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From the President

Let me not wrap, stack, box,
bag, tie, tag, bundle, seal, keep
Christmas.

Christmas kept is liable to
mold.

Let me give Christmas away,
unwrapped, by exuberant
armfuls.

Let me share, dance, live
Christmas unpretentiously,
merrily, responsibly with
overflowing hands, tireless
steps and sparkling eyes.
Christmas given away will
stay fresh—even until it
comes again."

-- Let Me Not Keep Christmas
Linda Felver
A Book of Christmas,
Nashville: Upper Rooms,
1988, p. 48.

Thank you for giving
Christmas away. Thank you
for sharing Christmas daily to
the women in our community
and throughout the world.
Thank you.

December Birthdays!

5 - Ni'cole Alemy
15 - Amber Nix
30 - Kasey Rachel



I hope that during the hustle and
bustle of Christmas, you are able
to stop and enjoy time with loved
ones. I hope you won't forget to
be still. We need that every now
and then.

As the new year approaches, we
will begin working on our final
fundraiser ... the Zonta Zoom.
Tiffany Strother has graciously
agreed to get this event off the
ground. However, she can't do it
alone. Please plan to meet at her
office for a committee meeting on
December 8th at noon.

I also want to encourage you all
to attend the upcoming board
meeting on January 9, 2015 at
noon at City Hall. CAREity
Foundation founders will be
present to discuss their mission,
and their work for Johnson
County residents, and to answer
any questions you may have.

Have a blessed Christmas, ladies.
You deserve it!

Angie

*Ladies, you did an
outstanding job on
selling pecans! This
fundraiser has been
well-received again!
It's time to get your
money from the pecan
sale turned in to Gina
Jones! Please get all
money to her ASAP!*

Zonta Club of Johnson County

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Nicole Luna
Scholarship - Terri Wilson
Service - Jennifer Enright
United Nations - Jessica Applegate
Ways & Means - Gina Jones

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, December 18, 2014
5:30 pm
The Art Barn Studio
3401 SW Wilshire Boulevard
Joshua

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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

District 10 rocks! Congratulations to District 10 for giving \$171,968.66 to Zonta International Foundation in the 2012-2014 biennium. Out of 32 districts, our district was 14th in giving. District 10 gave \$20,000 more than the previous biennium!

Even more impressive ... District 10 was #1 in individual giving to Zonta International Foundation! Of the District 10 members, 421 donated at the individual level. That is 72.46% of District 10 members gave during the 2012-2014 biennium! One hundred seventy-seven more individuals in our district gave than in the previous biennium!

Keep giving! It does make a difference!

Dates to Remember

November 25 – December 10 – 16 Days of Activism

December 8 at noon – Zonta Zoom 5K committee meeting at Strother & Strother, 300 North Broadway, Joshua

December 10 at 5:15 pm – Remove Zonta Says No signs and ribbons at McGregor Park

December 18 at 5:30 pm – Christmas Party at The Art Barn Studio, 3401 SW Wilshire Boulevard, Joshua (\$25 minimum)

Monday evenings in January – Presentation of the Real World Project at the East Cleburne Community Center (contact Cynthia Allen for additional details)

January – Amelia Earhart Month

January 9 at noon – Board Meeting at City Hall (all members are invited to attend the meeting to hear CAREity founder's presentation)

January 15 at 5:15 pm – Club Meeting at First Christian Church

Zonta International News

YOUNG WOMEN IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS (YWPA) AWARD

The progress of women in the last century has dramatically increased the opportunities available to women, yet women's participation in positions of public influence continues to lag behind. Although women account for nearly 50 percent of the workforce, they hold on average just 20.3 percent of seats in the world's national parliaments as of 31 December 2012, according to the Inter-Parliamentary Union. Zonta International believes young women are the key to women's advancement in the field of public service. The Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA) Awards program recognizes young women for their demonstrated leadership skills and commitment to public service and civic causes and encourages them to continue their participation in public and political life. Since the program's inception, Zonta has given 721 awards (includes international awards) totaling US\$621,750 to 629 young women from 51 countries.

AWARD DESCRIPTION

Established in 1990 by Past International President Leneen Forde, the Young Women in Public Affairs Award honors young women of age 16 to 19, who demonstrate a commitment to leadership in public policy, government and volunteer organizations. The program operates at the Zonta club, district/region and international levels. Zonta clubs provide awards for club recipients, and district/region and international awards are funded by the Zonta International Foundation. District recipients receive \$1,000, and ten international recipients are selected from the district/region recipients to receive awards of \$4,000 each.

ELIGIBILITY

Women of age 16-19 on 1 April each year, living in a Zonta district, or a citizen of a Zonta country, who demonstrate evidence of the following, are eligible to apply. Note that applicants from geographic areas within a Zonta district/region where no clubs are located will be considered and also eligible to apply for the district/region Award. Z and Golden Z club members are also eligible to apply.

- Active commitment to volunteerism.
- Experience in local government, student government, or workplace leadership (paid or unpaid).
- Volunteer leadership achievements.
- Knowledge of Zonta International and its programs.
- Advocating in Zonta International's mission of advancing the status of women worldwide.

APPLICATION PROCESS

The application must start with a Zonta club. All application materials must be received at a Zonta club by the printed deadline. Zonta clubs select one application to send to the district governor/region representative. A district/region evaluating committee reviews the applications and selects one applicant per district/region to submit to Zonta International Headquarters. The Zonta International YWPA Award Committee recommends ten international recipients from the district/region applications to the Zonta International Board. After approval by the Zonta International Board, the Zonta International Foundation provides awards and certificates to the district/region, and international recipients.

FUNDING SUPPORT

Young Women in Public Affairs Awards are made possible through generous contributions from Zontians, Zonta Clubs and friends of Zonta.

Outstanding Member

Kasey Rachel has been part of Zonta Club of Johnson County since February 2013. Since joining, she has taken an active role in every aspect.

Kasey is our fearless president-elect and looks forward to taking the reins in June 2015! When asked if she would be willing to take on the role, she accepted without hesitation.

Kasey is another member who goes above and beyond for what she believes in. She is an attorney at Sikes & Associates, P.C. While in law school at Texas Tech University School of Law, she did not just earn her law degree. She also earned her

M.B.A. at the same time! And with outstanding marks, of course.

She continues to do an outstanding job as a lawyer and has been recognized by her peers in the legal field. In October, Kasey received the 2014 Jack C. Altaras Award for Young Attorney of the Year.

Fellow member Tiffany Strother stated, "Not only is she a wonderful person, but I am honored to call her my friend. Kasey is a tireless and dedicated advocate for all of her clients, all the while maintaining an upbeat demeanor and a sense of honor. She is a blessing to our organization and I look forward to many more years of fellowship and friendship with her."



She recently married her high school sweetheart, Andrew Rachel, on July 4, 2014. The two, who grew up in Cleburne, decided to stay and make their home in Cleburne as well.

Thank you, Kasey, for your love of our community and your dedication and commitment to our Zonta club!



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!