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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

As I write my last message to you, I want all of you to know how honored I have been to serve as your President for the last three years. It has been such a pleasure to work with each and every member of the Zonta Club of Fredericksburg, to represent the Club at District 10 functions and to be your voice at Zonta International. I can truly say this has been a learning experience. I will never be able to thank the officers and board members enough for their commitment to the Club, and to all of the many endeavors throughout the year. It has taken every member to fulfill our goals and support our mission to empower women and girls to the best of their abilities. You are the most amazing women I have ever known, always trying to improve the lives of women in our community and around the world.

I hope all of you will be at the Scholarship/Awards Banquet to see the fruits of our labor for the past year. We will be honoring the Young Woman in Public Affairs winner Anna O'Leary along with ten scholarship recipients and the recipient of the Barbara Faucheux Memorial Scholarship.

Wow!! What a group of new members, the Club will continue to thrive because of your ideas and enthusiasm. It is so contagious and I look forward to our continued working relationships in the future. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for the success of the past three years and for the wonderful sisterhood that we share.

Yours in Zonta, Bonnie Baseke



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## MAY MEETING Tuesday, May 16th

6:30PM OUR HOSTESSES: Bonnie Baseke, Lorin Buckhorn, Jerri Striergler, and Tammy Jo Turner

Please be sure to mark this on your calendar Our meeting is NOT on a Monday! For this special evening of camaraderie and fellowship we will be gathering on TUESDAY, May 16<sup>th</sup> at the Golden Hub in the back room. Thank you to all who signed up to bring appetizers and desserts for the banquet, the Hostesses couldn't do this without your help. We will be honoring ten scholarship recipients, one Barbara Faucheux Memorial Scholarship recipient and the YWPA Award winner. This is where all of our hard work for the year will make you proud. It is very important to RSVP to Bonnie Baseke no later than Wednesday, May 10th in order for there to be enough of the main meal to provide for our members as well as our guests.

## **RELAY FOR LIFE**

R4L fundraising activities culminates on this coming Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 4pm at the Gillespie County Fairgrounds Exhibition Hall. Be a volunteer and/or come to show your support for this worthy cause and fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. The luminarias are all decorated in honor of and in memory of those who suffered and they will line the track to be lit at dusk lighting the way to finding the cure for all cancers.

# **TRASH & TREASURE**

Thanks to all of the Zonta volunteers who gave of their time on Thursday, Friday and Saturday to help collect, box up, deliver, unbox, organize, price, sell and cash out all of the wonderful donations of clothes, trinkets, collectibles, home goods, furniture pieces and toys, games and books! We met our fundraising goal for the sale and it's all because of

### **APRIL MEETING RECAP:**

A big **thank you** goes out to all of the hostesses Ginger Mitchell, Renee Pearson, Melinda Birck & Nancy Fitzpatrick

An engaging evening was enjoyed at the hospitable home of Ginger & David Mitchell. We engulfed more food than we needed and all we ate was so delicious! Chicken Spaghetti, salads, chocolate cake, cookies, appetizers many and of course the wine was flowing too. If you weren't there, you are square! Ha.

We were without a program to highlight with a speaking visitor but instead we caught up our membership on the detail of events that have recently happened and those about to take place. The hoe-downs at Hondo's benefiting the American Cancer Society were very successful that we definitely beat our goals in every way. Thanks to Liz for coordinating a smooth evening of talented performers and a silent auction of spa treatments, jewelry, gift certificates to retailers and gallery art pieces. We still have the culminating event on Sat, May 13<sup>th</sup> for the Relay for Life so if you can make it; make it happen for this worthy cause which touches way too many friends and family.

The April hostesses: Nancy Fitzpatrick, Ginger Mitchell, Renee Pearson, & Melinda Birck



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## The Women's Empowerment Principles - Equality Means Business

This is a partnership initiative of UN Women and the UN Global Compact that encourages the total engagement with business, civil society, the United Nations and Governments to advance and empower women in the work / marketplace and community. The Principles, which were informed by real-life business practices, emphasize the business case for corporate action to promote gender equality and women's empowerment and seek to elaborate the gender dimension of corporate responsibility, the UN Global Compact, and business' role in sustainable development. While designed as a tool for business to strengthen and create company policies and programs to achieve gender equality, these seven Principles also provide a platform for a multi-stakeholder approach to advancing gender equality.

#### **The 7 Principles**

**Principle 1:** Establish high-level corporate leadership for gender equality

**Principle 2:** Treat all women and men fairly at work – respect and support human rights and nondiscrimination

**Principle 3**: Ensure the health, safety and well-being of all women and men workers

**Principle 4:** Promote education, training and rofessional development of women

**Principle 5:** Implement enterprise development, supply chain and marketing practices that empower women

**Principle 6:** Promote equality through community initiatives and advocacy

Principle 7: Measure and publicly report on progress

#### **CONGRATS to our NEW OFFICERS**

President – Frankie Hohenberger Vice President – Ginger Mitchell Treasurer – Bonnie Baseke Recording Secretary – Lisamarie Williams Corresponding Secretary – Barb MacManus Past President – Jo Ann Krauskopf Board Members Nancy Fitzpatrick, Debra Habecker, Renee Pearson, and TammyJo Turner

Thank you to the Nominating Committee of Barbara Scherer, Barb MacManus and Liz Wunderlich for assembling these dedicated Zonta women. **AREA 3 Meeting Notes** 

Marti Barth, Barbara MacManus, Jo Ann Krauskopf, Frankie Hohenberger and Bonnie Baseke attended the Zonta International, District 10 Area 3 Meeting on April 22<sup>nd</sup> in Austin. Area 3 Director Deitrah Davis and the Zonta Club of Austin hosted a wonderful meeting at the Embassy Suites Hotel Austin Arboretum. The group spent the day discussing Membership, Advocacy and Leadership. A special guest was Amelia Earhart Fellow Jhanani Selvakumar, who received her wings during the meeting. Jhanani is attending the University of Texas where she will be completing her Doctorate studies next year. We also heard from Kim Vann, Foundation Ambassador about the Zonta International projects and how they are funded along with the U.N. Sustainable Development Goal #5 (Achieve Gender Equality and Empower All Women and Girls). Frankie Hohenberger, Zonta Club of Fredericksburg and Chairman of the District 10 Nominating Committee encouraged all attendees to consider nominating someone from their clubs to serve at the District level. All Zontans are invited to District 10 Conference in Oklahoma City Oct 19-21.

# Young Women in Public Affairs

In 1995, when the Beijing Platform for Action was adopted, the global average proportion of women in parliament was just 11 percent. Today, women hold 23 percent of seats in the world's national parliaments as of 1 December 2016. Although this figure has doubled in the last 21 years, many barriers remain to women's political participation and gender parity in political representation across the globe. Recognizing that to bring about sustainable changes that benefit all of humanity, women must have equal participation in the decision-making process, Zonta International established the Young Women in Public Affairs Award in 1990.

The Award recognizes young women, ages 16-19, who demonstrates superior leadership skills and a commitment to public service and civic causes, and encourages them to continue their participation in public and political life. Ten (10) international scholarships of US\$4,000 each and up to 32 district/region scholarships of US\$1,000 each are awarded each year. Since the program's inception, Zonta has given 804 awards (includes international awards), totaling \$764,750, to 692 young women representing 54 countries. These awards are made possible through generous donations to the Zonta International Foundation and the local chapters.

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Our Mentoring Group will be having their year-end Tea for the 8<sup>th</sup> Graders at Sharon Joseph's home where they'll review etiquette and proper manners while eating. The 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders will be meeting at Clear River for their luncheon upstairs. Thanks to Kristy, Sharon, Sharon and Debra!

#### SOME MEMBER NEWS

We are hoping everybody keeps the following ladies and their families in your hearts and prayers:

**JoAnn Krauskopf** for good news on a medical issue

**Barb Scherer** for the soul of her brother Harry Graves, Jr.

**Pam Nabers** blessing the passing of her brother Cecil Wagner.

**Karen Weinheimer** on her upcoming retirement from BBVA Compass bank. Congratulations on her "over 45 years" in one building all in the banking industry!

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# **CALENDAR OF IMPORTANT DATES**

May 13, Relay for Life

May 14, Happy Mother's Day May 16, Zonta Regular Meeting \* (\* on Tuesday, mark it for the change of day) Scholarship/Awards Banquet, 6:30 p.m. May 29, Memorial Day June 5, Transition Board Meeting June 14, Flag Day June 19, Father's Day June 20, Zonta Regular Meeting July 4, Independence Day



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