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THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

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Zonta Club of Lafayette

President's Message

Late Summer traditionally brings the months of extreme heat and thoughts of the end of vacation time. Deep green hues are everywhere in South Louisiana. Flowers are in full bloom. Monarchs are flying. Hurricanes are forming and striking with a vengeance. The world can be so very beautiful and dangerous.

We are still in the midst of a virus pandemic and many of us are concerned about where we go from here. Zonta continues to persevere in the face of many obstacles. Women worldwide have suffered due to this pandemic. Jobs were lost, viable income was diminished, violence and abuse became more commonplace, child marriages have increased. But, just like the Ant Who Moved the Rubber Tree Plant we will continue to have high hopes. We can keep working diligently and we can make a difference. The smallest event can have a huge impact. "Tomorrow there will be more of us" – Hamilton

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



I pray for each of you to have a safe and healthy end to this crazy summer. Be kind to one another. Love is all.

Our next meetings will be held on September 13, 2021 and October 4, 2021. Meetings will be virtual on ZOOM until we feel it is safe to meet in person. 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



Christen Tauzin
Zonta Club
of
Lafayette
Joined June 2021

Zonta Club of Lafayette is saluting Christen Tauzin. Although we usually salute members who have been in Zonta for a longer time, Christen has a connection to Zonta that dates back to 2006. It was the year Christen became Zonta Club of Lafayette's Lafayette Woman Scholarship recipient. This local 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. Christen excelled at Louisiana Technical College in the Certified Cisco Networking Academy. She used her IT skills to become the Managed Services Manager at Global Data Systems. While her work history is impressive, she also is an avid volunteer. Christen had a desire to be involved with community service activities, promote education, support charities, promote education, empower and advance women and lead a healthy lifestyle. This desire brought her to the Mrs. Louisiana All Star United States Pageant. She won that title. She continued on her journey to Savannah, Georgia where she was crowned Mrs. All Star United States. This patriotic group provides a top-quality pageant production and provides an outlet for women of America to continue and advance their community service activities. Christen's family supported her and traveled with her during this entire process.

Zonta Club of Lafayette is proud to have Christen Tauzin as a member.

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

Newsworthy Items

Scholarships

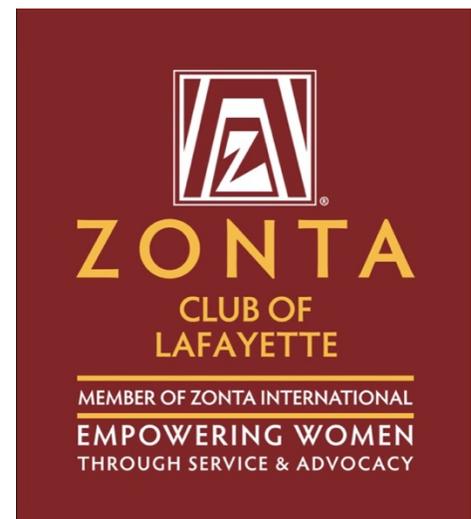


Brooke Capritto
2021
Jane M Klausman
Woman in Business
Scholarship winner

[Jane M Klausman \(JMK\) Woman in Business Scholarship](#)

(local, district, and International)

The Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarships are awarded to women undertaking business studies who have demonstrated outstanding potential in the field. Brooke grew up on a farm in St. Martinville. It was there she developed a strong work ethic. Brooke is a student at UL Lafayette pursuing a Masters of Business Administration with a concentration in Project Management. She says she is in this field because she loves fostering relationships while implementing change. Brooke graduated from ULL in 2017 with a Bachelor of Science in Dietetics. She has worked in San Antonio, Texas and Nashville, Tennessee. She is grateful to Zonta for giving her this opportunity to finish her MBA. Congratulations, Brooke. We wish you all the best as you move forward in your career.



Zonta Club of Lafayette Packs Bags for Theo's Project



On Thursday, July 29, The Zonta Club of Lafayette met at Comfort Suites to assemble the backpacks for Theo's Project.

Theo was 8 years old when he read in a magazine that there were kids who might not have homes and all the love and support they need. He wanted to fill backpacks to give to homeless kids. The only criteria was they were to be filled with fun stuff not school supplies. Theo wanted to bring a little joy into their lives. Faith House was contacted to see if this was a project they would be interested in supporting. Once we got the okay, Zonta Club of Lafayette was presented with this project and they really stepped up. Donations were varied and fun.

We had 48 colorful backpacks that were filled with pencils, sharpeners, erasers, colors, markers, puzzle books, coloring books, journals, notebooks, cards, animal slap bracelets, Playdoh, and travel games.

Dory Thomassie chaired the event. Kim Hitt kept track of all the supplies and Suzanne Daigle coordinated. We had several Zontians in attendance as well as children and grandchildren of Zontians. Thank you to everyone who helped bring some joy to children who need some.

The Zonta Club of Lafayette was proud to partner with Faith House.



Our younger helpers were the so good.



Sara Terro (l) Children's Program Manager Faith House Dory Thomassie(r) President of Zonta Club of Lafayette



Faith House is extremely proud to announce the Volunteer of the Year. Mary Neiheisel has been a part of the Faith House family for over 20 years. Zonta Club of Lafayette is blessed to share this wonderful woman with Faith House.

Mary Neiheisel (r) is pictured with Paulette Landry (l)



District 10 News



Zonta International
71st District 10 Conference
"Zonta - The Next 100 Years!"
October 14-17, 2021
Dallas, Texas
Hosted by the
Zonta Club of Dallas

Call to Conference (October 14-17, 2021 in Dallas, Texas)

The hotel will be the DoubleTree by Hilton Dallas – Campbell Center. This is the reservation link https://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/D/DFWCNDT-ZI2-20211013/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

Group Name: Zonta International – District 10

Group Code: ZI 2

Group Rate: \$123 plus applicable taxes

This discounted rate ends on September 22 at midnight. We may be able to add a few additional rooms at the discounted rate. Otherwise, the current rate is \$203 plus taxes.

ZONTA International News and Events

[GIRLS' EDUCATION MUST REMAIN A PRIORITY](#)

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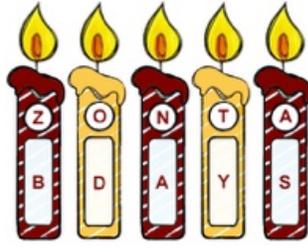
As the world watched the news unfolding from Afghanistan over the last week, we at Zonta International had one thing on our minds—the rights of women and girls. Read more in our statement:

<https://bit.ly/AfghanistanZIStatement>. [#ZontaEmpowers](#)

[ZONTA INTERNATIONAL STATEMENT ON WORLD HUMANITARIAN DAY 2021](#)

Posted on 8/19/2021

This year, with the theme [#TheHumanRace](#), the United Nations is issuing a global challenge for climate action in solidarity with the people who need it most. Find out how Zonta International is commemorating World Humanitarian Day.



August
24th Kim Hitt

September
4th Karen Lestelle
8th Chris Weaver