

ZONTA INTERNATIONAL District 10 Area 3 Club No. 0331

ZONTA ZEITUNG

Zonta International is a leading global organization of individuals working together to build a better world for women and girls.

www.zonta.org

www.zontafredericksburg.org

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NEXT EVENT

March 17th at Ginger Mitchell's Home

Pajama Party!

144 Sundown Lane

Hostesses: Ginger, Pam, Cindy, Trish, & Vicki F.

RSVP to Ginger by texting 281.732.9692

Letter from the President

Dear Zontians and friends –

WOW is all I can say about our January and February. And, I don't know about you, but I can't stop thinking about how special the last two years have been as our club made its way from inception to execution of the idea for a permanent plaque installment in the Nimitz Museum Courtyard honoring the Women Airforce Service Patrol, or WASP. What an achievement we can savor as a club!

The idea to honor the WASP began with a presentation to ZCF in January 2023, where Lindy Segall regaled our members with the talent and patriotism of these brave women. Zonta International celebrates Amelia Earhart's life each January, and we were thrilled that member Nancy Fitzpatrick had brought such a gifted speaker with a fascinating story to tell in celebration of the early Zontian and accomplished aviator (Amelia E) who famously quipped, "Don't interrupt someone when they're doing something you said couldn't be done!" Bless Vicki Taylor for taking Lindy to the next level and NOT giving up on the plaque idea.

Most of this effort aligns with my tenure as your president for the 2023-2025 years, and I am beyond blessed and honored to watch this unfold alongside so many other caring women (and men – I'm talking to you Lindy!). So, I'm asking all club members now:

"What key part can you play in our club for the 2025-26 Zonta year?"

Be the WASP or the Rosie the Riveter of ZCF by sharing your talents or by taking on new experiences to challenge yourself and learn something new. I promise you won't get fired! Come to the PJ Party ready to share your ideas for contributing. See the many options available on our list (attached at the end of the newsletter), and think...how can I share myself to make this community and world a better place for women and girls?

And a special thank you to Vicki Taylor and Lindy for being a joy to work with and for helping to elevate our club's exposure these last few months. You always have a friend in ZCF!

One love,

Liz Wunderlich, President 2024-25

Zonta Club of Fredericksburg

February Highlights

WASP
WOMEN AIRFORCE SERVICE PILOTS
1942  1944

"The first women in history to fly American military aircraft."

They left home and family to release male pilots for combat in two theaters of war. Were recruited and trained as civil service employees at Avenger Field in Sweetwater, Texas. Flew over 60 million miles in 78 different aircraft including trainers, fighters, and heavy bombers. Delivered planes from factories to Army bases and points of debarkation across the country, towed gunnery targets, trained male cadets, and flew every mission except combat - 38 died in service. Granted veteran status in 1977 and awarded the Congressional Gold Medal in 2010.





*"Women pilots are a weapon waiting to be used."
- Eleanor Roosevelt*





Dedicated with honor by Zonta Club of Fredericksburg, Texas

HONORING TRAILBLAZING WOMEN IN AVIATION

PLAQUE DEDICATION CEREMONY

NIMITZ MUSEUM BALLROOM

FEBRUARY 17, 2025

ZCF proudly participated in the dedication ceremony of the plaque honoring the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) at the National Museum of the Pacific War. This tribute, designed with a WASP committee and gifted by ZCF, honors the courageous women who served in WWII, including the 38 pilots who lost their lives.

Zonta is eternally grateful to WASP for their service and for Lindy Segall's dedication and enthusiasm to ensure that the legacy of these women is remembered with honor. ZCF also thanks member Nancy Fitzpatrick for bringing Lindy to our January 2023 meeting for an informative WASP program that notably included his mother Muriel Lindstrom Segall's memorabilia (pictured below). This moment served as the inspiration for getting the plaque made and installed in the courtyard, an effort considered by many members as a pinnacle of success in club history. Such a special celebration!



K.O.W. (Kid of WASP) Lindy Segall recounted how in July of 2024, ZCF members voted unanimously to design and fund a 20x20 engraved plaque honoring the WASP to be placed in the Memorial Courtyard of the Museum. It is the first to recognize an all-women's organization for their service in World War II.

The design phase took place over two months—led by Zonta Club Director Vicki Taylor and Museum Director of Tributes Stephanie Hagee—before the final proof was sent to Pella Engraving in Iowa. Painstaking care was given to drafting historically accurate copy as well as to the selection of representative icons and photographs.



Lindy (pictured above with family friend and staunch WASP supporter Tim Chinn...source for “How does she do it? 12-year-old scotch” story) also announced the donation of his collection of memorabilia from his mother’s WASP service, which the Museum enthusiastically accepted! Sarah Wendt, chairperson of the Austin Hill Country 99s chapter, announced a \$7000 scholarship available to local women pursuing a career in aviation (see attached info)!

“Zonta has a rich history of female aviators who were amazing, daring, and committed to making the world a better place for women. Amelia Earhart—one of the first notable pilots who was a Zontian—paved the way for these amazing women who helped America win the war through their selfless sacrifices. When we heard that local recognition for the WASP had yet to be made, we knew the ZCF had to lead the charge!”

Liz Wunderlich, ZCF President



Zonta Club Fredericksburg celebrates the WASP! Pictured left to right: Nancy Fitzpatrick, Vicki Taylor, Carol Conway, Shelly Baumgartner, JoAnna Verneti Troppy, Stefanie Herdman, Renee Pearson, Michelle Boerner, Ginger Mitchell, Dianne Eckhardt, JoAnn Krauskopf, Sharon Warhmund, Ellie Rodriguez, Frankie Hohenberger, Lori Lester, and Liz Wunderlich.



RECEPTION AT FULBRIGHT RESIDENCE

The parents of club member Vicki Fulbright provided their historic home as the venue for a celebration after the dedication ceremony.

Thank you, Bobby and Dee Fulbright!

If you didn't have any of Parlet's homemade tea sandwiches, you MISSED OUT! Yummy!

Karen coordinated everything so beautifully – kudos!

Stefanie, Lori, and Bonnie made sure everything was ready when the crowd arrived! Kudos again!



Special kudos to Vicki Taylor for leading this effort! ZCF is so lucky to have you as a member!





*Thank you
hostesses!*

*Vicki, Lori, Parlet,
Karen, Stefanie &
Bonnie*



2/23/2025
Liz,
Thank you for including me in your WASP plaque dedication service. It was a beautiful ceremony and such a creative way to honor the WASPs as well as the Fredericksburg Club. Your club is making a big impact in your community.
In Zonta Spirit,
Shelly B

*A lovely letter from
Shelly Baumgartner,
District 10 Governor!*

*Thank you Shelly for joining us and for
bringing friends from Austin!*

*"May your home be filled with
laughter, may your pockets be filled
with gold, and may you have all the
happiness your Irish heart can hold."*

Irish blessing



REMEMBERING ZONTA SISTER SUZANNE WOOD



Suzanne Graves Scherer Wood—pictured middle receiving the first ZCF Yellow Rose Award for all her service hours from Frankie Hohenberger and her mother Barbara Scherer—passed away January 31 after complications from a terrible fall.

Barb, our hearts go out to you for the loss of your dear daughter. Today and always, may loving memories bring you peace, comfort and strength. We share in your sorrow.

Prayers, hugs & Zonta love.

“The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.”

Psalm 34:18



A collection fund basket for Suzanne’s memorial will be at the PJ Party. Contact Frankie to donate at an alternate time.

Scholarships forms available now at zontafredericksburg.org

WOMAN OF ACHIEVEMENT

The purpose of the Woman of Achievement Award is to recognize a woman who has demonstrated a commitment to and provided leadership in the community. As a result of her service, the community is a "better" place to live. It is not necessary for a nominee to have had a business or professional career. The individual is being recognized because of her contributions to the community. She may also be a member of the Zonta Club of Fredericksburg. See attached form or visit zontafredericksburg.org.

Nominations are due by March 10th and the award will be honored at our April meeting.

ZCF 2025 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The ZCF Scholarship Program was established to assist and encourage women of all ages to further their career goals. Ten scholarships will be awarded in the amount of \$1,000.

Award applications are available on zontafredericksburg.org and **due March 31!**

Girl Scouts Making Memories!



The girls encountered a special treat while selling cookies in February. The woman pictured next to Bonnie brought her Girl Scout sash and a very old Brownie Leaders book for the troop to keep. So exciting to see these connections!



Cookie season ended on February 23rd. To wrap it up, the girls delivered cookies to the Fire Dept, EMS, Police Station, CTEC, City Electric Dept, Hospital Nurses Station, and to the Food Pantry the first week in March. These cookies were all bought with donated money!

Military troops received 279 boxes of cookies, too!

17,292 boxes of cookies sold!



Sharing Ouring Story at First United Bank

Check out our display that will be up for the month of March at First United Bank!

Kudos to Stefanie, pictured center, for leading the setup effort. Thanks also for help from Liz and Bonnie!



Club Corner

Coming up...



March Birthdays!

- Poet Elizabeth Barret Browning – 6th
- Dianne Eckhardt – 9th
- Girl Scouts – 12th
- Bonnie Mund Baseke – 20th
- Barbara Macmanus – 23rd

April Birthdays!

- Renee Pearson – 21st
- Gloria Winn – 28th

Pajama Party at Ginger Mitchell's
March 17th 5:30 p.m.



144 Sundown Lane

Dress in your best slumberfest attire
 Don't forget to wear your green!



White Elephant Gift Exchange too!

Woman of Achievement Award Night



APRIL 21
 5:30 P.M.

The Golden Hub

Board Bulletin

Board information, needs, and important coming events:

**SCHEDULE
CHANGE!**

Our PJ Party is now March 17 so that the Woman of Achievement ceremony could be in April.

Let's Clear Out the Cookbooks!



FAVORITE FOODS OF FREDERICKSBURG

Lucky Treats

\$25 each

Cookbook Chair Vicki Taylor is ready to fill your *St. Patrick's Day* order

512.787.4799 or vickers0817@gmail.com

\$\$\$ Cartridge Recycling at the Golden Hub! \$\$\$

Drop your empty ink cartridges in the designated receptacle for a \$3 credit each to our ZCF Office Max account. This will help fund future printing needs!!!



“May the Lord keep you in his hand and never close his fist too tight.”

Calendar of Events and Special Dates

March – National Women’s History Month		April – Sexual Assault Awareness Month	
8th	International Woman’s Day/Rose Day Lunch at Pecan Grove	1 st	April Fools’ Day - <i>Why is this an egg’s favorite day? They love practical yolks!</i>
9th	Daylight Savings Time begins	7th	Board Meeting at Western Edge 5:30 pm
12th	National Girl Scout Day	9th	National Library Workers Day
17th	PJ Party and St. Patrick’s Day	21 st	Woman of Achievement Award Ceremony
21 st	Rosie the Riveter Day	23 rd	World Book Day

Hostesses Scheduled for Upcoming Monthly Meetings

Mar 17 – Ginger’s Home PJ Party Elegant Elephant	Apr 21 – Golden Hub Woman of Achievement Award Night	May 18 – Western Edge; Scholarship Banquet	June 16 – Golden Hub Officer Installation & Comm Assignments
**Ginger Mitchell Cindy Wilson Vicki Fulbright Patricia Dwyer-Morgan Pam Nabers	Ellie Rodriguez Bonnie Baseke Debbie Langehennig Renee Pearson	Sharon Joseph Pam Nabers Lori Lester Parlet Kunz	Stephanie Herdman Karen Weinheimer Patricia Dwyer-Morgan Lisa Roebuck

**Contact person for RSVPs. All Members should aim to serve as hosts at least 2 – 3 times per year.

HOSTESSES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR COLLECTING RSVPs, CHOOSING THE MENU, BEVERAGES, DECORATIONS (IF APPROPRIATE) AND CLEANUP; ALSO NOTIFYING THE GOLDEN HUB IF TABLE SET UP IS NEEDED.

CALL DENISE USENER AT 830-997-7131 TO PROVIDE DETAILS AND OBTAIN THE DOOR AND TRASH BIN CODES.

Zonta Fredericksburg 2024-2025 Officers and Directors

President – Liz Wunderlich	830.456.5560	Members at Large: Gloria Winn Vicki Taylor Ellie Rodriguez Stefanie Herdman
Vice President – Lisa Roebuck	512.589.6175	
Recording Secretary Membership – Karen Weinheimer	830.899.5745	
Recording Secretary Board/Foundation – Lori Lester	650.799.3858	
Corresponding Secretary – Parlet Kunz	936.525.7720	
Treasurer – Frankie Hohenberger	210.317.0740	
Past President – Karen Weinheimer		

Nominating Committee: Ginger Mitchell, Bonnie Baseke, Pam Nabers



Your Zonta Sisters are here to support you in times of illness and bereavement.
Send notices to Corresponding Secretary Parlet Kunz at parletk@gmail.com or 936.525.7720.



Newsletter Hotline

Send stories, tips, and pics to Vicki Fulbright at vmfulbright@gmail.com or text 970.385.4297.



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THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

Committees 2025-2026

Advocacy

(Zimbabwe Scholar, Days for Girls, Food Pantry, Grace Center, Literacy Initiative, Mom Center, Period Poverty)

Chair:

Zimbabwe:

Grace Center:

Period Poverty:

Violence Placard:

WASP Recognition Plaque: Vicki Taylor

Archives

(Historian, Scrapbook)

Chair: Bonnie Baseke

Barb Scherer

Communications/PR

(Website, Newsletter Editor, Newspaper, Facebook, Photographer, Chamber “fun after 5”)

Newsletter Editor: Vicki Fulbright

Chapter Alerts:

Photographer/Social Media/Website:

Newspaper/PR:

Fun after Five:

Z-Brand Visibility:

Finance/Foundation

Treasurer: Frankie Hohenberger

Foundation:

Budget:

Fundraisers / Ways & Means

(Special Event/Key Fundraiser, Cookbook, Elegant Auction)

Chair:

Fundraiser Event:

Elegant Elephant Auction:

Cookbook:

Legislative State/Nat’l Updates/UN

Chair:

Literacy/Dolly Parton “Library”

Chair: Pam Nabers

Membership

(Friend Raiser, Membership Orientation, Membership packets/follow-up, Nametags, hostess list, membership list)

Chair:

Friend-Raiser Event:

Hostess list: Lisa Roebuck

Membership List: Vicki Fulbright

Nametags:

Member Orientation/Packets:

Nominating

Chair:

Parliamentarian

Programs/Yearly Calendar

Chair:

Amelia Earhart:

Scholarships/Awards

(Scholarships, Rose Award, Women in STEM, YWPA, Jane M. Klausman)

Chair: JoAnna Vernetti Troppy

Scholarships:

Rose Award:

YWPA:

STEM:

Jane M. Klausman:

Service

(Adopt/Family, Service Hrs, Girl Scouts)

Chair:

Adopt A Family:

Service Hours:

Girl Scouts: Bonnie Baseke

Woman of Achievement

Chair:

ZISVAW

Chair:

Girl Scout Cabin:

Banner on Main St.

Rollout Projects:



AUSTIN HILL COUNTRY CHAPTER OF THE NINETY-NINES, INC PROUDLY PRESENTS – "SPIRIT OF THE WASP" AVIATION SCHOLARSHIP

Those familiar with the Women Airforce Service Pilots of WWII (WASP) know the significant role they played in Texas history, training on the rugged plains of Sweetwater, TX. The WASP embodied courage, dedication, and determination, breaking barriers in aviation during their service. As Ninety-Nines women pilots, our mission is to promote advancement of aviation through education, scholarships, and mutual support while honoring our unique history and sharing our passion for flight.

Our chapter is deeply connected to the WASP legacy, and through the Austin Hill Country Chapter's "Spirit of the WASP" Aviation Scholarship we aim to offer an opportunity for aspiring and continuing pilots, ensuring the lasting impact of the WASP contributions to aviation.

Scholarship Stipulations – We anticipate a scholarship award of up to \$7000. The funds will be managed by the Austin Hill Country Chapter and directly distributed to the flight school or instructor. The funds must be used for aviation training purposes only. The recipient must use the funds within one year from the award date. If any funds remain after the recipient completes their flight training, or if the funds are not used within one year and the recipient does not plan to pursue further certificates or ratings, the remaining funds will be returned to the chapter's scholarship fund.

This scholarship is open to all applicants, with preference given to women residents of Central Texas.

The application deadline is 30 April 2025.

For More Information and to Apply: <https://www.austinhillcountry99s.org>

THE NINETY-NINES, INC.®, is an international organization of licensed women pilots from 44 countries - we currently have thousands of members throughout the world. We are a non-profit, charitable membership corporation holding 501(c)(3) U.S. tax status. Our International Headquarters is located in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Although there are other female pilot organizations in various states and nations, virtually all women of achievement in aviation have been or are members of The Ninety-Nines.

Today, Ninety-Nines are professional pilots for airlines, industry and government; we are pilots who teach and pilots who fly for pleasure; we are pilots who are technicians and mechanics. But first and foremost, we are women who love to fly!

The Austin Hill Country Chapter of the Ninety-Nines (originally named Austin Chapter) was formed on August 22nd, 1964 by 15 female pilots in the Austin, TX area. Our group has participated in the Ninety-Nines tradition of airmarking at airports in the local area, partnered with local Girl Scouts and EAA chapters to teach and mentor youth, and so much more to promote the love of flight.



NOMINATION FORM
2025 WOMAN OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Forms must be submitted by March 10, 2025

Name of Nominee: _____

Achievements: _____

Reason For Nomination: _____

Submitted By: _____ Date: _____

Return to: WOA Chairman
Sharon Joseph
123 West San Antonio Street
Fredericksburg, TX 78624

(There is a box on her porch for drop offs, if preferred)





Woman of Achievement Recipients

1986	Lucille Rochs	2005	Janet Lindemann
1987	Alene Fritz	2006	Liz Brookshire
1988		2007	Laura Lundquist
1989	Julia Beckmann	2008	Liz Wunderlich
1990	Johanna (Hansie) Ludwig	2009	Patricia Torres
1991	Fritzie Gold	2010	Dot Dittmar – Melissa Starry
1992	Ruby Friedrich	2011	Bernice Weinheimer
1993	Jaye Hein	2012	Barbara Scherer
1994	Dr. Cleo Frantzen	2013	Karen Oestrich
1995	Erna Dietel Heinen	2014	Sharon Joseph
1996	Marcella Weiershausen	2015	Ernestine “Tina” Burnham
1997	Kathleen Bridges	2016	Ruth Sarnecki/Sara Allerkamp
1998	Irene Luckenbach	2017	Penny McBride
1999	Maxine Molberg Birkelbach	2018	Margaret “Peggy” Jander
2000	Kathy Filter	2019	Wanda Draper
2001	Bonnie Mund Baseke	2020	Denise Usener
2002	Beth Von Ruff	2021	Anabel Wilkinson
2003	Jo Ann Krauskopf	2022	Estela Avery
2004	Linda Langerhans	2023	Dorothy “Dottie” Duecker
		2024	Laurie Jenschke