

Zonta Club of Porterville

Newsletter

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President's Corner

Dear Zontians,

Happy New Year! 2020 is going to be another great year. One of the main goals I have as president this year is membership retention. Keeping the new members excited and involved as soon as possible. We have so many great members that have worked so hard to get new members and are doing a fantastic job, we will be talking more about this soon. 2019 was a great year in our club and I look forward to many more. Let's hold each other up and reach out to someone you notice hasn't been to a meeting in a while, etc...

Sincerely

Lynn Trice

Membership Update

Between some of the homes on the Christmas Home tour and at the Barn Theater, we handed out 12 membership applications and information sheets about our organization. Three ladies have had follow up contact and we hope for great results. Many ladies showed interest in Zonta and we will be reaching out to them as well.

Submitted by *Janie Dignam, Chairperson*

Z Club

Z Clubs are looking for additional advisors. If you're interested in learning more about being a Z Club advisor contact Denise Marchant.

These amazing students from the Granite Hills LJE Pathway and the Monache Z Club helped us raise \$250 tonight in less than an hour! Thank you so much for your exceptional sales skills!!!



Christmas Home Tour

The 2019 Home Tour is in the books. Wonderful weather, great homes and super help from everyone. The Barn was a wonderful venue for hospitality. Pam and Marcia and crew did great on the bazaar. Over \$890! Norma Ruff and Sharon Scarborough manned the raffle table and Giovanna and Diane greeted everyone with smiles and patience. Susan and the Z Clubbers kept the goodies going and my goodness, they were wonderful.

Two expenses we had this year we didn't in the past was the rental of the Zalud House (\$204) and gifts for our homeowners (\$220) since we didn't get our donation from Eagle Mountain. However, and this is a BIG one, our ticket sales were woefully short. Almost \$3,000 LESS than last year. That's a 100 fewer tickets sold. Not all revenue has been received but our net income looks like just under \$7,000. Our expected income was \$9,000 so we can expect the shortfall to be reflected by decreasing some of our good works. BOOOOO.

We have leads on 5 homes for next year already which need to be followed up on ASAP. I sent an invitation to them as acting chairman but am unable to continue as chairman in the future. Will be glad to assist but we need someone to step up as chairman because the homes need to be nailed down. Please let Giovanna know if you are interested or give me a call and I'll answer any questions you may have.

Good Job Everyone,

Submitted by *Donna Raymond, Chairperson*



These three NEVER miss the Zonta Christmas Home Tour





Christmas Party

Our Christmas party was a success this year. Even though attendance was low, the band played all night, we sang, we DANCED, we laughed and truly enjoyed the gift exchange. Our Bartenders, Magic Steve, Spirited Robert and Jitterbug Graybehl took good care of us all. Having photographers from the high schools was a great touch and we look forward to seeing the many special moments on Google Drive. The committee efforts were not in vain. Many thanks again to Adonis and Knuckols' Ranch for their hard work and beautiful setting. Happy New Year to all ... Christmas Party Committee. Submitted by *Janie Dignam, Chairperson*







"The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention" *Oscar Wilde*

Advocacy - 16 Days



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The Zonta Club of Porterville had a showstopping display at the annual Children's Christmas Parade on Main Street Thursday night.

The Zonta Club of Porterville, again this year, participated in the 16 Days of Activism from November 25 through December 10 along with other Zonta Clubs throughout the world. During this time clubs bring maximum attention to various issues pertaining to gender inequality, gender-based violence, human trafficking and many more such issues. This year Zonta is emphasizing ending early childhood marriage.

During the 16 Days our club presented the Zonta goals on Facebook as a reminder of the work to be done. Various Porterville businesses participated in the project by posing for pictures with the "Zonta Says No" signs. Thank you, committee member Karen Vanni, for heading-up that portion of the project. The most prominent project was participation in the Porterville Annual Christmas Parade. The theme this year was "The Gifts of Christmas." The Zonta float highlighted the gifts of Joy, Faith, Hope, Love and Peace. The large float was on a flat-bed truck with over 3000 lights. A special thanks to member Adonais Nuckols for her fantastic creation and to her brother Justin who drove the truck. Club members Lynn Trice, Valerie Simonich, Adonais Nuckols and Mickie Manning rode on the float with signs promoting the Zonta message. Several members from the Granite Hills High School Z Club and a member or two from the Porterville High School Z Club walked along beside the float wearing large lighted gift boxes. It was a cold but rewarding evening. With thousands from the Porterville community at this event we were able to send our message loud and clear. Submitted by *Mickie Manning*



January &
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Membership

January & February Birthdays

Renay Sprague - January 10th

Adonas Nuckols - February 1st

Sharon Scarbrough - February
10th

Denise Marchant - February
11th

Emily Whinery - February 14th

Evening of Art and Wine

Mark your calendars for our 16th Annual Evening of Art and Wine. Event occurs Saturday March 7, 2020 @ 6 p.m. If you are a member of a wine club, now is the time to seek donations for our event. There is a video available to submit through email if anyone is interested. Maybe your favorite winery would like to come to our event and pour their wines.

Next committee meeting is January 7th, 5:30 p.m. at Harris Home Furnishings. All members welcome. Entry tickets, Raffle tickets, and Sponsor letter will be coming to you soon. Begin contacting potential sponsors and advertisers now as the deadline is February 17th.

Happy New Year to Everyone. Submitted by *Larisa Gibson, Co-chairperson*

Dates to Remember

- January 7 - Art & Wine Committee Meeting - 5:30 p.m. - Harris' Home Furnishings
- January 14 - Business - Noon- Rosa's Restaurant
- January 27 - **MONDAY** - Amelia Earhart Program Meeting at the Airport Cafe - 5:30 p.m.
- February 3 - Board Meeting - 5 p.m. - Steve's Community Room
- April 24 - Bunco at Nuckols Ranch
- Zonta International Convention - July 4-8th - Chicago. [see website](#)

Letter from Janis

12/8/2019

Hello to my Zonta Friends,

Michael and I arrived in Florida (4 and a half days and 6 states later). It was a long drive, especially taking Highway 10 through Texas, which never seems to end. After spending a day looking for a storage unit, unpacking, and returning our moving truck, we started house hunting. It's a good thing that we love spending time with my sister Judy and her husband Buzz while we look around and figure out where we are going to finally land.

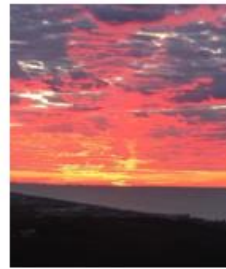
I hope that you all had a wonderful and productive Christmas Home Tour and a joyous Christmas Party. I want to take the opportunity to wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Attached are a couple of photos from Judy's balcony overlooking the Gulf of Mexico. I wake up early every morning to enjoy the sunrises (the sunsets are pretty but the sunrises are just so spectacular).

Our new, temporary, address is:
Janis & Michael Cotton
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Miramar Beach, FL 32550
Phone/Text (same) 559-920-3360
Email (same) janiscotton@yahoo.com

Please know that I am still committed to the Zonta Club of Porterville, District 9, and Zonta International. I will be happy to help with any work that can be done from a long-distance, so let me know if I can help your committee in any way.

Janis



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Norma Ruf has officially moved - her current address is: 100 S. Westwood, Space 150, Porterville, CA