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~ President's Letter~



Greetings Zonta Club of Ft Worth Members and Friends

April 11th was a great fortieth Professional Woman of the Year celebration honoring the Fort Worth Mayor Betsy Price. I came away from the celebration with an energized feeling that our community is learning the value of Advancing the Status of Women. A great big thank you to the entire committee for an outstanding job; very impressive and Mayor Betsy Price was pleased.

We received gracious thank you letters from the Organization(s) we gave donations to from last year's fundraiser, so let's do it again in 2013, they depend on us for help! I look forward to the project(s) recommendation that will be presented to the Club at the MAY 9TH meeting ~ Colonial Country Club~ 3735 Country Club Circle~ Ft Worth. Make a point of coming to the meeting and being a part of this important decision. At the May 9th meeting you will also have an opportunity to meet scholarship recipients and welcome new board members into our Club.

Don't miss out on the many exciting upcoming events and news so please keep your calendar updated, watch your emails, newsletter and join in the fun.

Together, we are a great Fort Worth team making it happen for over 85 years.

I thank you for all you have done and continue to do to Advance the Status of Women.

Warm regards,

Vicki Saylor-Probes

We have moved our regular Club meeting back to Colonial Country Club

Starting May meeting

Upcoming Zonta Events

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Monthly Meeting

Where: Colonial Country Club

When: May 9, 2013 Time: 6:00 p.m.

RSVP: Cindy Stringer 817-235-7767 stringer.cindy@yahoo.com



Area 1 Meeting – Dallas May 4, 2013



District 10 Conference:

South Padre Island, TX October 17-20, 2013

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Inter- District Meeting - Niagara Fall, ON Canada June 14-16, 2013

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Zonta International Convention

June 27 to July 1, 2014



Professional Woman of the Year Banquet



Vicki Saylor-Probes, President, Mayor Betsy Price and Wanda Rufner, Chair



Performance by the Texas Girls' Choir



Fort Worth Members attending

(Top to Bottom- Left to Right) Jaye Skaggs-Browning, Lym Sudbury, Juda York, Cindy Stringer, Pam Cleary, Connie Stierstorfer, Charlene Peterson, Natalie Pedigo, Gail Wilson, Paulette Burns, Vicki Saylor-Probes, Lola Neil, Angela Niestemski and Wanda Rufner.

Ladder Alliance Supper Club Tuesday, April 30th

Opportunities to serve in our local area



1000 Bonnie Brae Ave, Fort Worth, TX 76111 (817) 834-2100 www.ladderalliance.org We are serving the meal at the Ladder Alliance on Tuesday, April 30th. We are scheduled to bring food and serve on the 5th Tuesday of the month. You are invited to participate by bringing food and/or serving the meal. The Ladder Alliance is a non-profit organization that provides women victims of domestic violence or low-income women with the tools to lead self-reliant, independent and successful lives. We generally serve around 25-30 adults and some children. We need to be ready to serve the food around 5:30. They have someone who prepares the drinks and gets the paper goods and utensils ready to go. If you are bringing food, please plan to be there by 5:15. We are usually finished by 6:30 at the latest. If you would like to volunteer and be a part of this rewarding experience, contact, Paulette Burns, email: p.burns@tcu.edu or cell phone 817-675-0727.

News from International

Preventing Mother-to-Child Transmission in Rwanda

By **Mary Ann Tarantula** who is Chairman of the Zonta International United Nations Committee, Recording Secretary of the NGO CSW New York Executive Committee and Co-Chair of the Planning Committee for the 2013 NGO CSW Forum.



I am proud to report that the lives of women and children are improving in Rwanda. Recently I took part in a panel discussion at an event held parallel to the 57th Session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women. The talk highlighted **the tremendous work that has been done to protect women and children from HIV and gender-based violence in Rwanda**. The panel, which included members of UNICEF, the U.S. Fund for UNICEF and Zonta International, discussed Zonta International's highly effective partnership with UNICEF to achieve progress in those areas.

I am enthusiastic about the future of both women and children. Since Zonta was founded in 1919, helping women in developing countries has been a passion of Zontians. Our partnership with UNICEF is facilitating significant improvements for women and children. Together, we are in the unique position to help virtually eliminate the occurrence of mother-to-child transmission in Rwanda by 2015. **No longer will women worry that the babies they are carrying will be born with HIV.** The panel was a tremendously rewarding experience, and one I will not soon forget.

The Zonta Zingers





Peggy Hutton, Connie Stierstorfer, Sharon Chisholm, Linda Weber, Donna Couch, Amy Mercer and Danny Chisholm (taking the picture).

The Women's Center had over 3,500 register for the walk this year. "Thanks" to all my Zonta Zingers who walked on Saturday, April 13th. I was so happy we had our sister Zontians from the Parker County Club walk with us this year. Thanks! Parker County for your support. Connie Stierstorfer, Chair

Thank You

From Charlene Peterson

A Big "Thanks to each of you" for the lovely green plant and get well balloon sent to me when I was in the hospital. It made the hospital and rehab stay bearable. Also, I appreciated all the cards that I received. I have just now returned to my home and will see you at Zonta soon. Thanks again for your thoughtfulness.

Love. Charlene Peterson



Birthdays in May

May 20th **Pam Cleary** Renee' Moody May 27th



Annual Club Dues

Are due May 1, 2013

SAVE THE DATE for Area 1 Meeting



Zonta The Key to Leadership

Area 1 meeting on May 4, 2013 9a.m. to 5 p.m. Addison Marriott Quorum, by the Galleria 14901 Dallas Parkway, 75254 Wonderfully hosted by: The Zonta Club of Dallas Come for the day or stay for the weekend.

Special room rate \$95 double

Newsletter by Renee' Moody and Connie Stierstorfer