



PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Hi Ladies,

Last night I was installed as your new President. I am very excited and honored to have this position and I am so thankful for all of your willing support. I want to thank Esther Figueroa for allowing me to sit by her side these past several months and learn. I'm sure I will be reaching out to whomever I can and am so grateful we have such a kind and willing group of ladies. I'm excited to begin working with our new slate of officers and encourage any ideas, comments or questions any one may have.

Nuckols Ranch was beautiful. The weather couldn't have been nicer. The decorations and theme were very creative and everyone appreciated "Friendship and Service - The Garden of Life". I personally want to thank each and every one of you for all of your hard work in making this installation such a beautiful success. I definitely have to mention the homemade ice cream which was fantastic!!! Yum!

We also inducted two new members, Toni Dumont and Wendy Taylor. Thank you for your support and being part of our goals.

Speaking of goals...One of the goals I would like to focus on during my term is to start a social media campaign regarding "**What is Zonta?**" I really want to share what Zonta is, who we are and everything that Zonta offers as a club to assist women and girls all over the world. This can be a focus on our Facebook page, and be consistently updated on a regular basis. If each one of us could "**Share**" this on our social media account, the word would really spread. This could have a large impact. I know myself when I have spoken of Zonta I have been asked "What is Zonta?"

This year is Zonta of Porterville's 70th Anniversary and we are planning a celebration. We will be getting back to you with more details on this soon.

Before my next President's Corner letter to you, I will be attending the International Convention in Yokohama, Japan along with Ela Pandya, Sharon Pearson and Renay Sprague. I cannot wait to return and tell you all about it!!

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Zonta Club of Porterville has been supporting the AVID programs at four High Schools in the Porterville Unified School District, for many years, almost over a decade.

On May 3rd, 2018 Z Club Chair Denise Marchant, President Elect, Lynn Trice and Z Club Committee member, Ela Pandya attended the annual AVID Banquet at Monache High School. The banquet recognized the AVID class of 2018.

Zonta was welcomed and acknowledged by Mr. Gale Anthony, the AVID coordinator at Monache High School, during his opening remarks. The banquet/event was an incredible experience for all three of us. 39 AVID students graduated and will be attending college in the fall. Following are some of the heart-warming and interesting facts:

- *21 out of 39 graduating students, are females- almost 54%*
- *Most of the 39 students were accepted into more than one colleges, some even up to 14 schools*
- *12 of the 21 girls will be entering STEM field of education*
- *The students were professionally dressed, confident, well-spoken and most of all profusely thankful for the ways AVID changed their lives for the better.*

In conclusion, we have earned the pleasure of feeling good about our contributions to AVID program and satisfied that it is, indeed, a worthy cause. - Ela Pandya



DISTRICT 9 HIGHLIGHTS

Policy Advocacy Day in Sacramento

Five Porterville Zontians had a very early wake-up call on Monday, May 14. They were in a hurry to catch the 7:17 train from Hanford to Sacramento. The purpose of the trip was to attend the annual California Partnership to End Domestic Violence (CPEDV) Policy Advocacy Day. Each year CPEDV sponsors the event so members can advocate to California State legislators for the needs of survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence. It is a two-day undertaking where members receive information and training during the first afternoon. Attendees were presented with talking points and briefed on the current priorities of the Partnership. This year the main “ask” of the legislators was to vote in favor of \$50 million in new state funding for sexual assault and domestic violence preventive programs in local communities. Basically, funds are needed for proactive strategies to end the generational dilemma of domestic violence. The bill stresses three strategic investments:

- Prevention Strategies
- Comprehensive Wrap-Around Services
- Research and Innovation

After breakfast the next morning and another “pep talk” the advocates walked to the Capital with the team they were assigned to the previous day. Pictures and speeches from legislators took place on the Capital steps then meetings with Assemblyman Devon Mathis then Rudy Salas. The Porterville team was very fortunate to receive positive results from each of the Assemblymen. They indicated that they were aware of the dangers of sexual assault and domestic violence and were supportive of prevention efforts.

The club members were able to get a closer look at how the wheels turn in Sacramento and felt great satisfaction at not only being part of the system but perhaps part of the solution. Thanks to members Ela Pandya, Pam Wallace, Valerie Simonich, Toni Dumont and Mickie Manning.



Celebrating our new members: Toni Dumont with sponsor Mickie Manning & Wendy Taylor with sponsor Gail Nuckols



Outgoing Officers: Mickie Manning, Janie Dignam, Jan Mekeel, Lynn Trice, Susan McGuire, Renay Sprague, Diane Graybehl, Pam Wallace, Valerie Simonich and outgoing President, Esther Figueroa

Thank you to our Past Presidents:
 Mickie Manning, Ela Pandya, Janis Cotton, Renay Sprague, Sharon Pearson, and Denise Marchant. Not pictured: Gail Nuckols, Sharon Scarbrough, Sue Hartman



Installation of Officers

2018-19 Incoming Officers:
 Karen Vanni, Diane Graybehl, Joslyn Walker, Norma Verduzco, Pam Wallace, Jan Mekeel, President, Lynn Trice, Valerie Simonich, Janie Dignam, Renay Sprague & Nancy Likens





Birthdays

June 11	Giovanna DePaoli
June 11`	Diane Graybehl
June 12	Janis Cotton
June 19	Monica Chavez
June 22	Sherryl Lohse
June 24	Vonnie Collier
June 30	Joslyn Walker



Anniversaries

Mickie Manning (21 yrs)	Vonnie Collier (15 yrs)	Lillian Durbin
Valerie Simonich	Karen Vanni	Jan Mekeel
Adonas Nuckols	Monica Chavez	Jane Dignam
Jenna Marquez	Susie Carroll	Leticia Johnson
Cassandra Garcia		

Dates to Remember

- Monday, June 4 – Board Meeting – 5:45 pm – Steve’s Community Room
- Tuesday – June 12 – Business Meeting – noon at Rosa’s

International

May 23, 2018

**International Day to End Obstetric
Fistula**

August 19, 2018

World Humanitarian Day

May 31, 2018

**Club Officer Contact Info Forms due
in ZI**

September 8, 2018

International Literacy Day

June 29 - July 3, 2018

**2018 International Convention,
Yokohama, Japan**

September 21, 2018

International Day of Peace

July 1, 2018

JMK Club apps due to district

October 4-6, 2019

**District 9 Conference, Lihue, Kauai,
HI**

July 11, 2018

World Population Day

October 11, 2018

International Day of the Girl Child

July 30, 2018

International Day of Friendship

October 24, 2018

United Nations Day

July 30, 2018

**World Day Against Trafficking in
Persons**

November 8, 2018

Zonta's 99th Birthday