

Discover Dynamic Diversity

68th Zonta International District 10 Conference Houston, Texas October 15-18, 2015

*Hosted by the
Zonta Club of Houston*



ZONTA
INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 10
EMPOWERING WOMEN
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

Mission Statement

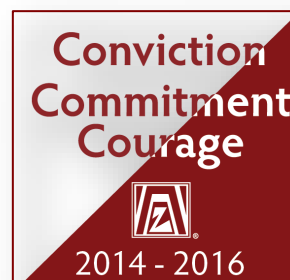
Zonta International is a leading global organization of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy.



CITY OF HOUSTON



Message from District 10 Governor Judy Kautz



Greetings District 10 Zontians!

I hope you have made plans to attend the 68th District 10 Conference in Houston, Texas, October 15-18, 2015. Our Zonta International President, Maria Jose Landeira Oestergaard, will attend as our International Representative, which will make our events extra-special! This will also be a great time to celebrate your accomplishments thus far in the biennium, renew friendships and make some new ones, as we fellowship, grow in our knowledge of Zonta and conduct the important business of District 10.

Discover Dynamic Diversity - Have a 3D Experience is our theme for this year's conference, hosted by the Zonta Club of Houston, who has planned a conference that is spirited, full of information and inspiring. Our hotel is newly renovated, and all events and activities except Friday night will be at the hotel. Rooms are beautiful, WiFi is free for us, and the view of Houston is spectacular.

Friday and Saturday business sessions will offer an opportunity to hear our Zonta International President Maria Jose speak about Zonta International's progress in the biennium, and look at International Service projects during Foundation sessions. We also have some very special speakers and workshops scheduled, and two inspiring service projects. We will elect our officers for the next biennium, vote on the biennial budget and consider some important proposals including an exciting new District 10 scholarship. At the Memorial Service we will remember our dear Zontians who have passed, as we always do.

The Talent Show is back for our Thursday night welcome, with a theme of *3D - Dance, Drinks & Distractions* and a retro 60s flair. Share your talents and enjoy a wonderful buffet and cash bar while you reconnect with fellow Zontians. On Friday night we'll gather at the Armadillo Palace (close to the hotel) for some country fun, line dancing and yummy Texas barbeque, so bring your western duds! Attire for business sessions will be professional business clothes, and banquet attire will be "dressy after 5". Orange accessories are encouraged as we will focus on Zonta Says No—a limited number of orange boas will be available at the Zonta Store.

We have renamed our silent auction ***Dollars for Scholars***, and it will provide some irresistible treasures, as will our foundation auction. For our club presidents again this year, we will provide a special breakfast and networking time, so you may share ideas with each other. And, of course, we will have our wonderful presentation of flags maintained by the Zonta Club of West Hidalgo.

Come, learn, and grow as Zontians, whether you are new or seasoned. Let your voice be heard and share in the joy of belonging to an organization that empowers women through service and advocacy. Each of you is an important part of our Zonta community and vital to the life of the organization!

Are you ready for a 3D experience? I am...please join me!

Serving Zonta joyfully!

Judy Kautz

District 10 Governor



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Dear Zontians of District 10,

As you are gathering together at the 2015 District conference, I would like you to reflect on our mission and vision, on the purpose of our great organization, on why we merge our efforts to achieve a greater impact in women's lives.

As Zontians, we empower women worldwide and help them to become self-sufficient. We envision a world in which women's rights are recognized as human rights and every woman is able to achieve her full potential, where women have access to all resources and are represented in decision-making positions on an equal basis with men, where no woman lives in fear of violence.

This vision can only be achieved by our continuous advocacy and service efforts focusing with conviction, commitment and courage on the prevention of root causes through education.

Year 2015 is probably one of the most important years for gender equality and women's empowerment. It marks the 20th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, and the fifteenth anniversary of Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace, and Security.

Our voice has been sharp and clear when moving our priorities forward through our activities in the UN (including the Council of Europe) and Advocacy committees. We have contributed to the discussions and final documents regarding the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), focusing on the SDG no 5: Achieve Gender Equality and Empower All Women and Girls.

After the General Assembly adopted the SDGs in September 2015, our work continues implementing them at local and international level.



The District conference is one of the most important events during the whole biennium where decisions are made about relevant issues for the District, and the leadership for next biennium is elected. I look forward to being there with you, to share the fellowship, celebrate your successes, contribute to the discussions, and listen to your concerns.

Let me please use this opportunity to thank everyone contributing to the positive development of Zonta and for all the work done for women around the world. I look forward to meeting you soon at the D10 conference and to learning more about your successes and the important decisions you will make.

Warm regards,

Maria Jose Landeira Oestergaard



Preliminary Conference Schedule

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OCTOBER 15-18, 2015

Thursday, October 15

District Board Meeting (Tower Suite 1820)	8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Conference Registration (Lower Level)	3:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Zonta Store and Silent Auction set up and sales (Azalea & Camellia)	4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
First & Second Timers/Delegates Training (Sam Rayburn)	6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Welcome Reception (See the View-Plaza Ballroom 20th Floor)	6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
3-D: Dance, Drinks & Distractions/Wear your Retro Sixties attire	
Buffet, Cash Bar, Karaoke and Talent Show	

Friday, October 16

Zonta Store and Silent Auction set up and sales (Azalea & Camellia)	7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
Conference Registration (Lower Level)	7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
Opening and First Business Session (Greenway I Ballroom)	8:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
Status of Women Luncheon (Greenway II Ballroom)	12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Hosted by Zonta Club of Sequin	
Speaker: Misa Nguyen/United Against Human Trafficking	
Second Business Session (Greenway I Ballroom)	1:45 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Host Club Event (Armadillo Palace, 5015 Kirby 77098)	6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Club Parties together in one room (Cityview Suite 19th Floor)	9:30 p.m. - 'till ?
Clubs hosting parties should bring food, drinks & decorations	

Saturday, October 17

Voting (Poinsettia)	7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.
Conference Registration (Lower Level)	7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
President's Breakfast (Cityview Suite 19th Floor)	7:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.
Memorial Service 2014-15 (Greenway I Ballroom)	9:00 a.m. - 9:20 a.m.
Provided by Zonta Club of Lafayette - <u>Doors close at 8:55</u>	
Third Business Session (Greenway I Ballroom)	9:20 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
Amelia Earhart Luncheon (Greenway II Ballroom)	12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Hosted by Zonta Club of Mineral Wells	
Speaker: Dr. Bonnie Dunbar /UH and former Astronaut	
Special Guest: AE Fellow Hieu Truong, 2014 AE Fellow	
Fourth Business Session (Greenway I Ballroom)	1:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
ZI President's Reception/Photo Op (Greenway Foyer)	6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Awards Banquet (Greenway Ballroom I and II)	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Wear your best "Zonta Says No" orange outfit or accessory	
Governor's Gathering (Cityview Suite 19th Floor)	9:30 p.m. - 'till ?

Sunday, October 18

District Board Meeting (Tower Suite 1820)	8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
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Zonta Store and Dollars for Scholars (Silent Auction) will be open at specific times in the Azalea and Camellia Rooms. Flags storage and Newsletter/Pressbooks Judging in Poinsettia Room.



Status of Women Luncheon Speaker

Misa Nguyen

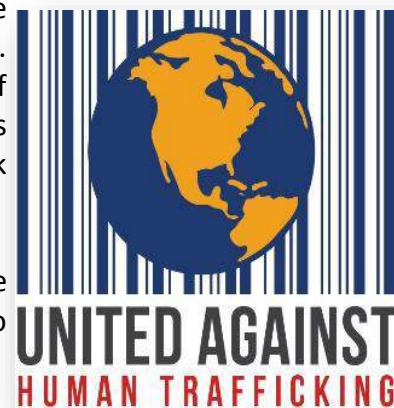
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Misa Nguyen serves as the Director of Programs for United Against Human Trafficking. Ms. Nguyen oversees the research, development, and implementation of UAHT's projects and programs for training frontline professionals and public awareness campaigns. Ms. Nguyen represents UAHT in the community for various capacities, currently serving on the Human Trafficking Rescue Alliance Task Force and Houston Area Council on Human Trafficking. She has developed expertise in delivering UAHT's training to law enforcement, first responders, and healthcare professionals as well as facilitating community presentations.

Ms. Nguyen received her Bachelor's of Arts in Liberal Arts from the University of Texas at Austin with concentrations in Government and Asian Studies. During her time at the University of Texas, Ms. Nguyen was exposed to the social injustice of human trafficking and participated in faith-based initiatives to spread awareness of this growing crime. After graduating from the university, she entered the non-profit sector and engaged with the issue through the co-founding of a Houston chapter of the international Coalition to Abolish Modern-day Slavery in Asia (CAMSA) to spread awareness and support the overseas efforts to combat labor trafficking in Asia. A native Houstonian, Ms. Nguyen came to UAHT in 2010 from Boat People SOS-Houston, bringing her enthusiasm for working with diverse communities in our city. She is passionate about local food eateries, recycling, and social justice issues. Ms. Nguyen is dedicated to education and knowledge to empower others in the anti-human trafficking movement.

United Against Human Trafficking (UAHT), formerly known as Houston Rescue and Restore Coalition, is the lead organization for a dedicated coalition of Houston-area non-profits, faith-based organizations, government agencies/entities and others whose mission is to end human trafficking by educating the public, training professionals and empowering the community to take action for the purpose of identifying, rescuing and restoring trafficking victims to freedom. The group was established in 2005 and acquired 501(c)3 status in the state of Texas in December, 2007. In 2014, HRRC made the decision to transition its name to United Against Human Trafficking in order to better illustrate the work and focus of the agency.

The idea of being "United" embodies one of the main tenants of the organization – that it will take everyone, united together to bring a true end to modern-day slavery.





Amelia Earhart Luncheon Speaker

Astronaut Dr. Bonnie Dunbar

Hosted by Zonta Club
of Mineral Wells

Bonnie Jeanne Dunbar is a former NASA astronaut. She retired from NASA in September 2005. She then served as president and CEO of The Museum of Flight until April 2010. Dr. Dunbar now leads the new University of Houston's STEM Center (science, technology, engineering and math) and joined the faculty of the Cullen College of Engineering where she is M.D. Anderson Professor and Director of Aerospace Engineering. A member of the prestigious National Academy of Engineering, she will provide transformative leadership in the development of a new integrated university STEM Center, building upon currently strong programs in several of the colleges, and leveraging their success in the larger K-12 community.

Dr. Dunbar earned undergraduate (cum laude) and graduate degrees in ceramic engineering from the University of Washington. In 1983 she received a Ph.D. Mechanical/Biomedical Engineering, University of Houston. In 1975, she was invited to participate in research at the Atomic Energy Research Establishment, Harwell near Oxford, England, as a visiting scientist. Following her work in England, she accepted a senior research engineer position with Rockwell International Space Division. Her responsibilities there included developing equipment for the Space Shuttle thermal protection system.

Dunbar became a NASA astronaut in August 1981. She has held many different positions at NASA and has flown on 5 shuttle missions STS-61-A *Challenger*, STS-32 *Columbia*, STS-50 *Columbia*, STS-71 *Atlantis*, STS-89 *Endeavour* between 1985 and 1998. She has logged more than 1,208 hours (50 days) in space and was Payload Commander on her last two flights. Bonnie is a private pilot with over 200 hours in single engine land aircraft, has logged more than 700 hours flying time in T-38 jets as a back-seater, and has over 100 hours as co-pilot in a Cessna Citation jet.





THURSDAY NIGHT WELCOME RECEPTION

3D - DANCE, DRINKS
& DISTRACTIONS



Enter the Talent Show!
Prizes for Best 3 Acts
and Best Costumes!
Karaoke, Cash bar & More...
Retro Sixties Attire



Big Easy Buffet
Gumbo, Grilled Chicken with Rouille Sauce,
Blackened Redfish, Shrimp Etouffee,
Macque Choux and more

PLAZA BALLROOM 20th Floor

6:30 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.





Goode's Armadillo Palace
Friday Night
“Dancing with the Armadillos”

October 16, 2015
6:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.
BBQ Buffet Provided
DJ & Line Dance Instructor

5015 Kirby Drive, Houston 77098
713.526.9700

Dollars for Scholars



Clubs are requested (as usual) to bring a really special item for the D10 Silent Auction. Requested minimum value ~\$50. All funds go to the D10 Foundation for **District Scholarships**. Scholarships include YWPA, Jane M. Klausman, and Rose (non-traditional). Our district scholarships depend on this revenue. Individuals may also bring auction items. Please let us know on your registration form if you are bringing an item.

Note: You can request a tax-deduction form for value of your gift, or deduct any amount over the retail value of what you buy.

Bid generously and please remember to bring your checkbook....proceeds will go directly to Zonta District 10 Foundation!!!!

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Support Two Local Service Projects!



In recent years District 10 has developed a tradition of providing an opportunity for District Zontians to support a service project important to the Host Club. This year the main recipient in Houston is The Women's Home (TWH). TWH serves women who have been in crisis for many reasons, retraining them and getting them back in the workplace. A lot of effort goes into building back their self-esteem and every year we host an Awards Dinner recognition event.

To that end, we have come up with a way for you to have fun *and* support a second service project at the same time: purchase some items from Ten Thousand Villages as gifts for The Women's Home Awards Dinner! Ten Thousand Villages will provide these items (special soaps, sachets, etc.) to purchase directly at the Zonta conference, and the Houston Club will then bring them to the special event. (Of course, you can also buy for yourself!) Additionally, cash or gift cards are very welcome, too.

As a side benefit, if you'd like to shop at the actual Ten Thousand Villages store while you are here, we will help you get there with a discount coupon in your hand! The store is only a few miles away and easy to find.



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DoubleTree by Hilton, Houston Greenway Plaza
6 E. Greenway Plaza, Houston, Texas 77046
713-629-1200

HOTEL RESERVATIONS—GROUP CODE IS “ZON”

There are still rooms available! Deadline to reserve September 24

If you need help obtaining a room for the dates you want, please contact

Carole Moffatt at clm12458@aol.com or 713-582-6903

Use this link to make your reservations:

<http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/H/HOUGWDT-ZON-20151014/index.jhtml>

Room rates: Double queen—\$119.00 + tax

Amenities include free Wi-Fi (normally \$12.95) and \$5 parking (normally \$18)
Houston Hobby airport is closer to hotel than IAH

We have reserved the Cityview Suite (19th floor) for the Friday night club parties

We cannot host parties in individual rooms

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Driving Directions

Travel Information (typical minimum costs)

SuperShuttle from Hobby Airport: ~ \$ 19 plus tip Taxi: ~ \$ 35 + tip

SuperShuttle from Intercontinental: ~ \$ 24 plus tip Taxi: ~ \$ 55 + tip

Driving directions: (note: those on the hotel site are NOT very useful)

Hotel is just off Route 59 (I69), just west of the Buffalo Speedway exit.

From north and east: Route 45 and I10 have exits to Route 59 south (Victoria), follow Route 59 (I69) and take Buffalo Speedway exit, stay on the feeder road, go thru light at Buffalo and stay in right lane of the feeder. There will be a large low sign for hotel on side of road, keep going, past a Visitors Parking down ramp and you'll see a small hotel sign and a green/white sign that says "Edloe" with right arrow. Follow the up ramp on the right just before an overpass. Just past the top of the ramp is an unmarked entrance to the hotel which is immediately on your right. There is a portico to the hotel lobby and also a down ramp to the hotel parking (there is a direct entrance to hotel elevators from the underground parking area). If you miss the turn, continue to Timmons; turn right to Richmond and right to Greenway.

If you are coming north on Route 59 (I69) also get off at Buffalo and stay in left lane of feeder, make a U turn under the freeway at Buffalo and follow the directions above.

In any case ...Do not panic if you miss the hotel entrance road just keep going on Edloe (stay in right lane) and turn right at Richmond, then the next right turn takes you into the Greenway Office complex, go straight and you'll see a sign for HOTEL up high, way in front of you (the back of hotel is not marked)....go that way and turn right at the "T" connection. The hotel is in front of you to the right, just drive around to the front entrance.

The down ramp to the self-parking is across from the lobby portico. Just follow the signs, it is a long, long curving ramp down to the "hotel self-parking" which is pretty clearly marked.

To Exit the Parking area: Follow signs to Exit and after you pass through the ticket booth you can exit to Edloe/SW Freeway (east and north) **or** go up a long ramp back up to the hotel lobby level and exit Edloe to the north. Just follow signs carefully.

Note: the Hotel is directly across Edloe Street from the huge Lakewood Church. We will have maps to the Friday Night event when you register. It is only about 1 mile away.

If you need other travel guidance, contact Zonta Club of Houston.

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route

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Hotel
5164
2210

NOTEL
S16H

→ SOUTHWEST FWY →

I69

STFW
Buffalo
Spooky
Exit

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Houston, the Next Great Melting Pot

There are 2.2 million people in the city ... the capital of America's Third Coast! Discover Space City, the Big Heart, H-Town, etc.! Houston is the 4th largest city in America and home to more Fortune 500 companies than anywhere else but NYC. We are a surprisingly progressive city in that we elected the first woman Police Chief in 1990 and the first woman Mayor in 1981. Our current Mayor is also a woman.

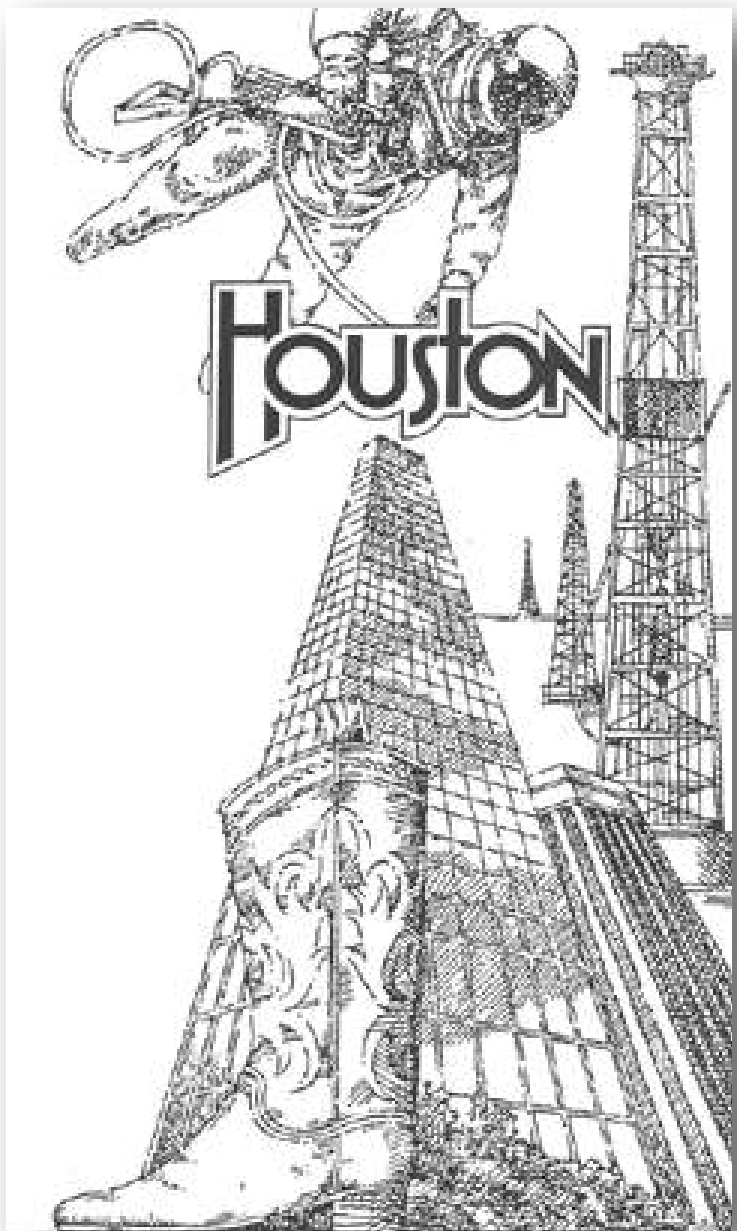
The city is cosmopolitan with an ever expanding roster of museums and theaters. We have more theater seats than any city other than NYC. Come and Discover!

Most important, it is deliriously multicultural, ranking as the nation's city with the most Diversity. One out of every four of us is foreign born.

We are Dynamic! We are growing continually with fantastic, diverse food experiences from food trucks to fancy spots. The demographic mash up has generated a melting pot cuisine that redefines what it means to eat like a Texan!

If you want to come early or stay late and do something special, here are some suggestions:

Bayou Place
Houston Galleria
Johnson Space Center
Houston Zoo
Houston Museum District
Kemah Boardwalk
Downtown Aquarium



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A Few Notes About the Conference

- Our Zonta International President Maria Jose Landeira Oestergaard will be with us...she is a real leader – come and meet her in person!
- Be prepared to learn something new about Zonta and enjoy spending time with fellow Zontians – mingle and dialogue!
- Enjoy a great start Thursday **“3D....Dance, Drink and Distractions”** in the Plaza Ballroom, a room with a view (20th floor). Enter the Talent Show for some great prizes and give Karaoke a try afterwards. We will have a sumptuous dinner buffet and cash bar.
- Dress for conference business sessions will be business attire. Banquet attire is dressy after five...wear orange if it's your color or accessorize with it...the theme is Zonta Says NO.
- Attend the Zonta Houston's host club event at the Armadillo Palace (western/casual) on Friday evening – BBQ and line dancing. Club parties following the event will all be in one large room – the Cityview Suite on the 19th floor — another new experience!
- Stop by the Zonta store and silent auction area (frequently) to pick up goodies and support clubs and D10 scholarships. Bid lively on the live auction items to benefit ZIF efforts and donate appealing, enticing items for the auction.
- Clubs – donate a classy item for the silent auction tables to support the District 10 Foundation scholarships (individual members can donate also) but donated items should have minimum value of \$50. Item bringing most \$\$\$ will get an award. Think - **“DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS”**
- This is a voting year AND your attendance is very important! You will learn much to take home to share with your club. Our Amelia Earhart and Status of Women luncheon speakers will be educational and enlightening.
- Take the opportunity to support several local service efforts....buy from Ten Thousand Villages and donate the items to The Women's Home to support the women residents (you can buy for yourself also!). Discounts to the store are available!
- Snacks in the bags.....hotel snacks are pricey so we will be providing coffee break healthy snacks in your goodie bags...don't eat them all at once!
- For REAL shoppers.....we are about 3 miles from the Galleria. The hotel offers a free shuttle within a 3 mile radius.
- Enjoy a special treat at Registration (first 130 registered). Many thanks to Suzan Miles for creating these wonderful Goodie Bags (see photo at right). Thanks also to Linda Licarione and Susan Gallivan for donating the funds for these great bags.



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*District 10 is offering an elegant set of earrings on gold wires and a pendant without chain as our annual commemorative conference jewelry. Both earrings and pendant are made of bright gold disks, 3/4 inch in diameter, that will not tarnish. The disks have filigree designs around a burgundy Zonta logo in the center. You may purchase the **earrings for \$25** and the **pendant for \$20**, or combine them for **\$40 a set**. We are not offering a chain for the pendant in order to keep costs down.*

*Since we will have a limited number of these available, you may pre-order your jewelry using the procedures below, but do not submit any payment. **Deadline for pre-orders is October 1**. We will have your items available at the conference and payment will be expected at pickup. This jewelry will also be available for purchase at the Zonta Store during our conference. If you cannot attend, please ask someone to collect your order and bring your payment, as no orders will be held without payment after conference. You may purchase as many as you want, remembering that quantities are limited! The sales proceeds go to the District 10 Foundation.*

*To order your jewelry, **please email** Governor Kautz at governor@zontadistrict10.org not later than **October 1** with the following information:*

Name _____
Club _____

Earrings _____
Pendants _____
Earring/pendant sets _____

*If you prefer, you may mail your order to:
Governor Judy Kautz , 5501 Royal Drive, Oklahoma City, OK 73150*

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DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, Greenway Plaza, Houston TX 77046

REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ Nickname for Badge if preferred _____
Zonta Club of: _____
Mailing Address: _____

Phone _____ E-mail: _____ (registration confirmed by email)

Check all that apply: Member _____ Delegate _____ Proxy _____ First Timer _____ Second Timer _____
District Officer _____ District Committee Chair _____ Club President _____
President's Designee (for Breakfast Meeting only) _____
Past Governor _____ Guest Name (s): _____

District 10 **DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS** Silent Auction Item Donation (minimum value ~ \$50):
Club: Yes _____ No _____ Individual: Yes _____ No _____

Diet restrictions: *We will do our best to meet special dietary needs. Please specify – i.e. vegetarian* _____
PLEASE SELECT YOUR Saturday Banquet Meal Preference: ☐ *Chicken* ☐ *Salmon* ☐ *Vegetarian*

REGISTRATION FEES:

Early Bird: (by 9/21/2015)	Members (check/cash)	\$225.00 X _____	= \$ _____
	Members (credit card)	\$230.00 X _____	= \$ _____
	Guests	\$175.00 X _____	= \$ _____
Regular: (after 9/21/2015)	Members (check/cash)	\$275.00 X _____	= \$ _____
	Members (credit card)	\$280.00 X _____	= \$ _____
	Guests	\$175.00 X _____	= \$ _____

One Day Registration (by 10/03/2015) \$175.00 X FRIDAY _____ or SATURDAY _____ = \$ _____

Friday Night Host Club Armadillo Palace Event \$50.00 X _____ = \$ _____

Total due \$ _____

Payment by check or credit card: ☐ MasterCard ☐ Visa

Name on Card _____ Expiration Date _____ Billing Zip _____

Credit Card # _____ 3 Digit Security Code (on back of card) _____

EARLY BIRD: Registration must be postmarked or emailed by **9/21/2015** (print & send with payment)
Cancellation: by September 28, 2015 for a full refund. After that any refund will be based on costs incurred.

Check payable to: **Zonta Club of Houston D10 Conference**

Please return to: **Zonta Conference, c/o Carolyn Phillips, 3312 Tanglewood Road, Houston, TX 77005**

For questions, contact Carolyn Phillips: cfp700@gmail.com or 713-669-8163