



## September 2016

### *ZCH Celebrates with Mary Quinn, 2016 WOE*

Mary Quinn was honored as the Zonta Club of Houston's (ZCH) 2016 Woman of Excellence (WOE), along with other Federation of Houston Professional Women honorees, at the Norris Conference Center WOE banquet on September 17th.

Mary, an attorney, has served as a ZCH Director, and now as club secretary. Even before Mary became a club member she was a strong supporter of ZCH activities. Celebrating with Mary at the banquet were Carole, Cynthia, Linda L., Melinda, Monica, Susan G., Mary's daughter Sarah Quinn Bittner and Mary's cousin Maureen Taylor.

Mary graciously agreed to share with us a portion of her biography read during the WOE presentation ceremony.

"Mary was the first female born in her dad's family in 5 generations. She was born on Christmas Day. Both her dad and the doctor were annoyed. Mary has been causing trouble ever since.

Mary graduated from a small Texas high school. Although her high school didn't have a journalism program, she won 1st in state in UIL news writing, so she put herself through University of Houston and got an undergrad degree in journalism. When first she tried to enroll at UH, the powers that be told her she had to pay foreign tuition because her folks had moved to England. Her parents moved to be with her Mum's family since her dad was going blind. Mary stayed behind to use her scholarships. The age of majority back then was 21. So Mary went to court and became emancipated at 18.



"Well behaved women rarely make history"

Mary's pretty proud of that trouble.

Having experienced the "good" lawyers can do, she put herself through law school while working full time. She hung out her shingle in 1984 and is still causing trouble.

But her proudest accomplishment is her daughter, Sarah. She's trouble with a capital T."

The Zonta Club of Houston congratulates Mary, our 2016 Woman of Excellence!

#### *Club Officers 2016-2017*

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## CLUB NEWS

### ZCH NEWS

#### *In Memoriam: Marzee Pfeiffer*



*Marzee Weber Pfeiffer was born in Austin, Texas on March 12, 1934. She passed away in Rockdale, Texas on September 2, 2016. Marzee and her husband Arnold owned and operated Pfeiffer and Son Electrical Contractors in La Porte. Marzee continued to operate the business after Arnold died. Marzee was a charter member of the first Houston Zonta Club and remained a member after the two Houston clubs merged. She served as club president and also as treasurer for several years, in addition to other roles. Marzee was a member of Zonta for over 40 years. In recent years, Marzee had moved to Rockdale to be closer to family. Marzee is remembered as a shrewd business woman, a great advocate for women, a valued and dedicated Zontian and friend. She is survived by numerous nieces and nephews, and great nieces and nephews. We miss you, Marzee!*

*A yellow rose was presented at Marzee's funeral service on behalf of the Zonta Club of Houston.*



#### ***Estate Sale Donation***

An estate sale was held in May at Carolyn's previous home. ZCH members contributed items to the sale. Carolyn generously donated \$2500 from the proceeds of the sale to the Zonta Club of Houston Educational and Charitable Fund and to the Zonta Club of Houston general fund.

Thank you Carolyn!

#### ***Service Opportunities***

##### ***Bay Area Turning Point***

Saturday October 9

Saturday November 13

##### ***Ten Thousand Villages***

Sunday October 23



***Happy Birthday!***

September

Kayleen Kill 9/30

## LOCAL SERVICE PROJECT NEWS

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#### *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.

#### **TWH Vocational Classes:**

Zonta is excited to be presenting its vocational classes once again to The Women's Home residents. It is proposed the nine classes begin on Fri. Oct 7th. Classes are held each Friday (except Thanksgiving Friday) from 1pm to 3pm. The classes are being offered to enthusiastic and engaged residents. Thanks to the Zonta volunteers who give up their Friday afternoons to make these classes a success. Vi White is the TWH Vocational Specialist currently working with Zonta. Vi is so complimentary and appreciative of the Zonta sessions and the impact these sessions are making on the women in their successful job search. Once the women complete the Zonta sessions, they are then ready to begin their job search process.

The proposed schedule for this fall follows:

Managing Personal Change	Fri. Oct 7th
Public Speaking & Communication Skills	Fri. Oct 14th
Career Exploration	Fri. Oct 21st
Team Building/Team Player	Fri. Oct 28th
Resume Writing- Part 1	Fri. Nov 4th
Resume Writing- Part 2	Fri. Nov 11th
Mock Interviewing	Fri. Nov 18th
Time Management	Fri. Dec 2nd
Linked In/Social Media	Fri. Dec 9th

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

*-submitted by Linda Licarione*

#### *Ten Thousand Villages News*

On September 12 the Board of Ten Thousand Villages Houston announced that they had taken the decision to close the store following this year's holiday season. The Board thanks ZCH for our long-term involvement with the store and they are hopeful that ZCH members will continue to assist the store through the holiday period.

#### *United Against Human Trafficking (UAHT)*



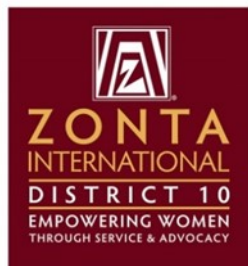
The funding ZCH contributes to UAHT supports vital programs, Youth Prevention Education and Super Bowl 2017 initiatives to further awareness and education on the issue of human trafficking.

Programs offered on youth education include "Not A #Number", an interactive five-module prevention course designed to teach youth how to protect themselves from human trafficking and exploitation through critical thinking and skill development. Also offered is The Awareness Workshop, a shortened version of Not A #Number. From January to July 2016, UAHT has implemented three Not A #Number programs and thirteen Awareness Workshops. To date over 500 youth have been engaged in the preventive education efforts. UAHT is grateful for the generous support of ZCH and looks forward to a continued partnership with the Zonta Club of Houston.

The above is excerpted from "[ZCHECF Grant Report 2016](#)" by UAHT and the entire report can be found on the ZCH website through the link above.



## DISTRICT 10 NEWS



### *Governor's Summit October 15th in Seguin*

The Governor's Summit will focus on leadership flavored with fellowship and learning. Along with our District 10 updates, we will have Jacquie Gudmendsen from the ZI Leadership Development Committee join us for an afternoon work session. There will also be an optional Friday Night Dinner & Crafting (\$40) and an optional Saturday evening social cookout. Complete information is available on the [District10 website](#).

#### **Registration Deadline is October 1, 2016**

\$60 per member, payable District 10

On site or late registration \$70

#### **Please Mail Checks to Zonta Club of Seguin**

**PO Box 1994, Seguin TX 78155**

## ZONTA INTERNATIONAL NEWS



### *Introducing International President Sonja Hönig Schough for the 2016-2018 Biennium*

Sonja Hönig Schough is President of Zonta International and Zonta International Foundation. She is a former business consultant for IFS Scandinavia, where her responsibilities included counseling, training and implementation of information technology support for customers, primarily in Scandinavian countries. Prior to IFS Scandinavia, Sonja worked for 25 years as a human resources director for Beiersdorf AB, a Swedish subsidiary of an international consumer goods company.

Sonja joined the Zonta Club of Kungsbacka, Sweden, in 1993. Prior to becoming President, she served as the 2014-2016 President-Elect and the 2012-2014 International Vice President. She was an International Director from 2009-2012, Governor from 2006-2008, Lieutenant Governor from 2004-2006, and Area Director from 2002-2004. She has also attended 12 District Conferences and seven International Conventions.

In addition to her career and Zonta leadership, Sonja served as chairman of the Industrial Health Service Company in Kungsbacka. She holds a master's degree in business administration and a bachelor's degree in psychology, both from the University of Gothenburg. Sonja speaks English, French and German, and also fully understands Danish and Norwegian. Her personal interests include sports, literature and traveling. She also enjoys the company of her two grandchildren, who live in France.

*The biography is taken from the [Zonta International website](#).*



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**ZONTA SAYS NO**  
TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

The next general meeting  
of the Zonta Club of Houston  
is

Wednesday, October 19, 2016

at Kenny & Ziggy's

2327 Post Oak Blvd., Houston 77056

5:30 p.m. (social hour)

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

**WANTED!**  
Photos & Articles for the October  
Issue of the ZCH Newsletter

### *FHPW Raises \$1200 for Scholarships*

FHPW's Educational Foundation raised \$1200 for scholarships through their first "Corks for a Cause" event. All seventy-five wine bottles donated sold.



**HELP THE FOUNDATION HELP OUR SCHOLARS!**

**Pull a Wine Cork**

**Win a  
Fine Bottle of Wine!**

**1 Cork = \$15  
(One bottle of Wine)**

**4 Corks = \$50  
(Four bottles of Wine)**



### *Did you know...?*

How to craft a  
"Zontini"

1 part Mission

2 parts Fellowship

Shake with Enthusiasm

Serve with Dedication

Cheers!



*-submitted by Carolyn  
(from a cocktail napkin)*



# WOMEN OF EXCELLENCE GALA



ZCH 2016 Woman of Excellence



Mary on the Big Screen!



Mary with award escorted from the stage



Mary celebrating with daughter Sarah (trouble with a capital "T"!)



ZCH's silent auction contribution, assembled by Lolis, won by Linda L.!



Zontians and friends celebrate with Mary



Gala attendees Lolis and Monica