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ZONTA
CLUB OF DALLAS
BUILD A BETTER WORLD
FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

Our Mission Statement

Zonta International is a leading global organization of professionals working together to build a better world for women and girls.

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Celebrating Womens History Month!

Dear Club Members,

When our club unites and works toward a common goal, there is truly nothing we cannot accomplish. The recent **Amelia Earhart Luncheon perfectly exemplified the dedication and teamwork that define our organization.** I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to Alicia Burroughs, Chairman of the committee, along with her committee members: Lisamarie Williams, Wanda Ferraro, Miriam Kelley, Terri Hornberger, Catherine Place, Amanda Rich and Joan Hart. Their commitment and collaboration made the event a resounding success.

March is Women's History Month and International Women's Day is celebrated annually on March 8th to recognize women's social, economic, cultural, and political achievements while calling for gender parity. Originating from early 20th-century labor movements in North America and Europe, it is a global day of unity, action, and celebration of women's rights. **Please wear something PINK on Friday for our meeting to show our women's unity for a photo.**

As we approach the final three months of the year, let's continue to finish strong by participating in upcoming projects and maintaining the spirit of unity that makes us so effective.

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By working together, we can achieve even greater things and ensure our club remains a place where every member's efforts are valued and celebrated.

This is also the season for renewing your membership. Renewing not only affirms your place in our club, but helps sustain our shared vision and keeps our community vibrant and strong. I encourage everyone to renew and invite friends to join us as we grow.

We will soon hold elections for club leadership. Please support those who are stepping up to run for these important positions. Leadership thrives with your encouragement, and together we will shape the future of our club.

With gratitude and anticipation for what's ahead.

Paige

Paige Kendrick
President
Zonta Club of Dallas

Membership Meeting is Friday, March 6th

We will be meeting at the Fretz Park Library for this meeting. Our speaker for this meeting will be Maureen Milligan. She is Field Director -Central Team at National Development Council. She has formerly served as Chief of the Community Prosecution and Community Courts Section at the City of Dallas and as a Special Assistant United States Attorney. She will talk about housing affordability and women.

As required, the Nominated Slate of Officers coming from committee for the 2026-2028 Bienium. Nominations can also come from the floor upon our vote in April.

President – Kristin Cutts
VP. – Alicia Burroughs
Treasurer – Susan Tanner
Secretary – Lisamarie Williams
Past President –Paige Kendrick
Directors – (2 positions to be elected)
Wanda Ferraro
Catherine Place
Anne Zumsteg
Continuing Director – Terri Hornberger

DUES ARE DUE SOON

Annual Dues and Membership Information forms will be coming to your inbox. Action Required: Annual Dues & Membership Forms—Let's Get Ready for an Amazing Year with All of the Details You Need for a Fantastic Start!!

The moment has arrived - our Annual Dues and Membership Information forms are heading your way! Not only are these forms essential to keeping our club thriving, but they're also your ticket to a year/biennium of fun, connection, and new opportunities.

Here's what you need to know:

Check your inbox! Our 2026-2028 board is excited to kick off the new term, and your forms are essential for planning our agenda—and for committee and committee chair assignments.

Dues Deadline: All club dues are due by April 30th! To make things easier, you can choose to split your payment: pay half by the end of April and the rest by the end of May.

Please complete and return your membership form to Kristin Cutts by April 30th. Send by mail to: Kristin Cutts, 8211 Flintrock Drive, Frisco, TX 75036 or simply email it to kecutts@gmail.com.

Don't miss out—your prompt response keeps our club running smoothly and helps shape an exciting year ahead! Let's make this season our best yet!



February and March Birthdays

Denise Long – March 8
Paige Kendrick – March 11
Sue Hesseltine – March 23
Maryann Maddox – March 25
April 1 – Kristin Cutts
April 2 – Amanda Rich
April 5 – Robin Moss
April 24 – Kaleta Doolin



Something is Blooming this March!

We are expanding our celebration of Zonta Rose Day to encompass the entire month of March. International Women's Day will remain a key focal point for our global causes and visibility efforts, but now the entire month will serve as a time to honor Zonta and the remarkable women who deserve recognition. We celebrate March 8th as International Women's Day for Zonta.



Special Invitation to Area 1 Meeting Save the Date! Saturday, March 14th
9:00am – 4:00pm at The Crazy Water Hotel, Mineral Wells, TX
West Conference Room – Hosted by the Zonta Club of Mineral Wells
Theme: When Zonta Opens the Door Women Can Soar

This inspiring event invites Zonta club members and guests to gather for a day of learning, fellowship, and empowerment. Hear from District 10 Governor Shelly Baumgartner, Governor-Elect Lisa LeBlanc, and Foundation Ambassador Paige Kendrick as they inform and energize us to reach new heights.

Meeting Highlights include:

- Zonta Foundation for Women Auction – Each club is requested to bring an item
- Zonta Store Table to hold a small fundraiser for your club
- Heritage Table – Bring your special Zonta items to donate for a District fundraiser
- Engaging presentations, networking, and fun!

Friday Evening Events

- Meet & Greet: Friday, March 13, 2026, 4:00pm–6:00pm at The Crazy Water Hotel
- Zonta Wine Glass Painting Party: 6:00pm–9:00pm at Downtown Crafting (dinner and wine served)

A Warm Welcome Awaits

Area meetings are a wonderful and affordable way to rekindle your Zonta passion, connect with international projects, and enjoy Zonta friendships. We encourage all members to attend, and guests are most welcome—this is a perfect opportunity to introduce new faces to Zonta!

Mark your calendar, share the news, and prepare to soar with Zonta District 10 Area 1!

A Design/Build Project - Zonta Lends a Hand

Zonta Club of Dallas' 2025/2026 hands-on service project is now complete! Much appreciation and many thanks to our Zonta friends that have contributed to this project. Here's a couple of Before & After photos of the closet. DARCC will let us know when they will need our service again. The Care Closet helps survivors access resources to meet their basic needs, allowing them the space they need to process their trauma and attend to their healing. All of the products that DARCC has available to the women they assist need a place to live in the Care Closet. We set up the empty shelving with a system of products and supplies in cubby bins, shelf separators, and baskets so that everything is organized in a "retail store fashion" making it easy for DARCC to inventory regularly for requests of donations needed.



Zonta District 10 Area 2 Call to Meeting

Area 2 Meeting
Saturday, March 28, 2026 8:30 am to 4 pm
Hilton Garden Inn Lafayette/Cajundome
2350 W Congress St, Lafayette, LA 70506
Hosted by Zonta Club of Lafayette

Dear Zontians,

The Zonta Club of Lafayette has been hard at work planning a Area Meeting to motivate, educate and inspire you to be a powerful advocate for women and girls all over the world. They have arranged for a special group rate at the Hilton Garden Inn. We will be having the event at St. Barnabas 400 Camellia Blvd, Lafayette, LA 70503.

All club and prospective members are encouraged to attend this one-day training session filled with Fellowship, Fun and Fundamentals of Zonta. District 10 Governor, Shelly Baumgartner, Governor-Elect, Lisa LeBlanc, Foundation Ambassador, Paige Kendrick and so many more will be on hand to inform and motivate us. The agenda will include topics pertaining to membership, advocacy and leadership. You will also be given the tools and resources to strengthen and grow your club. We will also have an inspirational guest speaker during lunch.

The agenda will be sent out soon but for now, mark your calendar for March 28. We hope you can make arrangements to arrive early Friday afternoon, March 27, to enjoy the company of your fellow Zontians. We will host a Welcome Reception at 5:30 pm in the Lobby area to the left of the check-in desk.

Our Save ze TaTaz Gala Art Bra Event will be the Thursday before the Area Meeting. This is our major fundraiser that honors those who have survived breast cancer. Survivors wear art bras that the attendees bid on. We fund our service projects and scholarships with the profits from this event. If you are interested in attending our Save ze TaTaz event just click on the bra and it will take you to Eventbrite for tickets. Also, Comfort Suites will have rooms available for the reduced price from Thursday through Saturday.



15th Annual
Art Bra Event
River Oaks Event Center
Lafayette LA

March 26, 2026
6:00 pm
zontalafayette@gmail.com

15th Annual Save ze TaTaz Art Bra Gala

Thursday, March 26, 2026

Doors open 5:30 PM & Dinner 6:15 PM

River Oaks Event Center—Vermilion Room

Kaliste Saloom Rd @ Hugh Wallis Rd, Lafayette, LA

Keynote Speaker Megan Begnaud —Young Breast Cancer Survivor

Celebrity Auctioneer Karli Sherman

Art Bra Entries @ \$25

Event @ \$50/person

Sponsorships —

Become an Event, Full Coverage,
Pink Ribbon, Strapless or Support
Sponsor today!

Donations for auctions are welcomed

Tickets available at

Lafayette Eventbrite.com

Mail checks to

Paulette Yandle

Zonta Club of Lafayette Foundation

152 Inez Lane, Lafayette, LA 70506

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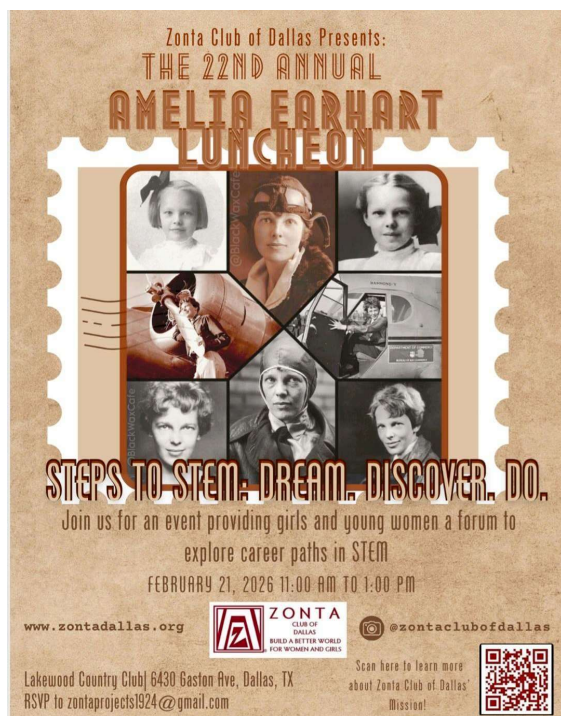


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The goal of the Amelia Earhart Luncheon has always been if we could spark an interest in STEM in just one student then the event would be a success. See the thank you note of the stark we've ignited. Thanks also to Helena Banks for being our Moderator, Rachel Kuhr Conn, Sanjana Arulkumaran, and Betty Medina for their time spent on the panel.

Mission Accomplished Dream, Discover, Done.

Good Morning,

Just wanted to thank you so much for the opportunity for our participants to attend the Amelia Earhart Luncheon. It was a truly inspiring experience, and we are so grateful to have been included.

Events like this provide meaningful exposure for our girls and reinforce the message that their ideas, ambitions, and futures matter. We deeply appreciate your generosity and partnership and we look forward to future opportunities to engage together.

I'm also sharing a note of thanks from a parent below — their words speak to the impact of the experience and celebrate the hard work of all those involved in its creation!

Dear Girlstart Team,

Thank you so much for the incredible opportunity to attend the 22nd Annual Amelia Earhart Luncheon, presented by the Zonta Club of Dallas. It was truly a memorable and inspiring experience.

Roha enjoyed the luncheon immensely—from connecting with other young girls who share a passion for STEM, to listening to the powerful stories shared by students and professionals in the field. The presentations were engaging and motivating, and the overall theme of Dream, Discover, Do, came to life beautifully throughout the event. Winning a raffle prize at the end was the cherry on top and made the day even more special for her.

We are deeply grateful to Girlstart and the Zonta Club of Dallas for providing such a meaningful experience at no cost. Opportunities like this play a vital role in encouraging and empowering girls to dream big and confidently pursue their interests in STEM.

Thank you again for this magnificent opportunity and for all that you do to support and uplift young girls.

With sincere appreciation,
Roozbeh Javed
(on behalf of Roha)

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

Award applications have been sent to schools and other relevant organizations for the following scholarships. More next month about our award winner!

Zonta Young Women in Leadership Award - applications due March 1, 2026. Thanks to Janna Schick for all she does to capably coordinate this award.

Denise Kirkman Young Women in Business Leadership Award - applications were due Feb 22, 2026. Thanks to Maryann Maddox for coordinating this award.

Ruth Maddox Young Women in STEM Award - applications due April 17, 2026.

Thanks to Amanda Rich for keeping the website up to date and to the Award event subcommittee, Amanda Rich, Joan Hart, Janna Schick and Miriam Kelley.

MARK your calendars to join us for the 2026 AWARD Event to be held Friday, June 5, 2026 starting at 11:30 am at North Dallas Bank & Trust (NDBT), 12900 Preston Road, Dallas, TX 75230.



PAY TO THE ORDER OF June 5, 2026
Zonta Scholarship Winners \$ 25,000.00
Twenty Five Thousand Dollars and 00/100 DOLLARS

Congratulations!!

Zonta Club of Dallas

Two, Two, Two FUNdraisers in One!

On Saturday, April 25th from 1pm – 3pm we will hold our super FUN, FUNdraiser – BINGO and Bellinis! This year the event will be held at the Fretz Park Library in the Black Box Theater room. This room is big enough to hold many BINGO tables and participants so we are asking you to STOP & THINK about who you will invite to the event. Get it on their calendars!



BINGO fun, Bunches of finger foods, and Bellinis will be served. Who can't LOVE that?

We will be setting up another Zeffy information page to be able to purchase your tickets directly and so you can use your VISA/MC/AMEX cards to make life easy. (QR Code to come soon.) We will also always accept checks and cash in the mail and in person at any monthly meeting. The preliminary working cost of the event will be \$40 each which will get you: an ENTRY TICKET, BELINNIS, FOOD, a BINGO CARD, and a DOOR RAFFLE TICKET. Silent Auction items will be available too, always for great deals to be had with those. Be aware if you have availability for receiving a donation from local retailers, businesses, or friends for the auction items.

The 2nd part of this FUNdraiser is "Phil the Box." A clothing drive fundraiser in which Zonta Club of Dallas will receive cash for all "soft lines" donated by weight at the BINGO event. Clothes, shoes, towels, linens, in good condition will be resold by "Phil" for profit but otherwise they recycle the items grinding and breaking down to reuse in rugs, etc made in other countries throughout the world. **START GATHERING YOUR BAGS OF DONATABLES NOW!**

Membership Corner



Add Your Voice in March and April

Each Spring Zonta International has a Membership Drive geared to bring on members just before the next fiscal year with a bonus of FREE MONTHS of MEMBERSHIP! They call this campaign "Add Your Voice." If a potential member is interested in joining, but isn't keen on paying for membership dues in March, April or May and then again having to pay for Membership dues that would begin in June (our fiscal year is June through May), the campaign allow for women to join in March, April and May and only have to pay their dues beginning in June. That means they get up to 3 months of Zonta Membership for FREE! **What FREE? Yes, FREE! This is a really good time to seek out potential members.**

To celebrate friendship, connection, and community, we hope you will find your pot of gold at the end of the rainbow with our March social at Rodeo Goat on St. Patrick's day, March 17th. Come hang out, enjoy good food, great conversation, and quality time with your fellow Zontians. Whether you come solo or with your favorite Leprechaun, we would love to see you.

DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH 2026

- March 6th** – ZCD Membership Meeting 11:30am
Fretz Park Library
- March 8th** – Daylight Savings Time
- March 8th** – International Women's Day – Rose Day
- March 13/14th** – Area 1 Meeting in Mineral Wells
- March 15th** – Last day for Early Bird Registration for
Zonta International Convention in Vancouver
- March 17th** – St. Patrick's Day
- March 17th** – ZCD Social 6pm Rodeo Goat in Addison

March 17th is our next Social Meet Up. 6–7:30pm

Make some time to enjoy a burger and fries at Rodeo Goat in Addison for our monthly social! Wear Green! This 17th is St. Pastrick's Day. "Erin go braugh..."
14941 Midway Rd, Addison



APRIL 2026

- April 3rd** – Zonta Membership Meeting at Fretz Park
- April 5th** – Easter Sunday
- April 14th** – ZCD Social 6pm
- April 25th** – BINGO & Belinnis! 2- 4pm
- April 25th** – Phil the Box Fundraiser at Fretz Park

2025-2026

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Treasurer - Susan Tanner Secretary - Lisamarie Williams
Past President - Barbey Crabtree

Directors: Alicia Burroughs, an **OPEN** Position
MaryAnn Maddox and Terri Homberger
Nominating Committee: Janna Schick,
Gwen McKinney and Joan Hart



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