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From the President

What a great turn out at the Johnson County APPLES Coalition's Back to School Fair on August 9, 2014. Over 700 children were served! And the Zontians had a great time with this project as always!



Pictured from left to right: Dianne Packwood, Angie Allen, Dianna Ward, Barbara Yoder, Connie Allen, and Amber Ritz. Not pictured but who worked just as hard is Marty Peters.

Everyone is diligently working to make our Fifth Annual Art Bra Event a huge success. Thank you to those who have secured sponsors, auction items, bras, and decorations! Of course, we're still looking for more!

If you have not picked up your tickets to sell, please contact me soon. We are hoping to have 400 attend the event, and we are asking everyone to sell at least ten tickets.



"Never underestimate the difference you can make in the lives of others. Step forward, reach out and help."
- Pablo

Keep doing what you're doing!

Angie

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Our next service project is the United Way Day of Caring on October 4, 2014. I hope we make a great showing at this event. Please watch your email for more details.



Shoes Wanted!



We need about 50 pairs of women's shoes for our display! Please look in your closet and donate the ones that you no longer wear. Also, please ask your co-workers and friends if they'd be willing to donate a pair or two. Please make contact with Angie Allen if you have shoes to donate. This is going to be a great display and will have a great impact on those who view it! Our first chance to display it will be October 14, 2014!

NEXT MEETING
Wednesday, September 17, 2014
Noon
First Christian Church, Cleburne

www.zontaofjc.org

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

District 10 News

The Zonta Club of Parker County will host the District 10 Conference October 16-18, 2014! Have you seen the Call to Conference in your email inbox?



Zonta International News

ZI will partner with UN Women in the Voices Against Violence Program. ZI has pledged \$986,000 over this biennium. A curriculum has been developed for age groups of five to twenty-five years and will provide knowledge on the issue of violence against women and girls as well as facilitate learning and awareness-raising among the participants as peer educators and advocates. It will encourage young people to identify various forms of violence, understand root causes of such violence, and learn what their rights are and what services exist to support survivors. In the 2014-2016 biennium, approximately twelve countries will use the curriculum, and Zontians will have opportunities to participate as speakers and engage with youth involved in the program.

Outstanding Member

Dianna Ward joined Zonta in December 2013 and has been active ever since! But Zonta is not the only organization in which she is active.

Dianna is active with Relay for Life of Johnson County and serves as a finance committee member. She also chairs the American Cancer Society's Bark for Life, which is canine version of Relay for Life, a non-competitive walk event for dogs and their owners. Last year was its first year, and they raised more than \$2,000 for cancer research! This year's event will take place on Saturday, October 11th, at Hulen Park, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. You can look for Dianna with her schnauzer, Lindsey!

Dianna became involved with Relay for Life after battling cancer herself. She was diagnosed with ovarian cancer.

She is a survivor and is finishing the fight!

On a personal note, Dianna has worked almost twenty years at Texas Health & Human Services. She has been married to Elvis Ward for eleven years and has three step-daughters, Casey, Reagan and Kelly. Dianna and Elvis live in town but also have a farm with lots of animals including our beloved Sadie burro!

Her step-daughter, Reagan, said, "She's an excellent sewer and sower —she has a garden both at home and at our property. The land keeps her pretty busy, and when she's not taking care of those acres and the cows holding it down, she's dealing with a whole coop of chickens in our backyard and keeping everyone around us in supply of farm (backyard) fresh eggs."

Thank you, Dianna, for your service to our community and your hard work in Zonta!



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



Dianna Ward walks the Survivor Lap at the 2014 Relay for Life of Johnson County.



September Birthdays

10- Jessica Applegate

14 - Kim Chance

25 - DeeAnn Strother

Dates to Remember

- September 17 at noon – Club meeting at FCC
- October 4 at 8:00 am – United Way Day of Caring at the United Way Office, 210 Featherston, Cleburne
- October 11 at 6:30 pm – Art Bra Event
- October 14 at noon – Family Crisis Center luncheon at Cleburne Conference Center
- October 16 – 18 – District 10 Conference in Weatherford
- November 19 at noon – Club meeting at FCC
- December 18 – Club Christmas Party
- January 22 at 5:30 pm – Club meeting
- February 18 at noon – Club meeting at FCC
- March 7 – Zonta Zoom 5K in Burleson
- March 8 – International Women’s Day
- March 19 at 5:30 pm – Club meeting
- April 16 at 5:30 pm – Club meeting
- May 20 at noon – Club meeting at FCC



Dianne Packwood working at the Johnson County APPLES Coalition's Back to School Fair on August 9, 2014.



Barbara Yoder and Amber Ritz take a moment to pose for the camera while organizing for Johnson County APPLES Coalition's Back to School Fair.



Amber Ritz and Connie Allen organizing supplies at the Back to School Fair on August 9, 2014.



Johnson County APPLES Coalition's ribbon cutting with Zontians, Dianna Ward, Angie Allen, Connie Allen, Dianne Packwood, and Marty Peters.

Thank you to our Save the Ta-Ta'z Sponsors!

