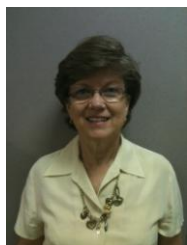


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## President's Message



District Conference was great once again with the gathering of Zontians from the states of AR, OK, NM, LA and TX. Many first-timers and many more old Zonta friends enjoyed short business sessions, club Awards, inspiring luncheon

speakers, breakout workshops, shopping in the Zonta Store and bidding on auction items to benefit the District 10 Foundation. Evening events allowed time for relaxing dinners and networking with friends. You never know what you will experience at a Conference unless you get on board and attend one, like the Zontians who came by train from the West, or the 6 old Zontians who squeezed into a photo booth for a comical picture. Seeing a hundred Barbie Dolls in a moving art exhibit by artist Carol Gerhardt was topped by author Mitchel Whitington's enchanting tales of the haunted house he lives in. Make plans to attend the next Area and District Conference.

**VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE**

Remember the first time you voted? Well, get that same enthusiasm going and VOTE on Election Day, November 6<sup>th</sup>. If you voted early, then help your neighbor get to the polls. The women's vote is powerful this year as both Presidential Candidates have made a greater effort this year to influence women voters. You do not need to have ink on your finger as a sign of a voter; you only need a good conscience knowing you exercised your right to influence the country with your vote.

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## Girls Shelter Visit and Activities



Kim Vann along with her friend Shana Laser aka "The Cat's Mama" visited the Girls Shelter for Zonta's September activity. Shana is a jewelry creator and sells her creations at the Fort

Smith Farmer's Market on Tuesday and Saturday mornings. Her booth features handmade bracelets, necklaces, earrings, soaps, and scrubs. Shana showed the girls how to make a wire wrapped beaded bracelet. The girls so enjoyed making the bracelets and they all thought their friends at school were going to be jealous of their creations!

Zonta is hosting the annual Halloween party at the shelter and on November 4<sup>th</sup> the shelter will hold their 4<sup>th</sup> annual pasta dinner at Westark Church of Christ Family Life Center from 5:30-8pm. Zonta could have a sponsor table that sits 8 people for a \$100 donation. Please see Kim if you would like to contribute to the sponsorship table. Once again, Zonta will be providing the dessert table for the dinner. Kim is recruiting volunteers to bake or buy cakes and cupcakes!

## Next Monthly Meeting

Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 6pm

Jeff Adams from UAFS talks about the lifelong learning programs. Zontians are never too old to learn! We will also get reports from attendees at the District 10 Conference. 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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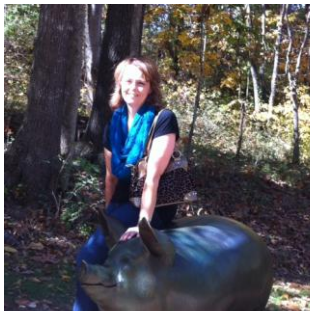
Meetings are held the third Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Fort Smith Public Library.

## Meet our new member – Denise Kaestner!

I'm married to Richard Kaestner and we have six children. Our 14th grandchild is due Christmas day! I was born and raised in Kansas City, Missouri. I went to work for Reynolds Aluminum in 1981 and retired 30 years later. I have been a strong union member and held several offices with the USW. I was a lobbyist for 20 years and my sister and I won the Missouri state Community Services award in 2009. I was a delegate with the AFL-CIO and a member of the labor counsel in Missouri. I am blood of the Blackfoot nation from Montana on my mother's side and German and Irish on my father's side.



## Meet our new member – Susan Steffens!



I am honored and excited to be a Zonta member. I have watched the organization for many years, from the time my daughter won the Zonta scholarship in 2002 as a high-school graduate.

Three months ago, I began a new journey in my career as Executive Director of the Crisis Intervention Center (aka Crisis Center for women). Serving and ministering to this clientele has been my lifelong mission and passion. This new role will be a very challenging one, but I feel very strongly that this is a more than worthy project.

I previously served as Asst Executive Director / CFO, for Bost, Inc. I earned my MBA from Webster University. And currently am working on HR certification courses through U of A.

I am married to Charles Steffens. I have one child, Megan. Megan and my son-in-law Josh, have blessed me with 2 beautiful grandchildren, Max is 2 and Mea is 9 months old. I love spending quality time with my family. My extended family members are spread across the US.

I am a 2011 graduate of Leadership Fort Smith. And I love my active community involvement as I have a passion for programs that support the betterment of women and children. My volunteerism opportunities/affiliations include: Step Up Speak Out to Prevent Child Abuse, the Fort Smith Children's Emergency Shelter, the Network of Executive Women, and serving as Board President for the Fort Smith Christian Women's Job Corp (FSCWJC).

## Upcoming events

- The First Wednesday Lunch will be November 7<sup>th</sup> at Cheddars in the Pavilion Shopping Center. Please meet at 11:30am.
- The Girls Shelter's 4<sup>th</sup> annual pasta dinner at Westark Church of Christ Family Life Center from 5:30-8pm on November 4<sup>th</sup>.
- A birthday dinner celebrating the Zonta organization's start will be held at Joe's Pasta & Pizza on Rogers. See you there on November 8<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.



## Zonta Quarterly Dinner a Hit!



Hostesses Linda (the Clown) Kaufenberg, JoAnn (Rosie the Riveter) Gedosh, Julie Moncrief, and Kathy Coleman.



Guests enjoyed a lovely fall feast at JoAnn's home.



## Pumpkins for the Crisis Intervention Center

The Crisis Intervention Center activity on October 23rd included Pizza Dinner, Carmel Apples on a stick, and Pumpkin decorating with the Moms and Kids.

Kathleen King, Kathy Jarvis and Debbie Adams had a great time gluing funny faces on plastic pumpkins and filling them with candy and surprises.

## Our Club Attends the Zonta District 10 Conference

Representing our club in style were Kim Vann, Kathy Coleman, Judi Hansen, Sheryl Flanagan, Cathy Williams, and Kathleen King.



Highlights from the conference include:

- Kim representing us and District 10 as the Foundation Ambassador
- Our club receiving nine District 10 awards for last year's efforts
- D10 clubs and members donating over \$60,000 to Zonta International Foundation
- The closing banquet with the Shake Rattle & Roll group entertaining



Kathleen presents our Foundation check to Kim.

## Girls Inc. Votes!

The results from the She Votes campaign are in! Hanna Bender is Girl of the Week starting October 29. The candidates were making their campaign posters and celebrating the Day of the Girl in early October as an exercise in the democratic process.



Mayor Sandy Sanders spoke with the candidates and had photos made with them.

[Girl's Inc. website](#)

**November 2012**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4	5	6	7 First Wednesday Lunch at Cheddars	8 <b>Happy Birthday ZONTA!</b>	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 Happy Birthday to Julie Moncrief! 	16	17
18	19 Zonta Monthly Meeting 6PM	20	21	22  Happy Thanksgiving	23	24
25 Happy Birthday JoAnn Gedosh! 	26	27	28	29	30	1 <b>DECEMBER</b> Happy Birthday Kathleen King! 

16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence begins

**December 2012 / January 2013**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4	5 First Wednesday Lunch at Western Sizzling	6	7	8
9	10 International Human Rights Day	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 	26	27 Happy Birthday Marilyn Barr! 	28	29 Happy Birthday to Dolores Chitwood! 
30	31	1 <b>JANUARY</b> 	2 First Wednesday Lunch at Lins Garden	3	4	5 Happy Birthday Caron Roberts! 