



July/August 2016

Ten From ZCH Attend Nice Convention



Some of the District 10 Zontians attending Convention

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- contributed by Carolyn, Lolis & Monica

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ZCH members and friends at the Monaco yacht club

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Vice President: Lolis Steinbeck

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Secretary: Mary Quinn

Director: Cynthia Middleton

Director: Suzi Feickert

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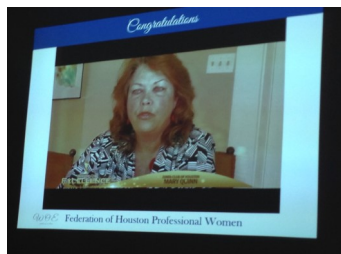
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CLUB AND LOCAL SERVICE PROJECT NEWS

ZCH and SERVICE PROJECT NEWS

ZCH WOE Introduced at FHPW July Meeting

The ZCH 2016 Woman of Excellence (WOE), Mary Quinn, was introduced at the July Meeting of the Federation of Houston Professional Women. Our Woman of Excellence will be honored along with others from organizations of the Federation at the Women of Excellence Banquet to be held Saturday, September 17, 2016 at the Norris Conference Center at City Center Houston, 816 Town & Country Blvd., Reception 5:30pm; Dinner and Awards 6:30pm. Mark your calendar now!



Service Committee Meeting Held July 31st



The Service Committee, Melinda Sturgess, chair, met on July 31st at Carolyn's to consider allocation of service funds among local club service projects. Attendees were Monica, Suzi, Susan, Fran, Linda L., Carole, Carolyn, Lolis, Melinda and guest Lydia Garza.

The committee has recommended that the following funds be awarded:

Bay Area Turning Point: \$1000

The Women's Home: \$600

United Against Human Trafficking: \$3000 .

Ten Thousand Villages indicated that at the present time no funds were needed.

- submitted by Lolis, Melinda & Monica



Welcome New ZCH Members!

The members of the Zonta Club of Houston are delighted to welcome new members **Therese Hartwell** and **Jennifer Williams!** We look forward to getting to know you and hope you will enjoy the service, fellowship and fun offered by membership in Zonta.

TWH Luncheon for Volunteers

Mary Ann Collier and Linda Marshall attended The Women's Home "Meet and Greet Luncheon" for volunteers on June 8th. Several administrators, counselors, and other professionals from the Home gave us a comprehensive overview of a day in the life of a resident, from Admission to Case Management, Residential Living, and Vocational Development. Along the way we learned how the many volunteer organizations contribute to the impressive success of the home. We had an opportunity to brainstorm new service ideas and network with other volunteers before we adjourned.

A particularly exciting item on the agenda was the preview of the Adele and Ber Pieper Family Place. This is a sober apartment community serving families who live on a modest income, located in Spring Branch and opening in September. There will be 84 fully equipped apartment homes, a playground, picnic/grill areas, organized activities for families and children, and case management support services. It will also be an active part of the Spring Branch community with future plans for an on-site medical clinic that is open to the public. It is a testament to The Women's Home's success in helping women become their best selves. It's the perfect match for our Zontian service work!

- submitted by Linda Marshall

Service Opportunities

Bay Area Turning Point

Saturday August 13

Saturday September 10

Ten Thousand Villages

Sunday August 28



Happy Birthday!

July

Fran Garza 7/21

Cynthia Middleton 7/28

Dar Kurtz 7/29

August

Melinda Sturgess 8/22

CLUB AND LOCAL SERVICE PROJECT NEWS

LOCAL SERVICE PROJECT NEWS

UAHT News



UAHT is launching a Direct Outreach initiative to identify victims of **human trafficking** in various settings and systems within the Houston community (e.g. jails and detention centers). The goal is to connect victims men, women and children, to social service providers for the recovery process. UAHT is in the process of developing three types of direct outreach:

A. Latino/Hispanic Population – Many of Houston's ethnically diverse populations are vulnerable to exploitation due to cultural and language barriers. One of UAHT's first areas of primary focus is to connect with domestic workers and day laborers, two industries that are vulnerable to labor exploitation and human trafficking.

B. Detention Facility Outreach – Potential sex trafficking victims will be identified by law enforcement partners, upon arrest, and UAHT will be notified that potential victims are in holding. UAHT will then provide these individuals with resources and assist them with connecting to services if they choose to received help.

C. Juvenile Detention Center Outreach – This outreach will overlap with the current youth prevention program. UAHT will not only educate youth on human trafficking, but also create activities such as yoga, art therapy and crafts in which they can participate and build trust with staff. The ideal end result is that the youth feel comfortable asking for help if needed.

- submitted by Carole Moffatt

Never Too Early to Save the Date!



5th Annual Charity Clay Sport Shooting Event

Saturday, February 18, 2017

American Shooting Center

16500 Westheimer Parkway, Houston, TX 77082

The Women's Home (TWH)



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.

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TWH Vocational Classes:

Zonta is excited to be presenting its vocational classes once again to The Women's Home residents. We began the nine classes on Fri. June 10th. Classes are held each Friday (except during International Convention) from 1pm to 3pm. The classes are being offered to ten enthusiastic and engaged residents. Thanks to the Zonta volunteers who give up their Friday afternoons to make these classes a success.

District 10 had submitted ZCH's TWH vocational program as one of three service projects submitted to Zonta International for service recognition. Unfortunately, none of the District 10 projects received an award this biennium.

Classes remaining in the summer program are listed below. Please contact Linda Licarione to volunteer.

Mock Interviewing	Fri. Aug 5th
Time Management	Fri. Aug 12th
Linked In/Social Media	Fri. Aug 19th

THANK YOU ZONTA CLUB OF HOUSTON FOR ALL OF YOUR EFFORTS!

- submitted by Linda Licarione

FHPW Education Foundation Fundraiser

Thursday, August 18, 6-8pm

Shopping at Kendra Scott in City Center

816 Town & Country Blvd, #131, Houston

Enjoy sips, sweets and jewels

20% of the proceeds benefit The Federation of Houston Professional Women Educational Foundation

DISTRICT 10 NEWS

Former Governor Judy Elected to ZI Board

Congratulations Judy! Judy Kautz, former District 10 Governor (fourth from left), joins newly elected fellow Zonta International Board members onstage at the Convention.



Governor's Summit October 15 in Seguin



Gov. Barbara (on left) & friends at the ZI Convention banquet in Nice

The Call to the Governor's Summit on October 15 in Seguin, Texas will go out via email to District 10 club presidents on August 15th. Governor Barbara Yoder reports that the summit will "focus on leadership flavored with fellowship and learning". Club presi-

dents will forward the Call to members. Please watch for it in your inbox.

ZONTA INTERNATIONAL NEWS



Zonta International Convention Nice, France July 1-6 Summary

Zonta International (ZI) Election Results:

2016-2018 ZI and ZI Foundation Boards:

President: Sonja Hönig Schough
(elected at the 2014 Zonta International Convention)
President-Elect: Susanne von Bassewitz
Vice President: Sharon Langenbeck
Treasurer/Secretary: Bridget Masters

International Directors

Sonia Albanese Carotti
Judith Anderson
Lydia Chaillou
Judith Kautz
Ute Scholz
Ursula Werner
Hsin-hsin Yang

2016-2018 International Nominating Committee

For North, Central and South America: Kerry Dixon
For Europe: Gabriella Samara Paphitis
For Africa: Hortense Chekete
For Australia and New Zealand: Ann Horrocks
For Asia: Winnie Teoh
At Large: Florence Fischer-Herber, Maria Jose Landeira Oestergaard, Joy Orlich, Maria Stefanova

Foundation at Convention

Thank you to the generous Zontians who donated at the Convention Foundation Booth.

Amount raised: US \$169,357

Convention speeches and Presentations:

["Empowerment of women in business and society"](#) Keynote Speech by Maria Luisa de Contes

["The Future of Zonta"](#) Keynote Speech by Carolyn Hannan

[2014-2016 International President's Report](#)

[ZI & ZIF Financial Management 2014-2016](#)

[ZIF Finances 2014-2016](#)

[Risk Management 2014-2016](#)

[Leadership Development Committee 2014-2016](#)

[Advocacy 2014-2016](#)

[International UN Committee 2014-2016](#)

[Council of Europe \(CoE\) 2014-2016](#)

[Foundation Development Committee 2014-2016](#)

[AE Fellow Presentation](#)

[YWPA Awardee Presentation](#)

[Gender Responsive Schools 2014-2016](#)

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Zonta International Convention Nice, France July 1-6 Summary

Convention speeches and Presentations (cont.):

[UNFPA Convention Report](#)

[History of International Service and ZISVAW Projects](#)

[WAGGGS Report](#)

[US Fund for UNICEF: Transforming the lives of women and children in Rwanda](#)

[Zonta International Service Committee 2014-2016](#)

[Membership Highlights 2014-2016](#)

[Z Club and Golden Z Club Committee 2014 -2016](#)

[Membership Recognition Awards 2014-2016](#)

[Headquarters Briefing 2014-2016](#)

[Let Us Learn Madagascar: An Integrated Program for Adolescent Girls](#)

[Making a Difference: Countering Trafficking and Unsafe Migration in Nepal](#)

Presentations during Workshops:

[Advocacy Workshop](#)

[United Nations and Council of Europe Workshop](#)

[2030 Agenda and the SDGs](#)

Examples of club projects addressing Goal No. 5:

[Zonta Club of Kankakee, Illinois, USA \(District 6\)](#)

[Zonta Club of Sonderborg, Denmark \(District 13\)](#)

All of the above reports and presentations are located at

membership.zonta.org/Events/Convention-2016

Biennial Goals 2016-2018

1. Zonta's service programs reflect on and enhance our mission.
2. Zonta International is a leading advocate for women's rights.
3. Zonta International builds and sustains a vibrant global membership.
4. Zonta International maintains resources to support mission and vision fulfillment.
5. Zonta's Centennial Anniversary celebrations have visibility around the world.

International Service and ZISVAW Projects 2016-2018:

- Towards elimination of obstetric fistula and the reduction of maternal and newborn mortality and morbidity in Liberia, in partnership with United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)

- Let us learn Madagascar: an integrated program for adolescent girls, in partnership with the U.S. Fund for UNICEF
- The future we want: creating sustainable foundations for addressing human trafficking and unsafe migration of women and girls in Nepal, in partnership with UN Women
- Initiative for adolescent girls in Niger: knowledge for dignity, in partnership with UNFPA

Outgoing ZI President
Maria Jose Oestergaard
presiding at Convention



Convention delegates

Convention
entertainment



Invitation to 2018
Convention in
Yokohama

- contributions from Monica & Carolyn



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The next general meeting
of the Zonta Club of Houston
is

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

at Kenny & Ziggy's

2327 Post Oak Blvd., Houston 77056

5:30 p.m. (social hour)

6:00 p.m. (dinner & program)

Talbot's Shopping Day

Club treasurer Kayleen received a check for **\$1091.66** from Talbot's for ZCHECF as a result of the club's shopping day on May 30th. Members, their family and friends made this a very successful venture. Talbots provided light refreshments. Thanks to all who organized & participated!

WANTED!

**Photos & Articles for the September
Issue of the ZCH Newsletter**

Did you know...?

A Moment from our History... a former Zontian's name carries on...

In the early 1980's after the Zonta Club of Houston II was founded, one of our enthusiastic and activist members for a number of years was Mary Barden Keegan. Mary was a delightful lady and volunteered in many areas. She became very concerned with poverty and hunger in Houston and ended up founding "The End Hunger Network" in 1985. The work didn't fit well enough with the Zonta mission to be a service project, but we helped her where we could.

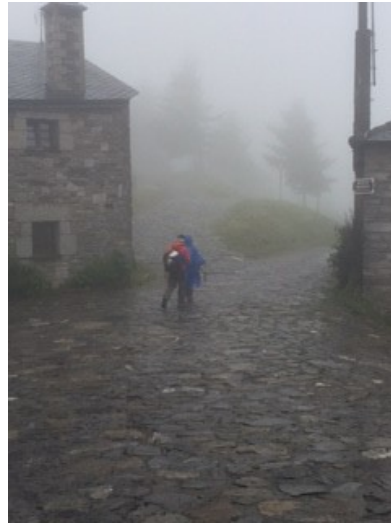
Mary's husband was a very well-known physician and she had contacts at many levels in Houston. As well as trying to educate the public the Network placed red barrels in grocery stores to encourage food donations that were redistributed via pantries to the needy. Mary gave up most of her other volunteer activities including Zonta to focus on the Network, but kept in touch. Eventually it became quite a large network and ended up merging with the Houston Food Bank in 2008. When Mary passed away the Food Bank named their facility on I45 The Mary Barden Keegan Center. The Food Bank is now moving to the old Sysco Distribution center but will retain the Keegan name for their expanded kitchens that produce hot meals for kids.

- Carolyn, History and Archives Chair

Camino de Santiago de Compostela: Journey's End



Some beautiful days



Some cold and wet days



Monasterio de Samos- founded in the 6th century



Suzi with Camino completion certificate



Octopus: "Glad I tried it; don't think I will again!"

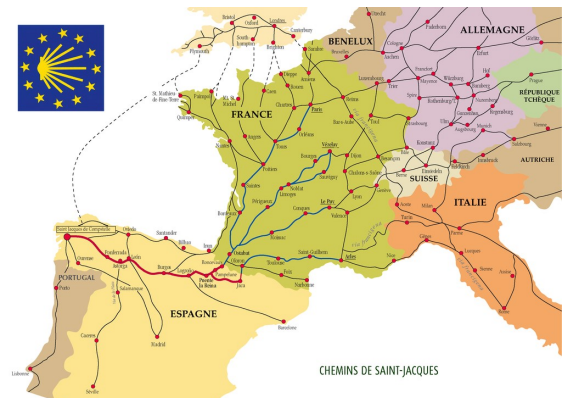
On May 18th, Suzi Feickert embarked on a pilgrimage to the shrine of St. James the apostle in the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela in Galicia, northwest Spain. The journey's length from her starting point, St. Jean Pied de Port in southern France, is approximately 468 miles. Suzi arrived at her destination on June 26th, the 40th day of her journey. Her photos and commentary have allowed us to be a part of her memorable pilgrimage.



Villafranca de al Bierzo



Cathedral of Santiago



Route of the pilgrimage in red

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Convention Photos— the People

Thanks to Carolyn, Monica, Sally & Carole for the photos

—At the banquet—



Sally on Segway



Deitrah & Carolyn

Enjoying the luxury accommodation



District 10 meeting during Convention

Lunch-French style



Monica & new friends



Kicking back



Convention Photos— the Place

Thanks to Carolyn for these photos



We expected something larger...



Medieval town of Eze



A convention hotel



Nice at night



On the way to Monaco



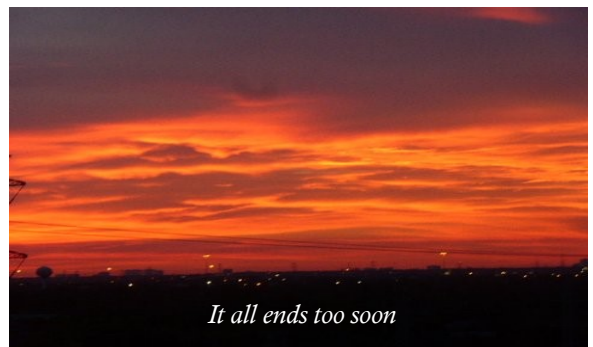
Monaco palace



Monaco harbor



A casino in Monaco



It all ends too soon