



# Zonta Club of Fort Smith

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## President's Message



All year we are thankful for various things in life but in the month of November we focus on our country on Election Day, our

military on Veterans Day and our family on Thanksgiving Day. The satisfaction of generous giving fills the hearts of many as we move into December, with faith based symbols and celebrations that combine to erase the pressures of the world. January fast approaches with a catch phrase of going over a fiscal cliff, hang on ladies, we will get through the new year together. We may be happier and skinnier as we are forced to cut the fat from our diets and our personal budgets. Go forward with large confidence and high expectation. Smile as you greet the morning.

*Kathleen*

## Holiday Dinner

This year's Holiday Potluck dinner will be held at Kathy Coleman's house at 6pm on December 13<sup>th</sup>. Kathy's address is 2407 Greenridge Drive (located off Horan Drive).

Please bring a dish (a meat entrée will be provided). A special mystery gift will be raffled at the party for \$5 a ticket.

We will be collecting stocking stuffers for the Girls Shelter (see article for more info) and the Crisis Center.



**See you there!**

## 16 Days of Activism

The [16 Days of Activism](#) emails contain statistics that are a real eye opener. Thanks to Sheryl Flanagan for putting this together.

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## Next Monthly Meeting

Monday, January 21st at 6pm

Instead of meeting at the Fort Smith Public Library (which will be closed for MLK Day) we will be meeting in the Baldor Technology Building at UAFS in Argie Nichols' CAD lab on the second floor. Dr. Nichols will be doing the program that will promote STEM training and careers for women.



There will also be a presentation that honors Zonta's special relationship with Amelia Earhart. 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.

## Congratulations to Us!

The Fort Smith Zonta Club received a number of awards at the recent District 10 conference in Longview, Texas. Our club received nine awards, placing in every category we entered. Based on the size of our club we are in Division 1 (clubs with membership less than 40). The awards are listed below.

- Membership – 1<sup>st</sup> place in Division 1
  - net gain of one member
  - 90% retention rate
- Newsletter – 1<sup>st</sup> place in Division 1
- Public Relations and Communications - 1<sup>st</sup> place in Division 1
- Attendance at district conference – 25%
- Status of Women / Service – 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Division 1
- United Nations – 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Division 1
- Finance – 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Division 1



In addition, Pat Crump received a Z pin with two keys as a special recognition of her bringing in two new members.

The District 10 clubs were able to present the ZI Foundation with a check for \$60,000 that was raised through club donations and individual donations. \$10,000 of that was actually donated that weekend by the attendees and the other \$50,000 was given by clubs as their yearly donation.

Make your plans now to attend the next conference in South Padre Island!



## The 50/50

The 50/50 raffle we do at every meeting is one way that we raise funds for Zonta International. Members and guests buy a ticket for a dollar, and Zonta keeps 50% of the pot while the raffle winner gets the other 50%. So far this fiscal year we've raised only raised \$49 so bring your dollar bills to the next meeting. And good luck!

## Upcoming events

- Zonta Holiday Potluck on December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. See article for more details.
- Girl Scouts Holiday Nature Crafts and Open House from 10am to noon at the Burham Woods and Fort Smith Service Center. Drop by and check it out!
- Girls Shelter Christmas Party on December 17<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. See article for more details.
- The First Wednesday Lunch will be January 2<sup>nd</sup> at Lin's Garden Chinese Restaurant on 8306 Rogers (by St Edward's Hospital). Lunch begins at 11:30am and continues till 1pm so please feel free to order when you get there.
- The Girls Shelter's Polar Bear walk will be help at 10am in Creekmore Park on January 12. Register onsite that morning and start walking!

## Girls Shelter News

By: Kim Vann

Thank you to all the Zontians that supplied desserts for the Girls Shelter annual pasta dinner. The dessert table was overflowing with cakes, pies, and cookies. It was so great to see so many Zontians participating in a service project! Everywhere I looked there was a Zontian - working the dessert table, helping with the salads, serving drinks, winning silent auction items, and of course enjoying their pasta dinner.

Coming up on Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 6pm is our Christmas party with the girls. This year we will be providing a pizza dinner for 4 girls plus Ms. Debbie. We will also decorate ornaments and then the girl's favorite part- Present Time! I so hope you can join us at the party. The girls are so appreciative of their gifts and you will leave full of Christmas spirit knowing you made their Christmas a little bit brighter. Donations for the stockings/gifts are being collected at the Zonta Christmas Party on Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, or please let me know if you need me to pick up a donation. Thank you for always supporting the Girls Shelter.

After the first of the year is the Girls Shelter Polar Bear Walk on Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 10 am at Creekmore Park. You can register on site for \$15 and \$10 for 12 and under youth. Please see me if you know of anyone that would be interested in sponsorship or walking.



Wendy Lambkin,  
Kathy Jarvis, and  
Caron Roberts serve  
salad at the Girls  
Shelter Pasta Dinner.



Kathleen King,  
Marian Conrad, and  
Sheryl Flanagan man  
the drinks and deserts  
tables.

## Crisis Center News

By: Kathleen King

The Crisis Intervention Center activity on November 27<sup>th</sup> was a night of games for 10 women and 9 children. Tables were set up for slapjack, checkers, Jenga, and one table had large puzzle pieces for the kids to complete. Deborah Avillion, Lori Bauer, and Kathleen King rotated from table to table visiting with the ladies and picking up toppled Jenga pieces. Lots of laughter and smiles. It was the last night for one lady and child who now have an apartment and a new life ahead of them. Knit hats and beanie bears were given to the kids at the end of the evening.

## New Service Opportunities for the Girl Scouts

At our last meeting, the Girls Scouts and Girls Inc. were officially added as Zonta service projects for the 2012 -2013 year!

Our first service opportunity comes in February as the Fort Smith Girl Scouts are hosting a **Night at the Nature Center** on Friday February 8<sup>th</sup> from 6pm to noon on Saturday February 9<sup>th</sup>. The girls will learn about endangered species, owl pellet dissection, and animal homes. There's a night hike planned also. The following morning there's a jungle breakfast, games, and trail clean-up.

Assistance is needed with the following:

- One or two people to help during the day on Friday to set up the Nature Center
- Help setting up the jungle breakfast Saturday morning (breakfast starts at 8am)

There is also a new program being launched called **Smart Girls Read**. Volunteers from Girl Scouts and Zonta will be leading reading groups in branches of the Fort Smith Public Library. These groups would be a 12 week long program for 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls. Hopefully, it will be expanded to an ongoing series. It could conceivably have 4 groups going at once, one in each branch of the library and maybe even a 5<sup>th</sup> in the main library. Library program directors in each branch are on board with the program and are happy to provide us a place and like the program. Girl Scouts project leaders are in the process of identifying reading material for the first session, but then the girls would choose the next series. There are several badges and projects they can do – as well as service projects centered on books to go along with this series.

The needs for this program are: volunteers to read with the girls and lead discussions on the books. What we would really like to do is a “3 books in 3 months series”. The Girl Scouts are working with vendors on providing books at a reduced rate for these sessions. The schedule for this is “to be announced) so look for more information on this exciting opportunity in January.

## Zonta Club of Fort Smith Scholarship

Mayra Patricia Esquivel is the recipient of the Zonta Club of Fort Smith Scholarship in the amount of \$1000 for the 2012-13 Zonta year. This scholarship is awarded to a female student with a declared STEM major/minor who has completed at least 30 college hours with at least a 3.00 cumulative grade point average. Mayra is a 2009 graduate of Northside High School and has 46 credit hours with a 3.65 GPA. Her declared major is psychology with a minor in biology. Mayra is looking to go on to medical school.



Mayra receives her check from Sheryl Flanagin and Kathleen King. Congratulations to Mayra!

## Zontians Enjoy Lovely Holiday Buffet Benefitting the Single Parent Scholarship Fund

Great fun and music were enjoyed by Zontians attending the Single Parent Scholarship Fund buffet before the symphony.



Cathy Williams,  
Judi Hansen,  
Sheryl Flanagin,

and Candy Foster share in the festivities.



**December 2012**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday			
2	3	4	5 First Wednesday Lunch at Western Sizzling	6 	7	8			
<div style="border: 1px solid purple; padding: 5px;"> <p><a href="#"><u>16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence continues</u></a> until December 10th</p> </div>			9	10 <div style="border: 1px solid orange; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">International Human Rights Day</div>	11	12	13 Holiday Potluck Dinner 6pm at Kathy Coleman's	14	15 Girl Scouts Holiday Nature Crafts and Open House 10-12
16	17 <b>Girls Shelter Party 6pm</b>	18	19	20	21	22			
23	24	25 	26	27!	28	29			

**January / February 2013**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1 <b>JANUARY</b> 	2 First Wednesday Lunch at Lin's Garden	3	4	5 Happy Birthday Caron Roberts! 
6	7	8	9	10	11 Amelia Earhart Day 	12 <b>Polar Bear Walk for the Girls Shelter 10am</b>
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 <b>Zonta Monthly Meeting 6pm</b>	22 Happy Birthday to Christy Burney! 	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	1 <b>FEBRUARY</b>	2