



District 9 Newsletter

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HONOR AND EMPOWER



Women's Equality Day is celebrated in the United States on August 26 to commemorate the adoption of the nineteenth amendment and women's right to vote. While this is a significant milestone in women's history, the fight for equality is far from over. On August 26, we stand with our allies around the world to acknowledge this important day and use its platform to continue to push for gender equality and women's empowerment. When it comes to igniting the power of women and girls, we are stronger together.



District 9 2018-2020 Leadership Team

District 9 Board

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| Lt. Governor | Brittany Vaughan |
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| Secretary | Wendy Weeks |
| Parliamentarian | Gwen Black |
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| Area 2 Director | Deb Blackmore |
| Area 3 Director | Laura Gordon |
| Area 4 Director | Cris Peterson |
| Area 5 Director | Debbie Angwood |

International Director/Liaison

Judy Gorton

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| Advocacy | Gloria Salas |
| Amelia Earhart | Ella Sciamma-O'Brien |
| Bylaws | Open |
| CAEC/Historian | Nickie Bonner |
| Conference | Carroll Gerow |
| Finance | Janis Cotton |
| JMK | Laura Peters |
| L & D Coordinator | Linda Weiland |
| Membership | Brittany Vaughan |
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| Public Relations | Lori Montigel |
| Service | Becky Cutler-Gunn |
| United Nations | Ela Pandya |
| Webmaster | Alice Rebecchi |
| WIT | Laura Peters |
| YWPA | Melissa Figge |
| Z & Golden Z | Jennifer Teske |

Foundation Ambassadors

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| Area 1 | Open |
| Area 2 | Barbara White |
| Area 3,4,5 | Nickie Bonner |

Thank you for your service

Zonta Club of Hilo's Strangulation Bill Signed Into Law

Gov. David Ige signed SB 1037 on July 2, 2019. The bill was introduced by the Zonta Club of Hilo and sponsored by Hawai'i State Sen. Lorraine Inouye.

This bill strengthens the language in the domestic violence statute on strangulation.

In attendance for the signing were U.S. Sen. Mazie Hirono, a founding member of the Women's Legislative Caucus; Heather Kimbell, Zonta Club of Hilo advocacy chair, and members of the Hawai'i Women's Coalition.

SB 1037 amends the offense of abuse of family or household member by amending the type of physical abuse that constitutes strangulation to include blocking the nose and mouth or applying pressure to the chest. The bill also clarifies that infliction of a visible bodily injury is not required to establish the offense.

"We were very pleased this bill passed in its first year," said Kimbell. "The most pervasive and least recognized human rights violation worldwide, gender-based violence affects women and girls of every race, class, culture, ethnicity, age and country. Strangulation and suffocation present serious health risk. Yet, strangulation often leaves no external physical evidence."



Advocacy

By Gloria Salas



JOIN US IN MAKING **GENDER EQUALITY** A
REALITY FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS WORLDWIDE

Just a short update on the child marriage laws in D9 with a shout out to Delaware and New Jersey for being the first states to ban child marriage.

How sweet and short but impactful:

“(a) No individual under the age of 18 shall be granted a marriage license.”

Delaware House Bill No. 337

New Jersey AB865 amended its marriage law by stating that no license will be issued to parties under 18 years of age.

AZ – As of April 2018, lawmakers passed HB206 to end marriage before 16. Under the new law, 16 and 17 year olds can marry if they have parental consent or are emancipated and there is no more than a 3-year age difference between the couple.

CA – In September of last year California state senators passed SB273. This law allows children under 18 years of age who *meet certain requirements and obtain a court order and parental consent* granting permission for the underage person to enter into marriage or a domestic partnership. This law met with much push back from certain non-profits and the ACLU.

HI – The minimum age to marry is 18; but children 16 years old or older can marry with judicial approval and children 15 years old can marry with judicial approval *and* parental consent. The minimum age with parent consent is 16, without parental consent – 18 years of age. §572-1(2), 572-2. The Legislature has not yet introduced a bill toward ending child marriage.

NV – AB139 was passed in June 2019 that allows 17 year olds to marry with parental consent and judicial approval. It also allows for consideration as to whether the marriage is in the minor’s *“best interest”*.

UT – Representative Angela Romero introduced in February 2019, HB 234 to end child marriage in Utah. The bill was thereafter weakened to include exceptions that still allow 16 and 17 year olds to marry. This bill passed the House and the Senate and signed into law in late March 2019. Representative Angela Romero intends to submit additional legislation that will raise the age to marry.

If your state is working on amending its current law, please email me with specifics. I would like to reach out to any legislator that is pursuing banning child marriage in your state.

Membership Workshops

By Cris Peterson



The Zonta Clubs of Redlands and Riverside (Area 4) recently joined together for a fun day of membership workshops. Club leaders spent their Saturday working on ideas for recruitment, retention and running a healthy club.

Guest speakers included Lt. Governor Brittany Vaughan who opened the day with an inspiring message on District membership goals and our roles in helping reach those goals. Area 4 Director Cris Peterson presented the first workshop on recruitment which included community events, publicity for service and advocacy projects, and using fundraisers as new member recruitment events.

After lunch, the day was continued with an interactive workshop on Member Retention led by District YWPA Chair Melissa Figge. Zonta Club of Newport Harbor President Christi Matthews closed out the day with a very informative workshop on how to run a healthy club.

Each participant took home a packet of worksheets filled with ideas to take back to their clubs. All left with a renewed passion to raise membership numbers and engage members to grow their clubs.

Amelia Earhart Fellowship Award Ceremony

By Ella Sciamma O'Brien

Amelia Earhart Fellowship Award Ceremony for 2018 AE fellow, Alison Ferris, pursuing her PhD at Stanford University, and fundraiser event for Zonta Amelia Earhart Fellowship. The event was held at the Oakland Aviation museum on January 12, 2019. Three AE fellows were present, Ella Sciamma-O'Brien, Kimberly Ennico Smith and Alison Ferris, as well as members of at least three different Zonta clubs were present.



I presented her wings and certificate to Alison and she gave an oral presentation about her research and her path. We then had cake and a raffle whose proceeds were donated to the Zonta International Amelia Earhart Fellowship Funds (\$630) and the Oakland Aviation Museum (\$350).

EVENTS AROUND THE DISTRICT



Zonta Club of Santa Clarita Valley recently awarded \$21,000 in grants and scholarships to local women and organizations "with the desire that more women of all ages will be empowered in society, locally and worldwide."

On Sunday, June 2, 2019, six Zonta Club of Kauai volunteers checked in over 1,300 ticket holders at the annual Rotary Club fundraiser, Taste of Hawaii, at Smith's Tropical Paradise in Wailua. Mahalo to Marge Akana, Lori Benkert, Jeanette Bonilla, Edie Ignacio- Neumiller, Lisa Arin, and Neva Olson (who is also a Rotarian). The club received a donation for their volunteerism from the Rotary Club of Kapaa.



Members of the Zonta Club of Riverside brought items for the Homeless Outreach at their August Pool Party. Besides eating, swimming and playing games, they also addressed letters for donations for their October fundraiser, Zontoberfest, which will be held Saturday October 26.

Eight Zonta members and 10 guests attended the Zonta Club of Kauai's Fellowship Mixer at the Mahiko Lounge at Gaylord's on Kauai, Hawaii. As a result of the mixer, 5 of the guests will be attending the September General Membership meeting.



CAMPAIGNING POLICY: ALERT TO ALL ZONTIANS!

Campaigning is defined as encouraging voters to vote for or discouraging voters from voting for a specific candidate, who is on the slate or nominated from the floor.

Zontians will not use membership lists or act in any other way to contact other Zontians for the purposes of lobbying for or against proposals that will be voted on, or for or against nominations for office or candidates who are running for office, at international conventions, district conferences or other Zonta meetings.

Zontians who are attending a district conference or area meeting at which elections are held may confer with other members to discuss the candidates, but they may not instruct delegates how to vote.

Examples of Activities that are not Permissible

- Visit, by a candidate to club meetings, area meetings or district conferences with no purpose other than to promote her own or another person's candidacy.
- Using culture, ethnicity, age, religion, sexual orientation or geography to influence votes.
- Distributing at any time any gift, trinket, button, or other promotional material by or on behalf of a candidate.
- Advocating or discouraging the election of a candidate in club, area or district communications, irrespective if this communication is oral, written or through any social media.
- Zonta leader, club or an individual Zontian instructing a voting member/s how to vote. This includes so called block voting or directions to vote for a particular candidate/s.
- The use of social media to promote or discourage support for a candidate.

For more detailed information go to: [CAMPAIGNING POLICY](#)

NOMINATIONS:

Visit this YouTube link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6gCfVS9NVbA&feature=youtu.be>

INTERNATIONAL NOMINATIONS:

Zonta International Nominations for 2020-2022 are open UNTIL September 30, 2019. We have many exceptional District 9 Zontians who have served at the international level, and the upcoming biennium should be no different, especially with Sharon Langenbeck as the 2020-2022 President.

Please consider this next step. Go to www.zonta.org 2020-2022 Nominations

(Contact the Nominating Committee if you have any questions or if we can be of assistance)

DISTRICT NOMINATIONS:

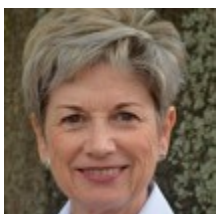
Nominations closed on June 30th. Any nomination considerations after that date must be proposed at District Conference.

CONFERENCE GUEST SPEAKERS



The Honorable Derek Kawakami

Mayor Kawakami was elected in 2018 and has previously served as a member of the Hawaii House of Representatives from 2011-2016.



Judy Gorton

Zonta International and Zonta International Foundation Board Director and liason to District 9. Ms. Gorton will deliver a message from President Susanne von Bassewitz



Anna Fisher, M.D.

NASA Astronaut Ms Fisher was among the first class of women astronauts in 1978. She became the first mother in space in 1984, leaving Earth for eight days. She has worked on three major missions .



Sabra Kauka

Sabra is the Kumuhonua of Hawaiian Studies and Hula at Island School. She is the coordinator of Hawaiian Studies on Kauai for the Department of Education.



Alia Weiss Tseng RN, BSN, PCCN ; and Shania Weiss, RN, BSN

Four year Zonta Club of Hanalei Scholarship Recipients



SOCIAL MEDIA



MOTIONS, MOTIONS, MOTIONS

Motions, motions, motions. There are main motions, secondary motions, and motions to return a previous motion already considered or voted upon back to the floor for re-consideration. There is also a ranking of motions - the order in which motions are to be considered or can be made. Of the three main categories of motions referenced above, secondary motions take precedence, or priority, over the other two. Hence, if there is a main motion on the floor for discussion and a voting member introduces a secondary motion, action on the main motion is suspended until the secondary motion(s) is(are) addressed.

There are three types of secondary motions: subsidiary motions, privileged motions, and incidental motions. Subsidiary motions propose to take some action on the main motion, such as to amend a motion. Privileged motions are unrelated to the main motion but generally are urgent matters to address before continuing with the business meeting; for example, raising a question of privilege regarding some factor effecting the participation of members, such as the temperature in the room or volume of the speaker, must be addressed before returning to the business in process when the privileged motion was first made. Incidental motions address procedures; they may propose to change a procedure or point out a violation of procedure, such as moving to suspend the rules or object to an action that is against the rules (point of order). Of the secondary motions, incidental motions must be dealt with immediately, followed by privileged motions, and then subsidiary motions. After secondary motions have been addressed, you can return to the main motion that was originally on the floor.

As you are climbing the ladder of motions, just remember that the main motion is on the floor - when you climb up the rings of motions, you must descend before hitting the floor (main motion) again. Now you are equipped for the district conference!

- - Gwen Black

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Aloha

Please join us this October for the District 9 Conference on Kauai.

We have many educational, inspiring and fun events planned.

The conference opens with a traditional conch blowing and Hawaiian Blessing by Sabra Kauka.

Conference highlights include:

- Anna Fisher MD / Astronaut and Keynote Speaker
- Unique and informative breakout sessions
- An opportunity to attend an authentic Hawaiian Luau
- Dinner and dancing to an awesome local band
- Access to one of the largest freshwater pools in the state
- And did I mention? There will be Centennial celebrations throughout the conference!

Did you know:

- Kauai boasts more sandy beaches than all of the other Hawaiian Islands combined.
- The median temperature in October is a high of 76 and a low of 60 degrees.
- For its size, Hawaii has the highest percentage of species that exist nowhere else on Earth.
- You can take advantage of our discounted hotel rates 3 days before and after the conference dates (space is limited)



Member Conference Early Registration of rate of \$395 will be available until September 12, 2019.

Late Conference Registration fee of \$445 will go into effect on September 13th 2019 and will be accepted until September 27, 2019.

Those staying at the Marriot Resort conference site can take advantage of the special Zonta hotel room rate until September 12 , 2019

2019 DISTRICT 9 CONFERENCE

Thursday, October 3 @ 4:00 pm First Timers & Delegate Training

Friday, October 4 @ 7:30 am—Sunday, October 6 12:00 pm

At the Beautiful Kauai Marriott Resort

CALL 1-800-220-2925 FOR RESERVATIONS and say "I'm with Zonta"

To receive our special reduced rate of \$249 a night (+ Taxes & Fees)

Rates Available 3 Days Before and 3 Days After Conference Dates

We have contracted with American Airlines for our Conference in Kauai

You may book flights online at www.aa.com

When booking online, enter the promotion code 3999AW for a 7% discount.

Place the Promotion Code in the promotion box & discount will be calculated automatically.

Reservations may also be made by calling 1-800-433-1790,
please reference the promotional code, A3999AW, when you call

