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Dear Zonta Sisters,

As I write this, I'm seeing my backyard and noticing that Fall has started to settle in. The grass is no longer green, the leaves on the trees are beginning to fade and some are already turning brown and falling. Ahhh ... Autumn in Texas! It's certainly more lifeless than the glorious colors usually associated with Fall! But I'm grateful for the relatively mild winters and the springs that get here to Texas sooner than elsewhere. There's always a silver lining, isn't there!

Due to the Corona virus, we've all stayed home during our spring and summer and haven't ventured out except for necessities. Now, thank goodness, things are finally opening up! We still wear our masks and disinfect as much as possible but people are out and about, anxious to get on with life! Do you agree that we've had a "relaxing" summer? No floats and parades to get ready for, no push to raise funds! But now it's time to get to work! Our treasury needs a BIG boost if we are to fund the scholarships which are such a big part of Zonta!

The sale of our recently distributed raffle tickets, along with our cookbooks, will make our scholarships possible! The ticket price was reduced from last year's price of \$20 each to \$10 to make them easier to sell, and hoping that we could sell twice as many tickets as last year. Ace Hardware, Lochte's Feed, Dutchman's and BBVA bank will all let us sell our cookbooks and raffle tickets at their businesses on weekends! If your health allows and you feel comfortable going out into the community, your help is REALLY needed at these sales tables. Just call up a member to partner with and pick up a plastic box with almost everything you need (tickets, change, pens, etc.) from Bonnie at Heritage Hair Salon. Peggy Jander has the signs, easels and cookbooks.

If we all do our share, we will again have a very successful year and we can all be proud of our service to the community!

Yours in Zonta,

Karen Weinheimer, President ZCF

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

NOVEMBER 16TH 6:30PM RSVP to

by FRIDAY, November 13th email: texaspretzels@aol.com text: 214-334-0194

We are having our Membership meeting at The Golden Hub

HOSTESSES FOR THIS MEETING ARE: Frankie Hohenberger Sharon Wahrmund

Pam Nabers Vicki Taylor

Need a Ride? Call, we can hook you up.

PLEASE BE PRESENT
If you haven't gotten your
raffle tickets to sell this fall
Good news! They are only
\$10 so much easier to sell!
Contact Frankie to sell your



fair share to participate in our fundraising.

THE MOST IMPORTANT DAYS TO HAVE VOLUNTEERS TO SELL

Deer Season Opening Weekend

November 7th – 10am – 4pm November 8th – 12pm – 4pm

The Peddlers Show at The County Fairgrounds

Black Friday, November 27th - 11am – 6pm Saturday, November 28th - 9am – 4pm Sunday, November 29th - 12pm – 4pm

The St. Joseph's Halle Holiday Craft Fair Friday Set Up – 4pm – 6pm

Saturday, December 12th 9am – 4pm

The Every Member Every November challenge is underway. Zonta has already exceeded their original goal in the firs t2 hours of the campaign and have increased the challenge to \$101,000 to recognize our 101 years. The first mini challege has already been won by 6 districts but there are 2 more district that can win! Can we be one of those districts? We are the 3rd highest donor district but need another 58 separate donations by 11/8! Hope you can help by spreading the word. The fundraising event will run from November 1st through December 1st.



Typically, donations collected at the Zonta International Convention build a solid foundation toward meeting our fundraising goals. Unfortunately, we lost this opportunity because the 2020 Convention was canceled due to COVID-19. The Every Member Every November District Challenge was created to build up this base while also allowing for some friendly inter-district competition.

We encourage each member to make a personal gift through the District 10 team page in support of Zonta's international service projects. With each gift, District 10 has the opportunity to be promoted within the Zonta community. Donations will only be collected through the external GoFundMe Charity Website, starting at 12:00 a.m. (midnight) CST on November 1. Are you up for the challenge?

Diane Hodges Popps
Zonta District 10, Foundation Ambassador.

Here is the link for our District 10 members and anyone else you know to donate: https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/zontadistrict10

Painting the town Orange for ZISVAW

During the 16 Days of Activism, November 25th – December 10th, our Zonta Club of Fredericksburg will take part in the Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women campaign. We will take local, national and international actions to influence the making and implementation of laws, as well as changing gender-based attitudes and behaviors to end violence against women. We have more than the usual number of events planned to make our community aware of this initiative. We are requesting that as many members as possible participate in the following activities so that this hometown will feel the impact of the need for awareness to Say NO to Violence Against Women and Girls.

Friday, November 13th we will meet at 3pm in the parking lot of the Law Enforcement Center located at 1601 East Main Street for a photo opportunity with the Fbg Police and Fire Department. All hands on DECK!! **Monday. November 16th we will meet at 6:30pm** for our monthly meeting at The Golden Hub to learn more about the details for the 16 days of Activism.

Wednesday, November 25th is our Day of Orange at Dairy Queen. Between the hours of 5pm – 9pm we will reap the benefit of DQ donating 10% of all sales to ZCF on behalf of ZISVAW. Show up and get an Orange-dipped cone to snack on! Bring your friends and family!!

Thursday, December 10th we will convene to ride around town and hand out orange helium balloons as this is the last day of Activism and we want everyone to know about this advocacy! **TBD**

Poster/Flyers need to be placed in every retail shop window on Main Street.

Our Banner will fly over Main Street this year too!

Still working on a few other activities that will be discussed at the meeting on the 16th. Hoping to get HEB involved as well as Whataburger – since their theme color is orange too!

WE WILL HAVE ORANGE STICKERS TO HAND OUT AND TO WEAR - BUT YOU SHOULD WEAR ORANGE TOO!

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Women in Leadership Networking, Mentoring and the Zonta Connection

This month, I would like to introduce you to three women who have been making amazing strides within their communities by taking on leadership roles—and each one is a recognized Zonta awardee. These women have taken a path very similar to mine, experiencing the joy, friendships and benefits that being associated with Zonta brings after being offered an incredible opportunity through one of Zonta's education programs. Their stories serve as a great reminder of what your efforts and donations support.

On the surface, the Zonta International fellowships, scholarships and awards do the obvious: give funds to women to help them pursue their goals of entering and continuing on to success in typically male-dominated fields. But there are deeper impacts and long-term effects of these awards that make them, and their recipients, truly remarkable. These programs inspire the recipients to meet and develop networks with other women and girls in and beyond their career fields, empowering them and inspiring them to become leaders in their communities.

Three past recipients who now sit on Zonta fellowship, scholarship and award committees have shared their thoughts on how this connection to Zonta has changed their lives beyond the initial award, encouraging leadership and continued mentorship.

Leading in Zonta

Ella Sciamma O'Brien was awarded the Zonta Amelia Earhart (AE) Fellowship in 2005 and 2006 while pursuing her Ph.D. in plasma physics and electrical engineering at the University of Texas at Austin and working on an electric propulsion system for the crewed missions to Mars. The AE Fellowship allowed her to travel and attend scientific conferences. But the greatest impact the Fellowship had on her was the connections it enabled her to make with the women of the Zonta Club of Austin. After her award ceremony, which took place during a conference in Louisiana, the Zonta Club of Austin invited Ella to come to their monthly meetings and eventually invited her to become a member of the club. "Meeting with these women that were different ages, at different times in their careers, and with different backgrounds, was a wonderful change from the male-dominated field I was in," Ella said. "It allowed me to be connected not only through my studies, and create different friendships than those I had at the University." Ella later relocated to California and was contacted by Sharon Langenbeck in 2015. Ella was happy to reconnect with Zonta and was honored to be asked to be the District 9 AE Fellowship Committee chair. Within her role, she has stayed in contact with AE fellows, organized award ceremonies, hosted fundraisers and has created connections similar to the ones she had with the Zonta Club of Austin.

Jane M. Klausman Women in Business scholar Johanna Lampinen has had a similar journey with Zonta. After being awarded the JMK scholarship in 2002, she was invited to become a Zontian in 2008. Through Zonta, she has connected and gotten to know so many women who have impressive careers that she feels she will never be short of role models. "A few years ago, I had the honor and pleasure to participate in a mentoring program organized by District 20," Johanna said. "All the advice, support and inspiration that I received from my mentor, also a Zontian, has been invaluable for my career, particularly for board work." Johanna currently uses these skills within her role on the International JMK committee.





Ella Sciamma O'Brien, Johanna Lampinen and Katharina Miller

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Katharina Miller (right in photo) feels that winning the Young Women in Public Affairs Award had a huge impact on her life, which continues to this day as she maintains her membership and connection to the award through the YWPA committee. Having won a district-level award in 1998, Katharina then met Gertrud Scheiger, the Zonta Club of Stuttgart club officer responsible for the YWPA Award, and formed what Katharina calls a "magic relationship" through mentorship. "It was very empowering to be surrounded by all these wonderful professionals and that's when my next goal was set: I wanted to become an excellent professional and eligible for Zonta membership," Katharina said. In 2011, this wish came true and she became a member of the Zonta Club of Madrid km0. With leadership development support from a fellow member, Katharina became club president and a committee chairman. Since then, life has evolved and in 2018, Katharina was welcomed into the Zonta e-Club of Bavaria. "I myself am German-born, however, I am based in Madrid, Spain now and this membership with the German e-club allows me to maintain my connections with German Zontians," Katharina said. "The e-club fits perfectly into my very full agenda with my own business and family (I am mother of three very young sons, 10, 7 and 5 years old)." Since July 2020, Katharina has been a member of the International Young Women in Public Affairs Award Committee, which is an enormous honor and pleasure for her.

Leading in the workplace

Because Ella, Johanna and Katharina represent different career fields where women are not equally represented, they have the opportunity to view women in the workplace from an even more unique perspective. We asked them to share advice for women looking to move into leadership roles within their organization. Each one has a similar message: Work with your team and trust yourself.

"I would strongly recommend every woman to take over leadership responsibilities and that they should not be afraid of failure; yes, I would even dare to say that every woman should embrace failure!" Katharina said. "Thanks to Zonta, I have been learning that at least for me carefully listening, empathy and excellent communication within any group that I have been leading are some of the most important key and success factors."

Johanna advises to ask a magical question that helps a leader in almost any situation: What would you suggest yourself? "The leader must not and does not need to have all the answers. That's why there is the whole organization around her," she said.

Ella also feels communication is key. "Knowledge is essential to make strategic decisions on how a team will form and grow, and who to delegate tasks to ensure the success of the team," Ella said. "Communication skills are essential for leadership: to listen to team members and make sure they know they are heard, to involve them in decisions and to advocate for your team."

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OCTOBER'S MEETING WAS FULL OF FUN!

The Zonta Club of Fredericksburg had a gathering for our October General Membership meeting on Monday, October 19th at Liz Wunderlich's comfortable home and of course we had a number of members ZOOMing the meeting too. It was a lively night in the spirit of Halloween Thanks to the hostesses Liz Wunderlich, Marti Barth and JoAnn Krauskopf.









Governors Summit had over 120 attendees!

We were sorry the Summit had to be virtual this year but the District 10 officers did an excellent job! We may have missed your attendance at the Saturday, October 17, 2020 virtual Governor's Summit of "Transitions, Changes & New Opportunities" but we still had almost 10 members get on board the ZOOM train for that morning. The meeting began at 9:00 a.m. and finished early at 12:45 p.m.

The District 10 budget was discussed, the Districts' clubs gave their donations to The many different advocacies and projects that Zonta supports with a total of over \$100,000 between all D10 clubs.

During the Summit, our Zonta Club of Fredericksburg was honored to receive FOUR Division 1 District awards:

PR/Communication - 1st Place! Advocacy - 2nd Place! Service - 1st Place! as well as the District's Bell Award - \$100 cash prize.



These awards were due to the hard work by our club members! Thank you, thank you! And very special thank you's go to Lisamarie and Bonnie for submitting the tedious District reports highlighting our accomplishments in PR/Communications, Service and Advocacy which are required to make us eligible for these awards! You are all awesome!

There was an on-line LIVE auction that took place which was fun to watch and to Participate in trying to "be the winner" of the coveted "Z" wall hanging! There many items on the auction block and considering the bidding was on-line, the results were fantastic. Thanks to Lisamarie, we were included in the live auction which raised money for the District! She donated four beautiful black leather coozies engraved with the state of Texas. These brought District 10 an auction bid of \$250! Thank you for making ZCF look good!

Some very important information to take note of includes:

- Average Club Membership in District 10 is 26. The goal is to add 4 members to each club!
- District-wide service project for the biennium is the Girls Empowerment Network which encourages members to send 1-page-long letters to inspire, encourage, uplift and celebrate girls! Please send your letters to P.O. Box 3122, Austin, Texas 78764.
- Our Area 3 meeting will be held in Austin the date and placed to be determined.
- -Our 20201 Conference will be held in Dallas at the Double Tree Campbelll Center (on Hwy. 75) from October 14-17, 2021.

Sure hope we can get another bus together for those of us that plan to go! Whose up for it?











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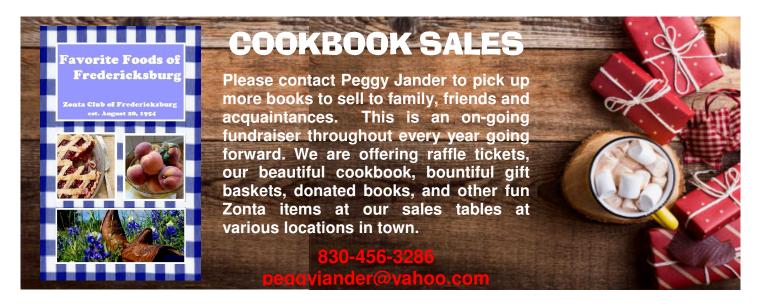
AMAZING MAZE-ING!

What a beautiful day to venture through the Jenschke Orchard Corn Maze! On Sunday, November 1st, the Fredericksburg Service Unit celebrated Juliette Gordon Low's Birthday, she is the founder of Girl Scouts and it just so happens that her birthday is on October 31st. It was exciting to have two Cadette girls and their Troop Leaders from Harper, two of our new Daisies and one Brownie and one Junior along with family members and Bonnie Baseke, Service Unit Director and Troop Leader. Karen Weinheimer and Sharon Wahrmund enjoyed just sitting and visiting while the rest of us followed paths that sometimes lead to nowhere. At the end of the maze was a large grain bin for the girls to play in and what a great time they had getting buried in the corn and jumping of off a ladder into the corn.

Other events had the Brownies and Juniors going to the Pollinator Garden at Lady Bird Park and were educated by Bill Lindeman about how bees, butterflies and even hummingbirds are pollinators. He also informed the girls about what plants would be good in a Butterfly Garden. Afterwards, Sharon Wahrmund had cooked hot dogs and the girls made s'mores. At the last Daisy meeting, the girls painted pumpkins and learned all about Juliette Gordon Low's Birthday and a little about her life.



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2020 CALENDAR OF IMPORTANT DATES

NOVEMBER - NATIONAL GREAT AMERICAN SMOKEOUT MONTH

November 13th - Meet at the Law Enforcement Center at 3pm for photos

November 16th - Zonta General Membership Meeting 6:30pm November 25th - 16 Days of Activism BEGINS thru Dec 10th

November 26th - Thanksgiving Day

November 27th - Black Friday Fundraising Sales at the Fairgrounds

November 28th - Cookbook/Raffle Ticket Sales

November 29th - First day of Advent

DECEMBER - NATIONAL MONTH

December 4th - National Cookie Day

December 7th - Zonta Board Meeting - 5:30pm

December 14th - Zonta Holiday Party at Cindy's - 6:30pm

December 21st - Raffle winners are pulled!

