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Zonta Club of Lafayette

President's Message

A new beginning. The world is opening up. We are finding ourselves yearning for warmer weather, festivals, walking paths, and MARDI GRAS!

Please send prayers for the Zonta Club of Uzhhorod, Ukraine. The Russian army has been waging war against Ukraine. Whatever the reasons for this aggression, women and children are going to suffer severely. Let us continue to hope this doesn't cause a third World War. Keep the faith, Ladies.

For those of you who are interested, there is a virtual option for the Zonta Convention in Hamburg. Early Registration ends on February 28, the cost is \$189. Regular Registration is from March 1 through May 15 and the cost is still \$189. If you register from May 16 through the beginning of the event, the cost will be \$210.

Save Ze TaTa's is in the spring! Mark your calendars ✓ for April 7, 2022.



Our next meetings will be held on March 7, 2022 and April 4, 2022. The meeting will be in person at Comfort Suites 114 Fernand Street behind Chili's. The social gathering will be at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 6:00p.m.

Dory Thomassie
Zonta Lafayette
President 2021-2022

Achiever Spotlight



Paulette Yandle

Zonta Club of Lafayette

Paulette Yandle has been a member of Zonta Club of Lafayette since 1982. To say she is a valuable member of this club, is an understatement. Her professionalism is a blessing that is not taken for granted. She keeps this club focused and organized. Paulette has served as a board member, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice-president, President and chaired many committees. Paulette served in the Breast Health Institute for 25 years and helped to plan the Breast Health Symposium.

Paulette worked for 30 years at the Lafayette Parish Clerk of Court Office as Deputy Clerk of Court. Now that she is retired, she can focus on other activities. Family, gardening and daily walks with her good friend are all very important to her.

Paulette has been married to Richard since 1979. They have two children, Aimée and Nicholas. They have been blessed with three grandchildren a girl and two boys. Paulette and Richard enjoy being gracious hosts for family events.

In addition to be devoted family members, Paulette and Richard are very active in their church, St. Edmond Catholic Church. Paulette helps Richard with Knights of Columbus activities and events.

Anyone who spends time with Paulette can feel the kindness of her heart. We are proud to have her as a member of the Zonta Club of Lafayette.

Be Kind – not for any reason other than it is the right thing to do.

Newsworthy Items

Scholarships

[Young Woman in Public Affairs \(YWPA\) Award](#) *(local, district, and International)*

The Young Women in Public Affairs Award honors young women in secondary level or pre-university schools, ages 16 to 19, who demonstrate a commitment to leadership in public policy, government and volunteer organizations. The program operates at the Zonta club, district and international levels. Zonta clubs provide awards for club recipients, and district and international awards are funded by the Zonta International Foundation. Zonta District 10 awards its recipient \$1000. From ZI, each district recipient receives an additional \$1500, and ten international recipients receive \$4000. Applications for this award must be submitted by a Zonta club, not an individual.

[Application, due March 1](#)

[Lafayette Woman Scholarship](#)

(local)

The Lafayette Woman Scholarship is awarded to a non-traditional student, female head of household, and primary wage earner of the family. Applicants should be individuals pursuing post high school training or certification programs not necessarily requiring a baccalaureate degree. The recipient must use the scholarship to attend an educational institution that is accredited and normally maintains a regular faculty and curriculum and normally has a regularly enrolled body of students in attendance at the place where its education activities are regularly carried on. This scholarship can fund a certification program such as law enforcement or fire training education at a technical/trade school or a community college.

[Application, due March 1](#)

[District 10 STEM \(Science, Technology, Engineering & Math\) Scholarship](#)

(local and district)

The goal of the STEM Scholarship is to encourage more young women to pursue a high education degree in science, technology, engineering or math, while also encouraging leadership achievements in science, technology, engineering and/or math and a dedication to the advancement of the status of women. We are targeting currently enrolled undergraduate female students from a District 10 state, who are majoring in a STEM field.

[Application, due May 15](#)

Calendar

February 1, 2022: National Freedom Day
February 4, 2022: World Cancer Day
February 4, 2022: National Wear Red Day
February 7, 2022: National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day
February 10, 2022: Human Trafficking Webinar
February 14, 2022: St. Valentine's Day
February 15, 2022: Work day for the Butterfly Effect
February 21, 2022: Presidents' Day

March 5, 2022: Faith House King Cake 5K Sugar Mill Pond
March 8, 2022: International Women's Day and Zonta Rose Day
March 12, 2022: Butterfly Effect Prom Dress Giveaway Northgate Mall

Zonta Club of Lafayette Events



Dory Thomassie with Sharon Hardy

Amelia Earhart Meeting at Mazen Grill

The Zonta Club of Lafayette remembered Amelia Earhart Day on January 11th.

Why Jan 11th? January 11, 1935, Amelia Earhart became the first person, man or woman, to fly solo across the pacific. Amelia Earhart was famous for her nonstop solo flight across the Atlantic, May 20-21, 1932, the first for a woman. She was one of the first Zontians.

The Zonta Club of Lafayette honored the memory of Amelia Earhart by gathering together at Mazen Grill. Sharon Hardy shared information about the famous aviator and prepared a display for all to see.

Our guest speaker was a former scholarship winner and local entrepreneur. She is Alyssa Gaspard and her business is Sweet Boutique. In honor of Amelia Earhart, she brought a cake and cupcakes to share with the club.



Dory Thomassie with Alyssa Gaspard

Period Purse Project

On Feb 7, 2022 Zonta Lafayette members joined forces with The Period Purse Project by donating feminine hygiene products for girls in Lafayette parish middle and high schools. Natalie Watson, the founder of the project, spoke about the girls who miss school due to lack of these monthly products. Some girls miss so much school they drop out and do not return. Many teachers have been providing products to young ladies with their own money. Our club is looking forward to continuing our service throughout the year by collecting, stuffing purses, and distributing them to local school teachers. The goal is to provide products and keep the girls in school so that they can have a better life.



Marietta LaBauve, Natalie Watson and Dory Thomassie with products for the Period Purse Project

District 10 News

Area 1 Meeting

The **Area 1 meeting is Saturday, March 26** in Willow Park, Texas hosted by the Zonta Club of Parker County.

Our district continues to shine and lead with our individual and club donations to the Zonta Foundation for Women. We donated over \$70,200 at our Conference in October. Way to go Zontians! Our ZFW Ambassador Diane will be updating us at all three area meetings on the status of the Foundation for the biennium. Don't forget March 8 is Zonta Rose Day and International Women's Day which is a good time to consider donating to the Foundation in honor of those special women in your life and a good time to invite someone you know to join Zonta!

Advocacy

Message from D10 Advocacy Chair:

The White House's Gender Policy Council is working to establish its Gender Equity and Equality Strategy by September 24, and the National Coalition to End Child Marriage has submitted a letter asking the Council to include a focus on ending child marriage in the U.S in its strategy. Here is a link to a letter which contains an excellent summary of the arguments for 18 as an absolute minimum age for marriage, no exceptions. All Zonta members should read it. The link is just below:

2021-08 Recommendations to Gender Policy Council

Zonta International, its districts and its clubs;

- *are urged to express themselves about and become involved in issues that;*
 - *advance understanding, GOODWILL and PEACE through a world fellowship...*
 - *promote JUSTICE and UNIVERSAL RESPECT for human rights and fundamental freedoms.*
- *shall not advocate on behalf of or endorse an artisan candidate, a political party, or any religion or religious denomination*

Service

Girl Empowerment Network's Relatable Role Model Letters is the District 10 Service Project for this biennium.

The one-page long letters are intended for girls aged 8 to 18 to encourage, inspire, uplift, and celebrate girls. This is a unique way to communicate and connect during a period of time many of us are feeling isolated. Letters should be handwritten and can be decorated with color and stickers to make them fun and lively.

The Girl Empowerment Network website has some additional information with suggestions on formatting your letter and the type of language to include or avoid. See website and Summit pdf linked below. Once completed, letters can be mailed to PO BOX 3122, Austin, Texas, 78764.

ZONTA International News and Events

Zonta International is posed to launch a mobile app on March 1. This will offer a dedicated news feed, discussion forums, calendar of events, and easy access to member resources.

Zonta International will be providing club treasurer training in March and April for the online management of club roster and dues payments. Please watch for those emails.

There are updated manuals on the Zonta International website and new brand guidelines which show the “corporate” brand colors and the secondary “casual” colors. You can find the information here: [ZontaInternational BrandIdentityGuidelines FINAL.pdf](#)

[ZONTA INTERNATIONAL STATEMENT ON THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF ZERO](#)

[TOLERANCE FOR FGM 2022](#)

Posted on 2/6/2022

Zonta International believes female genital mutilation (FGM) is a severe human rights violation that cannot be tolerated. Read our statement on the International Day of Zero Tolerance for FGM.

[ZONTA INTERNATIONAL STATEMENT ON THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF WOMEN AND](#)

[GIRLS IN SCIENCE 2022](#)

Posted on 2/11/2022

Science and gender equality are both essential for achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Read our statement on the International Day of Women and Girls in Science to find out how we are observing it.

ZONTA INTERNATIONAL STATEMENT ON WORLD DAY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE 2022

Posted on 2/20/2022

Each year on 20 February, the World Day of Social Justice recognizes the need to promote social justice, which includes efforts to tackle issues such as poverty, gender inequality, human rights and more. Read our statement.

MESSAGE ON UKRAINE FROM ZONTA INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

Posted on 2/24/2022

Read Zonta International President Sharon Langenbeck's special message during this difficult and frightening time in Ukraine.

ZONTA ADVOCACY SERIES: WOMEN IN THE WORKPLACE

25 February 2022, 8AM CST

What does the workplace look like for women in 2022? Women's representation in senior leadership roles and on corporate boards has improved; however, there is still a long way to go to reach gender parity. At the same time, women at all levels of work face numerous challenges, including unequal pay, burnout and violence and harassment.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY AND ZONTA ROSE DAY

8 March 2022

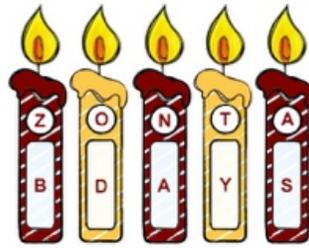
International Women's Day (IWD) is a time to reflect on progress made, to call for change and to celebrate acts of courage and determination by ordinary women, who have played an extraordinary role in the history of their countries and communities. Celebrated alongside IWD, Zonta Rose Day gives people an opportunity to reflect on past achievements and honor the current efforts of champions for gender equality by donating to the Zonta Foundation for Women.

SIXTY-SIXTH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN (CSW66)

14-25 March 2022

Representatives of Member States, UN entities, and ECOSOC-accredited non-governmental organizations (NGOs) from all regions of the world are invited to attend the session.

- **Priority theme:** Achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls in the context of climate change, environmental and disaster risk reduction policies and programs.
- **Review theme:** Women's economic empowerment in the changing world of work ([agreed conclusions](#) of the sixty-first session).



February

9th Ella Crochet
25th Stacy Delatte

March

4th Sangeeta Shah
8th Kay Wolf