



Our Mission: Zonta International is a leading global organization of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy.

May 2017

ZCH Hosts Area 2 Meeting

ZCH hosted the District 10 Area 2 meeting on Saturday, May 6th at the Crown Plaza Hotel, 7611 Katy Freeway in Houston. An informal reception for meeting attendees was held Friday evening before the meeting in Area 2 Director Carole Moffatt's Crown Plaza suite. Refreshments were "catered" by Linda Licarione. The meeting included presentations by Kim Vann, Foundation Ambassador; Lt. Governor Sheryl Flanagin, Membership Chair; and Amelia Earhart (AE) Fellow, Divya Sri Praturi from Texas A&M University, who spoke on her thesis work on magnetohydrodynamic plasma. Barbara Gibbons, District 10 AE Chair, assisted Governor Barbara Yoder in presenting Divya with her AE certificate and wings. Past Governor Sharron Miles spoke about the Zonta International Centennial Anniversary Endowment Campaign, an effort to grow the ZI Endowment Fund by US\$10 million with the earnings from the Fund to be used to fund or expand Zonta's programs and projects. Sharron is an International Member of the Endowment Campaign Committee. Several former District 10 Governors are members of the Endowment Committee representing North America. They are Mary Frances Gardner,



Past Governors Mary Frances, Candi, Sally, Maggie and Sharron were in attendance at the Area 2 meeting

(continued on page 2)



Barbara Gibbons presents certificate to AE Fellow Divya Sri Praturi

Club Officers 2016-2017

President: Monica de la Cerda
president@zontahouston.org

Vice President: Lolis Steinbeck

Treasurer: Kayleen Kill

Secretary: Mary Quinn

Director: Cynthia Middleton

Director: Suzi Feickert

Newsletter: Suzanne Russell
newsletter@zontahouston.org

Inside this issue:

| | |
|--|-----|
| Club News | 2-4 |
| Service Opportunities & Birthdays | 3 |
| Service Project News | 4-5 |
| District 10 and Zonta International News | 6 |
| Next Meeting | 7 |
| Photos | 8-9 |

CLUB NEWS

ZCH Hosts Area 2 Meeting (cont.)

Sally Rankin, Danita Utsman, Candi Ward and Janis Wood.

Guest speaker Kathi Ackerman Porter, the Houston Community Engagement Fellow for UNICEF, reviewed past joint projects undertaken by ZI and UNICEF including Prevention of Neonatal Tetanus in Nepal, Water Wells in Sri Lanka and recently HIV/AIDs in Rwanda. Kathi also provided an overview of the UN Sustainable Development Goals, focusing on Goal No. 5, "Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls". In addition, she discussed "Let Us Learn Madagascar", the current ZI-UNICEF joint project. "Zoom" was used to allow some Area 2 members to electronically participate in the meeting. This effort was facilitated by Carol Collett.

Attendees who remained in Houston over Saturday night gathered for dinner at Guadalajara for good Tex-Mex and more fun.

Thanks to Carolyn and Carole for their contributions!

ZCH Elects 2017-2018 Board

The ZCH 2017-2018 Board nominees presented by the Nominating Committee (Monica, Kristin and Carolyn) were elected unanimously at the April general meeting, there being no nominations from the floor. The 2017- 2018 Board members follow:

| | |
|----------------|------------------|
| President | Lolis Steinbeck |
| Vice President | Mary Quinn |
| Treasurer | Kayleen Kill |
| Secretary | Susan Gallivan |
| Director | Therese Hartwell |

Suzi Feickert will be continuing in her second term as Director.

Installation of the incoming Board will be held at the May meeting.



April Meeting Tutorial held at Brazos Towers

Kristin and Monica presented a tutorial on "Social Media and Promoting Professional Service Organizations" at the April meeting held at Brazos Towers. Members brought laptops or tablets to take advantage of the training.



-photos provided by Carolyn

CLUB NEWS (cont.)

ZCH Garage Sale Saturday, June 3rd

Zonta Club of Houston is holding a garage sale June 3rd, 7 am – 3 pm at Susan Gallivan's. Besides bringing all your treasures to sell, there are a number of items we need: **TABLES**, clothing racks, hangers, or any type of surface that we can make into a table (boards and bricks?). We desperately need tables. Ask your friends if they can loan us tables.

WHAT TO BRING: any items that you no longer need or want, please bring.

WHEN TO BRING: Please take everything to Susan's house BEFORE noon on Friday, June 2nd, if at all possible. Susan is home in the evenings after 5:30 pm. Please call her to confirm she will be there before you come over. Although she would prefer you to bring items the week of May 29 – June 2, if you need to bring it earlier, she will accept items.

We need a volunteer or two that live close to Susan to volunteer to be at her house during the day in case someone needs to bring items over. Kayleen was going to do that, but realized she will be out of town May 31 – June 2 and she needs to work May 29 & 30, so we really need someone else to volunteer. Please contact Kayleen if you can help out.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: Setup, Friday, June 2nd: Besides some help during the week before at Susan's house accepting donations, we need volunteers Friday June 2, from noon to 5:00pm setting up. We would like all tables and items to be there by noon, if at all possible.

Sale day, Saturday, June 3rd: We would like to have 3 shifts, 6:30 am – 9:30 am, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm, and 12:30 pm – 3:30 pm. The last shift will also be our clean up crew. We would like to have someone who has a vehicle that can take all the left overs to be donated to Goodwill or somewhere. If anyone is comfortable with determining prices and "negotiating" with the buyers, speak up. We won't price in advance, but need someone at each shift that is comfortable with determining pricing.

Kayleen will have signups available at the May meeting and will be sending out an email for those not at the meeting.

Thanks in advance for all the support you can give us for this event.

-submitted by Kayleen



Happy Birthday!

May

Suzan Miles 5/12

Pam Perraud 5/27

Dues Reminder!

*Please mail your dues to Treasurer
Kayleen or pay online at
www.zontahouston.org for the
2017-2018 year by May 22nd.*

Service Opportunities

Bay Area Turning Point

Saturday June 17

The Women's Home

Friday May 19

Friday May 26

Friday June 2

Friday June 9

Friday June 16

Save the Date!

- *ZI North American Summit in Washington DC, June 2-4, 2017*
- *ZCH Garage Sale, June 3, 7am-3pm at Susan Gallivan's*
- *Kendra Scott Shopping Night, August 17th, City Centre*
- *District 10 Conference in Oklahoma City, October 20-21, 2017*

CLUB NEWS (cont.)

Kendra Scott Shopping Night Aug. 17th

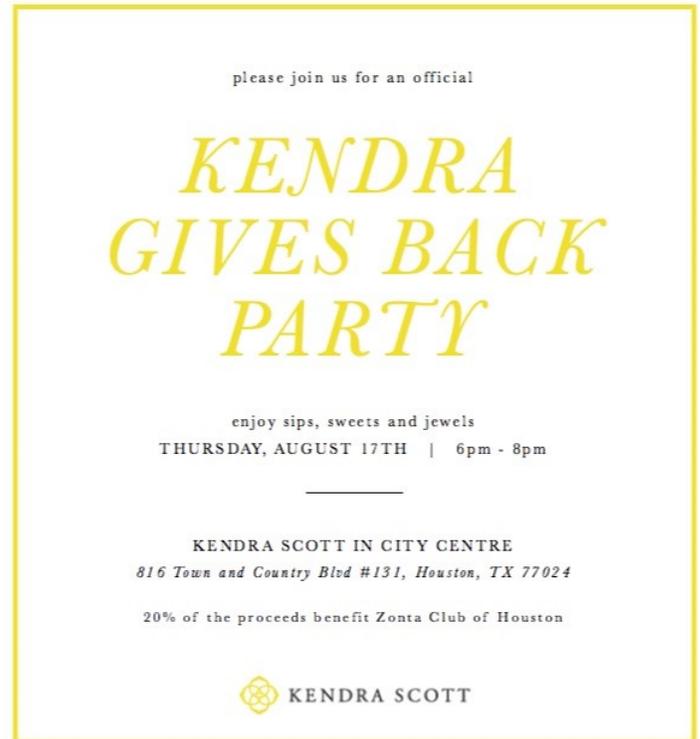
Members, Friends, and Families – Save the Date!

Looking for a fun event that will help you with wedding gifts, birthdays or sending someone special back to school in style? You and yours are invited to our “Kendra Gives Back Party” fundraiser on **Thursday, August 17th, 6 to 8 PM.** Our event will be in the Kendra Scott store at City Centre, Houston - but you are welcome to see her collections at 2411 Times Blvd. in Rice Village as well. You may also see her wares at www.kendrascott.com.

Kendra now includes beautiful filigree and natural stone picture frames, boxes, trays, and even nail lacquer as well as her fabulous jewelry.

Don't see exactly what you had in mind? You can design your own! You're not going to be in town on August 17th? No problem! You may call the store at 713-965-4115 to place your order. Hope to see you August 17th for sips, sweets, and jewels!

-submitted by Linda Marshall



LOCAL SERVICE PROJECT NEWS

The Women's Home News



The mission of The Women's Home (TWH), empowering women in crisis to be productive, self-sufficient individuals, correlates well with Zonta's mission. TWH is a nationally recognized model of excellence and clients

participate in comprehensive clinical, vocational and chemical dependency programs.

TWH Vocational Classes:

On Friday, May 12th, Zonta completed the new fast-track vocational sessions which consisted of two- four hour sessions. Week 1 consisted of Managing Personal Change and Resume Writing. Week 2 consisted of Mock Interviewing and LinkedIn. The sessions were attended by four engaged participants. Thanks to the volunteers who made these classes a success.

Beginning Friday May 19th, Zonta will begin the next series of seven vocational sessions for 10 enthusiastic participants. This is very aggressive and totally dependent upon Zonta resources being available. If you can volunteer, please contact Linda Licarione & Kristin Koblis.

BASIC SESSIONS:

Time: 1:16 – 3:15

| | |
|-------------------------------|----------------|
| Managing Personal Change | Fri. May 19th |
| Public Speaking & Com. Skills | Fri. May 26th |
| Career Exploration | Fri. June 2nd |
| Team Building/Team Player | Fri. June 9th |
| Resume Writing- Part 1 | Fri. June 16th |
| Resume Writing- Part 2 | Fri. June 23rd |
| Mock Interviewing | Fri. June 30th |
| Time Management | Fri. July 7th |
| Linked In/Social Media | Fri. July 14th |

THANK YOU ZONTA CLUB OF HOUSTON FOR ALL YOUR EFFORTS!

(TWH cont. on pg.5)

LOCAL SERVICE PROJECT NEWS (cont.)

The Women's Home News (cont.)

NEWS: The Women's Home Wins 2017 Houston Business Journal Landmark Award for Community Impact. April 20, 2017: Last night the Houston Business Journal held their annual awards banquet at the Omni Hotel to present the 2017 Landmark Awards. The awards recognize outstanding real estate projects completed in the greater Houston area between January 1, 2016 and December 31, 2016 that create the foundation of the Houston landscape. **We are proud to have won the Community Impact Award for our Adele and Ber Pieper Family Place Apartments.** We are greatly honored!

-submitted by Linda Licarione

Houston Rescue and Restore Coalition News



The **Houston Rescue & Restore Coalition (HRRC)** is

comprised of 35 plus members from the Houston area. United Against Human Trafficking is the founder and lead organization of this collaborative. The coalition has existed since 2005 and a committee structure was formed in 2016 to increase member collaboration, creating the foundation for future sustainability.

A *Steering Committee* was also established in July 2016 in order to create structure and organization for the coalition. The Steering Committee is in the process of drafting a new mission, vision, and values for the coalition. The mission and vision are as follows:

Mission: to strategically organize anti-human trafficking efforts.

Vision: A collective end to human trafficking in greater Houston.

The HRRC's current focus is to create collaborative initiatives to raise public awareness on human trafficking, the National Human Trafficking Resource Center (NHTRC) hotline, and local resources available to assist survivors of this crime.

HRRC News (cont.)

**Coalition Meeting June 6, 2017
at A 2nd Cup**

111 E. 11th St., Houston 77009

Attendees: HRRC Members & Guests

The third meeting of 2017 will take place on Tuesday, June 6, 2017 from 9:30 – 11:30 AM. The meeting will feature a presentation of recently release research from **Dr. Rebecca Pfeffer**, *Professor of Criminal Justice at the University of Houston – Downtown* and author of several academic studies on Victimology, Victimization of Hidden/Underserved Populations, Human Trafficking, and Crime Prevention. The **Research & Advocacy Committee** will then lead the coalition in a discussion around human trafficking data collection and how we can track information about our efforts. Please RSVP to Misa Nguyen, Director of Programs UAHT (713-874-0290) if you will be attending.

-submitted by Carole Moffatt

Did You Know...?

June 2nd is National Gun Violence Awareness Day. People are encouraged to wear orange on that day. According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV), 19% of all domestic violence involves a weapon. Having a gun in the home increases the risk of intimate partner homicide by at least 500%. In households with a history of domestic violence, the risk increases 2,000%. Orange was chosen to symbolize the value of human life and is worn as a signal that wearers do not want to be the next victim of gun violence. The day is to bring awareness to the issue of gun violence and promote gun safety. More information can be found at <https://wearorange.org>.

-submitted by Kristin

**ZONTA SAYS NO
TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN**

DISTRICT 10 NEWS



ZI Announces AE Fellows; Two from District 10 Schools

On May 17th Zonta International announced 35 Amelia Earhart (AE) Fellows from 18 countries pursuing doctoral degrees in aerospace-related sciences or engineering. Two Fellows will be studying at District 10 schools. They are Alejandra Castellanos, citizen of Mexico, studying mechanical engineering at the University of Texas El Paso; and Sara Port, USA citizen, studying Space and Planetary Sciences at the University of Arkansas. The full list of AE Fellow can be found at 2017 [AE Fellows Announced](#).

*Save the date and join us at the
2017 District 10 Conference
Oklahoma City, OK
October 20-21*

ZONTA INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Let Us Learn Madagascar



About 90 percent of Madagascar's population lives on less than US\$2 per day, leaving children particularly vulnerable. Aside from endemic poverty, Madagascar is prone to natural disasters, which further impede economic growth of the agricultural economy and make it even more difficult to escape poverty and prioritize education for children.

More than a quarter of Madagascar's children are excluded from formal education, and one out of three girls will become pregnant before the age of 18. Junior secondary school enrollment fees are prohibitively expensive for families, forcing parents to select one child to continue their education, often leaving girls behind.

Zonta International has committed US\$1,000,000 to the U.S. Fund for UNICEF to create opportunities for vulnerable and excluded girls to realize their rights to an education in a secure and protective environment. Partnering with the Ministry of National Education and others, Let Us Learn Madagascar will promote a common vision of investing in junior secondary education for girls as an entry point for equity.

Project Goals:

Create Opportunities for vulnerable and excluded girls to realize their rights to an education in a secure and protective environment

The program is focused on three pillars:

1. Reaching out-of-school children
2. Expanding girls' education
3. Improving quality outcomes for learners

To learn more go to [Let Us Learn Madagascar](#)

The information above is from www.zonta.org.

*Area 2 Meeting Photos contributed by Carolyn & Carole
Friday Night Social*



Welcome

The Meeting



AE Fellow Presentation



A question from Linda M. for Divya



Divya receives her wings from Governor Barbara

Area 2 Meeting Photos contributed by Carolyn

Foundation Ambassador Kim



Guest speaker Kathi A. Porter



Area 2 Director Carole



An attentive group



Fundraising with Sally



Saturday Lunch

