



# Zonta Club of Fort Smith

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## International Day of the Girl Child Activities at Girls Inc

Zontians Marilyn Barr, Sheryl Flanagan, JoAnn Gedosh, Kathy Jarvis, Judi Mathewson, Tenise Gardner and Cathy Williams spent an afternoon at Girls Inc launching rockets, making jet planes, and otherwise introducing the 130 girls to STEM careers. Zontians Paula Glidewell and Glidewell Distributing provided refreshments for the girls.



## Zonta STEM Scholarship Awarded

The Zonta Club of Fort Smith's STEM scholarship of \$1000 is being awarded to Macey Christine Casher, a biology pre-med student who is a student at UAFS and a graduate of Roland High School. She has been invited to attend the November business meeting.

Congratulations Macey!



Please check out the Scholarship page on the Fort Smith Zonta website for information on upcoming scholarships.

<http://zontafortsmith.wordpress.com/scholarships/>

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## Next Monthly Meeting

Monday, November 18th at 6pm

Learn about activities at the University of Arkansas at Fort Smith with Takeo Suzuki, Janice Beran, Susan Devero from UAFS Lionhearts and International Student Programs. Please bring items for the Esther House (see page 2 for details).

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.



# Busy Month for Crisis Intervention Center

By Susan Steffens

The Donald W Reynolds Crisis Intervention Center celebrated Domestic Violence Awareness month with several events during October. The Board of Directors, staff, Zonta and other volunteers helped make these events fun and successful awareness opportunities for the agency. On Saturday, October 5, a huge yard sale was held at the Girl Next Door retail store that netted \$898 for the Center. Even with the cooler weather, thunderstorms and constant rain showers, staff and volunteers had a great day meeting customers and getting reacquainted with former volunteers of the Crisis Center for Women. On Tuesday, October 8, the Leadership Fort Smith event "Get on Board" allowed a great opportunity for awareness and netted four new volunteers for the Agency. Volunteerism is an area of need that is being focused on this year for all programs of the Crisis Center and for Girl Next Door. On Wednesday, Oct 9, we were honored to participate in the Step Up Speak Out Prevent Child Abuse campaign with a booth at Girls Inc. Although the crowd was very small we appreciated the opportunity to represent the agency for this very worthy cause. October 19 & 20 we were thrilled to meet thousands of women and men from the community at our booth at the Women's Expo. Thanks to all Zontians who came by to say hello! On October 26, we are participating in the Mall-O-Ween event at Central mall. We are ready with 50 pounds of donated candy and are ready to play games with the children of the community to raise awareness for CIC.

An especially Big **THANK YOU** is extended to Kathleen King who made the October Zonta activity with the kids a tremendous success. Kathleen and the kids carved elaborate jack-o-lantern designs that now decorate our beautiful dining area. We are so appreciative of Kathleen's sacrifice of personal time and resources to provide a special time for the CIC kids every month. We welcome new volunteers who can donate 2 hours of their time each month to assist Kathleen and Kathy Jarvis with the CIC craft activities. I understand there is some fear that it may be a sad time, but actually the women and children are so blessed by your gift of time to teach them a new skill and to model healthy parenting and/or healthy grand parenting skills. You never know what a difference your time will make in the life of someone who so desperately needs your touch of kindness.



The CIC's fall party included hot apple cider, roasted pumpkin seeds, popcorn and pumpkin carving from these helping hands. And, thanks to Delores Chitwood for the donation toward the pumpkins and carving supplies.

## Esther House Needs

We'll be collecting items for the Esther House at our next meeting. Please consider bringing items such as those listed here. Thanks!

### List for clients at Esther Home:

- Journal
- Razors
- Body Lotion
- Body Spray
- Socks
- Slippers
- Gloves & Hats (Winter)

### List for Esther Home:

- Dish towels
- Pot Holders
- Wash clothes
- Bath Towels
- Toaster
- Glasses



## President's Message

Sheryl Flanagin, Kim Vann and I had a great time and got some terrific ideas at the District 10 conference at South Padre, and I hope you will see some of those ideas in practice soon. More to come, I promise.

Right now, your 16 Days of Activism committee is working on some local events and ideas for this year's observation. As always, the centerpiece will be the daily emails Sheryl sends out to shine light on international efforts to end violence and discrimination. In addition to reading them, we hope you will send them on to your friends list or post links to them in your Facebook feed.

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Thanks again to Pat Crump and her photographer-helper Alan for the great presentation at the Girls Shelter of their photos from Africa. As the girls settled in for the show, I could tell they were expecting something academic, but they quickly warmed up to Pat and Alan and asked tons of questions.

Kathy Jarvis and Marilyn Barr helped as well. Marilyn and Pat had many artifacts from their adventures that the girls also enjoyed.

Marilyn also helped me explain to the girls about Zonta's medical projects in Africa, the elimination of mother-to-child transmission of HIV in Rwanda and the obstetric fistula efforts in Liberia. I think the girls enjoyed the evening, and I know they had plenty to think about when it was over. I love that they were so open to learning and to just being silly.

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Please make plans to join us in celebrating the combined 90 years of service to Zonta offered by Pat, JoAnn Gedosh and Delores McMillan from 6-8 p.m. on Nov. 7 at the Clayton House. This is an amazing achievement by the ladies, and it shows how compelling the work of Zonta can be. Feel free to share the invitation with other people you know who know any or all of these ladies. We want to make sure people know how much we value them!

And THANKS, Julie Moncrief, for sharing this beautiful venue with us for the evening!

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Finally, as the tax year winds down, I'd like to remind you how important the work of the Zonta International Foundation is and how easy it is to make a tax-deductible donation to ZIF. A donation in the name of one or all three of our anniversary celebrants would be a great way to show them how much you appreciate their service.

We have a goal of 100 percent individual-giver participation this year. Your donation, no matter how small, is an important indicator that you support Zonta's important international programs.

*Judi*

Who should you have invited to Zonta lately?



## Girls Inc Tours the 188th

Thanks to Zontians Judith Mathewson and Tenise Gardner, the girls at Girls Inc were treated to a special tour of the Arkansas Air National Guard 188<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing facility. The girls got a first hand look at what STEM careers could look like.



## Zonta Says No

Zonta Club of Fort Smith will participate again in the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence. An international campaign that began in 1991, over 5,167 organizations in approximately 187 countries have participated in the campaign since that time. The campaign begins on November 25, International Day Against Violence Against Women, and continues through December 10, International Human Rights Day.

Local plans include a display in the main library, Zonta Says No bookmarks and 16 Days tri-folds placed in our library branches, daily 16 Days emails to forward, radio PSAs, and distribution to members orange Zonta Says No ribbons and bracelets.

One major purpose of this yearly campaign is to raise awareness about gender-based violence as a human rights issue at the local, national, regional, and international levels. Zonta Club of Fort Smith will do its part to meet this goal.



## Member News

Sheryl Flanagan enjoyed a retirement luncheon with a surprise guest as she ended her real estate career at Ramona Roberts

Realtors at the end of September. This is her second retirement. Who knows what the third one will be?



Editor's note: Please send an email to Caron at [caron.s.roberts@gmail.com](mailto:caron.s.roberts@gmail.com) with your member news by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

## Upcoming events

- The First Wednesday Lunch will be November 6th at Lin's Garden on Rogers. Lunch begins at 11:30am and continues till 1pm so please feel to sample the buffet when you get there!
- A reception honoring Delores McMillan, Pat Crump, and JoAnn Gedosh for their 30 years of Zonta service will be November 7<sup>th</sup> 6-8 pm at the Clayton House. There will be light refreshments and a presentation to the honorees at 7 pm.
- Get into the holiday spirit at the Single Parent Scholarship Fund's Holiday Buffet Dinner in the Fort Smith Convention Center Rotunda on Saturday, December 7, from 5-7 pm. It's a perfect place to dine before Fort Smith Symphony's presentation of "The Living Christmas Card." The \$40 ticket price will include a buffet, entertainment and beverages (symphony tickets not included).

## November 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3	4	5	6 Lunch at Lin's Garden on Rogers	7 Celebrate 30 years of Zonta membership with JoAnn, Pat, and Delores!	8	9 <b>Happy Birthday ZONTA!!!</b>
10	11	12	13	14	15 Happy Birthday Julie Moncrief!	16 
17	18 Zonta Monthly Meeting 6pm	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Happy Birthday JoAnn Gedosh! 	26	27 Happy Birthday Marilyn Barr! 	28  Happy Thanksgiving	29 Happy Birthday Delores Chitwood! 	30

## December 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1 DECEMBER</b> Happy Birthday Kathleen King! 	2	3	4 Lunch at Joe's Cantina on 74th Street	5	6	7 <b>SPSF Holiday Buffet Dinner</b>
8 	9	10 <b>International Human Rights Day</b>	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 	26	27	28
29	30	31	1 JANUARY 	2	3	4

**November 25th through December 10th - 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence**