fundraising opportunity to support our scholarships and awards and the designated projects that Zonta undertakes on a global scale.

It was a very proud moment for me at the District 10 conference this year to announce our donation of one-third of our raised funds to the international projects. We laugh about the friendly competitions we have among members about who will sell the most or the second most geraniums, but the truth is, each one of those \$1.50 plants helps us make a difference in the lives of women who are our sisters, although we may never know them. Imagine what it means to a mother in South America to have a home free of violence in which to raise her children or what it means to a mother in Africa to know she did not pass HIV on to her newborn. We contribute to that because we sell geraniums.

OK — enough preaching to the choir.

Here are some other things I hope you're thinking about as spring progresses and our Zonta year winds down.

1. When you get the bill for your dues, please make an effort to pay them in a timely way. We don't want anyone to fail to renew just because she forgot to pay her dues. There's a fee for filing members late that we have to pass on to you, so please pay promptly and save Kathy Smith some headaches. In addition to the \$136 dues, we ask that you pay your quarterly dinner fee at the same time. If you know you will be a hostess at a dinner, your fee will be \$45. If you're not sure, know you can't or just want to make an extra donation, \$60 covers all four quarterly events.

2. Please go back over your calendars and begin to think about your service hours. Paula will be calling for those within the next month. Remember, if you made a dessert for the spaghetti supper, participated in the Polar Bear Walk, helped with activities at the Crisis Intervention Center or wrapped gifts for the Esther Home, you donated some time. Try to remember all you did so we can brag on you when we do our reports. We have a great, active club and we want to inspire other groups!

3. Don't forget the Career Fair on May 15th at Kimmons Junior High. Don't miss a chance to interact with these great young people as they think about the opportunities that are open to them. It's great fun, I promise.

Let's push for a strong end to our year. Thanks for all you do.

Judi



April 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31 Happy Birthday Kim Vann! 	1 APRIL	2 Lunch at The EGG & I (HWY 71 & Planters Rd)	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 <div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Geranium Sale!!!</div>
13 Happy Birthday Lori Garvey! 	14 Zonta Monthly Meeting 6pm	15 Happy Birthday Zena Marshall! (April 14 th) 	16	17	18	19
20 	21	22	23	24	25	26 <div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 5px;">Girls Inc Anniversary Celebration</div>

May 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1 MAY Happy Birthday Kathy Smith and Cissie Pendergrass! 	2	3 Zonta Area 1 Meeting in Cleburne Texas 
4 Happy Birthday Judith Mathewson! 	5	6	7 Lunch at the Gourmet Gallery on Old Greenwood Rd	8	9	10
11	12 Zonta Monthly Meeting 6pm	13	14	<div style="border: 1px solid purple; padding: 5px;">Zonta Career Fair for Girls - Kimmons</div>		17 <div style="border: 1px solid orange; padding: 5px;">Girls Shelter Crawfish Boil</div>
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Happy Birthday Tenise Gardner! 	29 Happy Birthday Debbie Adams! 	30 Happy Birthday Jo Carson! 	31