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FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS**

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Zonta Club of Lafayette

President's Message

Hello ladies,

Where did the time go? Our year has ended with a bang and we're looking forward to a New Year 2025 with many plans for the future for our Lafayette Zonta Club. As I look back on our accomplishments for 2024 I am amazed and proud of all we have done together to further the education of girls and women in our community and District 10. It is time for all of us to reflect on what Zonta means to us as we move forward.

Between the many hours of volunteering we have managed many projects: The Butterfly Effect, Save z Tataz, Girls on the Run 5k, Theo's Project, Period Purse Project, Mrs. Roper Romp, 46th birthday Celebration, District 10 Summit, Woman of Achievement Banquet, Faith House Night of Hope, Women's Self Defense, SoLacc Int'l Celebration of National, 16 Days of Activism projects, Faith House Boutique, Wreath of Hope at Evangeline Downs, Acadian Village Opening Night....along with speakers for our meetings instructing us on other giving opportunities for our area.

As we close out 2024, I am inspired and grateful for the many hours our members have volunteered to make these many projects a success. We have all come together as a group to come up with new ideas and new ventures to build a better world for women and girls. I know all of your efforts have made a profound difference in our community and around the world.

Marietta LaBauve
Zonta Club of Lafayette
President 2024-2026
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Achiever Spotlight

Woman of Achievement and Lieutenant Governor for Zonta District 10



Lisa LeBlanc

Scholarships

Lafayette STEM



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Lafayette Women's



Erica Gascon

Calendar

November

- **November 4** | Zonta Meeting
- **November 25** | Begin 16 Days of Activism

December

- **December 5** | Proclamation
- **December 7** | Self Defense
- **December 5** | Proclamation
- **December 10** | End of 16 Days of Activism
- **December 16** | Zonta Holiday Gathering

Zonta Club of Lafayette Events

Certificates from Governor's Summit



Zonta Club of Lafayette received certificates acknowledging our efforts during the past year.

Theo's Project and School Supplies

Members gathered to fill backpacks for Theo's Project on June 22, 2024. The project provides backpacks to the children of women who are residents of Faith House, an abused women's shelter. The backpacks are filled with items that the children would like, but not school items, those were sent at a later date.

Faith House School Supplies

Zonta Club of Lafayette donated School Supplies to Faith House for the children who are there.



Roper Romp

Zonta Club of Lafayette participated in the Roper Romp to raise money for Period Purse Products.



Faith House Night of Hope

Zonta Club of Lafayette participated in the Faith House Night of Hope to raise money for Faith House – A Women’s Safe House.



Proclamation 16 Days of Activism



Zonta Club of Lafayette participated in the signing of a Proclamation by Mayor-President Monique Boulet declaring November 25 through December 10 **16 Days of Activism. Zonta Says No to Violence Against Women.**

Zonta Says NO - 16 Days of Activism



University of Louisiana at Lafayette lit up the Lit Center Orange to acknowledge the **16 Days of Activism** for the Zonta Club of Lafayette. Other groups placed signs in yards or windows to remind people that **Zonta Says No to Violence Against Women**.

Women's Self Defense



FREE Women's Self-Defense Class

Sponsored by: Zonta of Lafayette



RSVP to reserve your spot!

Saturday, December 7, 2024
10 am - 1 pm
Acadiana Karate
1921 Kaliste Saloom Rd. Lafayette

RSVP

(615) 483-8780 or (337) 356-7827

Space is limited

Attire: Comfortable/Athletic
& Personal Water Bottle



Zonta Club of Lafayette with Acadiana Karate offered free self-defense classes to women.
Zonta Says No to Violence Against Women.



LARC's Noel Acadien au Village



Zonta Club of Lafayette served food for LARC's Noel Acadien au Village for their annual holiday fundraiser to provide services for individuals with intellectual disabilities.

Hearts of Hope



Zonta Club of Lafayette entered Hearts of Hope to win money for our club. Evangeline Downs sponsors the event and this is our beautiful display. Thanks to Paulette Yandle and her daughter for their work.

Faith House Adopt a Family Holiday Gifts

Zonta Club of Lafayette provided gifts for a Faith House family. Sharon Hardy and Dory Thomassie purchased the gifts for the family. Dory delivered them in time for the family to have a hopeful Christmas.



The Zonta Club of Lafayette participated in many projects during the beginning of this Biennium. Several members packed and distributed Period Purse Products. We worked with Girls on the Run. We celebrated our Woman of Achievement – Lisa LeBlanc. Lisa is also the Lieutenant Governor for District 10. Dory Thomassie is the District 10 Area 2 Director. We had an Area Meeting in Shreveport. Lisa and Dory went to Brisbane Australia to attend the Zonta International Convention. Marietta LaBauve became President of the Zonta Club of Lafayette. We added new members and celebrated the ones who have been with us. We celebrated the holidays with a party at Chris Weaver’s home.

The future is so bright we need



District 10 News

Check the D10 website and Facebook page for more pictures and information

District 10 Area Meetings

Area 1, March 22, 2025, hosted by the tba

Area 2, May 3, 2025, hosted by the Zonta Club of Longview

Area 3, March 29, 2025, hosted by the Zonta Club of San Antonio

ZONTA International News and Events

[ZONTA ADVOCATES FOR GENDER EQUALITY AND AI AWARENESS AT COUNCIL OF EUROPE CONFERENCE](#)

Posted on 11/1/2024

Zonta International contributed to the Council of Europe Conference of INGOs, presenting an Equality Strategy and raising awareness on AI biases impacting gender equality.

[ZONTA INTERNATIONAL JOINS SAFE SPORT PROGRAM TO COMBAT GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE IN THAILAND](#)

Posted on 11/1/2024

Zonta International has joined Thailand's Safe Sport Programme to promote a safe, equitable environment in sports and combat gender-based violence.

[2024-2026 PROGRAM ISSUE OF THE ZONTIAN IS NOW AVAILABLE](#)

Posted on 11/23/2024

Explore the program issue of the 2024-2026 Biennium to discover the inspiring journey of International President Salla Tuominen and the incredible leaders standing with her!

[MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT ON INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN](#)

Posted on 11/25/2024

Our voices and actions through the Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women campaign will build not just a better world for women and girls, but a better world for all.

ZONTA REPRESENTING NGO CSW VIENNA AT UNECE BEIJING +30 REGIONAL REVIEW IN GENEVA

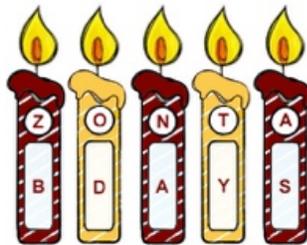
Posted on 12/6/2024

Zonta International UN Representative Sabine Peters proudly engaged in the Regional Review Meeting on Beijing +30 for the UNECE region, contributing to a better world for women and girls in Geneva, Vienna.

OPEN LETTER FROM ZONTA INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT TO GISÈLE PELICOT

Posted on 12/19/2024

As the Zonta International President, I want to thank Gisèle Pelicot of France for her braveness | En tant que présidente du ZONTA International, je tiens à remercier la française Gisèle Pélicot pour son courage.



November

1st JoAnn Pugh
25th Kay Gotte

November 8 – Zonta International.

December

8th Sharon Hardy
9th Tiffany Steward
15th Tracy Frentz
25th Carolyn French