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District 10 Area 2, Club 1220
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Our Mission: Zonta International is a leading global organization of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy.

April 2017

ZCH Welcomes New Member!

The newest member of the Zonta Club of Houston, Sally Seeger, was inducted at the March general meeting. Therese Hartwell was recognized



at the induction for introducing Sally to Zonta. There are also introduced Pam Perraud, another recent member, to the club. Congratulations, Sally, on your induction and we look forward

to getting to know you and hope you will enjoy the service, fellowship and fun offered by membership in Zonta!



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CLUB NEWS

ZCH Hosts Area 2 Meeting

The Houston Zonta Club is hosting the District 10 Area 2 meeting Saturday, May 6th at the Crown Plaza Hotel, 7611 Katy Freeway, Houston, TX 77024. An informal reception will be held Friday evening, May 5th, from 6-9pm at the hotel. The meeting starts at 8:30am Saturday and is expected to adjourn around 4:30pm. Registration is \$60. The registration form is available at <http://files.constantcontact.com/3e4a7d99201/0a16b35c-aba5-458b-b64a-4bce5f2d5caa.pdf>. The meeting theme is "Strength in Numbers" with a focus on membership and the Zonta International and UN goal No. 5, Gender Equality. We hope to see you there!

Nominating Committee Announces 2017-2018 Officer Slate

The ZCH Nominating Committee (Monica, Kristin and Carolyn) has announced the slate of nominations for club officers for 2017-2018:

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.

Voting will be held at the April meeting and additional nominations, if any, will be taken from the floor prior to voting.

Skeet Shoot Fundraiser Financials-Update

Treasurer Kayleen Kill reports that \$5968.94, after expenses, was raised from the Skeet Shoot this year. This is nearly the same amount as realized from the 2016 Skeet Shoot. The next Skeet Shoot fundraiser will be held February 10, 2018.

What Members Are Doing

Annie's List Luncheon Attended by Carole Moffatt

Carole Moffatt attended an "Annie's List" Luncheon in Houston on April 7th. Hillary Clinton was the featured speaker. Annie's list is a Texas organization that works to elect more women to public office. It was named for Dr. Annie Webb Blanton who was the first Texas woman elected to a statewide office in her own right.



Clinton speaks at Annie's List event

Presently, men hold 80% of the seats in the Texas legislature, and in Harris County men hold 70% of all public offices.

Members Join Suzanne Russell at Pappasito's for Lunch

Suzanne Russell was in Houston for a short visit near the end of March. Carolyn, Kristin, Melinda, Suzan, Suzi and Therese joined Suzanne at Pappasito's for lunch on Saturday, March 25th.



CLUB NEWS (cont.)

Service Opportunities

Bay Area Turning Point

Saturday May 13

Saturday June 10

The Women's Home

Fast Track Sessions (tentative schedule)

Friday, May 5 12:30-4:30pm

Friday, May 12 12:30-4:30pm



Happy Birthday!

April

Susan Gallivan 4/25

Save the Date!

- *District 10 Area 2 Meeting in Houston Saturday, May 6, 2017*
- *ZI North American Summit in Washington DC, June 2-4, 2017*
- *Kendra Scott Shopping Night, August 17th, City Centre*
- *District 10 Conference in Oklahoma City, October 20-21, 2017*

Dues Reminder!

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

LOCAL SERVICE PROJECT NEWS

The Women's Home News



participate in comprehensive clinical, vocational and chemical dependency programs.

TWH Vocational Classes

Zonta is completing the last of the current series of vocational classes on Friday April 21st. As a reminder, the participants must complete the Zonta classes before they can begin job search.

Chelsey Gutierrez, TWH Manager Support Services, has surveyed the current class participants anonymously for feedback on the class content and benefit. The favorite

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 par-

classes were resume writing where they learned about their strengths, resume preparation and computer skills along with mock interviewing. There wasn't anything that they would change about the sessions and thought they were effective. One participant wished they had more interviewing practice and another more time to build her resume.

On a scale of 1 to 10 on how prepared they felt for job search, respondents rated between 7 and 10. Other comments: "I'm thankful for the Zonta Experience."

Thank you to the volunteers who have given up their Friday afternoons from 1:15-3:15pm to present the nine classes and share their experience and knowledge. There is nothing more rewarding than later running into the ladies and having them tell you about their new job and how much they appreciate the Zontians and the Zonta classes.

As we wrap up the current series, there are another 11 participants ready to begin the next series of Zonta vocational classes. *(cont. on page 4)*

LOCAL SERVICE PROJECT NEWS (cont.)

The Women's Home (cont.)

Chelsey Gutierrez has asked Zonta to consider offering fast-track sessions in addition to the existing sessions. These would be compressed sessions offered to clients who have had recent careers, but require assistance with managing change, resumes, interviewing skills and using social media for job search. It would be a small group of clients who require fast-tracking back into the job market. Current thought is that the fast-track sessions would consist of two to four hour sessions in addition to our basic nine session series. This is very aggressive and totally dependent upon Zonta resources being available. A very tentative schedule is below which will be discussed at the April 19th meeting. If you can volunteer, please contact Linda Licarione & Kristin Koblis.

FAST-TRACK SESSIONS:

Time: 12:30 – 4:30pm

1. Fast-Track- Manage Personal Change/ Resume Writing
Fri. May 5th
2. Fast-Track- Mock Interviewing/ Linked In-Social Network
Fri. May 12th

BASIC SESSIONS

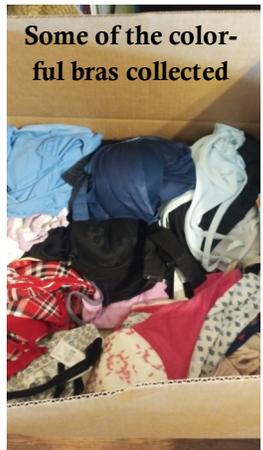
Time: 1:15-3:15pm

Managing Personal Change	Fri. May 19th
Public Speaking & Communication 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 OF YOUR EFFORTS!
- submitted by Linda Licarione

Free the Girls Update

Along with Houston FAUSA (the alumnae arm of the Federation of American Women's Clubs Overseas), Zonta Club of Houston collected almost 170 bras for Free the Girls, a US organization that helps rescued victims of sex trafficking in Mozambique, El Salvador and Uganda seek economic empowerment by establishing their own second-hand bra business. Thanks to all who donated bras!



Some of the colorful bras collected

-submitted by Therese

Collateral Repair Project Selected as Recipient of Fundraising

Amanda Lane, the Executive Director of Collateral Repair Project (CRP), a grassroots organization supporting refugees in Amman, Jordan, spoke at Zonta Club of Houston's October 2016 meeting. On April 1, the Federation of American Women's Clubs Overseas (FAWCO) announced at their annual conference that a CRP project involving education of female refugees has been selected as FAWCO's Target Project for targeted fundraising over the next two years (goal of \$125,000-150,000). CRP's application was submitted by Zonta member and CRP board member, Therese Hartwell.

UAHT (United Against Human Trafficking) News

UAHT Receives Grant from UNICEF



United Against Human Trafficking has received a grant from UNICEF to focus on educating the public, training professionals and empowering the community to take action for the purpose of identifying, recovering and restoring trafficking victims' freedom through in-person facilitated training programs. The grant will support existing programs in the Houston and surrounding areas. UNICEF

has been a member of UAHT's Houston Rescue & Restore Coalition since 2012. The grant is part of UNICEF'S comprehensive approach to joining the fight in ending child trafficking not just on a global scale, but domestically, as well.

"We are overjoyed, as an organization, to receive such an amazing donation, and look forward to this continued partnership. We could not be more excited about this opportunity," said Chris Flanagan, Director of Development for United Against Human Trafficking.

On Wednesday, March 8th, UNICEF hosted

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LOCAL SERVICE PROJECT NEWS (cont.)

UAHT News (cont.)

The Audrey Hepburn Society Ball Patron Party, at a private home hosted by Susan and Faye Sarofim. The event was highlighted in the newest addition of Paper-City magazine. Learn more about this amazing event here: <http://www.papercitymag.com/society/houston-billionaire-faye-sarofim-uses-river-oaks-mansion-fight-modern-slavery/>. UAHT Board and ZCH members Monica de la Cerda and Carole Moffett attended the Ball Patron Party.



From left: Timeka Walker, UAHT Executive Director; James Adams, UAHT Board Chair; Chris Flanagan, UAHT Director of Development; Sofia Adroge, UNICEF Gala-Co Chair

The UNICEF Audrey Hepburn® Society Ball will be held on Wednesday, May 24th, 2017 at the Marriott Marquis. For more information regarding this event, please visit <http://www.unicefahsb.org/>. Funds from the Ball will support UNICEF's **End Trafficking** project.

-submitted by Carole Moffatt

UAHT Charla Launch

In Texas alone, there is an estimated 234,000 victims trapped in an instance of labor trafficking. Ending human trafficking begins with prevention. That is why UAHT is providing Charlas, or "chats" for Spanish speakers. These Charlas are meant to be a conversation for day laborers, domestic workers, and anyone who is interested in learning about labor exploitation, human trafficking, their rights, and the resources in our city. The first Charla will be on April 12th at 6:30pm at the UAHT offices. If you know anyone who may be interested please pass along the information! Follow the link below to share or register.

https://uaht.org/event/charla/?event_date=2017-04-12

-from UAHT April 6th Updates

BAPT News



Bay Area Turning Point, Inc.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month!

April & the color teal represent Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Let's tie tons of teal ribbons around our old pine tree for awareness! Together we can show the world we are united in our mission to keep our community free of violence. Help us reach our goal to tie 1,000 teal ribbons! Sponsor a Teal Ribbon for \$5. Stop by our Crisis Intervention Center at 210 S. Walnut Street, Webster, TX 77598 anytime during the month of April to purchase and tie your very own ribbon. If you are not able to tie your very own teal ribbon, we will tie one for you!



Click <https://give.idonate.com/bay-area-turning-point/donate> to donate now. Specify the amount and select "Tie a Teal Ribbon" under "Choose your designation".

Watch the "Tie a Teal Ribbon" campaign video:

[Tie a Teal Ribbon video](#)



LOCAL SERVICE PROJECT NEWS (cont.)

Bay Area Turning Point News (cont.)

Dogs & Divas Fashion Show Luncheon - Friday, May 19

Join us for a second annual Dogs & Divas Fashion Show luncheon, set to take place Friday, May 19, from 11 am to 2 pm at South Shore Harbour Resort in League City, TX. The event is sure to present a tail-wagging good time! For more information regarding tickets and sponsorship please contact Lisa Dishman at ldishman@bayareaturningpoint.com.

Team Up For A Tail-Wagging Good Time!
 Bay Area Turning Point *Invites You To*

Dogs & Divas
 FASHION SHOW LUNCHEON

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PROTECTING PEOPLE & PETS FOR PEACE
 We need your help to launch **"Safe Paws"**
A pilot program designed to get people to shelter sooner and safer by providing foster families for pets.

Friday, May 19, 2017
 South Shore Harbour Resort • League City, Texas
 11am-2pm

Tickets \$60
 For Reservations Call BATP 281-338-7600
 Ask for Lisa Dishman

Proceeds Benefit
 Bay Area Turning Point Shelter
 & Friends of League City Animal Shelter

DISTRICT 10 NEWS

Area Meetings Announced

Area 2 Meeting: Hosted by the Zonta Club of Houston

May 5 (Friday) - 6 (Saturday)

Crown Plaza Hotel

7611 Katy Freeway, Houston, TX 77024

The meeting is Saturday, May 6th with an informal reception Friday, May 5th from 6-9pm at the Crown Plaza. There will be an informal dinner Saturday night for those remaining in town.



Area 3 Meeting Hosted by the Zonta Club of Austin

April 21 (Friday) -22 (Saturday)

Embassy Suites Hotel Austin Arboretum

9505 Stonelake Boulevard, Austin, TX 78759

The meeting is April 22nd with the optional event Friday, April 21st, the 7th Poetry Slam and Silent Auction. Watch for registration materials at www.zontadistrict10.org.

Theme for the Area meetings: Strength in Numbers

The focus will be on membership and on the Zonta International and UN goal no. 5, Gender Equality.

STEM Scholarship Recipient Announced

The District 10 STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) Scholarship Committee announced **Brenda Anel Rosales** as the 2017 STEM Scholarship awardee. Brenda is a US citizen and resident of Arkansas. She is presently attending the University of Arkansas-Fort Smith with a Biology major and Statistics minor. After graduation Brenda intends to continue with medical school or graduate school with an emphasis on laboratory research.

ZONTA INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Zonta International Supports UNFPA (United Nations Population Fund)

This month the United States, one of UNFPA's founding members, made the decision to deny any future funding for UNFPA's life saving work, a decision that will ultimately have devastating consequences for women and girls worldwide. Zonta International President Sonja Honig Schough and Past International President and International Advocacy Chairman Maria Jose Landeira Oestergaard issued a statement on April 8th in response to the decision by the US. A portion of this statement is reproduced below.

“Zonta International is dismayed to learn of the United States’ decision to withdraw funding for the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), a decision that will ultimately have devastating consequences for women and girls worldwide.

For more than 10 years, Zonta International has proudly partnered with UNFPA to deliver critical life-changing and life-saving programs for the most vulnerable women and girls, improving health, eradicating violence against women and ending all forms of harmful practices.

In Liberia Zonta International has partnered with UNFPA to treat and prevent obstetric fistula by providing surgical treatment for women and girls living with this condition and reintegrating them back into their communities, equipped with the

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ZONTA SAYS NO
TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

The next general meeting
of the Zonta Club of Houston
is
Wednesday, April 19, 2017 @

Brazos Towers

4141 S. Braeswood Blvd.,
7th Floor, West Tower, Houston 77025

5:30 pm (social hour)

6:00 pm (dinner & program)

Speakers: Kristin Koblis & Monica de la Cerda, MBA

Topic: Social Media & Promoting Professional Service Organizations; bring a laptop or tablet for a hands-on training session

WANTED!

**Photos & Articles for the May Issue
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Zonta International Supports UNFPA (cont.)

knowledge and skills to lead full and productive lives. Fistula is a devastating but preventable childbirth injury usually caused by prolonged, obstructed labor without timely medical intervention... women suffering from fistula are stigmatized and abandoned by their families and by their communities.

In Niger, Zonta International has partnered with UNFPA to reduce child marriage, and to help adolescent girls in Niger develop their health, social and economic assets, know their rights and be in a strong position to defend them and be safer and have protection against violence. Child marriage is a form of sexual and gender-based violence with harmful physical, social and economic effects including the detrimental impact in the societies of early pregnancies. ...

These programs are examples of UNFPA's work in making a difference for thousands of women and girls worldwide. Today UNFPA works in more than 150 countries and territories covering more than 80 percent of the world's population. Thanks to partnerships with organizations like Zonta International and the critical support of governments, UNFPA was able in 2016 to save the lives of more than 2,300 women from dying during pregnancy and childbirth and to ensure more than 1,250 fistula surgeries, among many other achievements.

Today and every day, Zonta International stands in support of UNFPA and its work to promote and protect the rights of women and girls worldwide.

The entire text of this statement can be found at [Zonta supports UNFPA](#)