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2022-2024 Biennium

Zonta Club of Central Oklahoma

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July Social a Spirited Gathering!



The Zonta Club of Central Oklahoma celebrated with their annual social at the Native Spirits Winery in Norman. Attendees had the opportunity to taste wines made from this locally owned winery and they also had a chance to develop their own wine. A variety of sweet and red wines were offered for use to combine into a bottle which was sealed and labeled with the crafter's name and design of choice. More photos of the social are on pages 4-6.

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President's Posting

By Elaine Dockray

Central Oklahoma Zontians,

What an exciting time to be a Zontian! There are some great opportunities coming up this fall to unite us in service, advocacy, and fellowship and I hope all of you can take advantage of some or all of them.

SEPTEMBER 30: 15TH ANNUAL ZONTA FALL CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT. FIRELAKE GOLF COURSE, SHAWNEE, OK. This tournament is our biggest fundraiser of the year and it's an all-hands-on-deck event. 100% of all the profits generated from our tournament go towards funding scholarships and donations to like-minded organizations. I look forward to seeing you all there!

OCTOBER 15: DISTRICT 10 GOVERNOR'S SUMMIT, LONGVIEW, TX. Join our District 10 Governor (and Central OK Zontian) Connie Davis and Zontians from other clubs in the district for the Governor's Summit. It is an informative and fun time. The Call to Summit email was sent on August 16, so please look for it in your email if you have not already seen it. The Zonta Club of Central Oklahoma is known for representing well at district events so please consider attending the summit. If you are interested in carpooling or finding a roommate to share hotel room costs, please let me know and we will assist with that.

NOVEMBER 16: ADVOCACY EVENT & SOCIAL WITH ZONTA INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT UTE SCHOLTZ. President Ute will be in Oklahoma City to attend a Service Club Leaders Conference along with other service clubs like Rotary, Lions, Kiwanis, etc. She will have some free time on the evening of November 16 and would like to spend some time meeting local Zontians. What a fabulous opportunity to meet our new ZI President in our own hometown! We will host her for an advocacy event and photo opportunity as the Skydance Bridge will be lighted in orange for "Zonta Says No to Violence Against Women". There will be more information coming out to you all as we get plans finalized for her visit but please SAVE THE DATE for November 16 with ZI President Ute Scholtz!

It was great to see so many of you at our August Business Meeting! We had 25 members attend in person, one member attended on Zoom, and one guest. It was wonderful to see all of the donations of school supplies our members made for our August Service Project – Mid-del Emergency Youth Shelter. Your generosity is amazing!

I am proud to be a part of our club as we Build a Better World for Women and Girls!

Elaine

At our June meeting, we inducted Cathy Hollen as a member of our club...welcome, Cathy! (Photo top left) Certificates for perfect attendance were presented to several members – D10 Gov Connie Davis, (photo bottom left) Deanna Shackelford, (photo top right) and Terri Hurte, (photo bottom right.) Those earning certificates but not present at the meeting were Jodie Brown, Judy Kautz and Theresa Farris.



July Social Photos

by Jodie Kanmore and Judy Kautz



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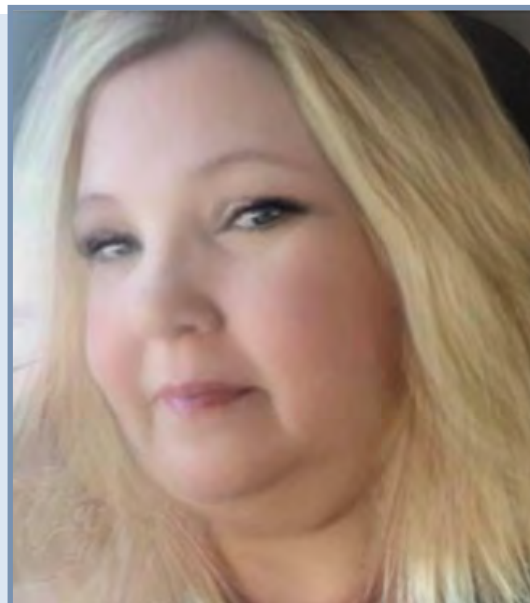
by Jodie Kanmore and Judy Kautz



Meet Darla Cheek

by Charlotte Ikelberry

Growing up, some years Darla sang at the rodeo with her foster sister, while their foster Dad played in a band and sang. Darla's foster dad would play for the rodeo street dances. Darla greatly enjoyed the rodeo, admired high-level rodeo-skill demonstrations, and developed a desire to attend many rodeos. She had been abandoned by her natural parents. Darla was later adopted by her wonderful adoptive mother and adoptive dad. With encouragement of her adoptive family, Darla kept in touch with two foster families. Having grown up in Weatherford, she attended Southwestern Oklahoma State University.



From Angela Weaver and Gail Ashley Andrews, Darla learned about, and gained interest in, Zonta mission. Darla saw how well-organized business meetings are, and was impressed by the speakers' effectively-presented messages. After becoming a member, Darla was amazed at the quantity of work Zonta does for girls and women, including helping homeless girls at Christmas. She saw how Zonta helps sister organizations, truly caring for women. Darla saw the great financial disciplines Zonta practices.

Darla and her husband go visit their grown kids, who do not live close. Darla's adoptive dad passed away in 2020. Darla's former foster parents and her church helped her through the tragedy. Darla stays very involved in Church, serving as a regular volunteer performing duties for which her training gave her expertise. She is a Commissioner at Del City Housing Authority.

Darla has been Executive Director at Mid Del Youth and Family Center since 2014, using her financial background. She was hired on the spot for her job, and sees how the Lord led her to the organization. Her job is her life's calling. She is a certified Domestic Violence Advocate, responding to crime scenes and police scenes at domestic locations. She works long hours, running the emergency shelter, providing to victims intensive counseling through their crises, helping them rebuild their lives, later helping them write resumes, and more.

Every year, her extended family attends the National Finals Rodeo together. They stay at an elegant hotel where they occupy a three bedroom / three bath location. They make time to go shopping, between rodeo activities.

Darla, what true leadership, determination and kindness we recognize in you, from your life story.



It's Tournament Time!

by *Connie Davis*

The Zonta Club of Central Oklahoma is proud to conduct our fifteenth golf tournament on September 30th, 2022. Last year's tournament was out most successful ever – raising more than \$20,000! That is a lot of funds that will go toward building a better world for women and girls on an international and local level through service projects with like-minded organizations and educational awards.

This year we hope to field 33 teams and offer a variety of chances to win big prizes for a "hole in one" shot. One of the perks of a Central Oklahoma Golf Tournament is that every golfer will leave with a door prize – no one goes home empty handed!

Golfers will also have an opportunity to win a variety of raffles and will compete for coveted prizes in first, second and third place.

Central Oklahoma's Golf Tournament remains successful because we have a lot of returning sponsors and golfers year after year who are thrilled to support an organization that is working to empower women.

Dedicated Zontian volunteers are a key to this success as well. Central Oklahoma Zontian volunteers show up in force every year, ready to greet our golfers and ensure they have a wonderful golfing experience. As in any successful club endeavor – it takes all of us to recruit golfers, sponsors, prize donations and to set up and work the tournament. The tournament is executed in one day, but it takes a year long effort of planning and recruiting to make it successful. Thank you, Central Oklahoma Zontians, for your hard work and dedication to making our Golf Tournament successful this year and every year!



**15th Annual
Zonta Fall Classic
Golf Tournament**
Friday, September 30, 2022
FireLake Golf Course
1901 Gordon Cooper Dr, Shawnee OK, 74801

4 Person Scramble
12:00 p.m. Shotgun Start
Check-in & lunch begins at 10:30 am

\$100 per person / \$400.00 per team
(includes green fees, cart, lunch, post play food,
Dixon Challenge (Golf Digest free for 1 year, tees, & HIO shot),
door prize & goodie bag for every golfer, 3 HIO shots)
Registration & Payment by September 16, 2022
Appropriate Golf Attire Required

To Register Contact: Angie Weaver (405) 620-1608
zontagolf@zontacentralok.org

Or Recruiting Member: _____
Debit / Credit Cards Accepted
Make checks payable to Zonta Club of Central OK Foundation, Inc.
Fee constitutes charitable contribution of \$25

**1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place
Tournament Prizes!**

**\$10k Hole In One
Sponsored By
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**\$10k Hole In One
Shopping Spree
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Prizes!**

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Celebrating the 2020-2022 Biennium

Dear Zontians,

I wish you a warm welcome to the 2022-2024 Biennium!

First of all, I would like to thank you all for the support and positive feedback I have received for the new tagline, "Build a Better World for Women and Girls." My vision for this tagline is to use a phrase that everyone can effortlessly understand, and that is easy to translate. Of course, we will continue to empower women and girls through service and advocacy, but with the new tagline, we can elevate Zonta's presence and participation in the global conversation on women's rights to a broader audience and show more visibility.

Zonta is needed now more than ever. According to the July 2022 Global Gender Gap Report, the progress towards gender parity is stalling, and it will take another 132 years to close the global gender gap. We are facing a changing world with political challenges in many countries, war, COVID-19 and economic crises, all of which contribute to a rollback of women's rights. As crises are compounding, women's workforce outcomes are suffering, and the risk of global gender parity backsliding further intensifies. However, I see this as an opportunity to change that narrative, an opportunity for our Zonta members to show the world that we will not rest until women's rights are recognized as human rights and every woman can reach her full potential.

From reading your local service and advocacy actions, I know our Zonta members are already being the architects needed to build that better world. This is why I challenge you all to continue to summon that Zonta spirit and show the world why Zonta continues to be the shining light of leadership and action for gender parity.

Our Zonta members are the heart, soul and hands of our organization, and I am deeply thankful for your continuous dedication and support. Only together can we close the global gender gap and build a better world for women and girls.



Warm Regards,

Ute Scholz

President 2022-2024

Zonta International and the Zonta Foundation for Women

District 10 Governor Connie Davis Installed in Hamburg!

Congratulations to District 10 Governor Connie Davis as she takes the reins of our district for this next biennium. Thank you, also, to outgoing Governor Carole Moffatt for her leadership in a very difficult biennium. We look forward to our upcoming D10 Governor's Summit October 15, where we will learn all about the changes in the new biennium.

Below left, Gov Connie puts stickers on the D10 donation board; below right D10 members at the convention. Far below left, Kayla Stuck, our club delegate and mom Gov Connie at the banquet, and right, Past International Director Judy Kautz, flanked by Lt Gov Shelly Baumgartner and Foundation Ambassador Diane Hodges-Popp.



Club Corner

...all the latest club happenings!

Members In Need

Debbie Miller (Her Health)
Naila Gutierrez (Her Health)
LouAnna Munkres (Her Health)
Caroline Moore (Mother's Health); Angela Kinnamon (Daughter's Health)
Carla Masche (Loss of Her Mother)
Lori Hines (Father's Health)
Marti Ribeiro (Her Health)

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Meetings third Tuesday of each month — 6:00 PM

Rose State College Professional Training Center, Room 108

Significant Events

20 Sep 2022—Business Meeting (Rose State)

30 Sep 2022—Fall Classic Golf Tournament, Firelake Golf Course

5 Oct 2022 - Board Meeting (Elaine's Home)

15 Oct 2022 – D10 Governor's Summit (Longview, TX)

18 Oct 2022 - Business Meeting (Rose State)



Member Birthdays

August Birthdays

Theresa Farris (6th)

Tiffany Smith (15th)

Natasha Hill (20th)

Jodie Kanmore (30th)

September Birthdays

Caroline Moore (2nd)

Naila Gutierrez (15th)



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