

 **Zonta Club of
Johnson County**
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From the President

We are already starting this year off with a bang! Thank you to all who were able to attend the planning meeting in June—we covered a lot, and we have a very busy year ahead of us! Maybe most importantly, we installed two new members, Nicole Luna and Ashlee Loewen. Nicole is a reporter for the Cleburne Times-Review, and Ashlee is a family nurse practitioner at the University of North Texas Health Science Center & Texas Tech Health Science Center. Both are very excited about Zonta and are willing and ready to advance the status of women!

With many new members, we welcome new ideas to advocate for women, to serve, and to raise funds. We are excited about a 5K run that will be planned in March or April 2015! If you'd like to help prepare for this event, please get with Tiffany Strother, as she will be chairing this committee.

We will need everyone's help with our upcoming Art Bra Event, which will take place on Saturday, October 11, 2014. Dee Dee Babcock and Dena Bartlett are co-chairs. Please contact your friends and family to be sponsors, to donate auction items, to purchase tickets, and to take part in this mega-event.

I am so proud of our club and the goals that it achieved last year! Let's set new goals and make great strides in advancing the status of women! Invite your friends to be part of our organization! We have 32 members, and I know we can grow our club to 40 strong! Wear your Zonta shirts and pins! Make our presence known in the community!

You ROCK! Zonta ROCKS!

Angie



Nicole Luna, Shelly Doty, and Ashlee Loewen

Zonta Club of Johnson County

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NEXT MEETING
July 16, 2014
12:00 pm
at First Christian
Church, Cleburne

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Zonta International is a global organization of executives and professionals working together to advance the status of women worldwide through service and advocacy.

Zonta International Foundation 2nd in Raise For Women Challenge

Thanks to the more than 630 donors who participated on the Zonta International Foundation Team in The RaiseForWomen Challenge, Zonta took second place and will receive a \$20,000 prize to add to the \$130,000 that we have already raised.

Zonta International Foundation will use the funds raised during the Challenge to support Zonta International's projects to improve the legal, political, economic, educational, health and professional status of women around the world. Zonta International currently partners with UNICEF and UNFPA to improve the

health and economic status of women in Rwanda and Liberia, to promote and protect the human rights of all women and girls, and to reduce the incidence of violence against women in developing countries in Africa, Asia, and Central America in collaboration with UN Women. The funds will also support Zonta International's scholarship programs for women and girls at universities and high schools throughout the world.

We are honored that we had the opportunity to participate in this amazing initiative to raise funds in support of women's causes. We

congratulate all the charities who participated in the Challenge for their outstanding work on behalf of women around the world, and we extend our gratitude to The Huffington Post, Skoll Foundation, Half the Sky Movement and CrowdRise for their generous support.



District 10 News

Welcome to the New Biennium!

Happy Zonta New Year! We are launching into the new biennium, and the District 10 Board officially takes office effective with the installation of the governor at the closing banquet at the ZI Convention. They are all excited to help all the clubs in the district and look forward to launching into all the plans for the next two years. We look forward to seeing them at the District 10 Conference in

October! If the newsletter is distributed internally, you might comment upon new procedures or improvements to the business. Sales figures or earnings will show how your business is growing.

Mark your calendars!

The Zonta Club of Parker County will host the District 10 Conference October 16-18, 2014!



Judy Kautz will be installed as D10 Governor at ZI Convention. Our very own Barbara Yoder will be Lieutenant Governor. Also pictured is Governor Donna Dodgen.

Dates to Remember

July 11 at noon - Board Meeting at City Hall

July 16 at noon - Club Meeting at First Christian Church

August 1 at noon - Board Meeting at City Hall

August 8 at 9:00 am - APPLES Coalition Back to School Prep at Wheat Middle School

August 9 at 9:00 am - APPLES Coalition Back to School Fair at Wheat Middle School

August 28 at noon - Joint Meeting with Rotary Club at Cleburne Conference Center

October 4 - United Way Day of Caring

October 11 - Fifth Annual Art Bra Event

October 16-18 - District 10 Conference in Weatherford



United Way Day of Caring 2013

Outstanding Members

Dianne Packwood retired as the Executive Director of United Way of Johnson County in June after serving for almost 12 years.

According to the Cleburne Times-Review, “[s]ince she came aboard as executive director, United Way of Johnson County’s annual goal rose from \$250,000 to \$475,000 in 2013.

“Packwood likes to quote 19th-century novelist and essayist Charles Dudley

Warner when she sums up her motivation for working at a not-for-profit. ‘It is one of the beautiful compensations of this life,’ Packwood says, citing the passage from memory, ‘that no one can sincerely try to help another without helping himself.’

“In profiling Packwood when she was the *Times-Review* woman of the year in 2011, reporter Pete Kendall wrote that multiple sclerosis shaped her life. ‘Multiple sclerosis was little more than

a bump in the road in Dianne Packwood’s life,’ he wrote. ‘In so many ways, it paved a smooth way into her future.’”



Barbara Yoder (front left) is pictured with the 2014 Relay for Life of Johnson County Committee Members.

Barbara Yoder led the way as the committee chair for this year’s Relay for Life of Johnson County.

More than \$100,000 was raised from the event. Money raised helps fund the mission of the American Cancer Society of eliminating cancer by finding cures and fighting back.

According to the Cleburne Times-Review, the American Cancer Society is the largest nonprofit supporter of new cancer research and the largest

voluntary health organization fighting cancer in the country and around the world.

Relay for Life is the largest volunteer effort in fund raising throughout the world. All proceeds are contributed to cancer research, education, services, and advocacy.

Thank you, Barbara, for your work in the community!

July Birthdays

7 – Ashlee Loewen

16 – Jennifer Enright

27 – Gina Jones



Jennifer Enright (right) thanks Angie Allen for her work as president in 2013-2014 at our June club meeting.



Dianna Ward, Sharron Miles, Karon Lowe, Shelly Doty, and Carolyn Smith discuss advocacy projects for the upcoming year at our June planning meeting.



Nicole Alemy, Ivy Peterson, Nicole Luna, Ashlee Loewen, Kim Chance, and DeeAnn Strother discuss service projects for the upcoming year.



Marty Peters, Kim McKinney, Tiffany Strother, Jennifer Enright, Jessica Applegate, Dee Dee Babcock, and Connie Allen discuss fundraising at our June club meeting.