



# Zonta Club of Johnson County

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### From the President

It is here—October, the busiest month of our year! The Art Bra Event is just days away! And everyone has done an outstanding job to make this event the most successful yet! I want to send a huge shout out to Dee Dee Babcock and Dena Bartlett for chairing this endeavor!

But before the Art Bra Event is the United Way Day of Caring on October 4, 2014. You will not leave this service project without feeling blessed. You can choose from several different projects. And ... it is one of our Z Projects that was voted on this year. Please meet behind the United Way building between 7:30 and 8:00 a.m. and bring your family, too!

Our club will display the shoes that have been collected over the past couple of months at the Johnson County Family Crisis Center luncheon on October 14, 2014 at noon at the Cleburne Conference Center.

Please make plans to attend this fundraising luncheon to support our crisis center. News anchor John McCaa will speak at the event! You may purchase tickets from Barbara Yoder, Carolyn Smith, or me.

But ... we are still not done! The District 10 Conference is October 16-18! And it's just minutes away in Weatherford! I hope you all have made plans to attend. The Call to Conference has been emailed to you. All you have to do is fill it out!

I am so excited that our club has pledged to give \$4,849.98 to Zonta International Foundation at the Conference! Can you imagine how many women will be served and blessed with that money? Yep! Our club ROCKS!

Thank you again for your hard work and service in this super busy month!

Angie

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#### **NEXT MEETING**

Saturday, October 11, 2014  
6:30 pm  
Cleburne Conference Center

### October Birthdays

8 – Tiffany Strother

11 – Jan Dotson

20 – Sharron Miles

28 – Amber Ritz



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## District 10 News

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

Our club has TWELVE members attending! Yep, we ROCK!



## Dates to Remember

October 4 between 7:30 and 8:00 am – United Way Day of Caring at the United Way Office, 210 Featherston, Cleburne (waiver below)



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

## Zonta International News

21 August 2014

Dear Zontians,

As you have likely seen and heard in the news media lately, there is an Ebola outbreak in four countries in West Africa, including Liberia – the site of the Zonta-supported Liberia Fistula Project. UNFPA, Zonta's partner in Liberia, recently provided us with an update on the situation in Liberia and its impact on the fistula patients and medical staff at the fistula treatment and rehabilitation centers supported by Zonta and UNFPA.

As of 18 July, the fistula rehabilitation center at Phebe Hospital in Bong County has been temporarily closed. Due to the high risk of exposure to Ebola in Bong County, the 34 fistula survivors that were at the rehabilitation center were sent back to their counties of origin with the help of UNFPA and the Ministry of Health & Social Welfare.

Planned activities for the Liberia Fistula Project have slowed significantly at this time, as the President of Liberia has declared a state of emergency and the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare has asked all partners to suspend other activities to support the national response plan to the Ebola outbreak. Once the crisis has passed, the plan is to reopen the fistula rehabilitation center at Phebe Hospital to continue to empower fistula survivors.

Our thoughts are with the fistula survivors, medical staff and all other Liberians affected by the current crisis. We will continue to keep you updated on the status of the Liberia Fistula Project as we receive information from UNFPA.

Warm regards,

**Maria Jose Landeira Oestergaard**

Zonta International President

Zonta International Foundation President

Barbara Boulware spoke at our September meeting about a project in which she and other members of King's Daughters participated. The members of King's Daughters partnered with the non-profit organization, Hope 4 Women International, in their Dress a Girl Around the World program, by sewing pillowcase dresses for girls in Africa. Each dress receives a special label before given to a girl. The label, according to village pastors, indicates to predators that the girl is under the care of an organization. The new dress raises a girl's dignity as well as how she is viewed by others in her village.



**Art Bra Event Decorations Reminder: If you bring anything that will be used for table or room decorations, please label it with your name so it will be easier to return it to you. We would appreciate everyone taking their decorations home with them the night of the event. Thanks!**

# Outstanding Member

Who has been a Zontian for thirty years? And during that tenure, she has held multiple leadership roles, including nominating committee member, membership chair, club treasurer on many occasions, club vice president, and president. This Zontian has also served as District 10 Parliamentarian and served as the district treasurer for two bienniums.

She is not one to just sit and relax. This Zontian worked in a finance position for Walls Outdoors for many years before recently retiring. However, sitting at home and doing nothing has not been too enjoyable!

So ... she is now serving on the Johnson County Family Crisis Center board of directors. She has rejoined the Cleburne Toastmasters? She has recently joined a King's Daughter Circle. And she is now on the Advisory Board for the Children's Advocacy Center.

This Zontian has been a committee member of American Cancer Society's Relay for Life and continues to do so. Our outstanding member is a colon cancer survivor herself, which is the reason for her many hours spent to make Relay for Life a success!

On a personal note, she is married to Mike, who is a Civil War buff. He is a member of the Terry's Texas Rangers. So, you'll likely see this Zontian

driving the Terry's Texas Rangers' truck that holds the cannon in local parades. You're also likely to see her in one of her Civil War costumes or powder monkey costume!

She is one of nine children and has three grandchildren that she loves dearly.

And in her spare time ... this Zontian keeps our club's rose garden pruned and looking awesome!

Have you figured who our outstanding Zontian is? Yes, it is Carolyn Smith!

Thank you, Carolyn, for your service to our community and your dedication to our Zonta club and district!



Carolyn Smith places her sticker on the District 10 board at the Zonta International Convention to show she gave to the Zonta International Foundation.



Carolyn Smith is pictured with the 2014 Relay for Life of Johnson County Committee Members.



Carolyn Smith makes a "Z" for a Zonta Zelfie at the Zonta International Convention 2014.



Volunteer Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print)

Participant Waiver Statement

(All participants must sign a copy of this form before being allowed to participate).

**LIABILITY DISCLAIMER:** In accordance with the spirit of volunteerism and service, I, the undersigned, assume full and complete responsibility for any injury or accident that may occur to me during my voluntary participation in the 2014 Day of Caring activities. Therefore, I hereby release, indemnify, and hold harmless United Way of Johnson County, the organizers, the agency or project site at which I volunteer and sponsors and supervisors of all activities from any and all liability in connection with any injury (including any injury caused by negligence), in conjunction with volunteer activity on Saturday, October 4, 2014. I acknowledge that there are certain foreseeable and unforeseeable risks associated with participating in this event, including, but not limited to, illness, traveling to and from the event, and the effects of the weather, all such risks being understood and appreciated by me.

**COMMUNICATIONS RELEASE:** I hereby assign the rights for the video and /or photographic recording(s) made of me on Saturday, October 4, 2014 participating in volunteer activity by United way or its agencies. I hereby authorize the editing, duplication, reproduction, copyright, exhibition, broadcast and or nonprofit use and distribution of said recordings for purposes deemed suitable by United Way.

I hereby waive any right to approve the finished products.

I have read the foregoing releases, authorizations, and agreements, before affixing my signature below and warrant that I fully understand their contents.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent or Guardian Signature if under 18)

Name and Address:(please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Company or Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E:Mail \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

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