

 **Zonta Club of  
Johnson County**  
*Member of Zonta International*  
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## From the President

We did it! We survived our Fifth Annual Art Bra Event, and it went off without a hitch! Thank you to our co-chairs, Dena Bartlett and Dee Dee Babcock! Thank you to our sub-committee chairs! Thank you to all our members who sold tickets, recruited sponsors, sent thank-you notes, decorated bras, helped the models, worked on calendars, donated items, decorated the Conference Center! This event makes me so proud to be a Zontian!

It was a huge success ... raising more than \$35,000 to advance the status of women!



Cleburne Fire Chief Clint Ishmael

Don't forget to attend the recap meeting on Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 at the conference center. We want to hear what you liked, what you've heard others liked, what you didn't like, what should be changed, etc. Your input is important to us!

On another note, District 10 Conference was awesome, too! Our district, consisting of five states (Texas, New Mexico, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Arkansas), has so many wonderful women who participate in projects to advance the status of women! And I am proud to announce that our club was fourth in International giving in our district!

Mark your calendars for next year's District Conference ... October 15-18 in Houston!

Keep up the good work! It's good to be a Zontian!

Angie

## Zonta Club of Johnson County

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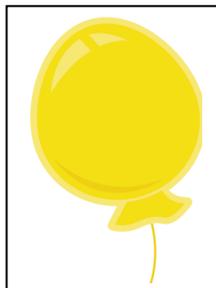
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United Nations – Jessica Applegate  
Ways & Means – Gina Jones

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



### PECAN SALES!!

Don't forget this is the month we sell pecans! They are \$10 per pound and will be in sometime in the next couple of weeks. The more we sell, the more our club earns! Gina Jones is in charge of this fundraiser. Keep her posted by email on how many pounds you sell at ae@johnsoncountyrealtors.org.



18 – Nicole Luna  
19 – Dena Bartlett  
21 – Lori McCrea  
30 – Marty Peters

### NEXT MEETING

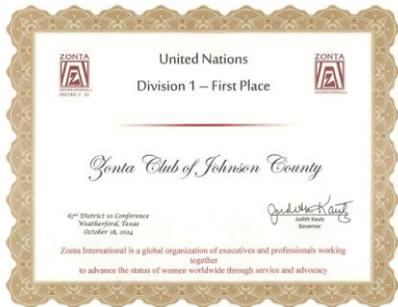
Wednesday, November 19, 2014  
12:00 pm  
First Christian Church  
200 South Nolan River Road  
Cleburne

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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.*

## District 10 News

The 67<sup>th</sup> Annual District Conference in Weatherford is in the books! And like so many other years, Zonta Club of Johnson County rocked it with earning lots of awards!



And we were able to share our service and advocacy projects and gain lots of other ideas from other clubs!

## Dates to Remember

**November 4 at 11:30 am** – re-cap meeting about our Art Bra Event at Cleburne Conference Center



**Early November** – Pecans will be ready to be picked up from Gina Jones; please watch your email inbox!

**November 8** – Run for Shelter 5K at Wheat Middle School; contact Family Crisis Center of Johnson County for additional information

**November 19 at noon** – Club meeting at FCC

**November 25 at 5:15 pm** – Meet at downtown courthouse to wrap meters

**November 25 – December 10** – 16 Days of Activism

**December 18 at 5:15 pm** – Christmas Party at The Art Barn Studio, 3401 SW Wilshire Boulevard, Joshua (\$25 minimum with minimum of 10 guests) – Let Angie know if you intend to attend and participate.

## Zonta International News

**Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, UN Women and Zonta International accelerate efforts towards ending violence against girls and young women**

**Date :** 08 October 2014

**(New York/London)** — Ahead of the International Day of the Girl, marked globally on 11 October, the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) and UN Women, in partnership with Zonta International, today announced the further roll out of the “Voices against Violence” programme in the coming months. Through the next phase, the “Voices against Violence” curriculum, developed under the framework of WAGGGS’ global advocacy campaign “Stop the Violence: speak out for girls’ rights”, will reach approximately 800,000 young people, boys and girls aged five to 25 years. The programme will be implemented through peer educators and leaders within the Girl Guide and Girl Scout movement in more than 12 countries.

With one in three women and girls experiencing abuse in their lifetime, gender-based violence is the most pervasive violation of the human rights of girls and women. By challenging gender stereotypes and reaching out to the next generation, the programme aims to address the root causes of violence and empower young people to make changes both within their local communities and globally.

“Eradicating all forms of violence against girls is a critical area of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, the most comprehensive international agreement for the promotion of women and girls’ rights. Youth are critical to this effort to build a zero tolerance to violence environment, with education and early prevention as the catalysts. UN Women is proud to partner with the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts and Zonta International to implement this programme that will empower young people to challenge gender stereotypes and prevent violence against women and girls in their communities. This is where change starts,” said UN Women Executive Director, Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka.

Speaking about the importance of working in partnership to eradicate violence against girls and young women Chief Executive of WAGGGS, Mary McPhail, said:

“Thanks to the investment by UN Women and Zonta International, we will reach an estimated 800,000 young people through this groundbreaking educational programme over the next two years. We are grasping this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to end violence against girls and women, and empower an entire generation. Girl Guides and Girl Scouts from all around the world are uniting to make this a reality.”

President of Zonta International, Maria Jose Landeira Ostergaard, said, “I am convinced that sustainable change can be achieved by addressing the root causes of inequality and violence against women through education. Zonta International is proud to partner with UN Women and WAGGGS at the international and local levels to support the Voices against Violence curriculum in engaging and empowering youth leaders to end violence against women and girls. Together, we can build a better world for women and girls.”

- See more at:

<http://www.unwomen.org/en/news/stories/2014/10/waggggs-day-of-the-girl-press-release#sthash.S2KT78Y4.dpuf>

## Outstanding Member

Anything Sharron Miles does, she does well. She gives it her all. She's not just a member, she is a leader ... an outstanding leader.

Sharron joined the Zonta Club of Johnson County in 1989. She has been president (2000-2002) treasurer, the chair of many committees, and the recipient of the Status of Women Award (1999) and Mother Hen Award (2004). It is this Zontian that brought the idea of the "Save the Ta-Ta'Z" Art Bra Event to our club.

Sharron has also served as Area One Director (2002-2004), Lt. Governor and our District 10 Governor (2006-2008) and as a member of the Zonta International Nominating Committee. Currently, she is serving on the ZIF Centennial Campaign Steering Committee.

Among other community service involvement, Sharron has served as the president of the Cleburne Chamber of Commerce and received the Wall of Fame and Athena Awards in 2004.



Sharron Miles pictured with Zonta District 10 past Governors, Maggie Warren, Candy Wright, Mary Frances Gardner, Danita Utsman, & Sally Rankin

Rotary is also close to Sharron's heart. Sharron is a past governor of Rotary District 5790. Sharron continues to take an active role in the Rotary Club of Cleburne and at the district and multi-district levels.



Something to do with Rotary ... not sure what!

In her professional career, she has served others as well. Sharron is a retired educator, having earned her Doctorate in Education from Baylor University. After teaching for many years, she was the Superintendent of Rio Vista Independent School District from 1990 to 2001. Sharron then went on to serve as the Cleburne ISD Executive Director of Special Projects for seven years before retiring in 2008.

Dr. Miles is married to Dan Miles who—thankfully—goes with the flow! Sharron and Dan have two children, Adam and Amy, both of whom have made Sharron proud. Adam is the city manager in Hewitt, Texas. Amy is employed by Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District. Sharron and Dan are the proud grandparents of Macy, Garrett, and Colby.

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



### 16 Days Campaign Profile

What is the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence Campaign?

The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence is an international campaign originating from the first Women's Global Leadership Institute coordinated by the Center for Women's Global Leadership in 1991. **Participants chose the dates November 25- International Day Against Violence Against Women- and December 10- International Human Rights Day- in order to symbolically link violence against women and human rights and to emphasize that such violence is a violation of human rights.** This 16-day period also highlights other significant dates including November 29, International Women Human Rights Defenders Day, December 1, World AIDS Day, and December 6, which marks the Anniversary of the Montreal Massacre. The 16 Days Campaign has been used as an organizing strategy by individuals and groups around the world to call for the elimination of all forms of violence against women by:

- \* raising awareness about gender-based violence as a human rights issue at the local, national, regional and international levels
- \* strengthening local work around violence against women
- \* establishing a clear link between local and international work to end violence against women
- \* providing a forum in which organizers can develop and share new and effective strategies
- \* demonstrating the solidarity of women around the world organizing against violence against women
- \* creating tools to pressure governments to implement promises made to eliminate violence against women

Over 5, 179 organizations in approximately 187 countries have participated in the 16 Days Campaign since 1991!