

A History of District IX Presented at San Diego, July 11, 1982

Forty-four years ago at a Zonta International Convention, perhaps at this same time of year, a Zonta tradition began. The Amelia Earhart Scholarship program was established in memory of the famed aviator, who had been a Zontian. This program – the longest, continuing service project supported by all Zontians – began in District IX.

Members of the Zonta Club of Bakersfield first suggested the Amelia Earhart scholarship. When they transmitted their resolution to the district governor in 1937 and she in turn forwarded it to the International president, little did they realize how their germ of an idea would flourish to aid women throughout the world. The 1938 International Convention accepted the idea and the first Amelia Earhart scholarship was awarded in 1940. One other noteworthy item from the Bakersfield Club should be mentioned here today. This month, July, marks the 47th anniversary in Zonta for a charter member, **Maude Conroy**.

District IX also has left its imprint on Zonta International in another area. The Zonta Club of Burbank, under the leadership of its charter president, **Elta Pfister**, organized the first Z Club at Burbank High School in 1948 and then introduced the concept to Zonta International. A happy footnote: the Z Club at Burbank High is still alive and strong.

Now back to the beginning. In April 1920, 5 months after the Confederation of Zonta Clubs was formed, three Districts were established: Northern, Southern and Western New York State. A fourth district, West Coast, was designated in anticipation of growth in the western United States. The West Coast District came into existence in 1923 with the organization of the first Los Angeles Club. Seattle, Los Angeles and Dallas constituted the West Coast District. Clara Herrick was the District Chairman from 1923-1927. Five years later the District's name was switched to the letter "E" and its territory expanded to all of the clubs west of the Mississippi River. The District Chairman was Mary Jane Dent from 1927-1929. After one year, District "E" was divided into Districts VI and VII, with eight clubs in the new District VII. In 1947 District VII became District IX with 24 clubs in California, Nevada, Utah and Arizona. In 1957 Hawaii voted to become part of District IX. Today, the District has 56 clubs in seven Areas.

Instead of an impersonal chronology of the District, I would like to share with you today some of the information and trends gleaned from the historical surveys returned by 38 (or 67%) of the 56 clubs in seven Areas. Let me preface by extending my deepest personal thanks to those individuals who did the work on the questionnaires. It is evident from your comments that Zontians are a transitory lot. Many of you commented that few original members were available to assist and it was not easy to reconstruct the data.

District IX has grown greatly since it came into existence in 1923. Four of our present clubs show charter dates in the 1920's: Honolulu, May 16, 1924; Los Angeles, March 27, 1928; Glendale and Pasadena, January 29, 1929. The District grew by 12 clubs in the 1930's, by eleven clubs in the 1940's, 18 clubs in the 1950's, by 8 clubs in the 1960's, by 8 clubs in the 1970's, and two clubs in 1980. Unfortunately, some of these clubs have been disbanded.

As every Zontian who has served on a membership committee knows well, retaining membership is one of the most difficult tasks in the daily life of a club. Members are lost through death, moving, loss of classification and lack of interest. To keep a club's membership constant requires considerable effort; to grow means extraordinary effort. Sixty-eight percent of the clubs participating in the survey have a higher membership today than when they were chartered. Twenty-seven percent of the clubs have fewer members than they started with. One club broke even.

The greatest percentage of growth is the 511% shown by the Riverside Club that started with 17 members in 1930 and today has 87 members. Honolulu's membership today of 62 is 387% greater than its chartering figure of 16 in 1924. Berkeley's growth from 15 to 57 today represents a 380% gain.

Zontians are leaders – both in their own communities and in the community at large, so the surveys show. More than $\frac{3}{4}$ of our clubs have had members move out to serve at the Area, the District and the International levels in Zonta. While the older clubs have had more time to involve their members beyond the club, there is no size or age pattern among the clubs not represented in Area or District positions.

One club, Riverside, has produced three Governors. Four clubs have each had two members go on to the District IX governorship. They are Berkeley, Porterville, Sacramento and Santa Barbara. Area Directors, District committee chairs and members, people holding International positions have been spread across the District. The survey shows that once a club has had one member serving at a higher level, most frequently more will follow.

I have a puzzle to add to the old conundrum, “which came first, the chicken or the egg?” That is: do Zonta Clubs give members the confidence, training in leadership and moral support which encourages them to go out into the community as leaders in other groups or do Zonta Clubs attract the women who already are the movers and shakers in their communities?

Eighty-five percent of the clubs in District IX have members who have been elected or appointed to major offices in their communities, their counties or their states. Among our ranks we can count one U.S. Congresswoman, three State senators, seven State representatives, one member of a State University Board of Regents, four members of County Boards of Supervisors, seven School Board members, five City Council members, two Mayors, a representative to the Constitutional Convention (Hawaii's, not the one in 1776!), six City clerks, two County assessors, two Tax Collectors, a County Superintendent of Schools and three judges. Numerous other Zontians have held appointive positions ranging from postmasters through city, state and federal commissions and boards.

This, I am certain, is but the tip of the iceberg. Many of the historians and presidents who did the club reports stated they did not know all of the involvements of their members. Eighteen of the clubs did not return questionnaires and their input is missing. What we can safely deduct from the surveys received is that Zontians are in positions of importance in our governmental bodies and agencies.

FIRSTS IN LEADERSHIP

Some of the “*firsts*” recorded by Zontians are impressive. The first women to serve as presidents of the Chamber of Commerce in Berkeley, San Bernardino and Santa Rosa were Zontians. The first woman mayor of Thousand Oaks, (CA) was a member of the Conejo Valley Club. A woman attorney in the Berkeley Club was honored as one of the ten outstanding lawyers in the United States. The first woman to be appointed as Collector of Customs, a presidential appointment, is a member of the Honolulu Zonta Club. The first woman surgeon in Long Beach, the first woman president of a Board of Realtors in Riverside also were Zontians. A Globe-Miami Zontian, the only woman assessor in Arizona was elected the first woman president of the Arizona Assessors Association. A San Jose Zontian is the State Director of Veterans Affairs. The first woman mayor of Pasadena was Zonta member, Jo Heckman.

Zontians are presidents and vice presidents of other international organizations, state presidents of business and professional groups, editor of fine books, installed in a hall of fame, and are honored by having a school, a theatre, a nursery, a medical facility and a university area named after them in recognition of their service. Gerry Gerken, Home Economist is in the Business Hall of Fame

At least 52 Zontians have been recognized as women or citizens of the year in their communities. Numerous other recognitions have been extended by grateful communities, organizations and professions to Zontians who have given of their time and their talent.

SERVICE PROJECTS OF ZONTA CLUBS

Zonta Service projects, as varied and diverse as the communities they represent, have changed with the times, the surveys show. For example: During World War II, the Zonta Club of Honolulu obtained use of an auto chassis and had it built into a mobile kitchen for the emergency feeding program of the Office of Civilian Defense. Various mainland Zonta Clubs, after the attack on Pearl Harbor, had sent a total of \$350.00 for the needs of any of the Honolulu members. This was applied towards the cost of the mobile kitchen. Although there never was a need for feeding refugees during a bombing, the equipment was used to provide meals to school children in makeshift quarters without a cafeteria because their school had been taken over for war purposes.

Responding to society's needs today, four Zonta Clubs, (Colton, Pomona Valley, Salt Lake City and Las Vegas) are assisting with centers for battered or raped women. One club, Santa Ana, has sponsored a seminar in energy and another, Leilehua, held a workshop on careers for young people.

The Service projects most frequently adopted by District IX clubs are those involving handicapped children and/or adults. Sixty percent of the clubs have spent time and money helping in this area.

The second most prevalent area of service is hospitals, with nearly one-half of the clubs involved in some way and have furnished rooms. Closely related to the hospital projects are those efforts to help equip paramedics and rescue units, reported by 15% of the clubs.

Scholarship programs, projects to aid children and youth and activities for senior citizens each draw support from about 30% of the clubs.

A few of the unusual Service projects include a police dog, whose purchase and training was funded by the Riverside Club; Berkeley's Volkswagon bus for the handicapped children; Marin's whistle stop van for the elderly; La Jolla's support of both the International Center at the University of California, San Diego, and the Women's Division of the new Aerospace Museum in Balboa Park; the Interfaith Chapel funded by the San Bernardino Club for the county Medical Center; Newport Harbor's Senior Citizens Recreation Center; and then there's Hilo's fertilizer and wine for a geriatric care center at a plantation hospital. The fertilizer was given as an incentive for gardening of vegetables and flowers and provided exercise for the "oldsters" who proudly tended their plots. The wine was for the dinner table as a relaxing stimulant, the Hilo Club report revealed.

The California State Department of Education gave recognition to a reading program in a Spanish neighborhood library established by the Ontario-Upland Club. In a number of clubs, Zontians have given of their time and themselves to serve. The Leilehua Club adopted a ward at a hospital and training school and the Tucson Club adopted the TB ward of a veterans hospital. Bakersfield is hostess one night a week at a blood bank; Burbank delivers Meals on Wheels every Friday. The Long Beach Club serves a dinner to servicemen and women the last Sunday of October every year; Kauai and Maui provide food and cheer to the needy and to shut-ins at Christmas. Yuma Zontians give about 500 hours per year to the Easter Seal Clinic. The Venture Club hosts an annual tea for foster parents. Salinas Area Club members painted, wallpapered, cleaned and refurbished one room of a museum.

The Anaheim Club presented a velvet flag, made by a member, to President Nixon, through his press secretary, in honor of Zonta's 50th birthday anniversary.

RAISING FUNDS FOR SERVICE

How do Zonta Clubs raise the funds to support these worthwhile projects? Leading the list of fund-raising activities are events involving food, fashion shows, rummage sales and sales of other goods. Also utilized by a number of other clubs were raffles, art auctions, Christmas boutique, theatre parties and Monte Carlo Nights.

Among the more novel ways to raise service money: The Honolulu Club made and sold mumu and holoku patterns before they became available commercially. The Redlands Club had its Zonta Country Store which sold antiques and collectibles on consignment. La Jolla sponsored a drawing of Blue Chip stock. Sacramento arranged a bus trip for gambling in Nevada. The Santa Barbara Club made the front cover of the Zontian magazine with its ten K run. The money Burbank made from selling nuts wasn't peanuts - \$3,000.00 clear last year. Marin and Santa Clarita Valley Area held kidnap luncheons - it cost their business leaders to be wined and dined before they were released.

In the Mt. Diablo Area Club, each member must find her own way to earn a minimum of \$20.00 for service during the year.

Near the conclusion of the historical survey, clubs were asked to indicate how much money they had given for service during the past five years and since they were chartered. Some clubs reported precise figures, down to the penny. Others were unable to estimate the last five years but gave up on a total figure. Thus, the figures presented here must be regarded as estimates and undoubtedly inadequate.

The figures indicate the clubs in District IX have given for service in the past five years \$471,850.00. The contributions listed for the clubs from chartering to date of this writing total \$1,429,680.00. Since only 40% of the clubs in the District are included in the \$1.4 million figure, it seems safe to project that Zontians in District IX have given more than two million dollars to service.

As District VII, we started having District conferences in 1929. The presiding officer was the District Chairman (changed to Governor at the Convention in 1949). Those who served as District Chairmen of District VII were:

District Chairman/Governor	Club	Served from	To
Maxine Robertson	Los Angeles, Calif.	1929	1932
Dr. Lura Loop	Pasadena, Calif.	June 1932	June 1934
Mayme E. Bonham	Riverside, Calif.	June 1934	June 1936
Lena M. Davidson	Glendale, Calif.	June 1936	June 1938
Dr. M. Elisa Carlson	Santa Barbara, Calif.	June 1938	June 1940
Mildred Murphy	Fontana, Calif.	June 1939	January 1940
Fleda E. Smith	Berkeley, Calif.	January 1940	June 1941
Blodwin R. Hunt	Riverside, Calif.	June 1941	June 1942
Georgia Boucher	Fresno, Calif.	June 1942	June 1944
Dr. Elizabeth Gist Dozier	San Fernando, Calif.	June 1944	June 1946
Changed to District IX at International Convention 1947			
Hazel Grant King	Pasadena, Calif.	June 1946	November 1948
Amy Ewing Krueckel	Berkeley, Calif.	November 1948	October 1950
Rosamond Harries	San Bernardino, Calif.	October 1950	October 11 1952
Frances Marie Brey	Porterville, Calif.	October 1952	October 1954

Title changed to Governor at International Convention 1949

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FORWARD

When District IX Governor **Mary K. Sherman** appointed me historian for the 1984-1986 biennium I was delighted, as I strongly believe our District history should not only be saved, it should also be savored.

Our District appreciates the tremendous time and effort involved of **Blodwen R. Hunt** and **Mayme E. Bonham** in their preparation of the history from 1929 through 1955. And to **Edna Steinman**, District IX Historian 1980-1982 and 1982 – 1984, for her preparation of interesting information and trends gleaned from historical surveys of the 56 clubs during her term as historian.

The heart of the historian knows no stranger. Those people who have gone before are almost as real to her as those here and now, and all fit into their own niches in the bigger picture of history.

In preparation of this report, I have decided to follow the pattern chosen by **Hunt** and **Blodwen** – more or less. In order to do so, it necessitated locating several Conference Proceedings of past years. My thanks and appreciation for searching their files, and providing this material, go to Governor **Mary K. Sherman**, Past Governor **Evelyn Hartman Park, M.D.**, Past District Treasurer **Helen M. Lovenberg**, **Frances E. Doll**, and **Linda F. Van Buren**. Without the assistance of these dedicated women, a complete report would have been impossible.

For her inspiration and guidance as our 1984-1986 District Governor, this portion of District IX history is dedicated to **Mary K. Sherman**.

Wilma E. Swantz

District IX Historian
(1984-2986)

DISTRICT IX HISTORY

We begin this part of our District IX history where **Blodwin R. Hunt** and **Mayme E. Bonham** finished their report in 1954 and go on to 1955.

DISTRICT IX CONFERENCE – OCTOBER, 1955

Virginia Eastlick, Governor
(Member, Zonta Club of Yuma)

Governor Virginia Eastlick, from Yuma, Arizona, was the presiding officer for the District IX Fall Conference held in **Newport Harbor**, California, **October 7 – 9, 1955**. International President **Dr. Dorothea F. Radusch** from Minneapolis, Minnesota was the honored guest.

International President's Report

President Radusch began her speech at conference by saying, "A little over a year ago we set our 1954-1956 goals for Zonta and drew plans. We decided that when Zontians gather together at club meetings, committee meetings, District Conferences or Conventions, they make the best plans and decisions for Zonta; that leadership is a responsibility to be shared by each member; that to be a good member requires personal attendance at Zonta functions in addition to the payment of dues and subscription to Zonta's objectives; that we need to enhance our abilities to live together as human beings as perhaps the best solution to the world's problems; that each of us must give some time to our fellow men, even though it may be doing what seems at the moment to be only a little thing. All our goals were gathered together into our theme: 'Let's Grow – in Understanding, in Fellowship, in Service.' To achieve the highest development of this theme depends on what each one of us will do."

As she traveled extensively throughout Zonta-land, and studied interim reports, she was thrilled with the unbelievable magnitude reached of hours of service given by busy women in the small and large clubs. With Zonta's growth from 210 to **310** clubs in five years, the demand of time and energy placed on District Governors had increased dramatically. In these highly competitive times in business and the professions, they cannot give the time required to accept Zonta Offices. Some methods must be developed to lessen the work of the volunteer officers.

The International President offered the suggestion of having a number of subdivisions in each District with a Lieutenant Governor for each. The clubs in the subdivisions would be the specific responsibility of the Lt. Governor. Because of the smaller number of clubs and the diminished distances, annual or more frequent visits could be made to each club.

According to the suggestion, each District would have two or more Lt. Governors, depending on the number of clubs and their geographic location. This plan would relieve Governors of much detail, but they would still have the overall responsibility of the District. She asked that this matter be discussed at Conference.

Governor Virginia Eastlick, in her report, reminded those attending the conference, at the time of her installation almost a year ago, she had made the following statement: “I see a big job ahead of me. However, it does not scare me...rather it presents a challenge to me and the prospects of much good fellowship, service and understanding, My greatest responsibility will be to inspire you to accept this challenge also. It was Raymond Fosdick who several years ago wrote, **‘We must not be afraid of change – the FUTURE BELONGS TO THE THING THAT CAN GROW!’**”

She went on to say, one of the areas of remarkable growth this past year had been in the field of Public Affairs and Status of Women. Other phases of growth she made reference to were the enviable record in District IX in the fellowship exemplified by the individual members and by the clubs as they visited each other in the District; the participation in Operation Friendship; “Flowers for Friendship;” the excellent score Service-Wise in District and International, as well as local level.

She reported this was the **largest attendance ever registered at a District IX Conference**, which truly exemplified the theme of their Conference – “TO SERVICE IS TO LIVE!”

In 1955, District IX had 1,058 members and 35 clubs. Riverside still maintained their position of largest club in the District.

Governor Virginia reported since her installation last year as Governor, she had:

- Traveled. 16,198 miles for Zonta
- Visited 24 clubs in the District of which 14 were official visits
- Made two trips to Chicago . . . one for Governor’s training Workshop and one for International Board Meeting
- Held six Training Workshops for New Officers with 178 Zontians in attendance
- Presided at three District Board Meetings
- Was present at five District Committee Meetings
- Conducted eight individual interviews
- Held four Conference Planning Sessions
- Presented Charter to Zonta Club of Lancaster
- Presented Charter to Fontana Z Club.

She had been a busy Governor as she Stepped Out For Friendship; to watch the District grow in so many different areas of activity.

DISTRICT IX FALL CONFERENCE– October 1956

Virginia Eastlick, Governor
(Member, Zonta Club of Yuma)

The District IX Fall **Conference of 1956** was held October 12-13-14 at the El Cortez Hotel in **San Diego**, California. Presiding officer was **Governor Virginia Eastlick**, who introduced **Ellen Harris**, 2nd International Vice President, appearing on behalf of the International President.

The Credentials Committee Chairman **Dr. Hazel McBride** reported **25 clubs registered, 18 delegates present, 13 alternates present.**

Much discussion concerning the multiple Lt. Governor plan, redistricting and Area Directors was necessary to work out what would be in the best interests of the District IX clubs. These suggestions were all brought up at the 1955 Fall Conference.

Governor Eastlick stated she had traveled 30,649 miles to visit clubs in the District at regular meetings. It was clear as they reviewed the progress towards their goals of 1954-56 they had mixed feelings. In some areas of endeavor they may have felt satisfied that progress is good, in others, there had been interruptions and lags in attainment. A general discussion and rearrangement of the District resulted in clubs divided in this manner:

- I. Sacramento, Berkeley, Oakland, Hayward, San Francisco, Marin County, Redwood City.
- II. Fresno, Porterville, Bakersfield, Lancaster, Santa Barbara.
- III. San Fernando Valley, Burbank, North Hollywood, Glendale, Pasadena.
- IV. Los Angeles, Garden Grove, Lynwood, Newport Harbor, Laguna Beach, Long Beach.
- V. Fontana, San Bernardino, Riverside, Hemet-San Jacinto, San Diego.
- VI. Yuma, Casa Grande, Nogales, Phoenix, Prescott, Tucson, Globe-Miami

It was moved and seconded that the geographical **division of the District into Areas** be accepted and that Area Directors be elected. Motion passed and the election results were as follows:

Governor – J. Maria Pierce
Lt. Governor – Claire D. Walker
Treasurer – Doris Dearden
International Nominating Committee – Virginia Eastlick
Alternate – Jea Mae Lane
District Nominating Committee – Violet Bohnett, Winifred McCarthy, Evelyn Skog

THE FIRST AREA DIRECTORS

- I. Miriam Wolff
- II. Edith Storey
- III. Florence Edgerly
- IV. Mary Pitts
- V. Dr. Elsie Gibbs
- VI. N. Bess Prather

Today we salute these first Area Directors who pioneered the way for future Area Directors in their pathway to stimulate greater activity to more frequent official club visits.

International Representative's Report from the President

A resume follows of the speech given at this conference by **Ellen Harris**, Second Vice President, Zonta International.

1. **Time** our most precious commodity. When busy people are asked to join Zonta, they say, "I haven't the time." But it is not extraordinary that for the things we want to do we find the time. First, look at your club objectively and see if it is a club that a woman who is working 24 hours will want to give up something to join. Is it outstanding in the community? What are you doing that will attract other busy women?
2. **Personality** of a club is important. Contacts made by club members in your community and in other cities will attract members. Membership Committee and all members should use Classified City Directory and Zonta Classification guide when conducting membership survey.
3. Look to your **program**. Every meeting should be well planned. Make members welcome.
4. **Lead** up slowly to the position of responsibility.
5. **Encourage** members to come to conferences.
6. **Encourage** them to come to conventions.

Governor Eastlick announced it will be presented to the International Executive Committee having **Hawaii coming in as another Area**. They have voted they would like to be members of this District.

Excerpts taken from **Governor Eastlick's** report included:

District IX has **35 clubs** with a membership of **1,095**. The Long Beach Club had the greatest gain in membership, net gain of 20, raising their membership to 49.

District IX was proud of its **service record that was higher than any other District** with the reported sum of **\$25,008.21**.

Organization of new clubs resulted in only one new club (Lancaster) for the biennium.

Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund participation doubled in funds received (**\$872.00**) the past year with 28 clubs making contributions.

A project dear to the heart of the Governor – the District History – was completed by **Mayme Bonham** and **Blodwen Hunt** from information sent to them. The mimeographing and assembling of material was done by the Yuma Club as a work project. At the end of this Conference, copies were distributed at the door for enjoyable reading and a handy reference.

Membership in Zonta International as of October 1, 1956 was **12,194**.

HIGHLIGHTS OF DISTRICT IX FALL CONFERENCE, 1957

J. Maria Pierce, Governor
(Member, Zonta Club of Pasadena)

Using as its theme, "Festival of Friendship," the Fall Conference of District IX was held at the **Huntington-Sheraton Hotel in Pasadena, California**, home club of the Governor, October 11, 12, 1957. The Zonta Club of Pasadena, assisted by the other clubs in Ares III – Burbank, Glendale, Lancaster, North Hollywood and the San Fernando Valley – served as hostess clubs for this memorable occasion, which **attracted the largest attendance in the history of the District.**

International President's Report

The District was honored to have as its official representative from International, President **Emma Loehwing Conlon**. President Conlon spoke appreciatively of the benefits to young girls and to Zonta alike to be found in the organization of Z Clubs. Her challenging address based upon her theme for the biennium, "Zonta Builds for the World of Tomorrow," was copied and presented to all delegates and also appeared in the *Zontian*. but was not reproduced or summarized in this conference report.

District IX Governor **J. Maria Pierce**, presiding officer, reported three clubs had been organized during the year – San Joaquin County, Santa Ana and Palo Alto.

Five Hawaiian Clubs affiliated with District IX in August, becoming Area VII, with **Lela Brewer** as the Area Director. The five clubs were Hilo, Honolulu, Kauai, Koolau and Leilehua.

As a substitute for individual reports from **43 clubs**, which was no longer practical from the standpoint of time, the **activities of the District were summarized by the seven Area Directors**. The Directors chose to emphasize the high points of achievement within their Areas, singling out for special mention the clubs that were responsible for particularly fine work in various aspects of our Zonta program. In other words, the Directors "Accented the Positive" as a means of stimulating and challenging all clubs to even higher achievement in the year to come. Discussion showed that the membership as a whole valued the work of the Area Directors sufficiently to feel that the additional expense of \$825.00 involved was warranted. Motion carried.

A resolution regarding Associate Membership, submitted by the Sacramento Club, regarding women who, although not now active because they have lost their classification by reason of retirement, change of employment, or other valid circumstances are devoted to Zonta ideals. They stated these former members would be most valuable adjunct to the Zonta Club as auxiliary or associate member, participating in dinners and in other good times as well as assisting in service projects. That such auxiliary and associate members be authorized to set up their own charter, provide for separate meetings, and establish dues and fees, and carry on all activities not inconsistent with the basic ideals of Zonta. In response to this resolution, Past Governor **Virginia Eastlick** said, "The Resolution Committee regrets that no action can be taken because it is in conflict with the International By-laws. However, the committee recommends that the District Membership Committee study the recommendation and present its findings to the International Membership Committee for serious consideration and study regarding associate membership."

All discussion groups were well attended and maintained a high interest as discussions were geared to the work of local clubs. Experiences were exchanged and many new ideas were carried home as a result of these informal discussions. The **final registration report** showed that there were full and partial registrations totaling **419 or 35% of the total membership** of the District, a truly remarkable record.

DISTRICT IX FALL CONFERENCE 1958

Claire Drew Walker, Governor

(Member, Zonta Club of Santa Barbara)

The annual Fall Conference for District IX, Zonta International was held October 10, 11, 12, 1958, at the Hotel Claremont, **Berkeley**, California. The Conference theme was "Meeting Change and Challenge in Our Time." Hostess clubs in Area I were Hayward, Marin County, Palo Alto, Redwood City, Sacramento, San Francisco and San Joaquin County Area.

District officers were **Claire Drew Walker, Governor**; Treasurer, **Doris Dearden**; Secretary **Violet R. Bohnett**. The office of Lt. Governor was vacant due to Claire becoming District Governor prematurely. International representatives were International President **Audra Francis**; International 2nd Vice-President **J. Maria Pierce**; Past International President and member of the Nominating Committee **Dr. Elizabeth Gist Dozier**.

The final **registration report** showed a partial registration totaling 273 and a full time registration of 131 for a **total of 404**.

International President Audra Francis installed the following District officers at the close of the conference:

Governor – Claire Drew Walker

Lt. Governor – Lavern Owens

Treasurer – Emma M. Fraiser

Secretsry – Violet R. Bohnett

Area Directors – Goldie B. Ingles, Area II

Mildren Stanley, Area IV

Helen E. Gilmore, Area V

The "holdover Area Directors" were also introduced as follows:

Miriam E. Wolff, Area I

Florence Edgerly, Area III

N. Bess Prather, Area VI

Lela Brewer, Area VII

International President's Report

"ZONTA OPENS THE DOOR TO WORLD FRIENDSHIP THROUGH SERVICE"

President **Audra** presented her address opening with "greetings and best wishes to each Zontian as Zonta once more opens the door to another year. A broad horizon of opportunities meets our gaze as we stand on the threshold to look into the future. New fields of expansion, new areas of membership growth, and new pathways leading to additional community, national and international service projects are waiting on every side.

"It is a time for faith in ourselves, and confidence in our ability to explore these opportunities in order that Zonta International and the affiliated Zonta Clubs together can be one effective organization for Service-Unlimited. Let us not forget that whatever lies beyond the horizon will be achieved by whatever we make of our priceless chance today."

The International President welcomed this opportunity to present a few simple facts. Here are some of the highlights. To meet our goals we must do one or both of two things. . . increase our membership and/or increase our dues . . . to give us the money with which to work. She asked the question, "Have we reached a time in our organization that calls for a new look at classifications?" A new bylaw under consideration proposes that a club may consider two members in a classification held by one person for at least five years.

She further stated that our first responsibility to Zonta International . . . always a gift to the International Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund. This grant, starting at \$500, increased to \$1,000, then \$1,200, next \$1,800 and now \$2,500 will attract many candidates.

Greatest of all International Relations gestures is getting acquainted with Zontians in member countries. Becoming acquainted is not only to know individuals but to know something of the history of their country, the ways of the people, and the theory of their governments.

Second responsibility is to the District. Service can be cooperation on all fronts; organization of new clubs, increased membership and following through on all delegated responsibilities of District Chairmen. Attendance at the District and non-district conferences assures the local club a voice in all planning,

Third, responsibility to the local Club . . . **service means simply a helping hand. It is not the position we hold in the community that counts, but the way we fill it.**

These were the highlights of President Audra's address.

J. Maria Pierce, Second Vice-president welcomed new clubs, chartered during the last biennium which included Las Vegas, Santa Ana, Modesto, Santa Monica, Ontario-Upland, San Joaquin County, Palo Alto, and San Fernando Valley-West. The clubs in Hawaii were added to District IX. It was announced that San Jose and Santa Rosa Clubs were in the process of organization. Salt Lake City shows interest in the organization of new clubs.

At this conference, it was suggested the International By-laws, Article 3 be changed so that Area Directors are made District Officers and voting members for all purposes of the District. Changes to Section 19 would amend it to read "To promote efficiency and progress within a large district, Areas may be established within the district by vote at the district's conference. Each Area Director, who shall be elected by the District Conference for a period of two years, shall be in charge of an Area. She shall assist the District Governor, shall report to her and shall be under her direction. The District may, if it desires, determine the terms of the Area Directors so that some terms will expire in even numbered years and some in odd numbered years."

At this conference the voting delegation passed a motion to support the use of Salk Vaccine for the prevention of polio.

It was suggested that all clubs interested in the creation of a designation whereby members who have lost their classification could retain membership, draw up a constructive and workable plan and submit it to the District Membership Committee for consideration at the next Fall Conference.

The District Governor announced the dates for the next Conference to be October 16-18, **1959** with headquarters at the Biltmore Hotel, **Santa Barbara**, California. An invitation was extended for **1960** Conference to be held at **Riverside** with headquarters at the Mission Inn. **Honolulu**, Hawaii extended an invitation for the **1961** Fall Conference.

After the conference adjournment, the members then met with their Area Directors for discussion and exchange of ideas.

CONFERENCE RECORDS FOR 1959 LOST OR MISSING

After a great deal of time and searching, it seemed no one had a copy of the Minutes of the Fall Conference of District IX, 1959. Without these, we can report little on this conference . . . it is too bad this part of our history was not recorded or was lost along the way.

A letter from **Frances E. Doll** states that although this conference was four years before she joined Zonta, she can remember hearing that the turn out was small and that the **rooms at the Biltmore were something like \$8.00 per night, compared to now (1985) \$100.00 per night.**

The official program of the 1959 District Conference was received from Linda F. Van Buren, President of the Zonta Club of Santa Barbara (1985). This program was copied and the original returned to the club for their files. It reveals the District IX Fall Conference was held October 16, 17, 18, 1959 at the Santa Barbara Biltmore Hotel in Santa Barbara, California. The hostess clubs were Area III clubs. The theme of the conference was "Growing Helps Shape the Future."

Claire Drew Walker was presiding Governor at this conference. Representatives from International Board were **Jean Lansing**, International Secretary and **J. Maria Pierce**, Second Vice President. The Governor held a seminar with club presidents and District Officers the afternoon of the 16th. In the evening, the District Officers and Presidents had a reception honoring International Officers.

The breakfast speaker on the 17th was Mrs. Cecil Harden. Special Assistant to Postmaster General Summerfield, of Washington, D.C. The Conference keynote speaker, giving the message from International President **Audra Francis**, was **Jean Lansing**, International Secretary. International Second Vice President **J. Maria Pierce** welcomed the following new clubs since the last Conference which included San Jose, Santa Rosa, Pomona, Fullerton and Escondido in California; Reno, Nevada, Ogden and Salt Lake City in Utah.

Emma M. Graizer, District IX Treasurer, gave the Treasurer's report.

The afternoon session featured speakers; discussion and findings; work sessions; and elections. A banquet was held in the evening.

The last day of the Conference on the 18th began with a brunch and was followed with the memorial service by **Dr. Elizabeth Dozier**, Past International President. Later **Jean Lansing**, International Secretary, spoke to the group. The title of her presentation was "Know Zonta Well." Following was the report from the election and installation.

Those elected and installed included:

Governor	Lavern Owens	
Lt. Governor	N. Bess Prather	
Treasurer	Emma M. Fraizer	
Secretary	Mary R. Mulcahy	
Area Directors	Joanne Giegerich	Area I
	Bess Emerson	Area III
	Mildred N. Geiler	Area IV
	Mary McCarty	Area VII

Held over Area Directors:

Goldie B. Ingles	Area II
Mildred Stanley	Area IV
Helen E. Gilmore	Area V

The remainder of the morning was taken up with presentation of awards; resolutions; future conference invitations; the 1960 Zonta International Convention in Toronto, Canada; new District appointments; capsule reports of workshops. The conference was adjourned at noon.

NOTE: Any club with additional information regarding the 1958-1960 biennium, pertinent to the history of District IX is urged to offer it for review to the District 9 Historian/Archivist (contact the current Governor).

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT IX FALL CONFERENCE, -1960
Lavern Owens, Governor
(Member, Zonta Club of Sacramento)

The Fall Conference of District IX, Zonta International was held October 28, 29, 30, 1960 at the Palm Springs Riviera Hotel, **Palm Springs**, California. The hostess Club was the Zonta Club of Riverside.

A warm welcome, friendly hospitality, good feelings, cake and coffee were dispensed by the hostess club, Riverside, traveling 80 mile distance from Riverside to Palm Springs. The delegates and members began gathering at the very outset of the conference at the spectacular Palm Springs Riviera Hotel on Friday afternoon, October 28, 1960. **The Herculean efforts of the hostess club in planning first one conference in Riverside, then having to change plans completely due to . . . of all things . . .the advent of sport car races,** was greatly appreciated. To have to make arrangements at a distant hotel rather than one in their own city, added to their difficulties and increased the need for careful advance planning. No frenzied trip to someone's home for a forgotten "prop" or part of the table decorations was possible. The furnishing of flowers and a beautiful arrangement of highly edible fruits in the Governor's suite were added touches which greatly enhanced the hostess club's reputation as efficient planners and non-forgetters.

In further proof of the efficiency and ingenuity of the hostess club were the lovely table decorations which used the same basic decoration features throughout the conference, but with such cleverness of variation that one was not aware of this until it was pointed out by someone in the "know." One marvels at this because of the transportation difficulties involved if a different course had been followed, and also at the economy of this system.

The very first business meeting of the conference was held at 4 p.m. on Friday when Governor **Lavern Owens** called together the Club Presidents and District Officers for a very stimulating and helpful session on their respective duties and responsibilities.

Dinner on Friday night was in the beautiful Mediterranean Room of the hotel, which was the site of all business sessions. Honored guests at this dinner were the District Officers and Area Directors.

Governor:	Lavern Owens		
Lt. Governor:	N. Bess Prather	Area I Director	Joanne Giegerich
Treasurer:	Emma M. Fraizer	Area II Director	Goldie B. Ingles
Secretary:	Mary R. Mulcahy	Area III Director	Bess Emerson
		Area IV Director	Mildred Stanlery
		Area V Director	Helen E. Gilmore
		Area VI Director	Mildren N. Geiler
		Area VII	Mary McCarty

The first general session of the Conference was called to order at 8:15 p.m. by **Governor Owens** following dinner that evening. She welcomed the delegates and introduced **Ruth S. Knight**, Second Vice President, Zonta International, representing the International President.

The program for the Conference and its theme, "Towards the Light", was adopted. The Minutes of the Fall Conference of 1959 were presented and approved. The Credentials report was presented; the Conference Rules read; report of the Nominating Committee was read and nominations were made from the floor. Voting would take place at the close of the Saturday morning session.

Governor Lavern announced that the Fall Conference of District IX for 1961 would be held in Hawaii. She then recessed the conference until 9 a.m. Saturday, thus ending an evening of good fellowship.

Breakfast on Saturday morning honored past District Governors. There wasn't much time for levity or dawdling . . . the important business of the Conference had to proceed. The Conference reconvened with the presiding Governor introducing **Ruth S. Knight**, Second Vice President of Zonta International, who read the Conference Keynote Message from **Ellen Harris**, International President, entitled "Prelude to a Biennium."

International Representative's Report for the President

Small quotes excerpted from this message included "I thought of the theme for Zonta International, '**Towards the Light**.' And I thought of the wonders that would be accomplished by Zontians in our 432 clubs, if we used our talents, our skills, our knowledge and our imagination . . .

"It is my hope that in this Biennium we will develop a closer understanding with our non-districted clubs. The clubs in North America have a sense of unity . . . unity of purpose and unity of fellowship . . . it seems that our non-districted clubs are on the perimeter of the circle. I want to bring them inside the circle.

"Zonta is moving ahead. Where will be go? How far will be go? That is for YOU to say.

"If we have the **vision** to see new Service Projects
If we have the **courage** to put them into action
If we have **faith** in the objects of Zonta International
If 16,000 women in seventeen countries are **united** through Zonta,
Then we will, with '**excitement**' and **confidence** in the future, step TOWARDS THE LIGHT. . . "

J. Maria Pierce, First Vice-President of Zonta International, was introduced and she made a brief address in which she suggested that each club contribute \$5.00 in addition to its previous contribution, to the Father Pire Project, so that the deficit of \$2,000 in our goal will be met.

The Credentials Committee gave its report and the Treasurer's report was given.

J. Maria then welcomed the new clubs in District IX who were Santa Ana Area, La Jolla, in California and Ogden in Utah. She then announced future possibilities for Zonta Clubs being considered included Provo, Utah; another club in Hawaii; clubs in Scottsdale and Mesa, Arizona; and Oceanside, Eureka, Contra Costa , Anaheim, Downey and Palm Springs in California.

The Lt. Governor's report was given and each Area Director presented her report. The session was recessed for the Scholarship lunch featuring two of the present holders of Amelia Earhart Scholarships, and the presence of 12 Z Girls from various clubs as far away as Yuma, Arizona.

Z.I. Second Vice President **Ruth S. Knight** made a very stimulating address on the importance and meaning of Zonta service. Her message in part was “You are Zontians. To be eligible for Zonta, a woman must have increased her talents; she must be engaged in an honorable profession or hold an executive position in business. As a Zontian you have a grave responsibility for to be a Zontian is an honor, and with any honor comes responsibility. Your responsibility is service. Service is the very cornerstone of Zonta. What do we hope to get out of it? What is there in it for us? Well, I can tell you if you give enough of yourself, you will find contentment, satisfaction – the satisfaction that we have done our best.

“Let us begin by thinking, planning, and doing – and then reporting those things that will enhance the prestige of Zonta. Pick your projects carefully – Think about them.”

The business meeting re-convened at 3 p.m. Reports were given by the Credentials Committee and the District Service Chairman. The Service Awards were announced followed by reports from the Resolutions Committee; the Membership Committee; and the Election Committee. Invitations for future conferences were presented. The final report of the Registration Committee showed a **total registration of 284**. Messages and greetings were read. The final business session of the 1960 Fall Conference ended and the Conference was recessed.

The workshop sessions followed the close of the last business session on Saturday. There were three subjects covered: Planning Club Budgets; International Relations; and Membership. These were planned and arranged so that it was possible for every delegate to attend one of the three sessions in the time allotted.

The banquet on Saturday night was certainly one of the bright spots of the Conference. In a lighter vein were the various “open rooms” given by different delegations after the banquet.

While the session on Sunday was not strictly a part of the business session of the Conference, it was a traditional and more serious feature of the gathering and was conducted in a dignified manner. The devotional was given along with the solemn Memorial service for members who had died during the year.

Installation of the newly-elected officers for 1960-62 was conducted by **J. Maria Pierce**.

Governor	Lavern Owens	
Lt. Governor	Jae Mae Lane	
Treasurer	Marie Wilson	
Area Directors	Waltraut Wilson	Area 2
	Doris Dearden	Area 4
	Monette Beverly	Area 5
Holdover Area Directors	Joanne Giegerich	Area 1
	Bess Emerson	Area 3
	Mildred N. Geiler	Area 6
	Mary McCarty	Area 7

With all the business and serious considerations taken care of, the delegates and other members could at last enjoy the vaunted advantages of the hotels beautiful pool, etc., and soak up some of the wonderful sunshine in preparation for the onset of winter in most of the Areas from which they had journeyed to Palm Springs.

District ix Fall Conference - 1961

Lavern Owens, Governor

(Member, Zonta Club of Sacramento)

The District IX Fall Conference of Zonta International was held at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel in **Honolulu**, Hawaii on October 6, 7 and 8, 1961. The Zonta Club of Honolulu was the hostess Club, and was assisted by all the other clubs of Area 7. The conference theme was "Towards the Light" Through International Understanding.

Registration took place Friday afternoon. Later in the day, Governor **Lavern Owens** held a seminar with Club Presidents and District Officers.

Members and guests enjoyed the Fellowship Dinner and entertainment in the evening.

Breakfast on Saturday morning honored International and District Officers. The fall conference of District IX was called to order at 9:20 a.m. by Governor Lavern. The invocation was read. The colors were presented by Senior Girl Scouts from the Oahu Council.

The Minutes of the 1960 Fall Conference were approved; the conference theme was adopted; the conference rules were adopted. Zonta International President **Ellen Harris** presented her message. The credentials committee gave its report and the auditor's report was accepted.

Jae Mae Lane, District IX Lt. Governor, called for the following reports: International Activities; International Membership; Organization; Public Affairs and Status of Women; Service; Z Clubs; and Area Directors.

The Nominating Committee announced officers to be elected were Area Directors for Areas 1, 3, 6, 7. Area 3 did not have enough delegate votes, so there could not be an election. The meeting was recessed at 12:10 p.m., and the voting took place.

The luncheon speaker was International President **Ellen Harris**. She spoke about the International Service Project. . . . the Ann Frank Village.

Conference reconvened at 2:20 p.m. The credentials committee report was given and the election results were made known. After the resolution report, the meeting recessed at 3:15 p.m. A Traffic Safety Workshop followed the meeting.

The evening banquet was held at 7:30 p.m. The welcome was given by Mr. Walton G. Gordon, representing the Governor of Hawaii. Speaker of the evening was Dr. Willard A. Wilson, Provost and Vice President, University of Hawaii.

The Memorial Service was held Sunday morning at 9:00. The combination of the setting in which those attending the service were seated facing “Towards the Light” viewing a sparkling, blue sea and horizon beyond; Abraham Akaka’s famous recording, “Sunday in Hawaii” featured the message of Reverend Akaka and the choir from the Kawaiahoa Church; the beautiful arrangement of flowers commemorating deceased Zontians. . . . was considered one of the conference high-points.

Brunch was enjoyed and afterwards, the final business session was called to order at 10:40 a.m.

International First Vice President **J. Maria Pierce** talked on “Expansion in Zonta.” The final registration reported 179 registered. The proposed budget was adopted. The newly elected Area Directors were installed by Governor **Lavern Owens**.

Dorothy Gravelle	Area 1
	Area 3 *
Malvina Lemmle	Area 6
Dorothy Hill	Area 7
Holdover Area Directors”	
Waltraut Wilson	Area 2
Doris Deardon	Area 4
Monette Beveraly	Area 5

* Katherine Leonard (Later elected by the District Board for Area 3)

It was announced the 1963 conference would be in San Diego. The 1962 conference will be held in Phoenix.

It was also announced that two clubs have been chartered in District IX since last Conference – both in California – Compton-Lynwood and Redlands. Mexico City was sponsored by District IX.

The Governor gave her report, courtesy resolutions were accepted, and there being no further business, the final business session of the Fall Conference of 1961 was adjourned at 12:21 p.m.

Some interesting notations of this conference. . . They noted they were very fortunate to have its principal speaker the International President **Ellen Harris** in attendance. The first registration received came from International Past President, **Dr. Elizabeth Dozier**, considered by Hawaii Zontians as their “Mother Confessor.” The Koolau Club did a superb job in presenting the conference participants with the many handmade favors, bead and seed leis, coconut fibre hats, and flowers. . . . the seed leis were made of Kakalua, maunaloa and the Job’s tear seeds and were strung by the children of Waiahole School. . . . when the report came of 300 expected at the conference, it was quite a shock to think of making that many hats. Coconut fibre was gathered, washed and dried, and they had a hat making demonstration. Some took fibre home and others came back every week to make hats, then to trim them. Securing a Canadian flag for display at business meetings in deference to the International President’s country, Canada only one in the City is at Ala Moana Center. Securing a Zonta emblem, 3 feet by 4 feet for display at meetings. Each club in Hawaii had an important part in making the conference the success it was. . . . invitations; programs; flowers; etc. A job well done, Area 7, and your long hours and efforts were appreciated!

District IX Fall Conference – 1962

Lavern Owens, Governor
(Member, Zonta Club of Sacramento)

Camelback Inn, **Phoenix**, Arizona was the location for the 1962 District IX Zonta Conference. The theme was Expanding Dimensions – “Make No Little Plans; the have no magic to stir men’s blood.”

Prior to the official commencement of the Conference, Governor **Lavern Owens** started activities by a Presidents’ Meeting held at 3:30 p.m. on Friday. She introduced **Gladys Finkle**, International Treasurer, who represented the International President at the Conference, and **Pauline Fyler**, Executive Director of Zonta International. She then called upon the Presidents for reports of their clubs. A Steak Fry was enjoyed in the evening. Delegates registered at the Inn were served a continental breakfast in their rooms. . a welcome luxury!

The first general Conference Session was called to order at 9:a.m. on Saturday, by **Governor Lavern**. After the invocation and the flag salute, the Governor introduced the Mayor of Phoenix, who welcomed the delegates to his city and to Arizona. The Conference Program was accepted and the Minutes of 1961 were approved.

Governor **Lavern** presented the distinguished guests who were **Gladys Finkle**, International Treasurer; **Pauline Fyler**, Executive Director; **Jea Mae Lane**, Lt. Governor; **Marie Wilson**, Treasurer District IX; **Joan Murphy**, Parliamentarian; the Area Directors; and **Dr. Elizabeth Dozier**, past International President.

Gladys Finkle read the official message from International President **J. Maria Pierce** on “Expanding Dimensions for Zonta.”

The District Treasurer read the audit report that was accepted.

Public Relations Officer of the Arizona Highway Department talked on Moral Responsibility in Traffic Safety.” Reports were heard on International Relations, Amelia Earhart, Public Affairs and Status of Women.

The Nominating Committee gave its report and the election of officers was held at noon with 50 accredited delegates voting. Lunch followed.

The business session of the conference resumed at 2 p.m. The report of the District By-laws and Resolutions was given. It was recommended that the club year begin January 1. It was proposed that by-laws for Z Clubs be standardized. The often-mentioned request to allow members who, for one reason or another, could no longer be active as such, be allowed to remain members, This resolution is to be presented to the International Committee. An amendment regarding make-up meetings was referred to the District Board. The Magazines for Friendship report was given. The session adjourned at 5:15 p.m. A banquet was held at 7:30 p.m.

The conference reconvened on Sunday morning by a very impressive and reverent memorial service conducted in the garden of **Virginia Eastlick**, former District Governor.

The business session was called to order by **Governor Lavern** at 9:45 a.m. Executive Director **Pauline Fyler** discussed the work done by her staff at International Headquarters.

Registration Chairman reported **241 members** present, with **52 delegates** presenting their credentials. A workshop, "New Horizons in Service," was given.

International Treasurer, **Marie Wilson**, conducted the installation of the following District IX officers:

Governor	Jea Mae Lane
Lt. Governor	Waltraut Wilson
Secretary	Elaine O. Carse
Treasurer	Marie Dubsky

Area Directors:	Area 2
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Leonora Gross

Eloise Carson	Area 4
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Florence Cross	Area 5
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Holdover Area Directors:	Area 1
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Dorothy Granvelle

Katherine Leonard	Area 3
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Helen Riggers	Area 6
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Dorothy Hill	Area 7
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A panel on membership, discussing the "Zonta Image" told about attracting members by service projects and interesting programs, and the orientation of new members, stressing the need to have their sponsors taking an active part in the orientation. Ways were discussed on how to make a good Zontian of a new member. The importance of attending conferences to get the real Zonta spirit and feeling were stressed.

The budget for 1962-1963 and the courtesy resolutions were adopted. A formal invitation was read from the Bakersfield Club to host the 1964 conference. The conference was adjourned, followed by a buffet luncheon at 12:30 p.m.

Something should be said about the fun that was provided at the Fall conference – for it was not all solemn business.

Strictly on the fun side was the Steak Fry provided on the grounds of Camelback Inn on Friday night. Good fellowship was the order of the evening and good food and drink added to the fun. The staff (young, attractive Britishers of both sexes who made up the entire compliment of servants at the hotel) was well-trained and experienced in putting on such a barbecue party.

Luncheon on Saturday was a memorable affair, marked by the introduction of the attractive Earhart scholar attending U.C.L.A. and introduced by another attractive Earhart scholar, **Harriet Zimney**, now a Zontian.

The Banquet on Saturday night was one of the highlights of the conference, with outstanding entertainment by two guitarists.

Noteworthy speakers, both Zontians as well as outsiders, added to the enjoyment of the conference.

District IX owes a great deal to the Phoenix Club for its hard work in making the 1962 conference a success. . . from registration to the final pool-side luncheon on Sunday noon, all the arrangements were excellent. The exquisite corsages of various colors and kinds made by one of the Phoenix Club members and given to each person present at conference added a great deal to the “Arizona hospitality” which was so much in evidence.

DISTRICT IX CONFERENCE - 1963

Jae Mae Lane, Governor
(Member, Zonta Club of Los Angeles)

The 1963 District IX Fall Conference was held at the beautiful Hotel Del Coronado, Coronado, California, October 11, 12, 13. The Hostess Clubs were San Diego, Escondido, and La Jolla. Honored guests were International President **J. Maria Pierce**, International Past President **Dr. Elizabeth Gist Dozier** (both of whom were also past governors of District IX), and Past Governors **Mayme Bonham**, **Virginia Eastlick**, **Rosamond Harries** and **Lavern Owens**.

A pre-conference seminar of District officers, Area Directors and Presidents (45) of the clubs comprising District IX was called to order by **Governor Jae Mae** at 3:00 p.m., Friday.

A Fellowship dinner was enjoyed that evening. Honored guests were introduced; and candidates for Area Directors were introduced.

Governor **Jae Mae** called the opening business session of the conference to order Saturday morning at 8:40 p.m.. The invocation was given and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America followed. The Credentials Report showed **209 members** were registered. The Minutes of the 1962 Fall Conference were accepted.

International President's Report

International President **J. Maria Pierce** extended greetings from the International Board and her message, “Measure of Expanding Dimensions” included the full scope of Zonta – obtaining and retaining members, service, programming, safety, international relations, etc., ending with the phrase, “The larger our vision, the more we see to be done,” and “The more we do the more we want to do.” A standing ovation was given for her inspiring message.

The Governor's Report

“The Challenge of Expanding Dimensions” is expected to include visits to all clubs in District IX before the Governor's term of office is ended. The 59th club in District IX was newly chartered – Zonta Club of Anaheim, California. Governor **Jae Mae** stressed the importance of “orientation” in Zonta procedure, citing “knowledge, information, learning, imagination and vision” as all-important in making good membership and good clubs. Again, the importance of having outgoing officers and committee chairmen pass on information to the incoming officers and chairmen was called to the attention of the assembly. Also cited were the outstanding examples of the qualities mentioned by various clubs in District IX through the results obtained by their accomplishments.

The Conference Rules were accepted. The Governor announced that at the last District IX Board meeting it was voted to send fifteen copies of the Zontian to members of our Friendship Country, France. Thus far the Governor stated she has heard from four individuals stating they had received the magazine and expressing their gratitude for the generosity of District IX.

After brunch on Sunday morning, a very appropriate and fitting Memorial Service was conducted.

The final session of the Fall Conference continued with International President **J. Maria Pierce** installing the following Area Directors:

New Area Directors

Area 1	Mary Fiedler
Area 3	Ellyn Deu Schel
Area 6	Helen Biggers
Area 7*	

Hold over Area Directors

Area 2	Leonora Gross
Area 4	Eloise Corson
Area 5	Florence M. Cross

* Evelyn Johnson was elected by Area 7 Clubs subsequent to the conference

Resolutions were adopted. An announcement was made that the District IX Conference for 1964 would be held in Bakersfield. A letter was read from the Mayor of Santa Monica inviting the District to hold its 1965 Conference in the city of Santa Monica. The Auditor's report and proposed budget were adopted.

There being no further business, the District IX Conference was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

DISTRICT IX CONFERENCE – 1964

Jae Mae Lane, Governor
(Member, Zonta Club of Los Angeles)

The 1964 District IX Fall Conference was held at the Royale Palms and Wonderlodge in Bakersfield, California, October 9, 10, 11. The Zonta Club of Bakersfield was the hostess club.

Registration began Friday afternoon at the Wonderlodge. At the same place, the Governor held her Seminar with Club Presidents, District Officers and Area Directors.

A Fellowship Hour was enjoyed at the poolside patio. The theme was "Expand, Express and Explore Fellowship in District IX." Many members were dressed in costume, some depicting the various countries in which Zonta Clubs are established. The weather was warm and balmy and most enjoyable for an outdoor affair. After becoming well acquainted with one another and the exchange of ideas and wit, the gathering dispersed across the street to the Royale Palms where the Fellowship Dinner was held.

The Fall Conference was officially called to order by Governor Jae Mae Lane. The invocation offered was the Indian version of the 23rd Psalm, which had been offered at the Indian Luncheon of the Convention in San Francisco, which was impressive with its utter simplicity. After the Pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, the President of the Zonta Club of Bakersfield extended a cordial welcome to all. The Governor then introduced **Edna Nairn**, First Vice President of Zonta International, official representative of International at this conference. Also introduced were the past Governors of District IX who were **Lavern Owens**, **Blodwen Hunt**, **Dr. Elise Carlson**, **Dr. Elizabeth Gist Dozier** and **J. Maria Pierce**, the latter two also being past International presidents. The Governor introduced the presidents of the four new clubs which had been formed in the past biennium:

Zonta Club of Anaheim	September 28, 1963
Zonta Club of Tempe	May 2, 1964
Zonta Club of Bullhead City	June 6, 1964
Zonta Club of Colton	June 13, 1964

The Nominating Committee Chairman presented the state for offices becoming vacant. Reports were given on Safety, Service, and International Relations. There being no further business, the Conference was recessed at 10:20 p.m.

After the Conference was reconvened by the Governor at 8:30 a.m., Saturday, the invocation was offered and the Pledge of allegiance was given. The Conference Rules were adopted and the Minutes of the 1963 Fall Conference were accepted.

International Representative's Report from the President

Edna Nairn, First Vice President, Zonta International, delivered the message of **Ruth S. Knight**, President of Zonta International, entitled "Explore – Express – Expand." This message stressed such points as ***Attendance, Service, Status of Women, International Relations and Membership.***

A panel was presented on "How to Organize a Zonta Club Program for the Year."

The auditor's report and the proposed budget for 1964-1965 were both accepted as read. A report was given on the Ramallah Project that was extended for two more years at the Zonta International Convention in San Francisco (1964). District IX has provided four scholarships for these girls in training.

The Z Club report was given stating to date there were 35 Z Clubs in high schools, six Golden Z Clubs in colleges and three Golden Z Clubs in universities for a total of 44 Z/Golden Z Clubs. Fifteen clubs were formed in 1963-1964.

Reports on Public Affairs and Status of Women were heard. The Governor announced voting for District officers and Area Directors would take place before lunch. The morning meeting was then recessed.

The Mayor of the City of Bakersfield extended greetings to the Zonta Conference at the Amelia Earhart Luncheon. **Harriet Zimney**, Chairman, District IX Amelia Earhart Committee, presented the Amelia Earhart pins and wings to two of the five students taking their graduate work in District IX. She then introduced the speaker, Robert Stanley, stating he was the first pilot in this hemisphere to fly a jet airplane (1942), and held altitude and distance glider records in the years 1939 and 1941. Mr. Stanley gave a very detailed description of the search for Amelia Earhart after her disappearance in 1937 by the USS Lexington of which he was the Commanding Officer.

The afternoon meeting reconvened with the Status of Women Report. This was followed by the Governor's Report. In her report, Governor **Jae Mae** stated much had been done in the improvement of Inter-city meetings, with most clubs re-activating their inter-city meetings. Although much had been accomplished in the improvement of our communications, there is still much more to do. She went on to say the attendance at conventions and conferences has been very satisfying. And they were particularly proud of District IX's 100% contribution to the Amelia Earhart Fellowship Fund and hoped this would be a pattern we would keep. The Governor closed her report by saying it has been a most rewarding two years, and to paraphrase two lines from the great English novelist, raconteur, and poet: "Many people would have done it, but the whisper came to me."

Lt. Governor **Waltraut Wilson** gave the Membership Report in which she stressed ways to hold our present, active members; seek top quality women who classify; make sure that new members are properly oriented. She stated no action was taken in the proposed Amendment to have an Associate membership classification. This was referred to the bylaws committee for further study during this next biennium. Past International President **J. Maria Pierce**, currently International Chairman of Organization and Extension, gave her report. She launched the G-R-O-W (Growing 'Round Our World) Fund and told the uses of the fund.

The election results were given and the meeting was recessed until the banquet at 7:30 p.m.

The banquet speaker was Dr. Marguerite M. Rogers, head of Air-to-Surface Weapons Division, Naval Ordnance Training Station, China Lake, whose wonderful address, "Responsibilities and Privileges of Today's Woman" was interspersed with many humorous anecdotes.

International First Vice President **Edna Nairn** installed the following officers for District IX:

Governor	Waltraut Wilson
Lt. Governor	Olive Peoples
Treasurer	Marie Dubsy
Secretary*	Katherine Hanson *appointed by the Governor
Area Directors	
Area 2	Ernestine Ehret
Area 4	Wyllys Lindlaw
Area 5	Clara Andrews
Holdover Area Directors	
Area 1	Mary Fiedler
Area 3	Ellyn Deu Schel
Area 6	Helen Biggers
Area 7	Evelyn Johnson

Telegrams from the Mayor of Porterville and the Porterville Chamber of Commerce were read congratulating the new Governor, **Waltraut Wilson**.

The meeting was recessed until 8:30 a.m. Sunday for the Memorial Service.

The Memorial Service was held Sunday morning and the theme for the service was "Time for Remembrance," with 25 deceased Zontians remembered.

The Sunday conference session was called to order at 9:10 a.m. After the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance were given, the Governor announced the table decorations could be taken if so desired. Also supplies could be purchased as well as photographs taken at conference could be viewed and arrangements would emanate.

The final Credentials Report gave a final total of **248 attending** this conference. The Courtesy Resolutions were read after which Governor **Jae Mae** announced the 1965 Conference would be held at Santa Monica and that the 1966 Conference would be held at Newport Harbor.

The new Governor, **Waltraut (Wallie) Wilson**, was presented with her Governor's pin by the outgoing Governor, **Jae Mae Lane**. Heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all of District IX were extended by International First Vice-President **Edna Nairn** after which she presented the 1964-1966 Governor with the gavel stating it stands for:

G for Graciousness

A for Ability

V for Versatility and Veracity

E for Enthusiasm

L for Loyalty to all, in all things, at all times

Governor **Waltraut** presented Past Governor **Jae Mae** with a gift from District IX followed with gifts presented by past District Officers and Governors. The Zonta Club of the outgoing Governor sent an angel, dressed in white, with wings and trumpet to escort her to a seat amongst her members, telling her the time had come to welcome her back to her own club!

Governor **Waltraut** announced a meeting immediately after adjournment of all outgoing and incoming officers and Area Directors to exchange materials and suggestions.

The conference was then adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

DISTRICT IX CONFERENCE – 1965

Waltraut Wilson – Governor
(Member, Zonta Club of Porterville)

The Zonta Club of Santa Monica was hostess for the 1964 District IX, Zonta International Conference at the beautiful Miramar Hotel, “where Wilshire meets the Sea,” October 15, 16, 17. Some interesting notes are: complete registration (including 5 meals) \$31.50; hotel room rates, single room \$10.00, twin room \$15.00, suite for three \$25.00, suite for 4 \$30.00.

The Governor’s theme for this conference was “Zontanine, Let’s Grow.” With this theme in mind, Governor **Waltraut** held her seminar with the club Presidents and District Board members Friday afternoon. She introduced International President **Ruth A. Knight** and **Edna Van Acker**, field worker from Zonta International. Impromptu service reports from club Presidents were requested by the Governor. The meeting was recessed at 4:30 p.m.

Beginning at 6:30 p.m., Friday, a fellowship hour was hosted by the Santa Monica Club after which a buffet supper featuring dishes of foreign countries was served. After the buffet with appropriate organ music, Past Governor **Jae Mae Lane** introduced a colorful array of 117 Zontians in the attire of Zonta countries, “Round Our World.” After the Hawaiian contingency, the Santa Monica Club presented three girls in a hula number and the Philippines groups was followed by a Philippines stick dance by one of the girls.

The annual Fall Conference for 1965 was called to order at 7:30 a.m., October 16 by Governor **Waltraut Wilson** with a breakfast session honoring past International Presidents **Dr. Elizabeth Gist Dozier** and **J. Maria Pierce**; Past Governors **Rosamond Harries**, **Laverne Owens** and **Jae Mae Lane**. The Mayor of the City of Santa Monica gave the city’s official welcome with the Chamber of Commerce president completing the welcome. Governor **Waltraut** then introduced the District IX officers and Area Directors.

The morning business session began with the credentials report. The Program for the conference and the Conference Rules were adopted. After the Minutes of the 1964 Conference were accepted, the keynote address was given by the International President.

International President’s Report

President Ruth S. Knight stated, “It is very true, as I have said to you many times through the year – Zonta has accomplished much during the past four and one-half decades – we have a strong foundation on which to build – but I shall also tell you that there have been times when we have failed to make the goal. Why? The first problem I shall mention is membership. Despite the number of new clubs that have been organized through the Marion de Forest Fund, GROW, District and club sponsored organization, our membership has yet to meet the goal set three years ago by our immediate Past International President.

“The goal seemed reasonable then, but to assist those clubs suffering losses or problems, a new service was created and professional help became available through Field Service. Even so, our losses almost overshadow our gains. Some of these losses are inevitable because of death, loss of classification, and leaving the community. Can you say that all YOUR club losses are for these reasons?

“Another problem in the same field is that many of our clubs have fewer than the new minimum of 20 members. It is true that until 1964 the minimum was 15 and does not actually affect the older clubs. It is also true that the small club is not necessarily a weak club, however, should we not try to make them bigger and stronger?

“Quite a different problem I want to mention now, and to emphasize, is that of our lines of communication. I wonder if all our club Presidents fully realize their responsibility to the membership when they fail to pass along, or share with the members, communications from their Governor or Zonta International?

Finally, on membership – while we need to exert every effort for Zonta growth, let us never forget that Zonta must demonstrate a special kind of growth – numbers are meaningless unless the property of quality is added to ennoble it. Continue to insist upon proper classification and strive for quality in membership.”

Although the International President’s message was not quoted in entirety, she left much “food for thought” and now, 21 years later, the same problems with membership and communication still exist . . . incredible!

The Nominating Committee presented the slate of officers; the Audit Report was accepted as read; the proposed budget for 1965-1966 was adopted. The International Relations report was given, followed by the Service report and awards. The meeting was recessed and the election took place.

At 12:30 p.m., luncheon was served honoring Amelia Earhart Fellows and Z Club members present. **Harriet Zimney**, Chairman of the Amelia Earhart Fellowship Committee, gave a very interesting background and up-to-date information on the Amelia Earhart Fellowship program, followed by accounts of the present activities by **Rose Marie Licher** and **Marilyn B. Harmon**, recipients of awards in 1951 and 1948 respectively.

International President Ruth presented awards to two recipients, each of whom gave information regarding their fields of interest and expressed appreciation for their fellowships.

Following the luncheon, the business session reconvened. Reports were given by the Credentials Committee and the District Committees.

This was followed by the Governor’s report in which she stated that when she accepted the gavel of District IX a year ago, she was aware of the great challenge – the disappointments and frustrations, and on the other hand, the joys, pleasures and new experiences that the assignment would bring.

An unhappy experience for her was that the Lt. Governor found it necessary to resign after three months in office. The District Board appointed an interim Lt. Governor to serve until this conference. A heartbreaking experience for the Governor was the necessity to lift the charter of the Zonta Club of Laguna Beach as of July, 1965, due to lack of necessary classifications for Zonta membership in this city to support a club.

She praised the seven Area Directors for the work they do in assisting her in “official” visits to clubs, etc., in the **61 clubs** in District IX, comprising five states, as it would be impossible for the Governor to do all of this alone.

Election results were given, and Workshops were held before the afternoon session closed.

After the fellowship hour, the banquet was served at 7:30 p.m. Special music added to the pleasure of the evening, International **President Ruth** installed the new officer and Area Directors and included the present officers and Area Directors in a meaningful ceremony. Those installed were:

Lt. Governor	Leonora Gross
Area Directors:	
Area 1	Irene Hawks
Areas 2	Alice Messec
Area 3	Thelma A. Spring
Area 6	Rayma Neeb
Area 7*	
Holdover Area Directors:	
Area 4	Wyllys Lindlaw
Area 5	Clara Andrews

* Nobuko Saito was elected Area Director at its November Conference.

At 8:30 a.m., Sunday morning, October 17th, the “In Remembrance” observance for 13 departed members of District IX was conducted.

The final session of the Conference was called to order by **Governor Waltraut**. The Credentials Chairman reported **265 registered** Zontians attended this Conference. Proposed additions to the by-laws were read and the Courtesy Resolutions were presented and accepted.

In appreciation of International **President Ruth**’s inspiration and guidance, a desk set was presented to her by **Governor Waltraut** on behalf of the Conference. The Zonta Collect was given by **Lt. Governor Leonora** and the meeting was adjourned at 12 noon.

DISTRICT IX CONFERENCE – 1966

Waltraut Wilson – Governor

The 1966 District IX Fall Conference was held at the Newporter Inn, Newport Beach, California, with the Zonta Club of Newport Harbor as the hostess club – October 14, 15, 16.

Friday afternoon members of the Newport Harbor were hostesses for an open house at the impressive Senior Citizens Center, an outstanding service project of the club. Later, Governor **Waltraut Wilson** held a meeting with the club presidents, District board members and Area Directors. Second Vice President **Leota F. Pekrul**, representing Zonta International and International Headquarters Executive Director **Pauline C. Tyler** were both introduced.

Following a Fellowship Hour on Friday night, a dinner was held honoring Past District IX Governors – **Dr. Lura Loop, Mayme E. Bonham, Blodwen E. Hunt, Rosamond Harries, J. Maria Pierce, Lavern Owens and Jae Mae Lane.** *“Accent on Archives,”* recalling the era of each Governor’s tenure by a description of world affairs contemporary to the term, interesting highlights of each term with personal comments brought the audience up-to-date on the activities of those Governors who were present. The Zonta Collect was repeated together by all Zontians to end the evening.

Governor **Waltraut** called the Fall Conference to order on Saturday morning. The theme for the conference was “Spring into Action.” The Mayors of Newport Beach and Costa Mesa and representatives of the Chambers of Commerce for both cities welcomed District IX of Zonta International.

The Credentials Committee gave its report. The Conference Program and Conference Rules were adopted. The Minutes of the 1965 Conference were approved. Second Vice President of Zonta International, **Leota F. Pekrul**, gave the message from International President **Edna Nairn**. This was a challenge to action in every area of Zonta.

The Nominating Committee gave its report. The Auditor’s report was accepted as read. The District IX per capita dues was increased from \$2.00 to \$3.00 and the proposed budget was accepted. The voting for new officers and Area Directors took place when the morning session recessed.

During the Amelia Earhart luncheon, Second Vice President **Leota** presented the Amelia Earhart Fellowship Awards to four new recipients. Immediately following the luncheon, a seminar was held for 71 Z Club and Golden Z Club members and advisors present for lunch. The business session reconvened for all others.

J. Maria Pierce reported on G-R-O-W, “Accent on Growth,” stating that one-half of the International G-R-O-W fund for the biennium came from District IX and five new countries started clubs in this period. Executive Director **Pauline C. Fyler** presented, by special request, her report given at the 1966 Miami Convention contrasting and comparing aspects of Zonta in 1950 and 1966.

Governor Waltraut gave a report of her year. She was accompanied by the District Secretary in attending the conference of Area 7 in Honolulu in November. Her greatest regrets were the many invitations to inter-city meetings, special events, installations, etc., that had to be declined due to the large geographical area of the District and the large number of clubs. However, with the Area Directors serving as “official” representatives of the Governor, working closely with her and reporting to her, no club within District IX was without at least one official visit during the year.

On March 5th, she welcomed the Zonta Club of Ventura with 32 members and on June 25th she welcomed the Zonta Club of Monterey Peninsula with 36 members – two new clubs this year.

The Governor explained the new boundaries of Areas in District IX and reasons for the changes. San Diego, Escondido and La Jolla were placed in Area 4 and Santa Monica and Los Angeles in Area 3. She then expressed her appreciation to individuals and clubs for their cooperation and support saying without all of these, the Governor’s job would be impossible.

The Tellers' Committee reported the results of the election. Workshop sessions were presented and the afternoon business session was recessed. The District IX Board members were hostesses for the fellowship hour preceding the banquet.

The Memorial Service was held Sunday morning. With piano accompaniment, 16 departed members of District IX were memorialized. After brunch, the concluding business session resumed. The Credentials final report gave 282 total registered.

Awards were given to clubs for outstanding achievement in Attendance and Membership; Service; Public Affairs; Service; Safety; Status of women; and Newsletters. The Conference Resolutions were read and adopted.

International Second Vice President **Leota** installed the incoming officers and Area Directors who were:

Governor	Rayma Neeb
Lt. Governor	Evelyn Johnson
Treasurer	Jane P. Kennedy
Secretary*	Virginia Van Landingham *Appointed by the Governor

Area Directors:

Area 2	Leona Wagner
Area 4	Mary Noonan
Area 5	Mary Johnston

Holdover Area Directors:

Area 1	Irene Hawks
Area 3	Thelma A. Spring
Area 6	Rayma Neeb
Area 7	Nobuko Saito

Invitations for the 1968 conference were extended. After receiving the Governor's guard for District IX from "**Wallie**" (as she was affectionately known), incoming Governor **Rayma** spoke briefly and introduced members of her family who were present.

Gift presentations were made and the Conference was adjourned at 12:10 p.m. with the reading of the Zonta Collect.

After following the Fall Conference proceedings of the past few years, we have found each conference follows practically the same procedure of business. To avoid repetitious reading, in the future, we will concentrate more on the highlights, issues, etc., of each conference.

DISTRICT IX CONFERENCE – 1967

Rayma Neeb – Governor

(Member, Zonta Club of Phoenix)

The 1967 Fall Conference for District IX was held October 13, 14, 15 at the El Rancho Tropicana, Santa Rosa, California. The Zonta Club of Santa Rosa was the host club and the theme for the conference was “Behold the Harvest.” A total of 272 Zontians were registered. District IX Governor **Rayma Neeb** was the presiding officer and **International President Edna Nairn** was the guest of honor. Past Governors in attendance were **Mayme Bonham**, **Dr. Elsie Carlson**, **Blodwin Hunt**, **P.I.P. J. Maria Pierce**, **Lavern Owens**, **Jae Mae Lane** and **Waltraut A. Wilson**.

Friday evening was a fun evening with music provided by the Dixie Band from Santa Rosa High School. The District IX presidents gave a most enjoyable fashion show of hats representing their classifications. For the Saturday night banquet, music was presented by a vocal group from Santa Rosa High School. The speaker was Alice Leopold, former Assistant Secretary of Labor, U.S.A. The Memorial Service was held Sunday morning for 17 departed Zontians.

We find in the reports that three clubs did not contribute to the Amelia Earhart Fellowship. The total contributions to this Fellowship was \$1,995.54, a decrease of \$145.96 from the previous year. Contributions to Ramallah, Friendship Countries, Magazines for Friendship and other International projects totaled \$3,315.79, an increase of \$1,078.16 over the previous year. G-R-O-W did not fare so well, it received \$812.00 showing a decrease of \$4,205.60. Total funds spent on community service projects was \$43,251.16.

Local community service projects were funded by clubs for a total of \$43,251.16. Many of these projects have been original and very diversified. The annual report showed another important phase of service, the organization and operation of the Z Clubs. A total of \$1,063.76 was spent in this area of service. There were 17 Z Clubs and three Golden Z Clubs for a total of 20 clubs in District IX.

The Amelia Earhart Fellowship was awarded to one recipient at this conference by International President **Edna Nairn**. The presentation included a medal and wings.

Governor **Rayma**, in her report, tells us as she began to serve her term of office as Governor, she realized the inadequacy of preparation by not having served an apprenticeship as a Lt. Governor. Nevertheless, she did not let this stop her in going about her duties to the District – in her first six months as Governor, she visited 37 of the 62 clubs! Her first official visit was to the Conference of Area 7 in Honolulu, Hawaii. At this conference the Area 7 Director recommended to discontinue with this Fall Conference which is only for the Hawaiian Clubs and had been started prior to the time when Hawaii became part of the United States. She also recommended that each club make every effort to send a delegate to the District IX Fall Conference. These recommendations were passed which happily resulted in this 1967 Fall Conference having a delegate from each club in Hawaii and perhaps the largest delegation that has ever come from that State.

Governor **Rayma** regretted to have to report the loss of a club that had been in existence for so many years, the Zonta Club of Fresno.

She announced the 1968 Conference would be held in Palm Springs, with the Zonta Club of San Bernardino serving as the hostess club.

Edna Nairn, Zonta International President, evaluated the Conference and installed the newly elected Area Directors:

Area 1	Margot Savage
Area 3	Nina Austin
Area 6	Margaret Whitthorne
Area 7	Ethel T. Mori

Holdover Area Directors

Area 2	Leona Wagner
Area 4	Mary B. Noonan
Area 5	Mary Johnston

DISTRICT IX CONFERENCE – 1968

Rayma Neeb – Governor

(Member, Zonta Club of Phoenix)

The 1968 District IX Fall Conference was held October 11, 12, 13 at the Holiday Inn – Riviera, Palm Springs, California. The Zonta Club of San Bernardino was the host club. The Conference theme was “Time.” Total registration was 302. District IX Governor **Rayma Neeb** was the presiding officer and the guest of honor was International President **Helvi Sipila**.

Friday night opening of Conference was rather unique sine this was the first time a Conference had been opened with the chartering of a new Zonta Club. They were also privileged to have for the first time a real International President, **Helvi Sipila**, Helsinki, Finland. Governor **Rayma** installed the new officers of the Zonta Club of Palm Springs and International Preident **Helvi** presented the charter and gavel to the new President.

For the Saturday night banquet, the music for the evening was presented from light opera. Following the banquet, a skit called the “Generation Gap” was presented. It was a fun skit of dance and music from the old to the new. On the International level, they had the hula from Hawaii, and a piano solo of Finlandia by Sibelius as a tribute to the International President. A Memorial Service was conducted for 12 District IX Zontians on Sunday morning.

Service reports revealed some clubs did quite well, while others fell way down. The support of the G-R-O-W program as a whole has been waning in District IX the past biennium. The total contributions from the 62 clubs in our District was not sufficient to organize one club. Only one-third of the clubs contributed toward this fund.

During the past year, 34 clubs in the District contributed to Ramallah. The Zonta Clubs of Redlands and Hawaii each contributed a full scholarship of \$500 as did the District Board. The clubs as a whole did quite well with their service to their community projects.

International President **Helvi** presented the Amelia Earhart Fellowship Awards to two recipients.

International President's Report

The International President was the speaker for the final business session. She told a little about her family and then spoke on "Widening our Vistas." She reminded the audience that we are an international organization and our interests should be for the good of all of Zonta International.

Governor **Rayma** gave her report:

A review of her records revealed she had driven more than 25,000 miles in addition to making many flights by plane. She visited 60 of the 62 clubs, attended II seminars, charter dinner, inter-city meetings, presided at initiations and installations and sent out 20 issues of the Zonta Nine News. In closing, she reminded the attendees that progress has distinguished our organization these past 49 years and progress certainly must be our plan for the future. The Governor announced that the 1969 Conference would be held in Tucson, Arizona

Note: To a Governor who at the beginning of her term, felt the inadequacy of the position of her office, we think she gave her "all" and then some.

As the International President had to leave the conference early, Governor **Rayma** installed the newly elected officers.

Governor	Leonora Gross
Lt. Governor	Catherine Vollmer
Treasurer	Jane Kennedy
Secretary*	Irma McCrary
	*appointed by Governor

Area Directors:	
Area 2	Dr. Elcy McGovern
Area 4	Winifred Bacon
Area 5	Mary Scully

Holdover Area Directors:	
Area 1	Margot Savage
Area 3	Nina Austin
Area 6	Margaret Whittrhorene
Area 7	Ethel T. Mori

DISTRICT IX CONFERENCE – 1969

Leonora Gross – Governor

(Member, Zonta Club of Stockton)

The 1969 District IX Fall Conference was held October 10, 11, 12, at the Pioneer International Hotel, Tucson, Arizona. The Zonta Club of Tucson was hostess. The theme for the conference was “Ways of Widening our Vistas in the Service of Mankind.” Total registration was 242. The presiding officer was Governor **Leonora H. Gross**, the guest of honor was **Harriette Yeckel**, 2nd Vice President, Zonta International.

A “Western Wingding” was held Friday evening in old Tucson. All members and guests were taken by bus to the location of the movie set known as “Old Tucson.” Following a fellowship hour, a Western Ranch dinner and musical entertainment with a skillful group of Square Dancers displayed their repertoire. After this, the buses returned everyone to the Pioneer Hotel.

A fellowship hour was enjoyed at the poolside before the Saturday night banquet. Music and entertainment was provided by the Desert Chanters and Pueblo High School Dance Band. In the memory of 19 Zontians, a Memorial Time was held Sunday morning.

Club contributions to International Service showed \$1,384.70, considerably less than the previous year when \$3,100.00 was contributed. Eighteen clubs made no contribution to Ramallah. During the past year, only 22 of 61 clubs in District IX sent in contributions for the G-R-O-W program. Community service among the clubs was good and the Zonta Club of La Jolla raised \$140,000 and is ready to break ground for the International Center adjacent to the University of California – San Diego. This club is recognized by the University as spearheading this drive.

International 2nd Vice President **Harriette Yeckel** gave a very cordial message from International President **Helvi Sipili**. She then went on to report there are more than 560 Zonta Clubs in 33 countries with a total membership of more than 20,000 members. She talked about how times have changed, and we, in service to our beloved Zonta, must change, too. Science and technology have made the world a *neighborhood*. The challenge for us is to make it a *brotherhood*. There is a loftier ambition than merely to rise high in the world. It is to stoop down and raise manhood a little higher and that is what service and Zonta are really all about.

Lt. Governor **Catherine Vollmer** reported the loss of the Zonta Club of Bullhead City in Arizona. During the past year, 217 members were lost and 252 members were gained, a net gain of 31 for District IX. On March 1st we had 1,754 members in 61 clubs.

Governor **Leonora** reported she had visited 35 clubs and within the next few weeks will visit eight more. She remarked that the community service which Zontians give is outstanding. She reported that clubs were very active in saving the Status of Women Commission in California due to the efforts of the District Chairman, local Club Chairmen and members. “Zonta has become a member of the Legislative Round Table, recently organized in California. Zonta is 50 years old but we cannot be successful in using 50 year old methods or ideas. We must keep up with the challenges and needs of today. Don’t be afraid to change.”

International Representative **Harriette Yackel** installed the newly elected Area Directors who were:

Area 1	Irene Anderson
Area 3	Josephine Heckman
Area 6	Wanda Johns
Area 7*	Mary Jane Lee
	*Later elected at Spring Seminar
Holdover Area Directors:	
Area 2	Dr. Elcy McGovern
Area 4	Winifred Bacon
Area 5	Mary Scully

International Rep. **Harriette** presented two Amelia Earhart Fellowship Awards amounting to \$3,000.00 each. Each also received a medal and wings.

DISTRICT IX CONFERENCE – 1970

Leonora H. Gross – Governor

(Member, Zonta Club of Stockton)

The 1970 District IX Fall Conference was held October 9, 10, 11 at the Huntington-Sheraton Hotel, Pasadena, California. The Zonta Club of Pasadena was the hostess club and the theme for Conference was “Ways of Widening Our Vistas in the Service of Mankind.” A total of 218 Zontians was registered. District IX Governor **Leonora H. Gross** was the presiding officer. Zonta International was represented with distinction and District IX was honored to have First Vice President **Eleanor Jammal** and Second Vice President **France de la Chaise Mutin** and Past International **President J. Maria Pierce**.

A fiesta and lots of fun was held Friday evening with a fellowship hour and buffet dinner. The entertainment was a Spanish dance and singing group of young people. A “Banquet of Roses” was held Saturday evening and the entertainment was music by “The Broken Consort.” On Sunday morning a Memorial Service for 12 members was held in a beautiful setting with lovely music.

International Representative’s Report for the President

First Vice President **Eleanor Jammal** gave the cordial message from International President **Leota Pekrul**. In part, her message stated, “As a result of the actions of delegates and the by-law amendments adopted, the biennium of 1970-1972 will be one of transition. Zonta International now has provided for a President-Elect, for an elected Nominating Committee and for all the International Board to take office at the same time. Governors elected at District Conferences in 1970 will participate in an orientation this fall. The most important change for Districts will be the fact that District officers elected in the fall of 1971 will be installed at Convention in 1972. Thus, they will be officers-elect for a period of time. Another challenge will be to prepare for closer ties to the Zonta Clubs in those parts of the world which are now non-districted.

“The continuing growth of Zonta, by organizing new clubs and increasing membership of present clubs, is another big challenge. Any Zonta Club which organizes a new club, paying all of the expenses and doing all the work of organizing, with no reimbursement for any part of the expenses from Zonta International,

shall receive an 'appreciation gift' of \$500.00 from the Marion de Forest Fund and shall be known as the 'sponsor' of the new club.

"On the other hand, if a club organizes a new club, doing all the work of organizing, but claiming reimbursement from the Marion de Forest Fund for expenses up to a maximum of \$300.00, that club will receive an 'appreciation gift' of \$200.00, and the new club shall be designated as organized by the existing Zonta Club.

"An important change in International operation concerns program planning. As a result of changes in the by-laws, Committee structure was modified to provide for two Coordinators who are to plan, supervise and coordinate the work of the program content of standing committees. Coordinator A will work with the International Relations, Service and Z Club Committees; Coordinator B with Public Affairs, Public Relations and Status of Women.

"An important action of the delegates to our Golden Convention was the by-laws amendment of 1970 that provided an International Honorary Membership be conferred on a woman of International reputation who was unanimously approved by the International Board. It is my pleasure to announce that your International Board has conferred International Honorary Membership on Her Excellency **Angie Brooks-Randolph**, the President of the United Nations 24th General Assembly.

"This message has identified certain challenges for Zontians, Zonta Clubs and Zonta International."

Governor **Leonora** in her farewell report said, "District IX now has 59 clubs, having lost Modesto, California, Santa Anita, California and Las Vegas, Nevada. District IX contributed \$71,305.00 to International service and local community service projects this past year. This is very commendable, which is over \$20,000.00 more than last year.

"The club newsletters are a necessary tool. More and more clubs are using them. These keep the Governor and Area Directors in touch with the 'going on' as well as your club members. I recommend that every club use this means of communication."

Lt. Governor **Catherine Vollmer**, in her report, reminded us that her duties are twofold, in that she represents the Governor when requested and acts as the Membership Chairman for the District. Her official duties this past year started with the Golden Anniversary Dinner in Porterville, California, where she represented the Governor and was the guest speaker. In January she represented the District as its delegate to the California Legislative Round Table of Women's Organizations in Sacramento, California.

In March she attended a United Nations Association meeting in San Francisco, California as Zonta's representative. Then came the pleasant experience of Spring Seminars where she represented the Governor in some of the Areas. In July she attended the International Convention in Chicago where the delegates voted that the Senior Active membership shall automatically be offered to any active member who has been an active member for 10 or more years. The number of merited members allowed any club may now be figured on the total membership of the club.

Report on G-R-O-W in the world and U.S.A. by Past International President **J. Maria Pierce** showed 50 new clubs organized in 1969-1970. We now have 580 clubs in 40 countries. Twenty-five per cent of

Zonta membership now resides outside the United States. Zonta is second largest (women's) service club in the world – Soroptimist is first. We are in more foreign countries than any other (women's) club.

International Vice President **France de la Chaise-Mutin**, in her message asked, "What does 'International' mean for you? Just a word or a reality? For me it means it means 40 countries, 40 countries that represent civilizations, cultures, habits and traditions diversified. International means that all over the world thousands of women choose and accept the same leadership, act in the same way, work in the same way for the best of humanity. When you are speaking in the name of 'Zonta International,' never forget you are speaking in the name of women from 40 countries and always try to express the opinion of all of them, not just yours. Of course, this needs an effort, but in the same time it does widen your mind."

It was reported that District IX has a total of 25 Z Clubs sponsored by 14 Zonta Clubs and 119 Z Girls participated in this conference.

The newly elected officers were installed by First Vice President **Eleanor Jammal**, and we will elect the Governor, Lt. Governor and Treasurer again in Hawaii in 1971.

For 1970-1972:

Governor	Catherine Vollmer
Lt. Governor	Josephine Heckman
Treasurer	Helen M. Lovenberg
Secretary*	Dorothy Drake * Appointed by the Governor

Area Directors:

Area 2	Wilma Lahman
Area 4	Gerry Gerkin
Area 5	Mary Kate Burch

Holdover Area Directors:

Area 1	Irene Anderson
Area 3	Ada Belle Nay
Area 6	Wanda Johns
Area 7	Mary Jane Lee

DISTRICT IX CONFERENCE – 1971

Catherine L. Vollmer – Governor

(Member, Zonta Club of Sacramento)

The 1971 District IX Fall Conference was held October 8, 9, 10 at the Surfrider Hotel, Honolulu, Hawaii. The Zonta Clubs of Area 7 were hostesses and the theme for the conference was “Hands Across the Sea . . . To Harvest International Understanding.” A total of 226 were registered. District IX Governor **Catherine L. Vollmer** was the presiding officer. International President **Leota F. Pekrul** and **Marion Dudley**, International Director of Public Relations and Editor of the *Zontian* magazine were guests of honor.

The Friday evening festivities included a get-acquainted luau in the Banyan Court of the Moana Hotel. Entertainment was a group of dancers who performed Philippine, Hawaiian and American dances. The International Night Banquet which was held Saturday evening was a conference high spot. An unforgettable experience was the entertainment offered by the Kawaiahao Church choir, conducted by Mr. Daniel K. Akaka, Minister of Music.

The final day of conference on Sunday opened with a touching memorial service for those Zontians who had passed away in the past year. There was also music by a women choir and a reading by Ethel T. Mori with appropriately beautiful slides.

International President's Report

The message given by International President **Leota F. Pekrul**, in part, stated: “This is a biennium of new directions. We can see road signs by the by-law changes made in 1970. On the last day of our next International convention in Portland, Oregon, June 26-29, 1972, all of the International officers and District Governors for 1972-1974 will be installed and take office. A new direction has been to apply for and receive consultative status (NGO Category C) with UNESCO. As a result of our Category II status with ECOSOC, as well as UNESCO, Zonta International has been invited to attend various United Nations seminars and if called upon, to provide information and reports in the areas of our competence. Another new direction this biennium has been channeled toward eliminating the isolation of Zonta Clubs in non-districted areas from each other and from Zonta International,

“In closing, the President asks Zontians to give their voices, hands and hearts in service for mankind. Give them also to build the new directions Zonta International must take into the seventies.”

Governor **Catherine**, in her message, welcomed into District IX the Zonta Club of Fresno, California. She was sad to report the loss of the Zonta Club of Reno, Nevada. This loss means we no longer have a Zonta Club in the state of Nevada. Another loss was the Zonta Club of Koalua, Hawaii. With the gain of one new club and the loss of two clubs, District IX now has 58 clubs. The Governor had the privilege of visiting with 44 of these clubs and looked forward to visiting the remaining 14 clubs.

As a District, we contributed \$2,248.00 to the Amelia Earhart Fellowship Fund. This contribution was made by 44 of our clubs and was the largest contribution made by any District. One of this past year's recipients was in our District and will receive her wings and certificate at a formal presentation November 6, in La Jolla, California. The North Hollywood Zonta Club donated funds and arranged a dinner for the presentation of a statue of Amelia in their city. This striking life size statue stands on a black marble base at the entrance to the City Park.

We contributed \$3,338.47 to the International Relations projects which include Ramallah. We paid the International dues for our friendship clubs in Ceylon because they could not get money out of their country. They did send us tea, the only commodity that they could give us in appreciation.

Our community service projects represented a total contribution of \$64,357.53 and many hours of service. For the first time, District IX will have a Z Club seminar with the Zonta Club of Riverside as hostess on October 23 and 24.

We worked in each State to establish or continue the commission on the Status of Women and supported legislation related to women's rights.

The Governor closed her message by telling us our dedication, cooperation and fellowship had made her proud to have served this year as Governor.

J. Maria Pierce, Past International President and International Chairman of Organization spoke on G-R-O-W (Grow Round the World). She pointed out that Zonta now operates in 43 countries and on six continents. She gave special credit to those clubs in District IX which had given funds to establish clubs in foreign countries. She acknowledged, too, the gift of District IX funds with which two new clubs in the Philippines had been established in her honor.

Lt. Governor **Josephine Heckman**, in giving her Membership Report, noted the pink slips seem to tell her a story. She can tell when the clubs are cleaning house, when they are going through their rosters and sending notices to those members who, through non-payment of dues, or non-attendance, have forfeited their right to remain Zontians. She said this is something each club should do constantly. There must be a strict adherence to the attendance rules and by-laws.

Areas Realigned

A Resolution was recommended by the District Board that Area 2 of District IX be eliminated and that the clubs in Area 2 be made a part of the remaining six Areas as follows: Sacramento and San Joaquin be added to Area 1; Fresno, Bakersfield and Porterville be added to Area 3. This recommendation was approved.

Before introducing the officers-elect, the Governor reminded those present that the officers just elected would not take office until June of 1972 at the International Convention in Portland, Oregon.

Those elected to serve for 1972-1974 were:

Governor	Josephine Heckman
Lt. Governor	Irene Anderson
Treasurer	Helen M. Lovenberg
Secretary*	Betty W. Tyner *Appointed by the Governor

Area Directors:

Area 1 Ruth Smith	Area 5 Edna Steinman
Area 3 Frances Doll	Area 6 Betty Jordan
Area 4 Helen Tebo	Area 7 Ethel Tamura

DISTRICT IX CONFERENCE – 1972

Josephine Heckman – Governor

(Member, Zonta Club of Pasadena)

The 1972 District IX Fall Conference was held October 20, 21, 22 at the Holiday Inn, Monterey, California. The Zonta Club of Monterey Peninsula was the host club and the theme for conference was “My Home is the World – My Family Mankind.” The records for this conference show 241 were registered. Guest of honor was International President **Harriette Yeckel**.

A cocktail hour and reception were held Friday evening at the Del Monte Lodge honoring the International President. The guests were taken by bus over the beautiful 17 mile drive to the Lodge. The highlight of the evening was the installation of District IX officers by President **Harriette**. These officers, as you remember, were elected at the Fall Conference last year and actually took office at the International Convention in Portland in June. Therefore, the presiding officer for this conference was District IX Governor **Josephine Heckman**. Saturday evening was the Banquet of Happiness, with special entertainment of beautiful vocal selections and Hungarian folk dances.

The final day of the conference on Sunday opened with a touching memorial service for 10 Zontians. The lighting of candles for each of the deceased Zontians by the president of each Club was very beautiful and thoughtful.

International President's Report

International President **Harriette**, in her report, gave a preview of directions and actions she hoped Zonta would take in the 1972-1974 biennium. “In this biennium we will especially stress internationalism, action, and caring and we will not only ask, but we will expect, each individual Zontian, each Zonta Club, each Zonta District and each Zonta Region to accept a fair share of the responsibilities and privileges of making our objects and our resolutions more than articulate phrases or high minded ideals.

“The International Relations Committee has two major projects for this biennium, the one she asks for immediate attention and consideration of participation is the one known as *Operation Friendship*, an exchange of Zontians within your Friendship Country groupings. The second project, known as *Project Open House*, is a hospitality program for all continent Zontians after the Boston convention, and a most exciting kind of personal diplomacy.”

I.P. **Harriette** concluded in saying, “With the hope that each will become a One World Zontian, and will help your own club be a One World Club; and that by so doing, it will be your Governor or Regional Representative who leads that group of Zontians who most admirably reflect the spirit of our theme: My Home is the World; My Family Mankind.”

Immediate Past Governor **Catherine Vollmer**, in giving the report of her past year in office, told about the first Z Club Seminar in Riverside last October when 80 Z Club girls met for workshops and the exchange of ideas, recreation and getting acquainted with each other, Another seminar is scheduled this year in Riverside in November.

District IX contributed many hours and money in service projects both international and community. Clubs in the District contributed \$2,250.00 to the Amelia Earhart Fellowships; \$293.00 to G-R-O-W; \$1,261.45 to Ramallah; and \$37,513.95 to local community service.

Past Governor **Catherine** thanked every member of District IX, the officers and Area Directors who served with her and for giving her this privilege and honor.

Lt. Governor **Irene Anderson** reported the statistics from our District are disturbing. District IX is comprised of 59 clubs with a membership of 1,693. The District lost the Zonta Club of Hayward, California and the Zonta Club of Odgen, Utah. The good news was three new clubs – Corona, Modesto and Conejo Valley. District IX was once the largest. Now District XIV, Europe has overtaken us.

The Conference closing remarks from Governor Josephine Heckman asked those in attendance to go back to their clubs filled with enthusiasm for getting new members and for improving the attendance of those they have.

“This biennium let us resolve to grow in strength as we grow in numbers. Let us resolve to have strong clubs and no weak ones, clubs where all work together in harmony, united in service. Let us resolve to communicate within our clubs, with our District officers and through them to International. Let us make 25 per cent of our service money the minimum amount we give to approved International projects.”

DISTRICT IX CONFERENCE – 1973

Josephine Heckman – Governor

The Zonta Club of Anaheim was the hostess club for the 1973 Fall Conference for District IX on October 19, 20, 21. The other clubs in Area 4 assisted. The Conference was held at the Grand Hotel, Anaheim, California. The theme for the Conference was “My Home is the World – My Family, Mankind.” Registration totaled 294. Distinguished guests at conference were: International Second Vice President **Evelyn De Witt**; Past District IX Governors **J. Maria Pierce**, P.I.P.; **Rayma Neeb**; **Catherine Vollmer**; **Laverne Owens**; **Waltraut Wilson**. District IX Governor **Josephine Heckman** presided.

After the buffet dinner Friday evening, Governor **Heckman**, distinguished guests, Board members, and Area Directors boarded a bus and enjoyed a great visit to the Magical Kingdom of Disneyland. Disneyland tour was open to all members and guests and was enjoyed by all who attended. Saturday evening a beautiful reception honoring International Second Vice President **Evelyn De Witt** was held with the Banquet of Achievement following. After the banquet, the presentation of four Amelia Earhart Awards were given by District IX Amelia Earhart Chairman. Entertainment for the evening was a musical program by the David Loyd Singers.

Sunday morning a touching memorial service for 16 Zontians was presented with beautiful recitations.

According to the annual reports of Zonta Clubs of District IX, the status of women is a genuine concern of each club. Such concern is certainly appropriate at this time when the Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution of the United States is in the process of ratification by the 50 states. Hawaii was the first state to ratify the amendment; California, the 22nd. Until at least 38 states have ratified the Equal Rights Amendment, our great priority is to dispel the fears of the timid and the patronizing about women and to encourage recognition of both men and women as fundamentally people, each on an equal footing with every other citizen in our democracy.

As soon as the concept of equal rights is established, we can expect to see women as well as men involved in policy-making by state commissions and advisory boards. Now we are very proud of the Zonta Clubs whose membership includes women on state commissions. The Zonta Club of Phoenix promoted the appointment of a member on the Arizona State Commission on the Status of Women. The clubs of Salt Lake City, Hilo and Ventura also have members on the state level. The Zonta Club of Casa Grande Valley has a member on the local level of government.

Lt. Governor **Irene Anderson** reported we started off beautifully in our membership drive following last Conference. She hoped this Conference will offer the same inspiration. We now have 58 clubs with 1,716 members.

In conclusion we are reminded of our goal of one new member, each club, each quarter. We're the largest District in number of clubs but not in total membership. We must try to find younger members. They must be what many of us were when we became Zontians lots of years ago.

P.I.P. **J. Maria Pierce**, International Membership Chairman, gave a report on membership, describing many phases and discussing the difference in active, associate, merited, Honorary and Senior Active.

International Representative's Report from the President

The message from International President **Harriette Yeckel** was presented by **Eveyn De Witt**, Second Vice President. As of the end of the first year of this biennium, Zontians the world over had given \$60,000.00 more to the International Service projects than in any other single year. They have provide more money for Amelia Earhart Fellowships – over \$38,000.00 – than ever before, even in comparison to giving in the famous 50th anniversary year of special “one time” pledges.

In addition, their contributions to Ramallah were as great this year as they had been in the first year of the previous biennium, but in addition, they had, as individuals and clubs, given as a personal gift of love and esteem, ten additional Ramallah Scholarships to honor their beloved Past International President **Helvi Sipila**, when she became assistant secretary-general of the United Nations.

And in just this first year since the UNICEF project's inception, clubs contributed over \$40,000.00 to finance the mobile pediatric clinics in West Africa, including such magnificent club gifts as Berlin, Germany's check for \$2,000.00 from only 23 members.

Particularly disappointing was the failure of each of our Districts to accept the challenge of funding an individual Amelia Earhart Fellowship. We were still able to give a total of 12 Fellowships, a 50% increase over the year before.

We have added modestly to our office space for the first time in nine years, providing a small private office for the bookkeeper, a meeting room for Zonta committees, and necessary additional storage facilities. This month, we will, on the recommendation of our expert Finance committee, avail ourselves of some rented computer services which will streamline our record keeping and simplify analysis of financial data, - all of this to better service you as members.

This past year, the International Board unanimously granted International Honorary Membership to our Past International President **Helvi Sipila**, who honors Zonta in accepting this designation in addition to her active membership classification.

Governor **Heckman** reported the loss of the Zonta Club of Palm Springs. She urged each president and delegate to go back to her club and check the club roster to see how many are truly active, qualified members with legal classifications. The attendance policy is in the by-laws and must be observed

She stated that the Spring Seminars were educational, inspiring and fine examples of Zonta leadership and fellowship. The District Board voted to change the Presidents' meetings to Area Planning and Training meetings and to encourage more members to attend, As the result, the meetings have had a larger attendance and the reports have been excellent.

Last November our second Z Club Conference was hosted by Riverside, the registration totaled 117, including 74 Z Clubbers – one coming from Hawaii. This year the Z Club conference will be held in Lancaster on November 10 and 11.

Fifty-six Zonta Clubs reported a total of \$85,583.30 contributed to service. Amelia Earhart Fellowships received \$3,875.00, an increase of over \$1,600.00; \$3,055.00 to Ramallah, an increase of \$1,788.00 over the year before; \$2,687.00 to G-R-O-W, an increase of over \$2,000.00; \$2,884.00 to the newest project, the Pediatric Clinics; and over \$60,000.00 to community projects.

The results from the election were announced and those elected to take office following the convention in Boston were:

Governor	Irene Anderson
Lt. Governor	Jessica Tegland
Treasurer	Margarite Forgit
Secretary*	Virginia Porter *Appointed by the Governor

Area Directors

Area 1 Josie Lee Kuhlman	Area 6 Helen Goff (1974-1975)
Area 3 Lucille Driggers	Area 6 Betty Beck (1975-1976)
Area 4 Margie Podurgiel (1974-1975)	Area 7 Donna Garcia
Area 4 Gerry Gerkin (1975-1976)	
Area 5 Eleanor Beckwith	

DISTRICT IX CONFERENCE – 1974

Irene Anderson – Governor

(Member, Zonta Club of Santa Rosa)

The 1974 Fall Conference of District IX was held October 18, 19, 20 at the Stardust Hotel in Yuma, Arizona. The Zonta Club of Yuma was the host club, assisted by the other clubs of Area 6. The theme for the conference was “Service Throughout the World – A Zonta Way of Life.”

Registration for the conference was 261. The presiding officer was **Irene Anderson**, Governor (member of Zonta Club of Santa Rosa, California). District IX was honored to have as International Representative the Honorable **Ellen Fairclough**, International Treasurer, whose wit and charm have endeared her to District IX and made our International President’s message come to life.

Other dignitaries honored and in attendance are P.I.P. and past Governor **J. Maria Pierce**, (Pasadena Zonta Club); International Z Club Chairman and past Governor, **Waltraut Wilson**, (member of Porterville Zonta Club); past Governor **Laverne Owens**, (member of Sacramento Zonta Club); **Rayma Neeb**, past Governor (member of Tempe Zonta Club); **Catherine Vollmer**, past Governor (member of Sacramento Zonta Club) and **Josephine Heckman**, past Governor (member of Pasadena Zonta Club).

Friday evening buses left for the Fiesta in Old Mexico where a delightful dinner and outstanding fashion show of Mexican costumes was enjoyed. Saturday evening a reception was held honoring the International Representative and the District IX officers. The banquet was held at the Yuma Convention Center. The Honorable **Ellen Fairclough** installed the 1974-1976 District IX officers. Entertainment was provided by the Quechan Legend Dancers.

Sunday morning a beautiful memorial service was held for 20 Zontians, including past Governor **Blodwen Hunt**. Governor Irene Anderson gave the Memorial message – Vaja con Dias!

International Representative’s Report from the President

The Honorable **Ellen Fairclough** gave the report from International President **Eleanor Jammal**. In part her message read, “Zontians have a history of 55 years of service . . . service that has grown to tremendous proportions, both locally and internationally. It is the time for each of us to set our goals . . . to commit ourselves to the importance and support of the International Service Projects,

“Our longest on-going Service Project, the Amelia Earhart Fellowships, has enabled talented, capable women to receive the education and develop their expertise in fields of endeavor that are of outstanding value to all mankind.

“Another area of outstanding support by Zontians everywhere has been the Ramallah Training Center for young women. The Pediatrics Clinics established in Ghana have caught the real spirit of Zonta Objects and ideals of Service. G-R-O-W has enabled us to add new countries to Zonta’s roster at a rapid rate these past few years.

“Zontians around the world supported our International Service project with the grand sum of \$285,000.00. Service can only be supported by an active and continually increasing membership. Membership always requires constant attention. We must not only increase our membership, but we must retain our present members. Reports are still being received from Zontians on their participation in Operation Friendship. This is truly an excellent way for exchanging ideas and understanding other people and cultures. While it may be early, begin planning to attend the International Convention in June 1976 in Wiesbaden, Germany.

“Due to the increased costs of operation, your officers and Finance Committee review regularly ways to keep costs down and work toward efficient methods of operation. We succeeded in renewing the lease for the office at a very reasonable rental and included in the lease, redecorating of the offices.”

Past Governor **Josephine Heckman**, in her report, gave us facts and figures on District IX Service. Clubs gave to the Amelia Earhart Fellowship, \$5,881.74; Pediatric Mobile Units, \$3,899.93; G-R-O-W, \$2,363.09; and Ramallah, \$4,090.92. This was an increase of \$7,145.68 over the previous year.

To local service projects, clubs contributed the magnificent sum of \$67,816.48, an increase over the previous year of \$16,740.48. The total given by District IX Clubs for service was \$84,052.00 as reported by 54 or the 58 clubs. This does not include the \$1,100.00 sent in after the official report was made or the \$500.00 given by Area 3 in the Past Governor's name for an overseas club.

The response to Operation Friendship and Operation Open House was enthusiastic. District IX Zontians were able to entertain foreign visitors following the Boston convention.

The Spring Seminars were well attended in spite of the gas shortage. Our newest club is the Zonta Club of Salinas, and we lost the Zonta Club of San Fernando.

Governor **Irene Anderson** reported that last biennium was characterized by great accomplishments. We all became aware that we are International. We added a fourth project at the International level and we more than met the goals set. We all share a deep pride in the Mobile Medical Units now serving the less privileged in Ghana. And we can all smile broadly with pride in the naming of a baby – Harry Zonta. The Governor hoped he will be proud of that name.

She closed her message by asking our cooperation in making this a great biennium of accomplishment. Let's be glad we are Zontians and have the privilege of serving. We shall stand tall in International Women's Year, 1975.

District IX has 16 Amelia Earhart Fellowship awards this year of which 3 are in District IX. Clubs are asked to make their pledges now at this conference. Next year's awards are planned on the amount received.

The third annual Z Club Conference was held November in Lancaster, California at the Antelope Valley Inn with the Z Clubs of Antelope Valley and Quartz Hill High School serving as hostesses, assisted by the Zonta Club of Lancaster Area. Eighteen of our 26 clubs were represented by 99 members and 24 school advisors and Zontians for this week-end of learning and fellowship. There was a gain of one new Z Club and three had disbanded.

This conference closed with the formation of the District IX Big Z Council, the only District to have Z Clubs organized at the district level to help develop leadership and improve the understanding of others. The presiding person for the organizational meeting was **Denise Howell Marchant** who had been the president of the Porterville High School Z Club and was the niece of **Waltraut Wilson**, District Z Club Chairman and past District IX Governor. **Denise** set a fine example for the Z Girls of presiding using basic parliamentary procedures. Officers were elected and the format for the next Big Z Conference was established. The next conference was scheduled for November, 1974, at the Francisco Towers in beautiful Santa Barbara.

The District IX per capita dues increase from \$2.00 to \$5.00 was voted and approved.

The Tucson Club presented the proceeds from the sale of table decorations to the International Treasurer to be given to the International President for use in her International projects.

DISTRICT IX CONFERENCE – 1975

Irene Anderson – Governor

(Member, Zonta Club of Santa Rosa)

The 1975 District IX Fall Conference was held October 17, 18, 19 at the Hotel Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah. The Zonta Club of Salt Lake City was the host club and the conference theme was “Service Throughout the World, the Zonta Way of Life.” District IX Governor **Irene Anderson** was the presiding officer and there were 220 paid registrations.

District IX was honored to have International President **Eleanor Jammal**, whose stimulating address entitled, “Challenge and Change,” was a source of inspiration to all. Other guests honored were Past Governors **Lavern Owens**, **Rayma Neeb**, **Waltraut Wilson**, **Leonora Gross**, **Catherine Vollmer** and **Josephine Heckman**.

Friday evening, buses left for Park City where the Fun Night was held, providing many of us with our first snow. Musical entertainment for this interesting evening was provided by the Desert String Band.

Music for the reception and banquet Saturday was provided by the Craig Kaelin Trio. After dinner, slides of Wiesbaden, site of the 1976 International Convention, were shown.

A beautiful hour of remembrance was held Sunday morning for 16 deceased Zontians, including **Ivy Baker Priest**, Honorary Member of the Los Angeles Club. Piano and vocal music were provided for the Memorial Service. Following the Memorial Service, we were highly privileged to attend the Mormon Tabernacle Choir’s broadcast at the Tabernacle on Temple Square.

International President **Eleanor** gave her report. She stated the challenges to all Zontians were to meet the goals we set forth, continued support of our International projects and at the same time to continue to improve the quality of the service we give to our communities.

Zontians have done this, our International Service report is outstanding. The Amelia Earhart Fellowship Fund received \$72,388.00. Twenty-two Fellowships were awarded to very capable young women.

Contributions to the Ramallah Vocational Training Center for Young Women amounted to \$34,145.00, permitting 42 young girls to be trained to become self-supporting individuals. UNICEF received \$55,247.00, well over half of the \$100,000.00 pledge to the Pan African Training Center. And finally, contributions to G-R-O-W amounted to \$20,351.00. We have just begun our support of the Pan-African Training Center. Its goal is preparing African women to improve the quality of life through improving nutrition, health care and education.

President **Eleanor** reported the Board Study Committee met twice this year. In a vital and growing organization there is always need for review and possible change to up-date operations. The Board Study Committee presented its report to the International Board, who voted to present the report to the Conferences for your consideration. All of your ideas and input will be considered before the report is turned over to the bylaws committee, whose report will be submitted to Zonta Clubs prior to the International Convention.

The major considerations of the Study Committee report are the alignment of the fiscal year - club, district and International; standardization of Zonta International dues for all Zontians; authorization of the Board to make major revisions in District boundaries; to consolidate Districts; and to establish requirements for Areas and Area Directors in Districts so that the management of District affairs can be better facilitated.

Kathleen Esp, District IX Z Club Chairman, presented her report, a resolution to establish a District IX Z Club Council, and the resolution to adopt the District IX Z Club Council Standing Rules. Both were accepted. A new Z Club was formally organized by Pomona Valley Zonta Club at Claremont High School. This gives District IX a grand total of 22 Z Clubs.

Governor **Irene** reported \$675.00 was donated by clubs sponsoring Z Clubs last year and recently \$100.00 was given by **Dr. Elta Pfister** of the Burbank Club to the District Z Club Council fund.

NOTE: **Dr. Elta Pfister** was the charter president of the Zonta Club of Burbank and the organizer of the first Z Club at Burbank High School in 1948.)

Governor **Irene** further reported that District IX had made the highest contribution of any district to the Amelia Earhart Fellowship Fund. Our contribution was \$8,996.96, just \$3.04 short of three full Fellowships out of a total of 22 awarded this year. A special mention must be made of the Palo Alto Club for its contribution of one complete fellowship.

District IX rated top in total International Service contributions. Our 59 clubs have contributed \$17,511.88. Membership was another story. We used to be the first in membership, now we rank fourth. District IX now has 1,757 members. We reversed this trend in 1973, but we have slipped again. Five years ago we had 62 clubs, today we have 59.

This District has outdone itself in local service this past year. We again have three Amelia Earhart Fellowship winners studying in District IX. Our newest club is the Zonta Club of Santa Clarita Valley. The District IX Handbook has been a source of value for clubs and officers. This Handbook, produced by dedicated Zontians of District IX, was first introduced last year at the Fall Conference in Yuma, Arizona.

Results of the election for officers and Area Directors for 1976-1978 were:

Governor	Jessica Tegland
Lt. Governor	Kathleen Esp
Treasurer	Margarite Forgit
Secretary*	Ruth L. Jones *Appointed by the Governor
Area Directors	
Area 1	Winifred Maynard
Area 3	Peggy Friend
Area 4	Doris Tabor
Area 5	Lucille Robinson
Area 6	Elizabeth Beck
Area 7	Viola Fisher

DISTRICT IX CONFERENCE – 1976

Jessica L. Tegland – Governor

(Member, Zonta Club of Riverside)

The 1976 District IX Fall Conference was held October 15, 16, 17, at the Holiday Inn, Ventura, California. The host club was the Zonta Club of Ventura. The conference theme was “Horizons Unlimited – Zonta’s Small World.”

Registration for conference totaled 286. Governor **Jessica L. Tegland** was the presiding officer. The International President, **France de la Chaise-Mutin**, was the guest of honor. Other distinguished guests were District IX past Governors **Lavern Owens**, **Waltraut Wilson**, **Rayma Neeb**, **Catherine Vollmer**, **Josephine Heckman**, and **Irene Anderson**.

Friday evening, Zontians and their guests left the hotel by cruise boat and bus for the Lobster Trap where the Fun Night was enjoyed. “The Kids Next Door” provided the musical entertainment for the evening.

Saturday evening a reception was held for International President **France** and the Poinsettia Banquet followed. Dinner music, played on the organ was enjoyed during the banquet. Following dinner, the Zdravista Group entertained with dancing and music.

Sunday morning a meaningful hour of remembrance was held, honoring 19 Zontians. Those who were remembered included Past District IX Governors **Frances Marie Brey** (1952-54) and **Rosamond M. Harries** (1950-52).

Our International President, in giving her report, told us Zonta’s first International Convention outside America (Wiesbaden, 1976) was attended by over 2,000 people from 48 countries. For the first time, 630 clubs were represented by delegates or proxies. For the first time, the new International President and her Chairmen set forth their program and goals for 1976-1978. For the first time, 630 clubs unanimously adopted the new Resolutions and certain bylaw amendments.

For President **France's** biennium, Zonta's two key words will be *International* and *Service*. "International means asking each of you to make an effort of understanding, reasoning, modesty perhaps, to open your heart and your mind to what comes from elsewhere, to renounce preconceived ideas, never to think 'me', never to think 'small.' For Zonta, nothing is ever too big.. Don't think that international contrasts with national. It is simply the echelon above. In a different world, prey to profound crises which are making Zonta's old classifications obsolete, it would be useless to seek in other than a worldwide frame the solutions which affect all the members of the international community and particularly women.

We are proud to belong to Zonta International, but can we honestly say that we are truly international with only 700 clubs in the world and 25,000 members?" This concluded the President's presentation.

Past Governor **Irene** reported that the leader for the International Service projects is the Amelia Earhart Fellowship Awards, the only permanent Service Project, which is so important and in which all Zontians participate with joy and generosity. In view of the rise in the cost of living, it was voted at Wiesbaden that these Fellowships will be worth \$4,000.00.

She asked for our generous support for the next two years of the new International Service Project. For the first time, Zonta International is going to devote itself to the underprivileged areas of South America. We have chosen Colombia and, as in the past, we will work with UNICEF. Why this cooperation? You may be unaware of it, but UNICEF never commences an aid program in a country without, not only the government's consent but the government's undertaking to finance the program in part itself.

The new project will fund a center, which is called MAC (a Module of Courage) should serve a population of 9,000 people. The cost of one of these MAC units – two million pesos (\$57,000.00 U.S.) – includes the cost of establishing a small pre-fabricated unit served by a local health assistant, salaries, basic equipment, and cost of drugs.

In recent years, we have participated generously in G-R-O-W. This Service Project has been eliminated. It is more rational for all the funds earmarked for organization or for survival of clubs in difficulties to be consolidated in the Marion de Forest Fund.

Internationally and locally our District made outstanding service contributions as evidenced by the following report:

Amelia Earhart Fellowship Fund	\$ 6,676.25
UNICEF	\$ 3,031.50
Ramallah	\$ 2,193.00
G-R-O-W	\$ 1,948.00
Guatemala, Eva Mowbray, etc.	\$ 1,160.50
Local service projects	\$82,246.10

There were 22 Amelia Earhart Fellowships granted this year, of these, three are completing their studies at universities in District IX.

The Zonta Club of Irvine, California, is our newest club, which brings our number to 60 clubs in District IX.

Lt. Governor **Kathleen Esp** gave her membership report stating Zonta International consists of 700 clubs in 48 countries with a total membership of 25,000. District IX provides 60 clubs with 1,748 members. Last year at the annual conference, our membership reported at 1,727 – a net gain of 21 – including those of the new club! “The challenge is yours! Where are we going in 1977?”

District IX is especially fortunate in not only having the most Z Clubs, 26 clubs sponsored by 16 Zonta Clubs, but in having an annual Z Club Conference. The 1975 Z Club Conference was held at Asilomar, California, with 114 Z Clubbers attending. The 1976 Z Club Conference will be held November 13 and 14 in the mountains east of Porterville in Scicon.

The following resolutions were adopted at this conference: That District IX shall hold a biennial conference in June of the odd calendar year, beginning with the 1978-1980 biennium; the first District IX Biennial Conference then to be held in June of 1979. That a biennial budget be adopted at the District IX Conference. That a President's Training Meeting be held annually in each Area of District IX, in the spring, following the election of officers. That an Area Seminar be held in the fall of each year.

This concluded the business acted upon at this District Conference.

DISTRICT IX CONFERENCE – 1977

Jessica L. Tegland – Governor

(Member, Zonta Club of Riverside)

The 1977 District IX Conference was held October 14, 15, 16, at the Marriott Hotel in Santa Clara, California. Hostess club was the Zonta Club of San Jose, and the theme for conference was “Creating Tomorrows – Zonta's Mission.” The conference was attended by 253 members and 29 guests. Governor **Jessica L. Tegland** was the presiding officer. President-elect **Evelyn DeWitt** was the International Representative. Past District Governors attending were **PIP J. Maria Pierce, Lavern Owens, Rayma Neeb, Catherine Vollmer** and **Irene Anderson**.

Friday evening, a reception was held honoring the International President-elect. A formal banquet followed featuring decorations using orchids, the flower of Colombia, South America, and highlighting Zonta International's new service project. Victor Ramirez and his group provided delightful musical entertainment.

The Saturday morning breakfast included **Yoshiko Kano** singing “I am Hawaii” and interpreting the words with an Hawaiian dance. Saturday evening an informal reception honoring the newly elected officers was held at the poolside. Following the reception, a buffet dinner, featuring a Western type meal was opened with the waiters and waitresses dressed in “country clothes.”

After dinner, Zontians and friends assembled around the pool to enjoy the hilarious “swimming” exhibition by the Aquabroads – members of the Zonta Club of San Jose, and a spectacular water program by the Santa Clara Aquamaids, holders of many international records and awards.

“Moments of Remembrance and Thanksgiving”, the Sunday morning memorial service, with a piano and violin musical background honored the 22 Zontians who had passed away during the last year.

International President-elect **Evelyn DeWitt** brought our International President's message to life along with her own message of inspiration and challenge. President **France de la Chaise-Mutin**'s message told us that the Amelia Earhart Fellowship Fund received an additional \$88,000.00 – a record amount. Twenty-two Fellowships were awarded to very capable young women from several countries.

Our new International Service Project “La Colombis” has been extremely well received by all the clubs. In June we issued a \$57,000.00 check to UNICEF for the opening of our first MAC Unit.

President-elect **Evelyn** said in her message, “Effective service does not need low-key participation. Zonta has no place for spectator members. Service means involvement – involvement in our community – involvement on a national level and finally involvement on an international level. Every club, because we are international, should support International Service Projects as well as local projects. As Zontians we must be interested in our status as women. It is one of our objects and a field for involvement. We have passed through the International Year of Women, we have assessed the results of the Mexico City meeting. We have entered the decade for women. We are participating in commissions, in State meetings and in the United States, these State meetings will culminate in Houston, November 18 – 21 of this year.”

Governor **Jessica**'s report showed the disbandment of two clubs, the Zonta Club of Corona Area and the Zonta Club of Redwood City Area; however, we do have one new club, the Zonta Club of Irvine Area.

“What is Zonta?” District IX was prepared and answered in word and action. A number of clubs wishing to be involved in this project made contributions totaling \$176.00, to a **Helvi Sipila** fund. This fund covered **Helvi**'s hotel and meal expenses while in Los Angeles and a portion of her airfare to Los Angeles. District IX produced a gilt-edged page in Zonta International's Amelia Earhart Fellowship record: \$14,745.79 – over three and a half Fellowships. Support of a MAC unit in Colombia has been, perhaps, the most disappointing aspect of our service year in District IX. Contributions to our International biennial project fell to a low of \$3,365.58.

Lt. Governor **Kathleen**, in her report, spoke of the Saturday luncheon in Los Angeles, sponsored by Zonta International, District IX for **Helvi Sipila**, Assistant Secretary General of the U.N. Center for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs. **Helvi** was an inspiration to all Zontians as she spoke on women with equal rights and human rights. We recognized the need of making equal rights a world-wide policy.

The following announcements were made. The next International Convention is to be held June 25 through June 29, 1978, in Denver, Colorado; District IX's first biennial conference to be held at the Century Plaza Hotel in Los Angeles June 22, 23, 24, 1979.

Those elected for the 1978-1980 biennium were:

Governor	Kathleen Esp
Lt. Governor	Evelyn Hartman-Park, M.D.
Treasurer	Margarite Forgit
Secretary*	Lavern Blikre *Appointed by the Governor

Area Directors

Area 1	Diane Osborne
Area 3	Mary Stafford ** (served 1978-1979)
Area 4	Aleene Chambers
Area 5	Lillian Ramseth
Area 6	Dorothy Carnal
Area 7	Setsuko Yokoyama

** Mary K. Sherman elected by Board 1979-1980

DISTRICT IX CONFERENCE – 1979

Kathleen Esp – Governor

(Member, Zonta Club of Monterey Peninsula)

The first biennial District IX Conference was held June 22, 23, and 24, 1979, at the Century Plaza Hotel in Los Angeles, California. Hostess club was the Zonta Club of Los Angeles and the theme for the conference was “The Voice of Zonta Shall Be Heard Throughout the World.” Total registration was 236.

Governor **Kathleen** was the presiding officer. District IX was honored to have in its midst the First Vice President of Zonta International **Cornelia Hodges** who brought the message of our International President, **Evelyn DeWitt**. Messages were also heard from P.I.P. **Harriette Yeckel** and P. I P. J. **Maria Pierce**. Past Governors attending included **J. Maria Pierce**, **Laverne Owens**, **Waltraut Wilson**, **Rayma Neeb**, **Josephine Heckman**, **Irene Anderson**, and **Jessica Tegland**.

A reception was held Friday evening honoring International First Vice President **Cornelia Hodges**. Hyunjoo Chang played beautiful piano selections during the reception. Following the reception, a formal World Peace Banquet was enjoyed.

Saturday morning during breakfast, those Zontians who had held membership for 30 years or longer were introduced by Governor **Kathleen** and presented with a yellow silk rosebud. In honor of Zonta’s 60th birthday, Zontians lit a candle for a few seconds while the birthday song was sung. Saturday evening Zontians and guests attended a showing of “Annie” at the Shubert Theatre.

Sunday morning a Memorial Service “Out of the Darkness and Into the Light” in memory of the 27 Zontians who had passed away lingered in the hearts and minds of the Zontians assembled as the 27 names were called and a candle lit. Among those 27 was Past Governor **Mayme Bohnham Davidson** and Past Area 5 Director **Clara Andrews**.

The message from Zonta International President **Evelyn DeWitt** was presented by International First Vice President **Cornelia Hodges**. The Membership Classification Guide is being updated. There is a new membership charm "The 60th Anniversary Charm" to be awarded to each member for securing her first new member this year.

She stressed the Club bulletin and the Governor's letter as wonderful vehicles for communication and understanding of material and directions for programs, activities for involvement of members and of the club. Source material may be obtained from the *Zontian*, from Headquarters, the Officers and the Committee Chairmen. The International Relations Committee has its sights already focused on the International Convention in Washington in 1980. Open House to accommodate visiting Zontians in the homes of American and Canadian Zontians is part of this program. Members were encouraged to respond and offer Zonta hospitality.

UNICEF, without cost to Zonta, has issued a special pamphlet featuring Zonta's contribution to the MAC Project. Vice President **Cornelia** urged the support of this program, and also asked that we purchase special occasion UNICEF cards throughout the year, also the special holiday cards, the proceeds from the sale of these cards will be added to the Colombian Fund.

The Amelia Earhart Fellowships, our permanent International service project, named for Amelia Earhart, a Zontian, needs our continued support. Understanding of these awards is not universal in Zonta. Neither is it perceived to be obligatory. As mentioned earlier in this report, it IS obligatory; just as obligatory as paying your dues or paying the Marion de Forest assessment and all because it is part of our bylaws. We should, however, not look upon this as an obligation, rather as a privilege to be part of a program so advanced in its scope, so indicative of the space age world that we have already entered. It is understandable that our thinking has not kept pace with reality, as we are living in an aerospace world. This is a program which touches each of us in our everyday life. We have witnessed man's walk on the moon and heard from the lips of Neil Armstrong, "That's one small step for man but one giant step for mankind."

"District IX has been more than supportive of this program," said V. P. **Cornelia**. "You are an example every other District should follow. This current year, over 75 applications were reviewed and we have 22 winners."

Governor **Kathleen** presented her report. The District gave a total of \$96,331.00 to Community Service projects. By District figures, 284 members have terminated their membership and 385 new members have been received.

At the Convention in Denver, a first meaningful District meeting was held with the Installation of the District Officers and the calendar for June 1978 to June 1979, complete with dates of all planned Area and District events was presented to members. The newest club chartered in District IX is the Zonta Club of Maui.

Area Seminars were held on six successive weekends in September and October. The full Executive Board attended each seminar and met with each club in the Governor's suite.

Pledges for Amelia Earhart Fellowships taken at the Seminars amounted to \$13,887.00. Governor **Esp's** request to District Z Club Chairman **Evelyn Guenther** to make a meaningful presentation at each seminar was gallantly met by her. She personally attended each seminar, at her own expense, and gave excellent workshops, inspiring each club. Honolulu has sponsored a new Z Club. As of this date, there were 28 Z Clubs in the District. **Evelyn** also organized and executed an outstanding Z Club Conference and reorganized the Big Council calendar for a more productive Z Club year.

At seminars, the Governor asked each member to actively participate in a District project, building upon a MAC Unit to honor the International Year of the Child. Tickets were sold for a District Raffle of a deluxe trip for two to the Las Brisas Resort in Mexico. The results speak for the success of the project. At this conference, we presented the International Representative **Cornelia Hodges** with a check for \$9,094.36 over and above our club pledges.

The format and content of local Newsletters needed much improvement. At the seminars, she challenged each club to compete and asked that a general format be adopted listing the four levels of Zonta in the letterhead. As a result, a Newsletter and Public Relations panorama at this Conference was a success and awards were presented. Governor **Esp**, herself, set a goal of six ***District IX Times*** for the year: to date, five have been mailed – also a special edition for newsletter editors. She also requested and asked for a return pledge from each President that each ***District IX Times*** would be read or reproduced for every member, thus keeping the communication lines open on all levels.

Lt. Governor **Evelyn Hartman-Park's** report told us that since 1978 was the year when a District Conference was not held, she joined the other members of the Executive Committee in attending all six Area Seminars during the fall of 1978. On May 31, 1979 the membership stands at 1,834, an increase of 49 members over March 1, 1978 and an increase of 72 members over March 1, 1979. This figure includes the new club of Maui with 21 members.

An "International Update" was given by V.P. **Hodges**, telling of important, interesting and challenging activities of Zonta International in the near future. There are a few items on the horizon to be considered of great importance. These will be on the Convention agenda in 1980 in Washington, D.C.

- (1) Zonta has a Long Range Planning Committee whose function is to study means for Zonta International to plan for programs and administratively for a time span of longer duration than biennial;
- (2) The Membership and Classification Committee has been working on a new classification manual, more comprehensive and universal in today's society;
- (3) The Bylaws Committee is reviewing our types of membership and will soon be making recommendations;
- (4) Zonta International will have a new Executive Director very soon; and
- (5) In August, our Headquarters office will be relocated to 35 East Wacker Drive in Chicago.

Every facet of Zonta International shows progress and, of course, the highlight is the progress we are making in our Service contributions. "Yesterday I was speechless," V.P. **Cornelia** said, "when I was presented with the extremely generous contribution of \$9,096.15 for our Colombian project – a gift from District IX."

Zonta will have a float in the 1980 Rose Parade. Zonta has been accepted by the Tournament of Roses Association and the United States and Canadian Zontians have indicated their support – our 60 Birthday gift to Zonta International. The decision was based on the vote of confidence at the District Conferences in 1978-79. These results were tabulated and reviewed and gave us a mandate to go “full steam” ahead – a float in the parade – at an investment of approximately \$30,000.00.

The following resolutions were presented and adopted at this Conference:

- The Area Director shall appoint a Treasurer for the Area Seminar;
- The duties of the Area Seminar Treasurer shall be to prepare a District IX standard financial report of the Area Seminar and send the report to the District Treasurer no later than 30 days from the date of the Seminar;
- Any surplus funds shall be sent with the Area Seminar report to the District Treasurer for use as a reserve fund for future seminars in that Area;
- Any deficit of said Seminar shall be pro-rated among the Zonta Clubs of that Area and collected by the Area Director.
- The Zonta Clubs in District IX shall promote the Z Club program in District IX by a contribution of \$5.00 per year to be sent to the District Treasurer as part of their service to Zonta International, said funds to be used to defray the Z Club Council expenses.
- The District IX Handbook be declared obsolete;
- The Governor appoint a District Historian for the purpose of keeping the history updated and factual;
- The District IX Handbook Fund be known as the District IX Historian Operating Fund.
- The District IX per capita dues be increased from the present \$5.00 to \$7.50 effective March 1, 1980.

The following Officers and Area Directors were elected for the 1980-1982 biennium:

Governor	Evelyn Hartman-Park, M.D.
Lt. Governor	Peggy Friend
Treasurer	Eleanor Beckwith
Secretary *	Merle Thomsen *Appointed by the Governor
Area Directors:	
Area 1	Frances Frame
Area 3	Mary K. Sherman
Area 4	Doris J. Baletka
Area 5	Lois Scott
Area 6	Dr. Sara Wheeler
Area 7	Janet Fujioka
District Historian**	Edna Steinman ** Appointed by the Governor

DISTRICT IX CONFERENCE – 1981
Evelyn Hartman-Park, M.D. – Governor
(Member, Zonta Club of Prescott)

The 1981 District IX Biennial Conference was held June 19, 20, 21 at the Airport Hilton Inn, Oakland, California. The Zonta Club of Berkeley was the hostess club and the theme for the Conference was “Share With Others and Serve With Love.” The total registration was 210.

The presiding officer was Governor **Evelyn Hartman-Park, M.D.** District IX was highly honored to have our International President **Dr. Shirley Schneider** bring us her message of inspiration and challenge. The District was also privileged to have Executive Director **Valerie Levitan** and Publicity Director **Marion Dudley** attending and contributing to the Conference. Past District Governors attending this Conference were **Laverne Owens**, 1959-1962; **Waltraut Wilson**, 1964-1966; **Irene Anderson**, 1974-1976; **Jessica Tegland**, 1976-1978; and **Kathleen Esp** 1978-1980.

A reception was held Friday evening to honor International President **Dr. Shirley Schneider**. A banquet followed with delightful piano selections for the musical entertainment. Seven Zontians who have held membership for over 44 years were introduced. Those present personally received a yellow silk rose and the club presidents of those not present received the rose for them.

Zontians and their guests were taken by buses to San Francisco. A reception was held at the Sun Hung Hueng Restaurant in San Francisco for the newly elected officers, followed by a delicious Chinese dinner.

A Memorial Service was conducted on Sunday morning “Remembering With Love” and honoring 19 Zontians. The Area Directors accepted a yellow silk rose for each of the clubs that had lost a Zontian.

International President **Shirley** gave a speech on “Sharing and Loving.” “On July 17, 1980, I assumed the highest honor that a Zontian can be given – that of your International President,” she stated. “At that time I presented to you my theme for the 1980-1982 Biennium, ‘Share With Others and Serve With Love,’ and asked each and every member around the world to join with me in carrying out this theme. Again, for this Biennium, the UNICEF project in Colombia is being continued. Since 1976, six MAC Units have been funded by Zontians around the world. Our work in Colombia is far from completed. We are asking that Zontians assume the responsibility for financing at least four additional units. These will each cost in the range of \$55,000.00 and be located in both rural and urban areas probably along the western coastline of Colombia.

“UNICEF and the Colombian government are excited about our possibilities there. We need your continued support to make these medical units a reality.

“We also need your continued support of our oldest on-going service project – the Amelia Earhart Fellowship Awards. Forty-seven of these \$5,000.00 awards were given during the past biennium to well-qualified young women for their work and study and dedication which help to make our world a better place in which to live. May I point out that more awards were given during the year 1980 (when 25 Fellowships were awarded) than were given during the first 20 years of the awards which were begun in 1938.

“Thanks to the farsightedness of our immediate Past International President and her International Membership Chairman, we have a new and much-needed Classification Manual which has the computerized coding complete for easy utilization for not only our clubs but for our new computer system. Membership charms will be awarded again this biennium with a charm for sponsoring one new member and a special charm for sponsoring five new members.

“One of the exciting ideas from our Organization Chairman is the Sponsors Club. The Rules of Procedure explain what is required of ‘sponsors’ but now there will be special recognition for any Zontian who contributes \$500.00 or more for the organization of a new Zonta Club.

“Open House will follow the 1982 San Diego Convention with the opportunity of visiting, particularly in the exciting, beautiful and historic areas of the Southwestern United States.

“The former ‘What is Zonta?’ brochure has been replaced by the Zonta International brochure which is one of the first introductions of a prospective member to our service organization.

“The new Manual of Procedures is at last a reality. Through a great deal of time and effort, this valuable educational ‘tool’ has been produced. It is important, not only to club officers and directors, but to each and every member who is truly interested in Zonta International. I would urge every member to own this valuable tool.

“The final committee of importance is the Long-Range Planning Committee which was a Presidential appointment during the last biennium but due to the imperative need for such a plan, the delegates in Washington, D.C. saw fit to make it a Standing Committee and a permanent part of our bylaws.” This concluded the International President’s report.

Governor **Evelyn Hartman-Park** opened her report by saying, “The mandate given us by President **Shirley** is ‘Share with Others and Serve With Love.’ This Conference is built around this theme. To achieve this mandate in District IX, I felt the following steps would be helpful:

- Communication, if practiced would lead to
- Information, which in turn would hopefully instill
- Motivation in our members to provide
- Service in a spirit of Fellowship among ourselves and toward our fellow human beings.

Communication was practiced at all levels - from the Governor to the District Board, to the local clubs, and in varying degrees vice versa. Besides continuous communication by letter and telephone to and from the Area Directors, I felt it was important that the Area Directors who are an integral part of the Board, attend all meetings of that body to receive information and participate in decision making, so they, in turn, as an extension of the Governor can interpret to local clubs not only the content but the spirit in which a decision was made.

Direct contact was made with clubs through the Governor’s newsletter; by attending all the Area Seminars in the fall of 1980, most of which were also attended by the Lt. Governor, and meeting individually with each club at these Seminars, to share ideas and views, and to hear first-hand of the concerns of the clubs.

The majority of the clubs sent their newsletters to the Governor and other Board members.

A problem as well as a challenge is the vastness of District IX. In Area 6, Salt Lake Area, the only club in Utah, is about 420 miles from the nearest club, Las Vegas in Nevada, which in turn is 250 miles from Prescott, in Arizona, which in turn is 100 miles from its nearest club, Phoenix Area. Attempts to form new clubs in Utah and Nevada have not proven to be successful.

In Area 7, in the state of Hawaii, the clubs on the outlying islands may be just as isolated, since it is necessary to fly to reach them from other islands, sometimes via Honolulu. It is a five hour flight from the mainland coast to reach Hilo or Honolulu. This is expensive.

I set up a priority of visiting these isolated clubs during the past year to give them a feeling of belonging, and drawing them into the mainstream of Zonta activities. It was my pleasure, following the Area Seminar in Honolulu to be able to visit all the clubs in Area 7 as part of my vacation, at no expense to the District.

Another priority was meeting with problem clubs, as indicated, usually with the Area Director. The Lt. Governor represented the Governor in some cases because of the distance involved.

Information was provided at the previously mentioned Area Seminars, but more importantly through Officers' Training Meetings held in each Area in April, 1981. The Manual of Procedure for Zonta Clubs does not always lead to action. One big problem is procrastination. Procrastination in the local club, and as seen from the District level, is sending in membership changes, in paying dues, in making reservations to Area Events, submitting needed reports, in forwarding Amelia Earhart donations to International. Many clubs are to be commended, of course, and the above does not relate to them.

The question remains as to how Motivated the clubs are to carry out Service in a spirit of Fellowship. Some facts and figures are available to give an answer to this.

Service: There was 100% participation of clubs in International Projects. Donations to Amelia Earhart totaled \$20,675.00, a total of four full scholarships; and \$9,426.00 to the Colombia Project. Local service projects cannot be accurately measured in terms of dollars, since much personal effort has also been expended. A rough guess would be \$112,115.00 contributed in money and personal services.

Membership: The District goal was that there be no club with less than 20 members. Membership as of May 13, 1981, as reported by Zonta International, was 1,843.

Organization and Extension: Zonta International has set three as the minimum number of clubs to be organized in the District during the Biennium. The Zonta Club of South Bay Area, California, in Area 4 was chartered on December 30, 1980. San Luis Obispo is in the process of organization and hopefully will be realized during 1981. Lancaster II is in the process of organization and hopefully will be completed during the summer of 1981. San Fernando Valley survey has been done and approval for organization is pending financing. Organization has halted on Ogden, Reno and Visalia as has revitalization of the Zonta Club of San Francisco.

The following clubs have been disbanded: San Luis Rey in Area 4 and Modesto in Area 2.

Public Affairs: The chartering of the Zonta Club of South Bay was recorded in the Congressional Record; many Zontians have served on local, state and national boards and commissions of government; in one city, the Mayor declared an Amelia Earhart Week.

Status of Women: Appointments have included Justice of District Court of Appeals; First Woman Astronaut (honorary member of a Zonta Club); first Woman Lt. Commander of Naval Reserve Corp; Parliamentarian of National Association of Parliamentarians; representative on Panel for Chemical Industry representing minority executives; state senator; mayor of a large city; president of a Chamber of Commerce. Workshops on Status of Women were held at all 1980 Seminars and at 1981 Conference.

International Relations: Numerous clubs have entertained visiting Zontians in their clubs and in members' homes. Many Zontians have visited other Zonta Clubs in their travels around the world. District IX is especially conscious of Project Open House since the 1982 International Convention will be held in District IX. Each club was assigned, after mutual selection by the Governor and the club, a friendship club and various levels of contact have been made.

Special Honors: Woman of the Year; Citizen of the Year; Senior Citizen of the Year; Award for 40 years of Federal Civil Service; Outstanding State Educator of the Year; County Employee of the Year; attendance at White House Reception for Women Judges; etc. Two members of District IX serve as Chairmen of Committees of Zonta International.

Z Clubs: District IX has a total of 15 active, healthy Z Clubs sponsored by ten Zonta Clubs. The Z Club conference was excellent. The District IX Big Z Council voted to raise \$1,000.00 for the Colombia Project to be presented to International President **Dr. Shirley** at the 1982 Convention.

Lt. Governor **Peggy Friend**, in giving her report, stated she had attended the Area I through Area 6 Seminars and had participated in many club orientations, membership drives, fundraisers, installations, social events, etc. She closed by thanking all the clubs she had visited this past year for the courtesies extended to her during these visits.

The Membership Report showed that the Zonta Club of Las Vegas, Nevada, had been chartered in 1980.

By request of the Executive Director, Governor **Evelyn Hartman-Park** presented a gift of her two books to the International Headquarters Library. She also presented a personal check for the organization of a new club in District IX to be selected by her.

The following resolutions were presented and adopted at this conference:

- A biennial budget for the District covers the terms of two different governors. Two separate annual budgets for the biennium would more reasonably separate the requirements of the biennium; therefore, an annual budget was approved at Conference for the current and the following fiscal years.
- If a member resigns from a club and joins another club in the same fiscal year, and has paid her dues to International and also to the District for that year, the member shall be exempt from paying dues to International and to the District in that same year provided she joins a club in the same District.
- The District Treasurer shall be eligible to serve not more than two consecutive terms.
- In the event of a vacancy in the District Nominating Committee or the inability of a member to attend a meeting of the Committee, the nominees not elected shall act as alternates in descending order of votes received.
- The District Governor shall appoint a Long Range Planning Committee of not more than six members for a term of two years each; half of them to be appointed each year of the biennium. For the first time, half of the members would serve for two years and half would serve for one year.

The Governor declared the following to be elected for the 1982-1984 biennium:

Governor	Peggy Friend
Lt. Governor	Doris J. Baletka **
Treasurer	Mary K. Sherman **
Secretary *	Josephine G. Cooke

Area Directors	
Area 1	Phyllis E. Samson
Area 2	Ruth J. Vincent
Area 3	Mary Stafford ***
Area 4	Wilma E. Swantz
Area 5	Dorothy Ransom
Area 6	Bennie Melon
Area 7	Betty J. Bell

* Appointed by the Governor

** Due to the death of **Doris J. Baletka**, November 14, 1982, a special Board Meeting was called in December, 1982, to fill the vacancy of Lt. Governor **Doris**. **Mary K. Sherman** was elected Lt. Governor and **Eleanor Beckwith**, elected to fill the office of Treasurer.

*** **Evelyn Guenther** was recommended by the District Board to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of **Mary Stafford**.

Governor **Evelyn Hartman-Park** announced the following appointments for the District Long Range Planning Committee:

Chairman	Josephine G. Cooke (one year) Area 3
Area 1	Herma Hill Kay (two years)
Area 4	Doris J. Baletka (one year)
Area 5	Jessica Teglasnd (one year)
Area 6	Betty Jordan (two years)
Area 7	Doloras Briskey (two years)

Governor-elect **Peggy** announced the appointment of **Edna Steinman** for District IX Historian.

DISTRICT IX CONFERENCE – 1983

Peggy Friend. – Governor

(Member, Zonta Club of Los Angeles)

The 1983 District IX Conference was held June 17, 18, 19 at The Pointe in Phoenix, Arizona. The Zonta Club of Phoenix was the hostess club and the theme for Conference was “Action for Service, Friendship for Peace.” Total registration was 345. Governor **Peggy Friend** was the presiding officer. Special guest and Zonta International Representative was President **Cornelia S. Hodges**. Other honored guests in attendance were Past District IX Governors **Rayma Neeb**, **Lavern Owens**, **Josephine Heckman**, **Jessica Tegland** and **Evelyn Hartman-Park, M.D.**

Friday evening, a well-attended reception was held to honor International President **Cornelia**. All the table flowers and leis presented to the officers for the Friendship Banquet were shipped from Hawaii from the gracious island clubs. The invocation was presented by the five Zonta Clubs of Hawaii. During the singing of the Queen’s Prayer by the Hawaiian singers, **Yoshiko “Dimples” Kano** interpreted the words in Hawaiian dance.

Lt. Governor **Mary K. Sherman** was honored with a special birthday cake. For the Fun Night on Saturday, a Western Buffet dinner was served, after which some very talented District Zontians performed in the Zonta Talent Showcase.

Sunday morning, *Moments of Remembrance*, a memorial service was held for 29 Zontians. Of these 29, included was Past Governor and International President **J. Maria Pierce**; Past Lt. Governor **Bess Prather** and Lt. Governor **Doris J. Baletka**. A special tribute was paid to **J. Maria Pierce** by Governor **Peggy Friend** and a special tribute was paid to **Doris J. Baletka** by Area Director **Wilma E. Swantz**. Secretary **Josephine G. Cooke** was soloist and Lt. Governor **Mary K. Sherman** gave the benediction. A fresh yellow rose was presented to clubs in memory of their sister Zontainas by International President **Cornelia** and the District IX Board.

A Zonta Store, where clubs colorfully displayed handmade items for sale, was operated in the foyer of the Convention Center.

International President **Cornelia S. Hodges’** message, “*Action for Service and Friendship for Peace,*” was very enlightening, bringing the attendees up-to-date with all programs of Zonta International.

Governor Peggy Friend presented her report (we do not have a record of its contents.)

Lt. Governor Mary K. Sherman reported on the status of membership in District IX saying, "This has been a real learning year of filling two District offices. During the first five months as District Treasurer, it gave me an excellent opportunity to handle the financial management and to appreciate the hours of work it takes. I salute all past, present and future Treasurers – unsung heroines. The year began at the San Diego Convention where the District Governor held her first board meeting. Goals were established as well as plans for the Fall Seminar. Beginning with the last weekend in September for the Area 7 Seminar in beautiful Hawaii and ending in November in colorful Yuma, Arizona, I attended and participated in all Area Seminars, presenting "Money Does Matter" as well as membership material to attendees. It was a case of packing and repacking suitcases each week.

"The Area Directors are to be commended for their excellent Seminars,. Each was different but certainly well organized. After election by the District Board to the office of Lt. Governor last December, it was much easier to assume Membership and Classification records' responsibility because of the Treasurer's training. In essence they do go together and Eleanor and I had exact totals when we compared notes at the District Board meeting – maybe a first!

"It was a privilege to attend four Amelia Earhart meetings and to present a fellowship award to one recipient. I visited 19 different clubs plus three meetings a month in my own club. But the highlight of the year started last September when I began the organization of a new club. In March, the charter was granted and the Zonta Club of San Fernando Valley Area became a reality. The chartering on last May 15 was a tribute to all the work these 26 charter members put into it. This is the first new club in District IX in 2 ½ years and the first in Area 3 since 1976.

Note: The Zonta Club of Antelope Valley was also chartered in 1984. It had been organized and sponsored by Area Director Evelyn Guenther. Both Governor Peggy Friend and Lt. Governor Mary Sherman attended and participated.

"Also during the year, I have initiated new members and installed officers in several clubs. My sincere thanks to all the clubs for their warm welcome and courtesies as I visited them during some of the times when it was a sad time in the loss of those who meant so much to so many."

The next report was from Margarite Forgit who reported the status of the Doris J. Baletka Memorial Fund. Donations amounted to \$1,875.00 received from District IX Zonta Clubs and individuals. The funds have been distributed with \$500.00 to Zonta International for sponsoring a new club; \$225.00 to purchase a water well in the Sri Lanka Project and the remainder towards a piano with a plaque for the Newport Harbor Zonta Club House. (At the International Convention in 1982 in San Diego, Sri Lanka Water Well Project was voted as the new International Service Project.)

District IX sent a congratulatory wire to Sally Ride for being the first woman in space.

The following resolutions were presented and adopted at this conference:

- To be eligible for nomination to the office of Area Director and Vice Area Director, the nominee must have served as Club President;
- District IX shall elect Vice Area Directors in the manner and for the same term of office as Area Directors;
- The Zonta Clubs in District IX shall promote the Z Club Program in District IX by a contribution per year of \$20.00 per non-sponsoring Zonta Club and \$10.00 per sponsoring Zonta Club, to be sent to the District Treasurer as a part of their service to Zonta International. Said funds to be used to defray the Z Club Council expenses.
- A Presidents' Training Meeting shall be abolished and replaced with an Area Seminar to be held in the Spring of each year. No Area Seminar shall be held in the Fall of each year.

The Governor gave the results of the election for the 1984-1986 biennium.

Governor	Mary K. Sherman
Lt. Governor	Phyllis E. Samson
Treasurer	Helen R. Moss
Secretary*	Beverly J. Jefferies *Appointed by the Governor

Area and Vice Area Directors	
Area 1	Dorothy Honea and Glenne Harding
Area 2	Elizabeth Moore and Ruth Kuhn
Area 3	Josephine G. Cooke and Mary E. Solley**
Area 4	Jessie Talmo and Jacque Buskuhl
Area 5	Leila Jensen and Jerry Dasniels
Area 6	Violet E. Lundquist and Barbara White
Area 7	Yoshiko Kano and Claire Simpson

**Carmon Sarro replaced Mary E. Solley by recommendation of the District Board following her resignation as Vice Area 3 Director.

Governor-elect Mary K. Sherman appointed Wilma E. Swantz for District IX Historian for the 1984-1986 biennium.

Sheila Harmon of the Zonta Club of Newport Harbor presented the Governor with \$646.00, proceeds from the raffle of the money hat. Funds will be used for International Service Projects. F. Virginia Bitters of the Anaheim club presented the Governor with \$197.00 from the raffle of the Jeweled Tree. Funds to be deposited by the District IX Treasurer for service.

The following Zontians were given special recognition for service to Zonta: Daisy Howard, 54 years for membership and Mary Scully, perfect attendance for more than 30 years.

The 1985 District IX Conference will be held in Honolulu at the Ala Moana Hotel, June 23, 24, 25; the 1987 District IX Conference will be held in Long Beach at the Hyatt Regency, June 26, 27, 28 and the International Convention for 1984 will be held in Sydney, Australia, June 23rd thru the 28th.

The Zonta Club of Capistrano Valley Area held its charter dinner April 3, 1984. This club was sponsored by the Irvine/Saddleback Area Club in tribute to the late Lt. Governor **Doris J. Baletka**.

At the International Convention in Sydney, Australia, in June, Governor **Peggy** stood taller by another inch when contributions to International Service Projects were read. District IX again was in top place with \$57,730.00 for Amelia Earhart Fellowship Awards; \$46,385.32 for Sri Lanka Water Wells and \$2,600.00 for other International service given during her biennium.

Two surprises were received by convention attendees with volumes of applause – the introduction at the end of the flag parade of our new Zonta International Flag and our beautiful new yellow rose, created for Zonta and called the Zonta Rose Hartanna.

The memorial service, held at St. Andrews Cathedral, included a floral tribute of yellow roses in memory of P.I.P. **J. Maria Pierce** who had presented the charters to the first clubs in Australia and New Zealand.

As we begin the 1984-1986 biennium with the District meeting in Sydney, Governor **Mary K. Sherman** pledged to do her utmost to make this biennium one of the best. Realizing this takes team work, she asked the support of all District IX Zontians.

DISTRICT IX BIENNIUM 1984-1986

Mary K. Sherman, Governor

(Charter Member of the Zonta Club of Conejo Valley)

Governor **Mary** presented the charter and gavel to the newest club, the Zonta Club of San Francisco, the 60th club in our District.

Of the 32 recipients of the 1984-1985 Amelia Earhart Fellowships, four are attending universities in District IX. The Governor will be presenting to the Fellows, certificates, medals and wings at the Area Seminars. Currently, the Fellowships are \$5,000.00. Beginning with 1985-1986, the Fellowships will be \$6,000.00.

The District IX Z Council has received the certificate for donating funds for five water wells for the Sri Lanka Project. Z Clubs contributed \$1,125.00 at the Sydney Convention. These young women worked hard during the 1982-1984 biennium to make this possible. Congratulations!

Women in aerospace dominated the news in 1984. Honorary Zontian member **Dr. Sally K. Ride**, the first U.S. woman in space, made her second flight. On this flight she took Amelia Earhart's scarf from the National Women's Hall of Fame collection. The scarf was returned to the Hall after her flight. Honorary Zontian **Dr. Anna Fisher** was the first mother in space. We've come a long way since Amelia blazed the trail.

Effective November 15, 1984, the Zonta Club of Oakland became the Zonta Club of East Bay.

Our second year of the biennium started off with a great District Conference as Zontians flew over the Pacific Ocean to the beautiful state where the papaya and the pineapple grow. . . and the soft trade winds blow . . . beautiful Hawaii! In spite of the “Friendly Skies”, 217 Zontians and 55 guests joined us at the Ala Moana Americana Hotel in Honolulu, June 21-23, 1985. The Zonta Clubs of Honolulu, Hilo, Leilehua, Kauai and Maui were the hostesses and the theme for the Conference was “Growth and Progress Through Personal Involvement.” Governor **Mary K. Sherman** was the presiding officer. The guest of honor was the International President **Annikki Mäkinen** from Helsinki, Finland. Past Governors in attendance were **Peggy Friend**, **Jessica Tegland**, **Josephine Heckman**, **Lavern Owens** and **Rayma Neeb**.

Incoming and outgoing Club presidents, past District Governors and District Committee Chairmen joined Governor **Mary K. Sherman**, the District Board and the honored guest, President **Annikki**, for lunch on Friday. This served also as an opportunity to present Governor **Mary** with a birthday cake and to wish her many happy returns.

A reception was held Friday evening at Poolside and gave every Zontian and guest the opportunity to meet and honor our gracious International President. Following the reception, the Aloha Banquet was held. During the Presentation of Colors, the new Zonta International Flag was presented by **Evelyn Guenther** to District IX as her gift in honor of Governor **Mary K. Sherman**. The flag will be used at all future conferences.

Those in attendance enjoyed the vocal artistry of Clare Hamamoto and the accompaniment of Ross Harada. The invocation was presented by “**Dimples**” **Kano** of the Zonta Club of Kauai. The prayer was beautifully presented in the form of Hawaiian dance. The floral arrangements and décor for the Aloha Banquet were outstanding. The centerpieces and podium arrangements included most of the lovely native flowers of Hawaii. Floral leis were presented to President **Annikki**, the District IX Board members and other honored guests.

Saturday evening was exciting featuring a multicultural celebration. It began with firecrackers and a Lion dance. The banquet consisted of a seven-course Chinese dinner. The entertainment featured customs and dances of the many cultures represented in the Islands. The final surprise of the evening was an appearance by Malveen Leed, the featured performer at the Ala Moana Hotel. This fun evening included participation by all. . . getting involved!

Sunday morning a Memorial Service was held to pay tribute to 18 Zontians, including Past Governor **Irene Anderson**. A fresh flower was presented to clubs in memory of their sister Zontians. Governor **Mary K. Sherman** and Area Directors presented *Moments of Remembrance* and the benediction was given by Lt. Governor **Phyllis Samson**.

International President **Annikki's** message, "Growth and Progress Through Personal Involvement," was an inspiration to each Zontian. She related that, "About a year has passed since we had our historical convention in Sydney, Australia, where about 2,000 Zontians could experience an event different from the convention sites and surroundings. It was really refreshing. Last year was significant also because Zonta International celebrated its 64th anniversary on the 8th of November.

"At the Sydney convention we adopted a change in the bylaws concerning the structure of Zonta International. It means that at the next convention in Toronto, Canada, your delegates will elect all 11 members of the Board. There will be our Executive Committee members and seven directors. Actually the Executive Committee will be replaced by the Board that will have seven meetings during the biennium instead of the present three Board meetings.

"Total contributions for UNICEF for the Sri Lanka Well Water Project as of April 30, 1985 is \$775,129.00. It means 3,445 wells.

"Of the 164 Amelia Earhart applications received, we could only give 28 Amelia Earhart Fellowships. It is less than in many years. Obviously, the reason is the increased value of the fellowship – it is now \$6,000.00.

"I am personally overwhelmed that close to 80 percent of our clubs – about 12,000 members – answered the Status of Women study because it indicates the enormous potential we have for producing any and every goal we wish to obtain.

"Formation of the Zonta Foundation, authorized by the 1984 Convention body, was initiated in January 1985, with the adoption of bylaws and the election of a Board of Directors. Donations made to this Foundation are tax-deductible. We wish to appeal to big companies and corporations.

"In March, 1985, the NGO Committee of the United Nations formally recommended Zonta International for Category I Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council – the highest recognition for UN-related activity. This recognition was the culmination of Zonta's many years of work and commitment in support of the United Nations. The final approval is in the hands of the Council which is expected to make the decision these days. NOTE: Category I Consultative Status with the ECOSOC was granted to Zonta International and is still in effect to this date (7/2005)."

District Governor **Mary's** report included that she attended all five Fall Seminars for seven Areas, giving the International President's message and participating in workshops. The second District Board meeting, held in March to set plans for the Area Spring Seminars, of which she attended four. She visited about 50% of the clubs, installed officers in 14 clubs, attended two Area Amelia Earhart programs, planned sessions for a successful Z Council Conference where she presented a workshop and installed the new Big Z Council officers. To date the District has three new Z Clubs and one Golden Z Club.

Five clubs celebrated anniversaries – Fontana and San Bernardino, 50th anniversary; Escondido and La Jolla, 25 years; and Lancaster, 30 years.

Personal presentations were made to four clubs and one by absentia. Welcome letters were sent to 343 new members since last June, but this does not represent growth as you will see when the formal membership report is made. We lost the Zonta Clubs of Ventura and Globe-Miami. These clubs have been in serious trouble for several years and extensive time and work was given to them to try to keep them going. The Ventura Zonta Club donated \$500.00 for the organization of a new club in Area 3.

The good news will be the chartering of Yucaipa-Calimesa. The charter request has been sent to Headquarters and we are awaiting the reply. Proposed clubs in Huntington Beach and Visalia are still pending. Santa Ana has contributed \$500.00 for a new club. The Los Angeles Zonta Club will sponsor a new club in the East Los Angeles area and suggestions have been made for two clubs in Area I.

Your service dollars are outstanding! Over \$34,000.00 for Amelia Earhart, \$21,000.00 for Sri Lanka wells, nearly \$10,000.00 for other International projects, and a whopping \$153,522.00 in local service. I congratulate you.

I promised you communications. International suggested four Governor's newsletters – you received six. Earlier this month I attended the International Board Meeting in Chicago with President **Annikki** presiding. This was a four day working session. As you know, this is the last biennium that District Governors will be a part of the International Board. Beginning in 1986 the Board will consist of the Executive Officers and seven Directors.

Your Governor and the other District Officers are pledged to continue working for you during our second year as we have this past year and to continue in *"Growth and Progress Through Personal Involvement."*

The report from Lt. Governor **Phyllis Samson** stated, "This has been a most rewarding year under the very capable leadership of Governor **Mary K. Sherman**. Immediately following the Zonta Convention in Sydney, I traveled with the Zonta tour to Hong Kong and mainland China. Then on to the chartering of the new Zonta Club of San Francisco. Next, it was Fall Seminar time and the Governor and I adopted a theme from a popular song, "On the Road Again" for we were literally on-the-road almost every weekend from early October in Walnut Creek, California, to Kauai, Hawaii, in mid-November, attending all seven District Seminars.

"At each Seminar, I presented a District Membership Chairman's message and had prepared for distribution copies of material on Processing New Members, Referral Process for Members and a Membership Quiz with answers. I represented the Governor at two Area Spring Seminars (1985) and presented her message in addition to a Membership message, and distributed previously listed membership materials.

"Material for use at other Seminars were sent to the Area Directors with the request that they use them in their Seminars. As per a new directive from the International Membership & Classification Chairman in January 1985, it became the Lt. Governor's responsibility to approve all Proposed Member Forms for clubs under two years of age and clubs in process of organization. This has been done for five clubs and the one in process, Yucaipa-Calimesa.

In addition all 60 clubs in the District had their membership lists checked against both the December 1984 and March 1985 print-outs received from Zonta International and follow-up was made with clubs where there was any discrepancy. Needless to say, this was a most time consuming task as well as preparing Membership statistical reports for District Board meetings.

“All correspondence was answered promptly. A copy of the report submitted to the District Board in March was sent to the International Membership & Classification Chairman. I have attended numerous celebrations and fund-raisers in the District. I will be installing officers this Spring in several Area I clubs. Total District membership as of May 31, 1985 was 1,826.”

Business transacted at this Conference included the deletion of two District IX Standing Rules. These two Standing Rules were “#7 – There shall be a District IX Conference Fund. This revolving Fund shall not exceed the amount of \$2,000.00. Should the Fund exceed \$2,000.00, excess monies shall be used to lower the registration fee for the ensuing Conference.” And “#15 – The Governor shall appoint a Long Range Planning Committee of not more than six members for a term of two years each, with half of the committee appointed for each year of the biennium.”

The Governor declared the following elected for the 1986-1988 biennium and these officers would take office immediately following the Toronto Convention, June 18, 1986.

Governor	Phyllis E. Samson
Lt. Governor	Josephine G. Cooke
Treasurer	Helen R. Moss
Secretary*	Jessie Talmo *Appointed by the Governor

Directors and Vice Area Directors

Area 1	Glenne Harding and Polly Anderson
Area 2	Ruth Kuhn and Esther Chapman
Area 3	Carmen Sarro and Nadyne Warren
Area 4	Jacque Buskuhl and Kay Garrett
Area 5	Norma Skroch and Marge Bently
Area 6	Barbara White and Shirley Eubanks
Area 7	Clare Simpson and Margaret A. Donovan

District Nominating Committee	District Representative to the International Nominating Committee
Betty Loftesness, Chairman	Mary K. Sherman
Jean R. Smith	Dr. Doris Dee Tabor, Alternate
Marge Barnard	

Governor-elect **Phyllis Samson** appointed **Wilma E. Swantz** to continue as District Historian for the 1986-1988 biennium.

Betty Loftesness, an informed Zontian, consequently, when asked, “What is Zonta?” by her seat mate on the plane to Honolulu, was able to inspire him to buy a Well for Sri Lanka. **Betty** came to Conference with check in hand and presented it to International President **Annikki Mäkinen**.

On behalf of all Zontians in District IX and in appreciation, a plaque was presented to Governor **Mary K. Sherman** along with a check in the amount of \$1,000.00. Our Governor was overwhelmed and speechless! When she recovered, she stated part of the money will go for organization of a new club in District IX.

The Zonta Club of Long beach made a presentation on the Conference to be held in Long Beach June 26-28, 1987. The District Board recommended the 1989 Conference be held in Fresno.

Pages serving for Conference were four Z Club members from Kailua High School in Honolulu. One was the first Z Club male member.

We were thrilled with the beauty of the floral arrangements of **Alice Umed** with flowers donated by all five Hawaiian Clubs, including the leis and sprays given to individual Zontians.

A special Mahalo to the Zonta Clubs of Honolulu, Hilo, Leilehua, Kauai and Maui for giving us the truly Aloha spirit throughout our stay. To **Winnie Young** and **Ethel Mori** and all their committees, the District says **"MAHALO!"**

This concluded the District Conference for 1985.

The formal charter and gavel were presented to the Zonta Club of Yucaipa-Calimesa by Governor **Mary** at a chartering dinner July 27, 1985. The Zonta Club of Bakersfield celebrated its 50th anniversary at a luncheon September 28, 1985. The Zonta Club of Hilo celebrated its 35th anniversary.

The May 1985 issue of *Good Housekeeping Magazine* profiled 100 Young Women of Promise, three of those have a place in District IX. Astronaut **Anna L. Fisher, M.D.** is a member of the Zonta Club of Los Angeles, NASA; **Dr. Sharon C. Langenbeck**, is a member of the Zonta Club of Santa Clarita Valley and was recently promoted to a top management position at Lockheed. Sharon is an Amelia Earhart Fellow. **Lucille Leong, M.D.**, Amelia Earhart Fellow completing her internal medicine training at City of Hope was the third Young Woman of Promise. Her mother, **Rose Leong**, is a member of the Zonta Club of Los Angeles. In listing 100 Women of the Century, two of the women mentioned, also Zontians, were **Amelia Earhart** and **Dr. Sally Ride**.

The Zonta Club of Burbank celebrated its 50th anniversary at a luncheon February 23, 1986 and honored its charter president, **Dr. Elta Phister Coombs**. **Dr. Elta** was the Zontian responsible for the formation of the Z Clubs.

Governor **Mary K.** announced that **Helen H. Lovenberg**, La Jolla, has been appointed to serve as a member of the International Foundation Development Committee. This committee is responsible for seeking out funds for a headquarters building. She reported that the very first Founder is **Wilma E. Swantz**, District Historian, for her \$1,000.00 contribution.

Special recognition to the Zonta Club of Riverside, who has sponsored ten new clubs and is in the process of sponsoring number 11.

Many, many District IX Zontians have received recognition for their civic and state leadership, We are proud of these women and their achievement. Congratulations!

The Zonta International Convention, hosted by District IV will be held in Toronto, Canada, June 14-18, 1986. This will be Toronto's third Zonta International Convention. The first was in 1940 and the second was in 1962.

Governor **Mary K. Sherman** is indeed to be commended for her admirable compassion and devotion in her service to Zonta as District IX Governor. Our thanks to you, Governor **Mary K.** for a very productive biennium. Your Governor's newsletter issued every other month kept clubs in close communication with the District and your visits to Seminars and individual clubs were enlightening.

We have covered the years 1955-1986. We thank all those contributing to this portion of our District IX history and to those who have shared newspaper clippings photographs, etc, for our District IX scrapbook. All have made these past thirty one years more meaningful.

Members of Zonta events that shaped the history of District IX tell us the human experience, like a wheel, rolls through time. Events of the past, good or bad and somewhat different forms, are repeated in the present and, in all, likelihood, will appear in the future. Herein lies a great truth for those of us in Zonta. We must continue to exploit our strengths and minimize our inactivity.

"Its really been a fulfilling two years, my time as historian. I've learned and I've grown and I've enjoyed it all."

Signed: Wilma E. Swantz
District IX Historian (1984-1986)

Although this concludes the formal history of our District as compiled by Wilma and previous Zontians, by no means, is this the end of Zonta history nor does it bring us up to date. Wilma's official role may have ended but she willingly continued to compile facts but more important, all following Governors have their biennium recorded either by Wilma or by a historian of their selection.

Therefore, the following pages are biennial summaries by either the governor herself or the information she has gathered from her Secretary or others who served and worked with her.

There is no end to history. History repeats itself and history can be corrected and information can be inserted.

As the District 9 Archivist, appointed by Governor Julie Tulang, I encourage you to buy a copy of this CD and relive the history of Zonta in District 9. With this advancement in recording techniques, we are able to insert missing information and determine important issues that were the priority of the time.

Find the biennium when you became a member and read forward. Relive that history in your mind. Then go backwards and discover the depth to which members gave, keeping in mind there were no answering machines, no faxes, no e-mail, no copy machines and typewriters were all manual.

Transportation? They drove – maybe train, maybe bus, but flying was expensive and inconvenient for short hops. Freeways? Not many and not for a long time. Many clubs had weekly meetings, then gradually went to bi-weekly meetings. Try to envision, try to record in your club's history what life of a Zonta officer was like.

In 2007 look for a revision of this history as we hope the missing information from three governors will be inserted. Anyone who is interested in being their club's historian is welcome to a copy of the basic outline to be used – more information is better, less and we lose our identity as an organization devoted to improving the status of women.

SUMMARY REPORT

AS WRITTEN BY GOVERNOR **MARY K. SHERMAN** FOR HER BIENNIUM

1984-1986 Biennium in Review

I want to share with all clubs and members the progress made in the immediate past biennium. Your hard work and devotion to Zonta's goals shows, and you have every right to be proud.

In International Service, District IX contributed more dollars than any other District in the world – over \$92,000 plus \$3,300 Patrons/Sponsors to Marion DeForest, plus \$16,370 to the Building Fund. Breaking down the first figure, \$58,695 was contributed to Amelia Earhart Fellowships (almost 10); \$31,542 to Sri Lanka Water Wells, and \$9,900 to other International projects. All that represents only one-third of clubs' service funds. Can you figure out how much you contributed to local community projects?

In 1984-85 District IX had four A.E. fellows. In 1985-86 we also had four Fellows, and at Convention, of the 32 Fellowships awarded, six will attend universities in California in 1986.

Our District IX Z Clubs donated \$2,600 to the Water Wells Project; **Helen Lovenberg** (La Jolla) was the #1 fund raiser for the Foundation and our District was #2 in contributions.

In the area of club achievements, you were outstanding. For 1982-84, 15 clubs received 25 International awards. For 1984-86, 30 clubs received 42 International awards. Under the Double-Five program, 15 clubs received one-year awards and eight clubs received awards for both years. The result was 765 welcome letters sent to new members.

Two new clubs were chartered – San Francisco and Yucaipa/Calimesa, but we lost Globe/Miami and Ventura. Two new clubs are in organization and will be chartered in the new biennium. We chartered four Z Clubs and one Golden Z Club.

And there were anniversaries. Golden anniversaries were celebrated by Fontana, San Bernardino, Bakersfield, Burbank, Berkeley/North Bay and East Bay. Nogales and Tucson celebrated 40 years, Hilo was 35 and Lancaster Area 30, and silver anniversaries were celebrated in La Jolla, Escondido, and Redlands. We're older but better.

These are just the highlights. There are so many other areas in which clubs excelled. We gather momentum for each biennium. Let's do it again in 1986-1988.

SUMMARY REPORT FOR THE BIENNIUM OF 1986-1988
PHYLLIS E. SAMSON, GOVERNOR

The expectations of all clubs in District IX included:

1. A minimum of 1/3 of Service Funds of each club for International Service Projects.
2. One full Amelia Earhart Fellowship per Area, \$6,000.00.
3. A minimum of \$300.00 contribution by each club to the Zonta/UNIFEM Project.
4. Community Women's Development Program.
5. Support Zonta's Building Fund – Benefactor, \$2,000.00; Founder, \$1,000.00; Builder, \$225.00 (buy a brick); Caring Club, \$25.00 per member.
6. Each club to make a concentrated effort to increase membership – with each member proposing at least one new member.
7. Support the District IX Conference in Long Beach, June 26-28, 1987.

Seven of this year's 32 Amelia Earhart Fellows are attending universities in District IX. Wings and Certificates will be presented at Area Seminars.

The District Board voted to have the District Historian, **Wilma E. Swantz**, send a bound copy of the District IX History to Zonta International Headquarters in Chicago for the library – a gift from the District. After receiving this book, Executive Director **Valerie F. Levitan** wrote, "Please know that the Zonta International Library is greatly enriched by your District's contribution – in fact, your book is the first we have received which has a complete history of the District."

A Hawaiian Christmas Tree ornament was sent by the District to the Zonta Club of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, for its fundraising project, Festival of Trees. Hawaii being the District's "off continent" area, it exemplifies the true Aloha Spirit of District IX.

Governor **Phyllis** represented the District as a judge at the Miss Teen of California Pageant held in Fresno mid-August. The Zonta Club of Fresno has sponsored the Pageant for the past four years and received \$1,000.00 for its Service Fund.

We were all thrilled with the good news on December 31, 1986, that the Zonta Foundation has purchased its first-ever World Headquarters Building at 557 West Randolph Street, Chicago, Illinois. The purchase price of the four-story brick building of 28,000 square feet was \$475,000.00, without one penny's interest – every dollar raised through a voluntary gift from a Zonta member or member's family or friend. However, the renovation costs are expected to be under \$1 million, so more money is needed through voluntary contributions.

The District was saddened with the news of the sudden death of 1978-1980 Past Governor **Kathleen Esp.** She was a member of the Zonta Club of Medford, Oregon, at the time of her death on March 5, 1987, while vacationing with her husband in Yuma, Arizona. Before moving to Oregon, **Kathleen** was a Charter member of the Zonta Club of Monterey Peninsula, California.

Using the beautiful theme of Zonta international President **Amey E. Grubbs** – "Building Peace Through Serving and Sharing," the 1987 District IX Conference was held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Long Beach, California, June 26-28. The Zonta Club of Long Beach was the host club.

Registration began on Friday, June 26th, with a total of 214 Zontians and 30 guests. Governor **Phyllis** was the presiding officer. The International Representatives included our charming International President **Amey Grubbs** from Ft. Collins, Colorado, and International Directors **Genoveva Hamilton Beadles** from Sun City, Arizona, and **Shirley King** from Brisbane, Queensland, Australia. We were also honored to have in attendance Past District IX Governors **Lavern Owens**, **Rayma Neeb**, and **Mary K. Sherman**.

Hospitality and exhibits were located in Seaview A from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily and consisted of historical displays by **Wilma E. Swantz**; International Relations Display by **Kay Caldwell** and **Jan Smith-Florez**; and a Z Club Display by **Evelyn Guenther**. Also displayed were items for sale to help with the chartering of District IX's new club San Luis, Rio Colorado, Sonora, Mexico.

A Symposium – “Getting it All Together,”- was presented and moderated by Governor **Phyllis**. International Director **Genoveva** spoke on the role of International. Past Governor **Mary K. Sherman** spoke on the role of the District in relations to International and Clubs. Area 5 Director **Norma Skroch** spoke on how Area functions tie to International, District and Clubs. Past President of the Zonta Club of Escondido, **Florene Pebley**, spoke on membership and where it all begins.

An Honors and Recognition Luncheon was hosted by Governor **Phyllis** and Chairman and Past District Governor **Lavern Owens**. Decorations for the luncheon were provided by the Zonta Club of South Bay. Governor **Phyllis** presented the Governor's Special Awards to **Wilma E. Swantz** for her work compiling the District IX History and preparing the District scrapbooks; and to **Martha Nelson**, Zonta Club of Santa Barbara for the Best Newsletter in District IX. The Governor also awarded more than 260 certificates to Zontians with 20 years or more in service to Zonta International and District IX. Public Relations Chairman, **Polly R. Roome**, gave certificates to a club in each Area that had the Best newsletter. Lt. Governor **Josephine G. Cooke** presented certificates to clubs for their increase in membership.

Following the luncheon, workshops were presented on *Fundraising*, conducted by **Rachael Warmack**, Zonta Club of Los Angeles; *Membership/Classification*, conducted by Lt. Governor **Josephine Cooke**, Zonta Club of Los Angeles; *Orientation*, presented by **Glenne Harding**, Zonta Club of Midpeninsula & **Shirley Eubanks**, Zonta Club of Tempe; and *Z Clubs*, presented by **Evelyn Guenther**, Zonta Club of Lancasgter Area and Z Club Girls.

An evening reception was held in the Regency Foyer to honor International President **Amey E. Grubbs** and International Directors **Genovea Hamilton Beadles** and **Shirley King**. Following the reception, the *Peace Around the World* Banquet was held. Zontians and guests enjoyed the pianist, Esther Folden and vocalist, Grazyna Piotrowska. The program continued with the Parade of Flags, the invocation given by Lt. Governor **Josephine Cooke**, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America led by District Treasurer **Helen R. Moss**.

After an official welcome to the Conference and reading of California's Governor George Deukmejian's Proclamation by **Irene Goolsby**, President of the Zonta Club of Long Beach, Governor **Phyllis** accepted the proclamation on behalf of all Zontians. Councilman Clarence Smith, representing Mayor Ernie Kell of Long Beach, welcomed all Zontians and guests to Long Beach and thanked them for their many service accomplishments. Mr. Smith then presented International President **Amey** with a plaque honoring Zonta International and a key to the city of Long Beach. District Secretary **Jessie Talmo** responded to Councilman Smith and the city of Long Beach on behalf of all Zontians in attendance.

International President **Amey** thanked the councilman for the service plaque to Zonta International and for the key to the city. She then spoke on the International theme, *Building Peace Through Serving and Sharing*. Governor **Phyllis** presented to President **Amey**, on behalf of District IX, a Waterford Crystal bowl and the District's sincere appreciation and honor in having the International President at our conference.

Conference Chairman, **Dr. Doris Dee Tabor**, presented **Irene Bayless** and her International Peace Choir – Children singing and dancing with a Vision of Worldwide Peace. The choir made up of nearly 50 children from four years of age to 17, all dressed in costumes of their native country of origin, sang several songs, including It's a Small, Small World. Even the little ones had solo parts!

The audience responded with a standing ovation to Director **Irene** and her world-famous choir. **Irene Bayless** is a member of the Zonta Club of Long Beach.

Decorations for the banquet were provided by the Zonta Club of San Diego. At the conclusion of the banquet and entertainment, a reception to "Meet the Candidates" followed in the Regency Foyer.

Saturday morning the second session of the Conference was called to order by Governor **Phyllis**. She then introduced and recognized the International President, the International Directors, District IX Board, Past District Governors, District IX Committee Chairmen, District IX Nominating Committee and Conference Appointments. Roll was called by District IX Secretary **Jessie**. Clubs not present were East Bay, Leilehua and Maui Area. The Committee Reports were heard.

International President **Amey** presented her report saying "You enthusiastically accepted the challenge delivered in Toronto to make our dream a reality and you have exceeded our most grandiose expectations, proving once again that democratic organizations like Zonta are measured not by their leadership doing extra ordinary things but by their members doing ordinary things extraordinarily well. Because of your generous donations, we, Zontians, are the proud owners of our own Headquarters Building – paid for in full, without our having to borrow one cent of money or having to pay one cent of interest on its purchase, Certainly that is an achievement of major dimensions!

"Yes, the building needs extensive renovation, but because we have so successfully taken that first step of ownership, we know we are ready for the net step of remodeling,"

In reality this message was a combined one from President **Amey** and PIP **Harriette Yeckel**, International Foundation Development Chairman. The International President continued her report on other Zonta activities.

"The very successful past contributions of pumps for the wells in Sri Lanka has been replaced this biennium with our UNIFEM commitment in working with the development of women in six countries. The first contribution of \$75,000.00 has been sent (and we expect to send \$100,000.00 immediately).

“More of our clubs are taking advantage of the opportunity to meet and learn from our Amelia Earhart Fellows. Your District IX is especially active, of course. Some have become active Zontians. Those presently working are being asked to be part of our building fund efforts, both personally and by asking their employers for support. The Fellows will have a place in our new Headquarters where we may all admire their accomplishments.

“**Jeanna Yeager**, who circled the globe non-stop, has accepted honorary membership in Zonta International. She has been asked to help us open the new AE room in our new building. Her nomination came originally from **Wilma Swantz** in your District IX.”

President **Amey** extended an invitation to participate in the Latin American Study Tour, June 29-July 19. She had just recently learned that while on the tour, they will be taking part in the chartering of the first Z Club, a Golden Z Club, in Valparaiso, Chile!

She said, “Visits to Helsinki show Finish Zontians very competently arranging for our 1988 convention.” She asked our continued support of our World Headquarters, and asked us to come and share the ribbon-cutting ceremony on October 12th. President **Amey** closed her report by thanking us for our part in *building peace through serving and sharing*.

Governor **Phyllis** presented her report. “I have flown approximately 45,000 miles and “driven-in” many and have been away from home all these miles as my Governor’s responsibility. My truly first official duty was to serve as a judge for the Miss Teen California Pageant in Fresno, the same weekend twin grandsons decided it was time to meet the world; then it was time to hit the flyways and byways, conducting a District Board Meeting, attending all seven Fall Seminars, attending Amelia Earhart celebrations, attending the Governors’ Orientation in Chicago, another District Board meeting, attending the Big Z Council conference, club installations and visitations ending with the District Conference here in Long Beach.

“Welcome letters have been sent to over 250 new Zontians; three issues of the District Governor’s newsletter have been sent to all clubs, District Board members, Past District Governors and other District’s Governors. I am happy to report that all committees functioned as instructed. Z Clubs – who could, as a Governor, be so proud as to report, just briefly, on the Z Club Council Conference held at Boys Camp, Griffith Park, Los Angeles, April 3-5. One hundred Z Clubbers (including one young man) attended plus 30 adults, several from out of the District.

“Unfortunately, we have lost two clubs, Pomona Valley and Las Vegas. Both clubs had serious problems during the preceding two bienniums and a decision was finally made to disband. A few members of the Pomona Valley Club were welcomed in the Ontario/Upland Zonta Club and we are in hopes that a new club will be formed in the Las Vegas area before the end of this biennium. Nevada is now without a Zonta Club.

“On an ‘up-note’, I am pleased to report the organization of a new club in San Luis, Sonora, Rio Colorado, Mexico – Yuma is the Sponsoring/Organizing/Mentoring (SOM) Club. This has truly been a challenge primarily due to Spanish being the spoken language and the devaluation of the Peso. It will be a thrill to charter a club ‘Across the Board’ and welcome our neighboring sisters to District IX. Congratulations – Yuma.”

In closing, the Governor gave the contribution totals made by clubs to International and community service projects for the 1986-87 club year as reported by the seven Area Directors:

Amelia Earhart	\$37,878.50
UNIFEM	\$18,789.00
Building Fund	\$16,806.00
Local Community Service	\$97,056.09
Hours donated	19.066

In the report of Lt. Governor **Josephine**, she stated in part, "For the past year I have been very busy completing assignments made by our Governor **Phyllis** in addition to keeping a watchful eye on the membership totals in District IX. I regret that I must report that the District IX membership totals are very low and for this I am greatly concerned.

"At the beginning of this biennium, I provided every club in the District with a procedure booklet on how to complete and distribute the paper work and the dues, fees and assessments. I am pleased to report that most of the clubs used the booklet. I have spent many hours writing letters and making telephone calls in an attempt to reconcile club records with District records and with Headquarters records. Most have been reconciled and again we thank you for your cooperation and we look forward to the rest of the clubs to respond quickly to the letters and memos from Headquarters and from me.

"I visited many clubs, when invited, to participate in Membership Meetings, and assisted, when asked, about classifications. I participated in the Fall seminars for all Areas except Area 7. By request of our Governor, I did not participate in all of the Spring seminars in order to keep down costs, but I have always been available to you, being as close to you as your telephone. International President **Amey Grubbs'** goals for membership were clearly stated: "Each member propose a qualified person for membership; each club endeavor to secure new classifications to reflect the diversity of businesses and professions in the community; clubs with a membership under 40 to achieve a net gain of five new members and/or five new classifications or a combination thereof, each year. Our Governor **Phyllis** endorsed President **Amey's** goals, but added that for District IX our total membership would be 2,000 by June 1, 1987.

"With regrets I must report that we were not successful, that we fell short of the goals. District IX started this biennium with 58 clubs and a membership total of 1,928. As of June 17, 1987, we have 57 clubs, having lost the Zonta Club of Las Vegas, and a total of 1,733 members. This reflects a net loss of 195.

"I am proud to report that all clubs, except one, received new members during the year. We received a total of 293 new, referred or reinstated members; however, we lost 488 members for various reasons. We have one "member-at-large" in the District, should we have had more? Should some of the 488 terminations or resignations have been Members-at-large instead of ex-Zontians? One of the troublesome realizations is the fact that many of the resignations or terminations were some of the 293 new members. Maybe we need to add another alphabet letter to our three 'Rs' - maybe we need to add an 'O' for Orientation. I speak of orientation before receiving a new member. Surprises after membership is unfair to the new member, and surely disappointing to your club. They should be aware of the commitment that comes with membership, such as time, money and personal involvement.

“As of June 1, 1987, we had 17 clubs with a total membership of 20 or less. We had 44 clubs with a membership under 40, and none of these clubs attained a net gain of five. Only 14 clubs had a net gain in membership this year, and only one of them met the net gain of five or more. These numbers are troublesome, but should be looked at as an indication that each of us should become concerned enough to participate in resolving the problem.

“There is no magical solution or answer that is universal for every club or community, but together we may be able to assist one another. I commit my second year of this biennium to finding some ways to assist each club in District IX to identify and eradicate the perils of the membership losses we are experiencing. Will each of you join me in making a commitment so we in District IX can proudly say that we contributed to the successful achievement of the goals established by our International President and our District IX Governor.”

The Area Directors and Committee Chairmen gave their reports. Business was recessed for voting and lunch.

The Governor declared the following elected for the 1988-1990 biennium and they would take office immediately following the Helsinki Convention, July 7, 1988.

Governor	Josephine G. Cooke
Lt. Governor	Evelyn Guenther
Treasurer	Linda Kay
Secretary*	Wilma E. Swantz *Appointed by Governor
Parliamentarian*	Dr. Doris Dee Tabor
Area and Vice Area Directors	
Area 1	Susanne Imhaus, Marjorie Appleton
Area 2	Esther Chapman, Lydia J. Kuhn
Area 3	Harriet S. Zimney, Dianne Curtis
Area 4	Kay E. Garrett, Marianne Rodriguez
Area 5	Cynthia A Howard, Gail Ousley
Area 6	Shirley Eubanks, Polly Roome
Area 7	Margaret Donovan, Marie F. Smith
District Nominating Committee:	District Rep, Sub-Committee, International Nominating Committee
Glenne Harding, Chairman	Dr. Sharon Langenback, Representative
Mary K. Sherman	Geraldine Gerken, Alternate
Jacque Buskuhl	

Governor-elect **Josephine G. Cooke** appointed **Victoria Oren** to serve as District IX Historian for the 1988-1990 biennium.

A motion was made by Treasurer **Helen Moss** for a one time assessment of \$2.00 per member for all members as of June 1, 1987. After discussion, a motion was made to amend the previous motion to read a \$3.00 one time assessment. A vote was taken and the motion passed. Treasurer **Helen** had explained the reason for this one time assessment as follows: "The District has had an added expense placed upon it by International in which we are required to pay the District Representative's expenses to the International Convention using the guidelines that International used when they paid these expenses. The District is to pay the Registration cost in full, the most reasonable transportation available in full, hotel room (double occupancy rates) in full and those meals not covered by the registration fee when the Delegate must be in attendance. In addition, we are to add a \$500.00 reserve for Organization and Extension of new clubs, At our last conference in Hawaii, we voted to add the revolving funds we were holding in reserve to our Operating Fund because it was so lean. The additional requirements from International means we must take some emergency steps."

The meeting was adjourned to reconvene Sunday morning.

After a delicious dinner, John Ames from the Long Beach Recreation Department provided entertainment for an "All American Celebration" which included Square Dancing. Decorations for the Saturday dinner were provided by the Zonta Club of Fullerton.

Sunday morning's Memorial Service was held to pay tribute to our 23 sister Zontians in District IX who had passed away during these last two years. Ellen Choate was the harpist. *Reflections* were given by Governor **Phyllis**, *Remembrances* by Area Directors, and *Memories* by **Mary K. Sherman**, Past District Governor.

The final session of this conference was called to order by Governor **Phyllis**. Lt. Governor **Josephine G. Cooke** made the motion and the Board recommended to amend the District IX Standing Rule 3 to read "\$12.00 dues effective June 1, 1988." The motion overwhelmingly passed by a show of hands.

NOTE: A copy of the Standing Rules as revised at this Conference can be found at the end of this report.

The Area Directors presented their awards to their outstanding clubs for 1986-1987.

Area 1	Salinas
Area 2	Porterville
Area 3	Santa Clarita Valley
Area 4	Long Beach
Area 5	Hemet/San Jacinto
Area 6	Tempe
Area 7	Hilo

Governor's Trophy	Tempe	Outstanding Achievements in District IX
Int'l Rel. Award of \$100.	Escondido	Best Costume representing a Friendship Club

This award is to assist the Escondido delegate to the Helsinki Convention. Their Friendship Club is Mexico City 1.

Governor **Phyllis** gave special thanks and presented yellow chocolate roses to Past Governor **Mary K. Sherman**, for the Memorial Service; **Verda Acker**, Parliamentarian; Lt. Governor **Josephine**, **Glenne Harding**, **Shirley Eubanks** and **Rachael Warmack** for their Workshops at conference .

Lt. Governor **Josephine** presented a \$1,000.00 cash gift and a gold gavel pin to Governor **Phyllis**, a gift from the members. Also presented from the Zonta club of Tucson was a \$400.00 gift to the Women and Children's Crisis Center in the Governor's name. Governor **Phyllis** thanked the members for their generosity and announced that with her gift she would purchase the President's Pin for the new club, San Luis Sonora. She announced that almost \$3,000.00 was raised from the sale of items to help finance the chartering of the new club and that \$170.00 in checks was given as donations. The new club will be chartered on November 14, 1987.

Special thanks was given to the Pages, to **Dr. Doris Dee Tabor**, Conference General Chairman, Co-Chairman **Katherine Obenour**, and to all members for their gracious hospitality and a well coordinated and successful District IX Conference.

To our gracious Zontians from Hawaii, who always are so thoughtful in bringing beautiful fresh orchid leis for the District officers. . . . a very special "MAHALO."

A presentation was made by the Zonta Club of Fresno on the conference to be held at the Centre Plaza-Holiday Inn, Fresno, California – June 23-25, 1989. A film was shown on Helsinki, Finland, where the 49th Zonta International Convention will be held in July, 1988.

After Retiring of the Colors and the reading of the Zonta Collect, Governor **Phyllis** declared the 1987 District IX Conference adjourned.

District IX Zonta Clubs celebrating anniversaries in June and July, 1987, included *Santa Ana* and *Midpeninsula Area*, 30 years; February 1988, *Sacramento*, 50 years; June 1988, *Ontario/Upland*, 30 years. Congratulations to all clubs!

And congratulations to the many District IX Zontians who have received recognition for their civic and state leadership.

Z Clubs in District IX are to be commended for their work and contributions. Z Clubs in District IX contributed \$925.00 at the Z Conference to the UNIFEM Project with pledges of \$1,200.00 for 1988. Currently, Area 3 has eight Z Clubs and one Golden Z Club; Area 5 has four Z Clubs; Area 6 has two; Area 7 has two. There are no Z Clubs in Area 1, 2* or 4. Burbank is the oldest Z Club in all of Zonta and will celebrate its 40th anniversary in 1988.

*Area 2 includes Porterville which has had a Z Club continuously since the late 1960s and has had as many as three Z Clubs at one time.

It is sad to report that we have lost the Zonta Club of East Bay in 1988, after 52 years! We dislike losing any club, and especially one being in existence this long.

The Zonta Club of Riverside has had a very impressive history in their 58 years. Riverside has had three District Governors, three Area Directors, five District Treasurers and one District Secretary. It has hosted three District Conferences and has sponsored 10 Zonta Clubs and today, still has 15 active Past Presidents. This is a record that is doubtful any other club in District IX can compete with! Each year this club has a Rummage Sale, which the members work all year preparing for, The 1988 sale made the club \$27,000.00.

The Zonta Club of LaJolla continued its 27 years of support of the UCSD International Center by donating \$500.00 in March, 1988, for the purchase and installation of a bench in front of the Center's main office. In recognition for its continuous support of the Center, the Center Lounge was named the Zonta Lounge. In addition, the Zonta Club has a liaison member on the board of the Friends of the International Center.

After several years of fundraising, the Zonta Club of Anaheim donated \$10,000.00 to Guide Dogs for the Blind, Inc., to develop, train and maintain a guide dog/blind person unit. "Kaso," the yellow Labrador retriever, and her new owner, who lives in Anaheim, graduated in January, 1988.

We need to hear from more clubs telling of their accomplishments!

District IX was honored to have International President Amey E. Grubbs attend two of their Amelia Earhart celebrations in 1987, as both events coincided with a business trip for her. She attended the Area 4 Amelia Earhart Luncheon at the Zonta Club of Newport Harbor Club House. The following day, she attended Area 3 Amelia Earhart Champagne Brunch where she was presented with a framed, full-sized reproduction of the front page of the January 13, 1935 Los Angeles Times which featured a story and photo of Amelia Earhart's solo flight from Honolulu to Oakland, California. The unusual artifact will hang in the new Zonta World Headquarters Building.

Area 3 hosted an Amelia Earhart luncheon in 1988, which featured Amelia's sister, Muriel Earhart Morrissey, among other distinguished guests. It was disclosed the FAA retired the airplane registration number used by pioneer Aviator Amelia Earhart when she disappeared on a flight in the Pacific 50 years ago. Number N16020 was retired at the request of Earhart's sister, Muriel Earhart Morrissey. The notation on the registration number reads, "This number is never to be used by anyone ever again. Reserved for Amelia Earhart for infinity." The registration number, displayed on the Lockheed L-10 Electra, subsequently was reassigned and most recently was held by Continental Air Lines, which agreed to give it up. Morrissey remarked, "I think it is only fair that Amelia be honored in that fashion."

Helen H. Lovenberg, a member of the Zonta Club of LaJolla, was appointed to serve as a member of the International Foundation Development Committee. This committee is responsible for seeking out funds for our new headquarters building. The very first to become a Founder to the Building Fund of Zonta International was District IX Historian **Wilma E. Swantz**, a member of the Zonta Club of Anaheim. In her report given at the 1987 District Conference, **Helen** reported \$34,611.00 has been contributed from District IX towards the Building Fund, making our District third in contributions of all the Districts worldwide. She said, "District IX has only two Caring Clubs among its 57. Are we to be content with that?" The categories of giving to the Zonta International Foundation Building Fund are Benefactor, \$2,000.00; Founder, \$1,000.00- \$1,999.00; Brick, \$225; Caring Club, 100% participation at \$25.00 per member.

District VI is coordinating plans for the formal ribbon-cutting festivities of the new Zonta World Headquarters Building at 557 West Randolph Street in Chicago. The ribbon-cutting ceremony has been scheduled for Monday, October 12, 1987. The renovation of the building is incomplete, so "hardhats" will be worn. Members from District IX attending this historic occasion were **Wilma E. Swantz**, Anaheim Club; **Jane Clayton and Marge Hagedorn**, Fullerton Club; **Helen Lovenberg**, LaJolla; **Evelyn Guenther**, Lancaster Club; **Margaret Brenneman and Dr. Doris Dee Tabor**, Long Beach Club; **Louise Broderick**, San Diego Club; and **Kay Caldwell**, Yuma Club.

The Zonta Club of Chicago-Waterfront hosted a Top of the Hancock Cocktail Party on Sunday, October 11 where Zonta friends from all over the world enjoyed the view of Chicago from the 96th floor of the second tallest building in the John Hancock Center. On the cool and crisp morning of October 12, more than 300 Zontians and friends from around the world attended the exciting and historic ribbon-cutting and dedication ceremonies. International President **Amey E. Grubbs** and most of the International Board participated in the event.

Zonta Honorary Membership was presented to Jeanna Yeager in recognition of her historic flight. In the revolutionary aircraft, Voyager, the intrepid pilots, Dick Rutan and Jeanna Yeager, accomplished an aeronautical feat that many deemed impossible: the first nonstop unrefueled flight around the world, December 23, 1986.

Headquarters staff was introduced and recognized by Executive Director **Valerie F. Levitan**. A delicious luncheon was served to all attending. Since the building was one that had survived the great Chicago fire, it was fitting that Mrs. O'Leary with her famous cow and strolling musicians were there to provide entertainment. We were told that during the renovation, traces of a fresco were found on the third floor suggesting that what will become the International Board Room may have been a ballroom at one time. There was much picture taking and renewal of friendships during the event. It truly was an exciting and historical day for all.

The biggest news in District IX is the addition of the Zonta Club of San Luis, Rio Colorado, Sonora, Mexico. The Zonta Club of Yuma, Arizona, sponsored this new club and the charter banquet will be held on November 14, 1987. Enough cannot be said about the warmth, friendliness and hospitality of the Yuma Club members who arranged for rides and or buses for the entire fun-filled weekend for about 140 Zontians, plus guests who had arrived from nearly every club in District IX.

International President **Amey E. Grubbs** flew into Yuma International Airport and was greeted by approximately 25 Zontians and six Caballeros from the Yuma Chamber of Commerce, one of whom kissed **Amey's** hand. When asked by a Zontian, "Do you all sing?", one answered, "No, and you wouldn't want us to!" They are all goodwill ambassadors who do a lot of good works and their charming greeting of our International President seemed a fitting kick-off to a wonderful week-end.

The Yuma Club hosted a cocktail party on Friday night at the home of Olga and Oscar Keeme. Wonderful food, delicious beverages, warm and friendly conversations were all enjoyed by at least 150 in attendance.

Early Saturday morning, buses were ready to pick us up at our hotel, for a tour of the city, including time for shopping at the Territorial Mall where the "Arizona Days" celebration was taking place. In the evening we boarded buses for the trip to San Luis in Mexico. The buses transported us to within three blocks of the border and from this point we walked across the border and to the waiting buses on the Mexican side, making a very impressive procession of beautifully dressed Zontians. The buses drove through the center of the city with a police car escort, lights flashing, leading the way and another police car with flashing lights bringing up the rear.

We arrived at the Lions Club where the chartering of the Zonta Club of San Luis was held. There were about 400 in attendance at the event, including many dignitaries from both Church and the government from Yuma and San Luis. Officials and delegates from other organizations brought wishes for success. Music by the band was played during cocktails followed by the Parade of flags. The banquet was served, then the program began. The entire program was in Spanish and English.

The installation of the San Luis Club was handled by our District IX Governor **Phyllis Samson** and International President **Amey E. Grubbs**. President **Imelda Ortiz De Quintero's** pin was a gift from Governor **Phyllis** and the 30 new Zontians received their Zonta pins that were gifts from clubs and members of District IX. International President **Amey** gave her presentation in fluent Spanish and won the hearts of the members of the new club and the admiration of the entire audience. We were then entertained by the wonderful Ballet Folklorico. We all left feeling happy, elated and proud to be a part of Zonta International.

However, that was not the end of the festivities. The next morning we were bused to the border where other buses took us to Casa Hogar Para Ninors (an orphanage for girls). We were privileged to tour this service project of the San Luis Club. This orphanage was started, construction stopped, because there were no more funds. We saw what had been done and heard what will be done in the future. The San Luis Zontians will not only contribute money to the orphanage but their own personal time. From there, we were taken to the lovely home of one of the new Zontians where the Zonta Club of San Luis hosted a fantastic brunch around the pool with music and dancing. A Mexican Market Place, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce was setup on the grounds for our shopping convenience and the Zonta Club was to receive a percentage of their sales.

This event ended the momentous weekend, with love and best wishes again extended to the members of the Zonta Club of San Luis. And, thanks and appreciation was given to the members of the Yuma Club for sponsoring this new club and the tremendous job in making this weekend one we shall always remember.

Many requests were received for copies of the 1921-1986 District IX History. The District had 100 copies printed. A total of 53 pre-paid orders were received @ \$15.00 each for distribution at the 1987 District IX Conference. Twenty-seven additional copies were sold on site. Other copies were purchased at Area Seminars. Approximately ten copies remain unsold.

The Zonta International Convention will be hosted by District XX July 3-7, 1988, in Helsinki, Finland. The Finnish Zontians are enthusiastically preparing an exciting and memorable convention.

As historian, this has been another interesting and rewarding biennium. Governor-elect Josephine G. Cooke has appointed Victoria Oren to be the District IX historian for 1988-1990. Each biennium in Zonta's world is a time of a new beginning with new emphases and renewed dedication. To Victoria, I extend my very best wishes for a very enjoyable biennium and may you enjoy your appointment as historian as much as I enjoyed my time.

(Signed) Wilma E, Swantz

Wilma E. Swantz, District IX Historian (1986-1988)

DISTRICT IX STANDING RULES
As Revised – District IX Conference, 1987

Area Directors are District Officers and members of the District Board.

The Lt. Governor of the District shall be responsible for the purchase of a gift for the retiring Governor.

District IX per capita dues shall be \$12.00, effective June 1, 1988.

The Governor, Lt. Governor, Treasurer, and appointed officer (Secretary) shall constitute the Executive Committee of District IX.

District IX shall hold a biennial Conference in June of the odd-numbered calendar years.

An annual budget for the current and following fiscal years shall be adopted at each District IX Conference.

Two Area Seminars shall be held each year, one in the Spring and one in the Fall.

The Area Director shall appoint a Controller for the Area Function. The Controller shall prepare a Standard Financial Report of the Function and shall send said Report to the Area Director no later than 30 days from the date of the Function. Any surplus funds shall be sent with the Report to the Area Director who shall forward the surplus funds with a copy of the Report to the District Treasurer to be credited to the Area Function account for use by the Area Director for future Area Functions. Any deficit of said Function shall be pro-rated among the Zonta Clubs of the Area, and collected by the Area Director. A District IX Big Z Council shall be established. Each Z Club organized within District IX boundaries shall become a member of the District IX Big Z Council.

Standing rules for the operation of the District Big Z Council shall become a part of the operating procedure of the Council and remain in effect until replaced, rescinded, amended, or suspended by action of the District IX Conference.

Each Zonta Club in District IX shall promote the Z Club Program in the District by a contribution of \$20.00 per non-sponsoring Zonta Club and \$10.00 per sponsoring Zonta Club per year, to be sent to the District Treasurer as a part of their service to Zonta International, said funds to be used to defray expenses of the Big Z Council.

The Governor shall appoint a District Historian whose charge shall be to keep the history of District IX Zonta International updated and factual.

District IX shall elect Vice Area Directors in the same manner and for the same term of office as Area Directors.

Adopted at District IX Conference, June 28, 1987.

*History
of
District IX*

1988 – 1990

Zonta International

Wilma E. Swantz, District IX Historian

ZONTA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

JULY 3-7, 1988

Helsinki, Finland was the site of the 49th Zonta International Convention that drew more than 2000 Zontians and guests from around the world. Attendees experienced the gracious, charming and warm hospitality of the Finnish Zontians. The one major disappointment during the opening ceremonies was the first time cancellation of the traditional Parade of Flags. The Finnish Government does not recognize the country of Taiwan and refused to let this flag be included in the parade. The wise decision by International President Amey E. Grubbs was made to not have any flags so representatives of each of the 44 countries were introduced on the stage in their native costumes. The highlight after the opening ceremony was "an evening with Finnish Zontians" when we were hosted in various members' homes.

Evelyn Guenther, Zonta Club of Lancaster Area member, was official Timekeeper during convention business sessions. International President Amey requested Zonta Club member, **Helen M. Lovenberg** to bring the banner Helen designed to be used at convention. This banner has President Amey's biennial theme BUILDING PEACE THROUGH: SERVING & SHARING. This banner originally hung as part of the 1986 Christmas street decorations in the city of La Jolla.

The booklet, "**HISTORY OF THE PAST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENTS**", compiled by District IX Historian, **Wilma E. Swantz**, was distributed by International Headquarters staff.

The 1988 INTERNATIONAL HONORARY MEMBERS were announced: Liv Ulmann, actress and UNICEF Ambassador, and Margaret Snyder, Executive Director of UNIFEM.

A reception was held at the Hotel Tornio for incoming District IX Governor, **Josephine G. Cooke**.

CONVENTION ACTION

Some of the bylaws' changes are: Allow each Zonta club the opportunity to choose whether to admit male members; the term "Merited" was voted to replace "Past Classified;" and a new membership classification called "Affiliate" was added, it applies to Zontians who are temporarily (not to exceed three years) ineligible to be Classified members; allows Executive Director, in consultation with the International President, to give permission for use of the Zonta emblem; and raising the following fees:

- New Member fee from \$10.00 to \$15.00 (IBL)
- Member-at-large fee from \$10.00 to \$15.00 (CBL)
- Referral Fee from \$10.00 to \$15.00 (CBL)
- Initiation/Reinstatement fee from \$10.00 to \$15.00 (CBL)
- Change Convention fee from \$25.00 per club to \$2.00 per capita (IBL)

Several International Awards were received by District IX clubs. Outgoing President Amey E. Grubbs installed Ruth F. Walker as International President. President Ruth has been a member of the Zonta Club of Columbus, Ohio since 1966.

Serving on the International Board with her are: Leneen Forde, President-Elect; Sonja M. Renfer, Vice President; E. Jeannette Chambers, Treasurer; and the 7 Directors are: Inger Brolin, Annie Chinbaugh, Mary L. Good, M. Joan Hutcheson, Mimy Raemdonck and Frances Soule. Newly installed President Ruth announced her 1988-1990 Theme - EDUCATION, UNDERSTANDING AND PEACE THROUGH GIVING:.TIME..SELF.. MONEY.

A hearty "Y'All Come" and a Passport to Texas were extended to everyone by the Dallas clubs to attend the 1990 Zonta International Convention.

DISTRICT IX MEETING IN HELSINKI

REPORTS were given by Governor **Phyllis E. Samson**; Lieutenant Governor **Josephine G. Cooke**; Treasurer **Helen M. Moss**.

DISTRICT RECOGNITION AWARDS were presented to **Top Clubs**: Mt. Diablo; Porterville; Santa Clarita Valley; Long Beach; Riverside; Yuma; Hilo. **Most Improved Clubs**: San Jose; Bakersfield; Burbank; Anaheim; Yucaipa/ Calimesa; Kauai. The **Governor's Award** to the Best and Most Outstanding Club went to Mt. Diablo for 20 years of extraordinary public relations. Certificates for the **Best Newsletters** were presented to: Salinas; Santa Clarita Valley; Capistrano Valley; Riverside; Salt Lake Area; Hilo; Porterville. For their **Outstanding Efforts**, Governor **Phyllis** awarded Special Zonta Pins to: **Helen M. Lovenberg**, District Building Fund Chairman; **Wilma E. Swantz**, District Historian; and **Polly Roome**, District Public Relations Chairman.

It was announced that District IX had donated in excess of \$50,000 to the Building Fund and had the privilege of selecting a room in the new Headquarters Building to carry our name.

GOVERNOR PHYLLIS E. SAMSON INSTALLS 1988-1990 DISTRICT IX EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

GOVERNOR **JOSEPHINE G. COOKE**, Zonta Club of Los Angeles
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR **EVELYN E. GUENTHER**, Zonta Club of Lancaster
* TREASURER **LINDA L. KAY**, Zonta Club of Oakland
SECRETARY **WILMA E. SWANTZ**, Zonta Club of Anaheim
PARLIAMENTARIAN **DR. DORIS DEE TABOR**, Zonta Club of Long Beach

GOVERNOR JOSEPHINE G. COOKE PRESENTS PINS TO DISTRICT AREA DIRECTORS

Area 1 SUSAN HILL IMHAUS	Area 5 CYNTHIA HOWARD
Area 2 DR. ESTHER CHAPMAN	AREA 6 SHIRLEY EUBANKS
Area 3 HARRIET S. ZIMNEY	AREA 7 DR. MARGARET A. DONOVAN
Area 4 KAY. E. GARRETT	

VICE AREA DIRECTORS WERE INTRODUCED

AREA 1	MARJORIE APPLETON	AREA 5	GAIL M. OUSLEY
AREA 2	LYDIA KUHN	AREA 6	POLLY L. ROOME
AREA 3	DIANNE K. CURTIS	AREA 7	*MARIE F. SMITH
AREA 4	MARIANNE RODRIGUEZ		

NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS INTRODUCED

DISTRICT

GLENNE HARDING, Chairman; **MARY K. SHERMAN**; **JACQUE BUSKUHL**

DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES ON ZONTA INTERNATIONAL SUB-NOMINATING COMMITTEE

DR. SHARON LANGENBECK, Representative; **GERALDINE GERKIN**, ALTERNATE

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN ANNOUNCED

AMELIA EARHART	MARY K. SHERMAN
CONFERENCE	JOSIE LEE KUHLMAN
BUILDING FUND RAISING	HELEN LOVENBERG
FINANCE	HELEN MOSS
HISTORIAN	VICTORIA OREN
*INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS	* TARINA HALL
MEMBERSHIP AND CLASSIFICATION	EVELYN E. GUENTHER
ORGANIZATION AND EXTENSION	JOSEPHINE G. COOKE
PROTOCOL	LORRAINE SECOR
PUBLIC RELATIONS/PUBLICATIONS	NORMA FOSTER
SERVICE	BARBARA WHITE
STATUS OF WOMEN	BETTY LOFTESNESS
UNITED NATIONS	JACQUE BUSKUHL
*Z CLUB	* VIRGINIA THOMPSON

*UNEXPIRED TERM REPLACEMENTS INCLUDED:

TREASURER	VICTORIA OREN
AREA 7 DIRECTOR	MARIE F. SMITH
AREA 7 VICE AREA DIRECTOR	COLLEEN PARISH
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS	JANET FUJIOKE
Z CLUB	ISOBEL DE LUCA

DISTRICT IX 1988-1990 BIENNIUM

As we remember our proud past, we can better appreciate how we arrived where we are today, what we want to accomplish in the future, and how we can use that past history as a foundation -to move forward with greater achievement. However, just as one grain of sand cannot make a beach or one violin an orchestra, neither can a few members or clubs carry on the programs of our great organization. We need all members to cooperate and work closely, not only in their clubs, but with the District and International to guarantee our future success. With the opportunity to reflect on our past accomplishments and contemplate our future, this part of our District history is dedicated to our 1988-1990 Governor, **Josephine G. Cooke**.

1988-1990 DISTRICT IX GOVERNOR JOSEPHINE G. COOKE

Josephine G. Cooke brings grace and warmth to the office of the District IX Governor. This gentle lady's quiet dignity and humanity make a lasting impression on those who know and work with her and will serve her well as she begins her administrative biennium in the spotlight as the District ambassador of the 57 Zonta clubs.

Josephine's soft-spoken manner belies her strong determination to accomplish her goals. She has given much thought to planning projects that will help to make Zonta a stronger and more viable organization. "Women Helping Women" is a credo by which she has lived, and her genuine concern for the District is exemplified in her choice of District Committee Chairmen.

Since joining the Zonta Club of Los Angeles in March, 1976, **Josephine** has devoted much time and talent at Club, District and International levels. At the Club level, **Josephine** served as Director, Secretary, President and Chairman of various committees. At the District level, she served as District Representative to the Sub Nominating Committee for the International Nominating Committee, District IX Secretary, Area 3 Director and Lieutenant Governor. International level, she served 4 years as a member of the Long Range Planning Committee, Convention Newsletter Committee Chairman and Monitor Committee Chairman.

Josephine is the Senior Vice President and Corporate Secretary of Cypress Financial Corporation. She is also a general partner of Pacific-Emerald Enterprises, a real estate investment enterprise. **Josephine** takes an active interest in many community organizations. She is listed in the 1987 Who's Who of California.

Service is a family affair for **Josephine** and her mother, **Marion Holloman**, also a member of the Zonta Club of Los Angeles. She has a daughter, Tracey. Tracey and her husband, Gary Harris are parents of Josephine's two grand-children, Jasmine and Davin.

GOVERNOR'S GOALS

1. That the District achieve a 5% net gain in membership each year of this biennium, bringing the total membership to 1,820.
2. That all clubs with total membership under 20 achieve a net gain of 5 each year of this biennium.
3. That no clubs will be lost, and that a minimum of 2 new clubs will be chartered during the biennium.
4. That every club in the District will pledge no less than \$300 each year of this biennium to UNIFEM, in addition to offering one program a year promoting UNIFEM, seeking public awareness and support.
5. That District IX will average one full Amelia Earhart Fellowship per Area, per year of this biennium.
6. That every Zontian in District IX contribute to the Building Fund \$25.00 a year.
7. That we achieve a net gain of two Z Clubs each year of this biennium.
8. That we have 100% club representation at the 1989 District IX Conference in Fresno, California.

DISTRICT AREAS & CLUBS

AREA 1

BERKELEY/NORTH BAY
MARIN COUNTY
MIDPENINSULA AREA
MONTEREY PENINSULA
MT. DIABLO AREA

SACRAMENTO
SALINAS AREA
SAN FRANCISCO
SAN JOSE AREA
SANTA ROSA AREA

AREA 2

BAKERSFIELD FRESNO PORTERVILLE

AREA 3

ANTELOPE VALLEY AREA
BURBANK AREA
CONEJO VALLEY AREA
GLENDALE AREA
LANCASTER AREA

LOS ANGELES
PASADENA
SAN FERNANDO VALLEY AREA
SANTA BARBARA
SANTA CLARITA VALLEY AREA

AREA 4

ANAHEIM
CAPISTRANO VALLEY AREA
ESCONDIDO
FULLERTON
IRVINE AREA/SADDLEBACK

LA JOLLA
LONG BEACH AREA
NEWPORT HARBOR AREA
SAN DIEGO
SANTA ANA AREA
SOUTH BAY AREA

AREA 5

COLTON
FONTANA
HEMET/SAN JACINTO
ONTARIO/UPLAND

REDLANDS
RIVERSIDE
SAN BERNARDINO
YUCAIPA/CALIMESA

AREA 6

CASA GRANDE VALLEY
NOGALES
PHOENIX AREA
PRESCOTT
SALT LAKE AREA

SAN LUIS, SONORA, MEXICO
SOUTH SALT LAKE VALLEY AREA
TEMPE
TUCSON
YUMA

AREA 7

HILO
HONOLULU
KAUAI

LEILEHUA
MAUI

AMELIA EARHART FELLOWS

1988-1989 There were 35 Fellowships awarded for 1988-1989 @ \$6,000 each, 11 of these will attend universities in District IX.

District IX contributed \$32,770 to these fellowships.

1989-1990 There were 40 Fellowships awarded for 1989-1990 @ \$6,000 each, 13 of these will attend universities in District IX.

District IX contributed \$32,800 to these fellowships.

MEN BECOME MEMBERS OF ZONTA CLUBS IN DISTRICT IX

The challenge of increased competition due to national and state laws banning single-sex organizations, Zonta may at club option admit male members. With the year 1989, District IX now has 3 male members in their clubs, all husbands of long-time Zontians. In the order they joined, they are: **Luis Rubinstein**, Zonta Club of Santa Barbara; **Alwin Hagedorn**, Zonta Club of Fullerton; **Dennis McCarbery**, Zonta Club of South Bay Area.

1990 FIRST MALE ELECTED CLUB PRESIDENT IN DISTRICT IX

Dennis McCarbery was elected President of the Zonta Club of South Bay Area.

HEADQUARTERS BUILDING

During this Biennium, fund raising efforts will be done through the District Fund-Raising Chairman. Our District IX Fund-Raising Chairman is **Helen Lovenberg**. The request this Biennium is that every Zontian contribute \$25.00 a year, a total of \$50.00 for the Biennium per Member. Support the Home of Zonta International and proudly wear your "I GAVE" button!!!

PAST DISTRICT IX GOVERNOR PASSES AWAY

H. LAVERN OWENS, PAST DISTRICT IX GOVERNOR (1959-1962) passed away on Sunday, September 18, 1988 in the Red Bluff hospital. Her death was due to cancer. **Lavern** was a member of the Zonta Club of Sacramento, and promoted the ideals of service through Zonta. She held many offices in her club, including club president, she went on to be elected to the District office of honor, District Governor. **Lavern** was always an active participant in the operations of District IX. Her passing will be felt by all who knew her. The family requests that any remembrances be made to the Zonta Club of Sacramento.

DISTRICT IX Z CLUB NEWS

The Corona del Sol High School Z Club was chartered September 28, 1988. The Zonta Club of Tempe sponsored this new Z Club. The Zonta Club of Riverside organized an off campus, career Z Club.

1989 BIG Z Conference was held at Griffith Park Boys Camp April 21-23,1989.
1990 BIG Z Conference was held at Griffith Park Boys Camp April 27-29,1990.

Zonta Club of Burbank Area formed the first Z Club in 1948. This first Z Club gave girls the opportunity to meet the women of the Zonta Club of Burbank Area, and to explore careers and professions outside of the fields traditional at that time.

The first four Z Clubs were organized in southern California and soon spread to Tampa, Florida; Boise, Idaho; Paterson, New Jersey; Yuma, Arizona; and Billings, Montana. Three Golden Z Clubs were at junior colleges in Boise, Idaho; Santa Barbara and Riverside, California. The first former Z Clubber to become a president of a Zonta Club was **Lia Kamminga**, of the Zonta Club of Antelope Valley Area.

1989 - ZONTA INTERNATIONAL CELEBRATES ITS 70th BIRTHDAY

Zonta International President Ruth F. Walker opened the birthday festivities with a party in the World Headquarters Building in Chicago, Sunday, June 18th. Zontians attending had the opportunity to tour the new building and to see the beautiful flags from Zonta countries around the world displayed from the second floor down into the atrium. Those attending from District IX were, **Governor Josephine G. Cooke; Helen M. Lovenberg**, Zonta Club of La Jolla; Lt. Governor **Evelyn E. Guenther; Doris D. Tabor** of Long Beach, and **Wilma E. Swantz**, Zonta Club of Fullerton.

1989 - DEDICATION OF PEACE POLES

November 8, 1989 marks Zonta International's 70th anniversary, and the World Headquarters in Chicago was the site for a very special event: A Peace Pole was dedicated in the Japanese Garden in the atrium. The Society for Prayer for World Peace, founded in Japan, originated the Peace Pole movement which is now international in scope. The Pole is constructed of red cedar and is inscribed on four sides in English, French, Spanish, and Japanese with the words, "May Peace Prevail on Earth." The City of Los Angeles declared November 8th "Zonta Day." On November 8, District IX Governor **Josephine Cooke** conducted the impressive ceremony, planting a Peace Pole in the rotunda at Los Angeles City Hall. A Sioux Indian Chief ceremoniously dedicated the Peace Pole. His tribe had lived on the land upon which City Hall was built. Those attending the dedication included, approximately 20 members from the Zonta Club of Los Angeles; Lieutenant Governor **Evelyn Guenther; Lena McCarbery**, Zonta Club of South Bay; a representative from the Japanese Embassy; representatives from Mayor Tom Bradley's office; and a lot of media.

ZONTA CLUB OF IRVINE AREA/SADDLEBACK VALLEY AREA RECEIVED HONOR

This Area 4 Zonta Club was honored during a Special Awards Evening on July 20, 1989 at the Estate home of Philanthropist Elizabeth Tierney (1989 Conference for Women Chair). This is the first year that Orange County community and service organizations are recognized for their outstanding accomplishments, and it is indeed an honor to be selected among the first to receive this award!

AREA 5 ZONTA CLUB PRESENTS CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT WITH GENEROUS CHECK

Annie Ramos, 1989 President of the Zonta Club of San Bernardino presented Police Chief Daniel A. Robbins with a check from the proceeds of their 41st Annual Fashion Show held recently. The purchase of an additional K-9 narcotics dog plus the training of the dog and handler complete Zonta's major service project for 1989. The dogs are used for building and drug searches as well as locating lost children.

AREA 5 ZONTA CLUB OF RIVERSIDE HAS IMPRESSIVE HISTORY

The 70's left the Zonta Club of Riverside with many past presidents including **Doris; Wilma; Gretchen; Beverly; and Maxine.**

The 80's have just passed and now in 1990 all but three of the nine past presidents are still active members. In all they have 59 presidents and 16 are still active members.

This club has had a very impressive history and furnished leadership to Zonta International. They have had three District Governors, **Mayme Bonham** 1934-1936; **Blodwin Hunt** 1941-1942; and **Jessica Tegland** 1976-1978. They have had Area Directors, **Mary Scully; Helen Gilmore Bond; and Lois Scott.** They have had five District Treasurers, **Vera Clayton; Bertha Baker; Marie Wilson; Marie Dubskey** and **Jane Kennedy.** They have had one District Secretary, **Ruth Jones.** They have hosted three District Conferences, 1932; 1940; and 1947. They have sponsored ten clubs, San Bernardino; Phoenix, Arizona; Hemet/San Jacinto; San Diego; Lancaster; Pomona Valley; Redlands; Anaheim; Colton; and Sendi, Japan.

Service has been woven through all these years. Some of the projects they have done, include always generously supporting International Service Projects; established library and toy loan closet at Community Settlement House; gave two life size dolls to Sunshine School; bought an artificial leg for a young cancer victim; established an office for the American Cancer Society; gifts to patients at General Hospital; planted trees for Arbor Day; contributed to building of a flag pole at OCR; furnished hobby room at CSDR; furnished equipment for Riverside Public Library Kitchen; gave funds for Freedom Foundation; scholarships since 1955; supported Riverside Symphony Orchestra and Opera Association; supported Sunrise Service at Mount Rubidoux; ran senior citizen program for seven years; equipped cardiac room for heart patients at Community Hospital. . DISTRICT IX CONGRATULATES THE ZONTA CLUB OF RIVERSIDE. WE ARE PROUD OF THIS CLUB!!!

AREA 6 ZONTA CLUB OF CASA GRANDE VALLEY HAS UNIQUE NAME FOR NEWSLETTER

"No doubt some of you are curious about the name of our bulletin, which dates back to our first bulletins in 1948. As the name, "ZONTA" is Sioux Indian, it seemed only right that our bulletin also should go to the Indians for a name. Since we were the first Tri-city Club in the U. S. (allowed by a special board vote of International), we consulted the Pimas, our next door neighbors, and came up with the word "VAIKI", which means. . . 'Three

Villages.' Hence the name 'ZONTIAN VAIKA' which carries news of members from our "Tri-city Club."

DISTRICT IX ZONTIANS RECEIVE STATE, COUNTY AND COMMUNITY RECOGNITION

AREA 1 Among those Zontians receiving recognition are: **Fran Grant**, Zonta Club of Palo Alto was the recipient of the prestigious Western Region FAA Challenge Award for Excellence in Aerospace Education. Her award was presented by the FAA at the National Congress in Aerospace Education in St. Louis, Missouri.

AREA 2 **Lydia Kuhn**, Zonta Club of Fresno was awarded a certificate in recognition of 20 years of service to the Fresno County Library at the annual Library Meeting held on October 11, 1989.

AREA 3 Area 3 Director **Harriet Zimney** extended appreciation to keynote speaker Jeanna Yeager, Co-pilot of Voyager and Honorary Member of Zonta International at the Amelia Earhart Luncheon, January 14, 1990, at the Verdugo Club, Glendale. **Norma Foster**, Zonta Club of Los Angeles was producer/director for the 1989 Sunrise Service on Easter at the Hollywood Bowl. Other club members were ushers or sold programs at the event. **Jami Kennedy**, Zonta Club of Santa Clarita Valley was elected 1989 "Woman of the Year" by the newly incorporated city of Santa Clarita, located northwest of Los Angeles in the Newhall area. **JoAnne Darcy**, Zonta Club of Santa Clarita Valley was elected Mayor of Santa Clarita in 1990. **Lena Herlt**, Zonta Club of Pasadena was appointed 1989 Vice Chairwoman of the Commission on the Status of Women for the City of Pasadena.

In the state of California there are 185,000 women-owned businesses. From all of these, Governor Deukmejian named three women as an "Outstanding California Business Woman" for 1989. **Edie Lopez Lusk**, Zonta Club of Pasadena was one of the three! 1988 brought honors to two members of the Zonta Club of Pasadena, **Beth Calleton** was the Chair of the Pasadena Commission on the Status of Women; **Ann Hight** was elected President-Elect of the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce (only the second woman ever), and guess what. . the second Zontian! Two more 1989 honors go to members of the Zonta Club of Santa Clarita Valley. **Dr. Sharon Langenbeck** is now Division Chief, Advanced Metals & Ceramics, Lockheed. She is the first woman Division Chief in the history of Lockheed. Councilwoman **JoAnne Darcy** was nominated to "Who's Who of California" for outstanding leadership and dedication to her community. **JoAnne** is in the December 1988 edition of "Who's Who" which is published annually by Who's Who Historical Society who bios California's most noteworthy people. And not to overlook another member of the same Zonta Club, **Joyce Whiteside** who has worked endless hours managing Henry Mayo Hospital's Guild Thrift Shops. One is for Clothing and the other is for Housewares and Appliances. She was honored for 1988 sales of over \$84,000. Joyce did all of this - not as a member of the Guild, but for the love of her community. **Martha Nelson**, Zonta Club of Santa Barbara was a nominee for the Arts Advocate of the Year Award of the Santa Barbara Arts Council. A certificate was awarded on October 26, 1988 at a dinner. Wave of recognitions continue for members of the Zonta Club of Santa Clarita Valley, Santa Clarita Civic Association awarded a certificate of recognition to **Lynn Bassford**. Soroptimist International of the Santa Clarita Valley honored **Barbara Stearns** for "Women Helping Women", **Connie Worden** for the "Women of

Distinction" award. **Andrea Daroca** accepted a two-year appointment to the Government Finance Officers Association's standing committee on cash management. Only 25 members throughout the United States and Canada are selected to serve on the committee. **Daroca's** term will expire December 31, 1992.

These four members were honored in 1990. Members of the Zonta Club of Pasadena honored in 1989 were: **Ann Hight** was installed President of the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce; **Barbara Nyberg** was given the Volunteer Service Award for outstanding community service by the Pasadena Council of Women's Clubs; **Ann Pursel** and **Donna Mathewson** were included on this year's list of 10 most well-mannered Pasadenians; Recent Pasadena School board elected **Anne Pursel** President and **Bobbie Moon** Vice President.

AREA 4 Two Zonta Club of South Bay members were honored in 1989: **Cynthia Avolas**, new position as an Administrative Assistant to the Sr. Vice President of a real estate marketing research firm and **Avis Boyd**, new position as Manager of the Managed Care Division of California Primary Physician's Medical Group. **Catherine Woo**, member of the Zonta Club of La Jolla was appointed to the Mayor's Art Council Committee for the proposed Soviet Art Exchange Festival in 1988. **Dr. Woo** was selected as the 1990-1991 San Diego State University Research Lecturer. This prestigious honor was conferred in recognition of her outstanding achievements in research and the significance of her scholarly contributions in her field. **Jacque Buskuhl**, Zonta Club of Newport Harbor, congratulated in 1990 on receiving her degree as a paralegal.

AREA 5 Zonta Club of Redlands member, **Miriam Murphy** accepted a 1988 position as Assistant Vice President/Director of Nursing at Riverside Community Hospital. Yucaipa/Calimesa Zonta Club members receiving 1989 honors were: **Karin Murray**, selected the Woman of the Year by the Business and Professional Women; **Edna St. Clair** was sworn in as attorney in the State of California. Several members of the Zonta Club of San Bernardino received honors: **Lorna Kenney** was selected Manager Of The Year - 1989 by the Federal Managers Association, Chapter 233, Norton AFB, California. **Lorna** was previously selected Manager Of The Quarter, October-December 1988, which qualified her for consideration for the higher award. **Gerane Jacobsen** was named "Rotarian of the Year" by the Uptown Rotary Club for 1989. **Annie Ramos** was selected City of San Bernardino Management employee "Woman of Achievement". The award was presented March 8, 1990 by Mayor Bob Holcomb in observance of Women's History month. A special honor and tribute was given to **Gwendolyn Roberts**, singer and teacher of voice, at the annual Banquet of the San Bernardino Valley Concert Association at the Maruko Hotel on March 30, 1990. The Emcee told of her work in many music and cultural organizations, and her many years of service to the Metropolitan Opera Auditions, National Association of Teachers of Singing, and the San Bernardino Valley Concert Association, as well as others. The prestigious ATHENA Award was presented to **Annie Ramos** at the Annual Chamber Installation Dinner on January 26, 1990. This award is presented to a woman who has attained and personified the highest level of professional excellence in business and the professions, or, to a man who has supported women in reaching their fullest potential.

AREA 6 Zonta Club of Prescott members are honored: **Dr. Evelyn Hartman-Leppo** (District IX Governor 1980-1982) was appointed to the 1988 National Finnish Council of America. The Council meets once a year the end of July on the campus of Suomi College at Hancock, Michigan. And in 1989 **Dr. Hartman-Leppo** received a plaque of appreciation and a silver medal with the likeness of the King of Sweden from the Swedish National Committee commemorating the 350th anniversary of the founding of New Sweden in Delaware by Swedish and Finnish settlers. **Caroline Brady** was elected President of the United Way of Yavapai County on February 26, 1988. The United Way was established in 1985 and **Caroline** is a charter member and has served 2 years as Treasurer and 1 year as Vice President.

Luanne Lee accepted an invitation to be a participant in the 54th Arizona Town Hall on "Achieving Excellence in Education" at the Sheraton the end of May, 1989. **Dr. Peggy Baty**, Associate Dean of Academics at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, received the 1989 Federal Aviation Administration Administrators' Championship Award (National recognition) for Excellence in Aviation. She accepted the award in St. Louis where she made a presentation on April 1st on aviation education at the National Congress on Aviation and Space Education Conference. **Dr. Baty** was recognized for her work in developing and coordinating teacher resource centers at both the Daytona Beach, Florida, and Prescott campuses of ERAU for preparing a National Science Foundation grant to present an Aviation Career Awareness Program for young women, and for coordinating and directing an aviation/space workshop for teachers in Prescott. Members of the Zonta Club of Casa Grande receiving honors were: 1989 **Rita Nader** was appointed by Arizona State Governor Rose Mofford to the State Board of Education. **Dr. Kathleen Arns**, President of Central Arizona College, was elected to one of four positions on the Executive Committee of the International/Intercultural Consortium, the international education arm of the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges. **Kathleen Felix**, Pinal County Recorder, has successfully completed the review for Secretary of State's Election Certification Program. "**Katie**" is qualified to receive the Election Officer Certificate and to be re-certified for the 1990 elections. All these awards were made in 1989. **Dottie Walters** was elected in 1990 to serve as President of the Arizona Organization of Nurse Executives, which represents all of the top nursing executives in hospitals throughout Arizona. **Annette Rivas**, Zonta Club of Nogalas was elected 1989 Vice President of the Santa Cruz County Board of Realtors. Members of Zonta Club of Yuma are honored in the banking business in 1988. **Debbie Bahrychuk** was appointed Vice President at Valley Bank. There are only about 15% of the VPs who are women. **Ellie Plumb** is the manager of the Yuma East branch of Valley National Bank.

Salt Lake Area Zonta Club member **Ruth Novak** was honored as "Utah's Outstanding Corporate Woman for 1988".

AREA 7 Members of the Zonta Club of Hilo receive their honors: **Amy Iwamoto** was featured in the Hawaii Tribune Herald's "1988 Women of the Big Island **Julie Tulang** was promoted in 1989 to the Operations Director of Hawaii County Nutrition Program. **Sharon Scheele** was honored with the ATHENA Award presented to her by the Hawaii Island Chamber of Commerce, through the

sponsorship of the Oldsmobile Division of General Motors. This award is presented to an outstanding woman in the community who shows outstanding commitment to her profession, commitment to her community, and to the advancement of women. **Jane Kawachi** as a volunteer in the Junior Achievement Program sponsored by the Bank of Hawaii, will be taking the 1990 "Outstanding Junior Achiever" from their JA Company for competition in Cleveland. **Rowie Taylor** was named in 1990 to the Board of the Community Advisory Board of the University of Hawaii, Hilo Campus, Women's Center. Zonta Club of Honolulu members receiving awards were: **Carol Sakata**, elected President Elect/Vice President (1988) of Hawaii Society, The American Institute of Architects, in 1989 she will be President and also the first woman ever to fill that position. She also has been selected as the 1988 Nominating Committee Chair for the national AIA. **Bobbie Cosco** was the subject of an article in the December, 1989 issue of Hawaii Business entitled "Cool Under Fire". Interesting fact: Cosco, Inc. was the first female-owned wholesale refrigeration supply company in the nation. **Bobbie**, her sister and her mother own a majority of the stock. **Bobbie** is President and CEO. The newest 1990 member of the Zonta Club of Honolulu is Hawaii State Governor, the Honorable **John Waihee**, the very first male Zontain in Area 7. The Zonta Club of Leilehua and members were honored in 1989. Senator Gerald Hagino presented the club a certificate signed by members of the State Senate. It recognized their 3 years of existence; active and distinctive efforts; summarized contribution and activities of Z Club, generous efforts for Wahiawa General Hospital and other community endeavors. **Michie Fukuda** was elected Vice President and manager, Escrow Department, Bank of Hawaii. **Rachel Lee** was elected President of Wahiawa Hospital Auxiliary.

District IX congratulates these outstanding Zontians and those we didn't know about who also received honors and awards in their communities.

1989 DISTRICT IX CONFERENCE HELD IN FRESNO, CALIFORNIA

Using the theme, "Catch The Spirit" and Catch the Spirit, they did as District IX Zontians and guests from five western states gathered for conference at the Holiday Inn Centre Plaza in Fresno, June 23, 24, 25, 1990. The Zonta Club of Fresno, assisted by Zonta Club of Bakersfield and Porterville were hostesses. Registration was conducted in the Foyer of the Holiday Inn Centre Plaza beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, June 23rd, with a total of 250 Zontian's, including 29 guests registered. **Governor Josephine G. Cooke** was the presiding officer.

The International Representative was, Zonta International President Ruth F. Walker, from Columbus, Ohio. Another special guest was District V Governor, Joanne Vansant. We were honored to have in attendance for conference four Past District IX Governor's - **Waltrout Wilson** (1964-1966); **Rayma Neeb** (1966-1968); **Josephine Heckman** (1972-1974); and **Mary K. Sherman** (1984-1986). The Zonta Club of Fresno hosted a Hospitality Suite in Room 103 where they served a selection of fresh fruit, home baked goodies, popcorn, coffee, tea and soft drinks. This suite was open throughout conference at designated times. Continental Breakfast was at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Workshop presentations were held on Friday, two in the morning and two in the afternoon.

10:00 a.m.	How to Evaluate a Candidate	Salon D 1 & 2
	Moderator	Doris Dee Tabor
	Panelists:	Ruth F. Walker
		Josephine Heckman

THE LEARNING TREE - PART II

P.R. Is Everbody's Business

Salon D 2

Moderator Harriet S. Zimney

Panelists: Norma Skroch

Norma Foster

Zonta - Perspectives for the '90's		Salon D 3
Moderator		Glenne Harding
Panelists:		Shirley Eubanks
		Joanne Vansant

Fundraising and Service		Salon E 1
	Moderator	Barbara J. White
	Panelists:	Susanne H.. Imhaus
		Virginia Thompson

"CATCH THE SPIRIT OF WOMEN HELPING WOMEN" LUNCHEON

Betty Loftesness, Status of Women Committee Chairman was hostess for the 12:30 p.m. luncheon. Past Governor **Rayma Neeb** gave the Invocation. International President, Ruth F. Walker gave a report on UNIFEM. Past President, District IX Big Z Council, Kristina Weaver, spoke on Z Clubs. Past Governor, **Waltraut Wilson** spoke on Women and Aging. **Gena Harper**, Zonta Club of Mt. Diablo, accompanied by her seeing eye dog, and **Lydia Kuhn**, Zonta Club of Fresno and current Vice Area 2 Director, a victim of polio, spoke on Disabled and Minority Women. These two young women are an inspiration to all.

NOMINEES FOR 1989 DISTRICT IX OUTSTANDING ZONTIANS ANNOUNCED

Frances Frame	Zonta Club of Berkeley/North Bay
Evelyn E. Guenther	Zonta Club of Lancaster Area
"Dimples" Kano	Zonta Club of Kauai
Helen M. Lovenberg	Zonta Club of La Jolla
Mary Lou Lautier	Zonta Club of Los Angeles
Harriet S. Zimney	Zonta Club of Pasadena
Carol Sakata	Zonta Club of Honolulu
Glenne Harding	Zonta Club of Midpeninsula Area
Magdalena D. Guerrero	Zonta Club of Casa Grande Valley
Sharon L. Langenbeck	Zonta Club of Santa Clarita Valley
Doris Dee Tabor	Zonta Club of Long Beach Area
Geraldine Gerkin	Zonta Club of Santa Ana Area
Janet H. Fujioka	Zonta Club of Hilo
Lorraine Bishop	Zonta Club of Sacramento
Gena Harper	Zonta Club of Mt. Diablo Area

Glenne Harding, District IX Nominating Committee Chairman presented the 1990-1992 District Slate of Officers.

The Collect was given by **Mary K. Sherman**, Past District IX Governor.

Following the luncheon, afternoon workshops were held.

RECEPTION HONORS ZONTA INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

The evening reception to honor President Ruth F. Walker was held in the Waterfall Terrace at 6:00 p.m.

THE STATUS OF WOMEN - YEAR 2000 AND BEYOND BANQUET

After a musical prelude by pianist, Elizabeth Gress, the 1989 Conference of District IX was officially called to order by Governor **Josephine G. Cooke** at 7:15 p.m., Friday, June 23, 1989.

Parade of Flags - **Nancy Coon**, Announcer - Zonta Club of Porterville

United States of America
California
Hawaii
Arizona

Susanne H. Imhaus, Area 1 Director
Kay E. Garrett, Area 4 Director
Margaret Donovan, Area 7 Director
Shirley Eubanks, Area 6 Director

Utah
Mexico
Nevada
Zonta International

Cynthia Howard, Area 5 Director
Esther Chapman, Area 2 Director
Harriet S. Zimney, Area 3 Director
Kristina Weaver, Big Z Council

The Pledge of Allegiance To The Flag of the United States of America was lead by **Doris Dee Tabor**, parliamentarian, Zonta Club of Long Beach. The National Anthem was sung by soloist **Crystal Watson**, Zonta Club of Pasadena, accompanist, Elizabeth Gress.

Introductions - Those seated at the head table were introduced by Governor **Josephine G. Cooke**. The Governor then introduced The Past District IX Governors', **Waltrout Wilson; Rayma Neeb; Josephne Heckman, Mary K. Sherman**, and other special guests sested nearby.

Welcome - **Josie Lee Kuhlman**, member of the Zonta Club Fresno, and the Conference Chairman expressed greetings from the hostess clubs, Zonta Club of Fresno; Zonta Clubs of Bakersfield and Porterville.

Response - Lieutenant Governor **Evelyn E. Guenther** responded to the greetings and expressions of of welcome on behalf of all Zontians in attendance.

The Honored Guest, International President Ruth F. Walker was introduced by Governor **Josephine G. Cooke**. The International Presidents message, "Education, Understanding And Peace Through Giving" was very enlightening, bringing the attendees up-to-date with all programs of Zonta International.

Invocation - The Invocation was given by **Wilma E. Swantz**, District IX Secretary, Zonta Club of Fullerton

After dinner, Governor **Josephine G. Cooke** introduced the Keynote Speaker, The Honorable Karen Humphrey, Mayor of the City of Fresno. Mayor Humphrey welcomed Zontians and guests to the City of Fresno. She then spoke about some of her experiences serving in public office as a woman, and gave some projections for women in the future who will be assuming leadership roles. Governor **Josephine** presented the Mayor a plaque on behalf of District IX and Zonta International.

Governor **Josephine** announced those who had so generously contributed to the Building Fund during the day were given tickets. Holders of the 10 winning numbers would have breakfast with International President Ruth F. Walker, on Saturday at 8:00 a.m. in the Board Room.

Governor **Josephine** had the pleasure of presenting the "1989 Outstanding District IX Zontian Award" to **Mary Lou Lautier**, Zonta Club of Los Angeles.

The created centerpieces for the Saturday Luncheon and evening Banquet were provided by the Zonta Club of Porterville. Lovely fresh flower leis were presented to International President Ruth and the District Board by gracious members of the Hawaii clubs.

The meeting was recessed to reconvene on Saturday, June 24, 1989 at 9:15 a.m. in Salon D.

Saturday, June 24, 1989

The Business Session of the 1989 District IX Conference was called to order by the Governor at 9:15 a.m.

Governor **Josephine G. Cooke** introduced and recognized the outstanding service of the District IX Board, District IX Committee Chairmen and the District IX Nominating Committee. She then introduced the Conference Committee Appointees:

Conference Chairman	Josie Lee Kuhlman , Fresno
Co-Chairman	Dr. Esther Chapman , Bakersfield
Co-Chairman	Elizabeth Moore , Porterville
Conference Treasurer	Wilma Satterberg , Fresno
Hotel Coordinator	Rita Scott , Fresno
Registration Chairman	Laveta Melgard , Fresno
Transportation	Katherine McNamara , Fresno
Zonta Store	Martha Van Horn , Bakersfield
Publicity	Norma Foster , Los Angeles
Hospitality	Louella Berry , Fresno
Decorations	Alice Seal , Porterville
Entertainment	Marlene Chisolm , Fresno
Transportation	Ruth Kuhn , Fresno

Governor **Josephine** introduced the Conference Appointees:

Credentials Chairman	Helen R. Moss , Los Angeles
Members	Elizabeth Dawson
	Barbara Fleeman
	Mary Lou Lautier , Los Angeles
	Rachel Warmack , Los Angeles
Monitor Chairman	Dianne Curtis , Santa Clarita Valley
Members	Victoria Oren , Santa Clarita Valley
	Lydia Kuhn , Fresno
	Marianne Rodriquez , Irvine/Saddleback
Protocal	Lorraine Secor Los Angeles
Teller	Marcia Rubinstein , Santa Barbara
Timekeeper Chairman	Mary K. Sherman , Canejo Valley
Members	Janine Kovsky , Antelope Valley
	Rae Ross , Conejo Valley

Roll Call of clubs by District IX Secretary **Wilma E. Swantz**. Clubs not present at time of Roll Call:

Glendale Area	Phoenix
Leilehua	Prescott
Maui	Redlands
Nogales	Salinas Area
	South Bay Area

Report of Credentials Committee was given by **Helen R. Moss**, Chairman. The Governor asked if there were any questions on the report, there being none, the Delegates voted to adopt the Report of the Credentials Committee.

Conference Chairman, **Josie Lee Kuhlman** presented the Conference Program for the 1989 Conference Of District IX as printed. The Governor asked if there was any discussion, there being none, the Delegates voted to adopt the program.

The presentation of the Proposed Rules For 1989 District IX Conference was given by **Doris Dee Tabor**, District IX parliamentarian. After presentation, the motion to adopt the Conference Rules as proposed was made by **Kay E. Garrett**, Area 4 Director. The second was by **Nancy Coon**, Zonta Club of Porterville. Motion carried.

The Minutes Of The 1987 Conference Of District IX held at Long Beach, California on June 26, 27, 28, 1987 having been distributed to the District Club Presidents, The District Officers, the Area Directors and reviewed by the Ad Hoc Committee, the motion to approve said minutes as printed was made by Lieutenant Governor **Evelyn Guenther**. The second was by **Linda L. Kay**, Treasurer. Motion carried.

Governor **Josephine G. Cooke** warmly welcomed and introduced Zonta International President Ruth F. Walker, Zonta Club of Columbus, Ohio. After a standing ovation, President Ruth presented her Message for the 1989 Conference. In part she said, "Communication technology allows us to visit events around the world instantly. We are a part of an organization which promotes the advancement of understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of executives in business and the professions

We have every reason to be proud of what Zonta stands for. Let us work tirelessly to spread Zonta's message around the world." She went on to report how the Zonta International Service Projects helped women worldwide. President Ruth closed her report to inform the delegation of recent Board actions and future proposals that may come before the delegation in Dallas, Texas.

Reports:

Governor Josephine G. Cooke presented the **Governor's Report**. She said, "We have reached midway of this biennium, and it is my extreme pleasure to report on the status of the first half." She reviewed the status of our District's 8 goals:

1. Not only are we not close, we have fallen far behind on achieving a 5% net gain in membership each year of this biennium.
2. Again we are far from reaching a net gain of 5 members each year of this biennium in those clubs with a total membership under 20.
3. We have clubs dangerously low in membership. At this time it has been approved to merge two clubs in District IX. This merger will reduce the number of clubs but will have no adverse effect on our membership. To compensate for this, we now have 4 clubs approved for organization: Moreno Valley, California; Mesa, Chandler and Gilbert, Arizona; Las Vegas Valley, Nevada; Salt Lake City, Utah.

- (4) Although clubs pledged \$32,800 last Fall, we fell short \$9,200 of reaching the goal to average one full Amelia Earhart Fellowship per Area, per year of this biennium. The Governor is confident that with extra efforts this year we will attain this goal by the end of the biennium.
- (5) Financially, we exceeded our goal that every club in the District pledge no less than \$300 per year of this biennium to UNIFEM, in addition to offering one program each year to promote UNIFEM, seeking public awareness and support. \$19,085 was pledged which is over the goal by \$1,985.
- (6) This goal has been overlooked or ignored. District IX is not doing its part, that every Zontain in District IX contribute \$25.00 a year to the Building Fund. We have a beautiful "Home" in Chicago. Whether you agree with the purchase of the building or not is not the issue. The issue is that we did purchase, we do have a debt and the sooner the debt is paid the less total Zonta dollars we will have to spend on interest.
- (7) We have already exceeded the goal of achieving a net gain of two Z Clubs each year of this biennium, thanks to the Zonta clubs of Tempe, Berkeley, Newport Harbor Area and Santa Clarita Valley Area we have 3 new Z Clubs and 1 Golden Z Club. We have not lost a Z Club to this date.
- (8) That we have 100% club representation at the 1989 District Conference in Fresno, California. This goal will have to be reported at the end of the biennium since the report of the Credentials Committee had not been received at the time of presentation of this report.

The Governor continued her report saying, "We have some successes and some near successes; all-in-all we have worked very hard for Zonta this past year. As your Governor I was your official representative at all Area seminars, Fall and Spring. I expect to be there for you again this year. I attended most Amelia Earhart Celebrations, and accepted as many invitations as time would permit. Thank you for all invitations, it is rewarding to know you want me to participate in your club activities. Please keep those invitations coming. When I could not attend, in many instances, our **Lieutenant Governor Evelyn** represented me and the District. What a joy to serve with her. In our message, we emphasized leadership. It is so very important to develop good leadership skills in order to have this organization run in a professional, orderly manner. We developed leadership "tools" for your use, in addition to those supplied by International. For those of you who utilized your resources I say thank you; to those of you who did not, evidenced by your inability to meet deadlines, I encourage you to use them this coming year.

Three Governor's Newsletters were issued. These publications are designed to furnish the club presidents, officers and members information vital to the business of District IX and Zonta International. I charge club presidents to share all publications with your membership and officers.

You will hear later today that most of our District Committees have been very active and about the business of Zonta. I am most proud to say that

District IX contributed the following: Total Club Pledges to International - \$80,496.00. Total Club Contributions to Local Projects - \$164,336.50. Total Service Contribution - \$244,832.50. Total Service Hours - 106,895 Hours, or an average of 66 hours per member. Congratulations District IX!!! Those are impressive totals. You have worked very hard to provide service to the needy world. On an average we are contributing a minimum of 1/3 of service dollars to International."

The Governor's message continued in part, "My plans for the second year of this biennium are as follows:

The emphasis will be strengthening the clubs with low membership and other major problems, such as aging, apathy and stagnation; this will be in addition to the Organization of new clubs. At least 2 of the 4 clubs will be chartered before December, 1989, with the other 2 shortly thereafter. In organization we hope to see activity in Palm Springs, Simi Valley, Visalia, Park City, Utah, Reno/Carson City, Nevada, and Bullhead City/Laughlin, Nevada.

Time must be spent on dissemination of information to clubs on the major bylaw changes that will be proposed at the 1990 International Convention. We will go to Dallas informed and ready to participate in this most important event of this decade. The Fall Seminars will be the beginning.

I will continue to focus on the Status of Women. We have a good strong Status of Women District Committee and it will continue its efforts throughout this coming year.

Of course, I will continue to press for your donations to the building fund. We only have this year to meet the goal of our International President, Ruth F. Walker to burn the mortgage in Dallas!!

Again, thank you, District IX for your support, for opening your homes and offering your hospitality when I am on the road, for your encouragement, for being there. To the District IX Board, my hat is off to you. Your first year has been a challenge and you have met the challenge. Together we look forward to another successful year, passing on to the next Board a District IX that is running smoothly and in a growth pattern. You have been great!

We did CATCH THE SPIRIT in District IX as we supported the International President's theme of **'EDUCATION, UNDERSTANDING AND PEACE THROUGH GIVING...time, self and money'.**"

- . Before we continue with the Lieutenant Governor's Report, we should record the Governor's comments on the Big Z Council. "This year we tried something new for Big Z Council, we invited a non-sponsoring Zonta club to host the Conference. The Zonta Club of Los Angeles, who has struggled for years to have a Z Club without success, took on the challenge. To the members of the Zonta Club of Los Angeles I extend my warmest appreciation for a job well done. I know that it was not easy, but you persevered and made it a success. They have asked to be the Hostess Club next year, again. They feel strongly that guidelines should be in place, and we will be meeting this summer to begin the process of writing procedures. They have truly Caught the Zonta Spirit!! Thank you, Zonta Club of Los Angeles."

In the report of Lieutenant Governor **Evelyn E. Guenther** she stated in part, "It has been a tremendous opportunity for me to work with our Governor. We have shared successes and disappointments, ideas and plans, hopes and

promises all with one goal in mind; to improve the status of Zonta in District IX. The Vice Area Directors have served as members of the District Membership Committee and their skills will be further utilized in the coming year. I wish at this time to express my appreciation for their interest and enthusiasm in this new role.

The "How to Kit" for Membership Chairmen was developed by **Josephine Cooke** last biennium, and was updated and distributed at seminars.

The first Planning Meeting in August at Fresno was a learning experience for me. Then it was off to Hawaii in September. A total of 12 seminars were attended this year with active participation in each. Ten different clubs were visited, some more than once. I received new members in three clubs and participated in two installation of officers. I assisted four with Z Club activities; attended one Amelia Earhart celebration and participated in the District Z Club Conference. I have attended meetings of two Clubs being organized, East Valley, Arizona, and Las Vegas, Nevada.

A new "Campaign Kit for Membership Chairmen" was developed and distributed at spring seminars with plans to add new information throughout the coming year.

While the District had a net loss of 4.2% in membership, 52% of our clubs had a net gain. In Area 7, 4 of the 5 clubs had a gain of one in each club; Area 2, a gain in 2 of the 3 clubs; Area 1 and Area 3, 6 of 10 Clubs had a gain; Area 6, 5 of 10 gained members; Area 5, 3 of 8 had a gain; Area 4, 4 of 11 clubs had a net gain.

While we have pointed out the areas where we have been successful and we have concentrated on recruiting and selecting new members, we also must focus on retention of members. Four types of orientation are recommended: Prospective member orientation; New member orientation; New officer orientation; Continuing member orientation.

Since the decision by the delegates in Helsinki to permit, at club option, men to be invited into membership, District IX has received 6 members in this category.

The District membership as of May 31, 1989 was **1,540**. Catch the Spirit of Zonta; strive to make the quality of your efforts the attraction to increase the quantity of your members. Create a good image - it WILL make a difference."

Treasurer **Linda L. Kay** presented the 1987-1988 Auditor's Report. A motion was made by **Linda Kay** to accept the auditor's report; second by **Evelyn Guenther**. Motion carried.

Treasurer **Linda L. Kay** presented the Financial Report as of May 31, 1989. A motion was made by **Linda Kay** to accept the 1988-1989 financial report subject to audit; second by **Evelyn Guenther**. Motion carried.

The report from the Nominating committee was presented by **Glenne Harding**, Chairman. She then gave the slate of officers for the 1990-1992 biennium. Governor **Josephine G. Cooke** then asked for nominations from the floor for each office. There being none, the nominations were declared closed.

Governor Josephine gave the nominees for the offices of Lieutenant Governor and Treasurer 2 minutes each to make a presentation to the delegation.

The Area Directors presented their reports.

Certificate of Award for Outstanding Clubs were given by their Area Directors to Area 1, Zonta Club of Sacramento; Area 2, Zonta Club of Porterville; Area 3, Zonta Club of Santa Clarita Valley Area; Area 4, Zonta Club of San Diego; Area 5, Zonta Club of Riverside; Area 6, Zonta Club of Casa Grande Valley Area; Area 7, Zonta Club of Hilo.

The business session recessed at 11:30 a.m. Voting by District Officers and Delegates took place in Salon E.

"The Radiance Of Zonta" Luncheon was held in Salons B & C at 12:15 p.m. with Lieutenant Governor **Evelyn E. Guenther** presiding. The invocation was given by **Lucy Guernsey**. Introductions were made by **Lieutenant Governor Evelyn**. Public Relations/Publication Chairman, **Norma Skroch** presented The Directory of Members, Area 5 resource booklet intended to help each Zontian know more about the Zontians who live and work beyond her/his local club. The Area 5 Directory is the pilot project for a District IX book which will further extend the boundaries of networking for Zontians. The District IX resource booklet will be completed by the end of the 1990 biennium. Lieutenant Governor **Evelyn** spoke on the subject of Networking. Her talk was very interesting and informative as she divulged the importance, the advantages, and the many ways of networking. **Norma Skroch** gave her Report on Club Newsletters. She commented on Format, Content, Appearance, Style. Best Overall Clubs receiving Honorable Mention for Format were: Bakersfield, Colton, Fontana, Fullerton, La Jolla, Prescott, Santa Clarita Valley Area, Honolulu. Tucson received Certificate of Award for the category of Content. Honorable Mention went to Burbank Area, Hilo, Newport Harbor Area, Nogales, Tucson, Yuma. Santa Clarita Valley Area received the Certificate of Award for Appearance. Honorable Mention went to: Fontana, Tempe, Riverside. Irvine/Saddleback Valley Area received the Certificate of Award for Best Style, and San Jose Area received the Certificate of Award for Best Overall. Governor **Josephine G. Cooke** gave special Recognition to **Mary K. Burch** for her generous contribution for the organization of a new club in District IX in the memory of Past Governor **Lavern Owens**.

The Governor proudly presented the Governor's Zonta In Excellence Award to the Zonta Club of Santa Clarita Valley Area.

The beautiful Zonta pendants at each place setting of the luncheon tables were designed by **Alice Seal**, member of the Zonta Club of Porterville and handcrafted by members of this club.

The Saturday afternoon business session reconvened at 2:15 p.m.

Report of Credentials Committee was given by **Helen R. Moss**, Chairman. The Delegates voted to adopt the Report.

Treasurer **Linda L. Kay** presented the Proposed Budgets for years 1989-1990 and 1990-1991. The proposed budgets were distributed for the delegates to examine and review for action at the third session of Conference on Sunday, June 25, 1989.

District Chairmen Reports were presented: Amelia Earhart Fellowship Program, **Mary K. Sherman**. President **Mary Ann Crawley** presented International President Ruth F. Walker the ninth consecutive full Amelia Earhart Fellowship in the name of the Zonta Club of Riverside. Reports continued with Zonta International Building Fund, **Helen L. Lovenberg**, Chairman; Historian, **Victoria Oren**, Chairman.

Governor Josephine presented Special Recognition Awards to clubs celebrating their birthdays: Honolulu, 65 years: Pasadena, 60 years: Glendale Area, 60 years: Nogales, 35 years: Escondido, 30 years: Fullerton, 30 years: Salt Lake Area, 30 years: Santa Rosa Area, 30 years: Tempe, 25 years: Colton, 25 years: Santa Clarita Valley Area, 15 years: San Francisco, 5 years: San Luis R.C. Sonora Mexico, 2 years.

Reports continued with: Service, **Barbara White**, Chairman: United Nations, **Jacque Buskuhl**: Status of Women, **Betty Loftesness**, Chairman: Z Clubs, **Virginia Thompson**, Chairman.

Governor Josephine gave recognition for special efforts and for their gracious hospitality by presenting Special Recognition Certificates to the following Zonta Clubs: Hostess Clubs for 1988 Fall Seminars - Marin County, Porterville, Conejo Valley Area, San Bernardino. Prescott, Leilehua. Hostess Clubs for 1989 Spring Seminars - Monterey, Bakersfield, Burbank, Riverside, Long Beach, Casa Grande Valley. Hostess Club For 1989 Big Z Council - Los Angeles.

Governor Josephine expressed her most gracious gratitude to her "Road Buddy", Lieutenant Governor **Evelyn E. Guenther** for her constant support and helpfulness in all their many endeavors this past year.

The Teller's Report was given by **Marcia Rubinstein**, Chairman. Governor **Josephine** declared a re-vote would be taken for the office of Lieutenant Governor between **Harriet Zimney** and **Shirley Eubanks**. After the re-vote, Teller Chairman, **Marcia Rubinstein** gave the final result.

The Governor declared the following elected for the 1990-1992 biennium and these officers would take office immediately following the Dallas Convention, June 28, 1990.

Governor	Evelyn Guenther
Lieutenant Governor	Shirley Eubanks
Treasurer	Victoria Oren

Area Directors

Area 1	Marjorie Appleton
Area 2	Lydia Kuhn
Area 3	Dianne Curtis
Area 4	Marianne Rodriguez
Area 5	Gail Ousley
Area 6	Polly Roome
Area 7	Colleen Parish

Vice Area Directors

Area 1	Betty Loftesness
Area 2	Alice Seal
Area 3	Lia Kamminga
Area 4	Gina Edwards
Area 5	Kathleen Brenneman
Area 6	Sharon Bresin
Area 7	Juliette Tulang

District Nominating Committee Chairman

Susanne H. Imhaus
Helen M. Lovenberg
Barbara Brown

District Representative
to the Int'l. Nominating Committee **Norma Skroch**
Alternate **Kay E. Garrett**

Governor Josephine presented District District IX, the 1990-1992 Governor, her Board and elected Committee Members

Governor-Elect Evelyn E. Guenther then gave her acceptance speech, and announced the 1990-1992 appointed positions: District IX Secretary, **Rachel Warmack**; District IX parliamentarian, **Vi Parenteau**. **Governor-Elect Evelyn** presented **Governor Josephine** with gifts of appreciation from District IX - a check for the Building Fund in the amount of \$1,000 and a Past Governor's pin mounted on a beautiful gold disc.

Governor Josephine announced she would be hosting a Reception at 6:00 p.m. for the newly elected officers.

The meeting was recessed to reconvene Sunday, June 25, 1989 at 9:15 a.m immediately following the 8:00 a.m. Memorial Service.

The evening of June 24 was an exciting one for everyone. The invocation was given by **Kathleen Brenneman**. After a delicious buffet, Entertainment Chairman, **Marlene Chisolm** presented "**RAISIN WHOOPIE**" featuring some very talented District IX Zontians performing in the variety show. At the conclusion of the "Raisin Whoopee" show, **Governor Josephine G. Cooke** announced the Area with the most outstanding talent to receive the "the first ever **Josette Award** was Area 3 as she presented the beautiful trophy to the very proud Area 3 Director, **Harriet S. Zimney**.

The centerpieces adorning each dinner table were whimsical, cloth "Raisin" dolls - painstakingly handcrafted by the members of the Zonta Club of Porterville. Those fortunate to hold the "lucky" number at each table were entitled to keep the "Raisin" doll on their table.

Memorial Service

The beautiful Memorial Service, "And We Will Always Remember. . . ." was held at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, June 25, 1989. The narrator was Lieutenant Governor **Evelyn Guenther**, assisted by **Doris Dee Tabor**. Tributes were paid to 30 Zontians including 2 Past Governors, **Lavern Owens** (1959-1962) and **Kathleen Esp** (1978-1980). Each Area Director was presented with a lei in memory of those in her Area. The service ended with The Lord's Prayer done in sign language by **Cathy Mollica**, and Hawaiian hand language by "**Dimples**" **Kano**. The beauty of the Islands, a place dearly loved by **Lavern** and **Kathleen**, was brought to us in the flowers, the music and the Hawaiian quotations. The contributions of "**Dimples**" **Kano**, **Lia Kamminga** and **Cathy Mollica** made the service especially meaningful. The program cover art work was done by **Janine Kovsky**, the Hawaiian translations were prepared by Jean llei Beniamina.

Final Business Session of Conference - Sunday, June 25, 1989

The final business session was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by **Governor Josephine G. Cooke**.

Report of Credentials Committee was given by **Helen R. Moss**, Chairman. The Delegates voted to adopt the Report.

Since the Delegates had been given the opportunity to review the proposed Budgets for the years 1989-1990 and 1990-1991, **Governor Josephine** then recognized Treasurer **Linda Kay**. **Linda** made the motion to accept the recommendation of the Board to adopt the budgets for the fiscal years 1989-1990 and 1990-1991 as presented. Both motions were seconded by **Lieutenant Governor Evelyn E. Guenther**. Both motions carried.

Governor Josephine recognized **Lieutenant Governor Evelyn** to present a recommendation from the District Board that had been circulated prior to this conference. **Evelyn** read the proposed Standing Rule NO. 14:

As a voting member of the delegation at Zonta International Convention, the Governor's expenses, net of any International reimbursements, shall be reimbursed by the District for the following items:

- a. The most reasonable air fare, round trip
- b, The standard hotel room rate, double occupancy, beginning the night before the first day of registration through the night of the closing banquet.
- c. Registration Fee
- d. International Dinner
- Closing Banquet
- Classification Luncheon or its equivalent
- Luncheon or dinner for the specific office, if not covered by Zonta International
- h. Any luncheon or dinner where the presence of the Governor will be noted i.e. awards.

Full notification of expenditures, including receipts, shall be submitted to the current Governor no later than 60 days after close of convention.

Lt. Governor **Evelyn** made the motion to accept the recommendation of the Board, Standing Rule Number 14, an addition to the Standing Rules. The second was by **Harriet Zimney**. Motion carried.

The Governor recognized Treasurer **Linda** to present a recommendation from the District Board that had been circulated prior to this conference. **Linda** read the proposed Standing Rule NO. 15:

As a non-voting attendee, the Governor-Elect's expenses, net of any International reimbursement, shall include 60% of the same expenses allowed for the Governor, as stated in Standing Rule Number 14.

Should the Governor-Elect obtain voting rights at International Convention, reimbursement shall include 100% of the same expenses allowed for the Governor.

Full notification of the expenditures, including receipts, shall be submitted to current Governor no later than 60 days after close of convention.

Linda made the motion to accept the recommendation of the Board, Stand Rule Number 15, an addition to the District Standing Rules. The second was by **Glenne Harding**. Motion carried.

Standing Rules Numbers 14 & 15 will become a part of the current standing Rules, becoming effective immediately".

Area 7 Director, **Margaret A. Donovan** made a motion to authorize the District IX Board to approve the minutes of the District IX, 1989 Conference held in Fresno. The second was by Area 4 Director, **Kay E. Garrett**. Motion carried.

Gerry Gerken, Zonta Club of Santa Ana made a motion the District IX Board set up a committee to study the feasibility of having yearly conferences in October or September in order to more closely coincide with Zonta International's program. The second was by **Glenne Harding**, Zonta Club of Midpeninsula Area. Motion carried.

Courtesy Resolutions were presented by **Harriet S. Zimney**.

Governor Josephine presented a Special Recognition Certificate and an American Flag Zonta pin to **Josie Lee Kuhlman**, Conference Chairman, **Dr. Esther Chapman** and **Elizabeth Moore**, Conference Co-Chairmen for their outstanding organizational skills in coordinating this conference in Fresno.

Governor Josephine presented **Norma Foster** with a Special Recognition Certificate for her helpful assistance this week-end.

Lieutenant Governor Evelyn Guenther asked the Zonta Club of Salt Lake Area to present their invitation to the 1991 District Conference. Members from the Zonta Club of Salt Lake Area cleverly presented their invitation with a skit, inviting District IX Zontians to attend the District IX Conference at the Red Lion Inn, June 21, 22, 23, 1991 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Conference Attendance Recorded:

International Representative	1
District Officers	10
Delegates	55
Other Members Registered	155
Guests Registered	29
Grand Total	250

The Collect was recited.

The District IX Conference was declared adjourned by **Governor Josephine G. Cooke**.

Congratulations to **Governor Josephine Cooke** and all the behind the scene workers who made the District Conference in Fresno such a big success.

New AD HOC Committee - Long Range Planning Committee.

Governor Josephine announced the following Zontians have agreed to serve on this most needed committee: **Geraldine Gerken**, Chairman; **Kathleen Brenneman**; **Jacque Buskuhl**; **Lucy Guernsey**.

Effective October 1, 1989, **Margaret Donovan**, Area 7 Director will no longer be able to serve in that capacity due to professional and business commitments. The Board filled the vacancy, in accordance with IBL X, Section 14, for the balance of this biennium the following Zontians will serve:

Marie F. Smith (current Vice Area Director) will serve as Area Director;

Colleen Parish (Area Director Elect) will serve as Vice Area Director.

Two Clubs In District IX Merge

The Zonta Clubs of Lancaster Area and Antelope Valley Area have merged. Effective September 1, 1989 the merged Clubs will be known as the Zonta Club Of Antelope Valley Area. A Merger of the Charters Ceremony is being planned for November 5, 1989.

1986-1988 District IX History Supplement

Copies of the 1986-1988 District IX History are available from District Historian, **Victoria Oren**, at a cost of \$4.00 per copy. It is a wonderful addition to our History Book and a wealth of information about our District. If you have purchased the History you will want to consider adding the supplement to your library.

Building Fund

Helen M. Lovenberg, Building Fund Chairman reports, for the period December, 1985 to September, 1989 the grand total contributed to the Building Fund is \$1,246,866. District IX is in third place, contributing, in that period, \$74,664. First place goes to District XVII, with a total of \$270,595 and in second place is District XIV, with a total of \$161,367.

Change In District IX Chairmanship

Due to family illness **Virginia Thompson** has deemed it necessary to resign from the position of District IX Z Club Chairman. **Isobel De Luca** has been appointed in her place.

District IX Return To Annual District Conferences In 1992.

It has been approved to return to annual District Conferences. The next District Conference will be June, 1991 in Salt Lake City, Utah. After that all Conferences will be held in the Fall of each year.

Other Changes

Effective February 20, 1990 Valerie Levitan resigned from the position of Executive Director of Zonta International. She held this position 11 years, taking this position September 1, 1979. We wish Valerie the best as she pursues her future endeavors.

Effective February 25, 1990 **Linda Kay** resigned from the position of District IX Treasurer due to increased business commitments. We thank **Linda** for all her work this Biennium, and offer her our support and best wishes for success in her future endeavors.

The District IX Board, in accordance with Article X, Section 14 of the International Bylaws, filled the vacated office of District IX Treasurer Effective immediately, **Victoria Oren** will fill the office of Treasurer.

Congratulations To District IX Clubs Who Have Or Will Reach An Important Milestone In The Year 1990:

60 Years - Zonta Clubs of Riverside, Santa Barbara; 55 Years - Zonta Clubs of Bakersfield, Fontana, San Bernardino; 40 Years - Zonta Club of Hilo; 35 Years - Zonta Club of Antelope Valley Area (Formerly known as the Zonta Club of Lancaster); 30 Years - Zonta Club of La Jolla; 5 Years - Zonta Club of Yucaipa/Calimesa.

1990 Dallas Convention

June 22 through June 28, 1990

Governor Josephine tells us, "Everyone has received the Call To Convention which can be found in the December/January/February issue of the Zontian. I have said it before, and I say it again, this will probably be the most important Convention for Zonta International since its first Convention. I wish to have District IX take an active part in the decision making process of this full revision of our Bylaws. The Area Directors have been given a supply of District IX Ribbons to be distributed to our Zontians who will be in attendance. Let's be visible! Let's be informed! Let's participate! Let's show the Zonta world that District IX did 'CATCH THE SPIRIT'!"

A full Agenda has been established for our District IX Meeting on June 24, 1990. This will be our time to complete the business of the Biennium, present awards, give recognition to deserving Zontians, pass the Gavel to our new leadership team.

New Club In District IX

The Chartering of a new club in District IX on Saturday, May 27, 1990 the Zonta Club of Greater Salt Lake County will be introduced to the State of Utah at a Luncheon. Our thanks to the Zonta Clubs of Salt Lake Area and South Salt Lake Area for their hard work!

Building Fund

Have you met your obligation of contributing \$25.00 per year of this biennium to the Building Fund? Do you have your "I Gave Button"? It is not too late to send your contributions to Building Fund Chairman, **Helen M. Lovenberg**.

Zonta International Yuletide Tree

Worldwide Zontians were asked to send three ornaments, representing their culture or something historical from their area to be displayed at the convention in Dallas. We will see many ornaments from District IX Zontians among others from allover.

Big Z Council Conference

The Zonta Club of Los Angeles will host the District IX Z Club Conference on April 27, 28, 29, 1990 at the Boy's Camp, Griffith Park, Los Angeles.

Governor's Message

In the 8th and final issue of May, 1990 Governor's Newsletter, **Governor Josephine's** Message read: "The time has flown by so very quickly, and it is difficult to realize that we are quickly coming to the end of this biennium. Two years ago goals were established for our District. When goals are kept in proper perspective, they are always positive, even when they are not attained. I once read, "Goals are like stars; they may not be reached but they can always be a guide". My report, The State of District IX, will be presented in Dallas at the District Meeting, Sunday, June 24, 1990.

It has been an exciting two years for me, and I hope my service has been of some benefit to each of you. Thank you for having given me the opportunity to serve as your Governor. We, as a team, in District IX, did indeed, fulfill the Theme of our International President, Ruth F. Walker, by promoting, ' Education, Peace and Understanding Through Giving Time - Self - Money" .

International Up-Date

New Executive Director: Bonnie L. Koenig
Program Manager: Anne Meegan

Foundation Manager: Rickie Jacobs
Membership Manager: Tari Tigner

Assisting with Membership: Francine Calcagno & Ramonita Carillo

We will have an opportunity to meet our new Executive Director, Bonnie Koenig at convention in Dallas.

District IX Thanks To Governor Josephine G, Cooke

We thank you, **Governor Josephine!** You served District IX well. You went beyond the call of duty in always being there for the District; always being there to help the clubs, and individual members, when needed. YOU WERE ALWAYS THERE WITH YOUR EXPERTISE AND A BIG SMILE! THANK YOU!!!

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ZONTA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

JUNE 23-28,1990

A big Southwestern "howdy" greeted Zontians and guests representing approximately 44 countries as they arrived in Dallas, Texas, for the 50th Convention of Zonta International at the beautiful Loews Anatole Hotel. In keeping with the spirit of Texas, this was one of the larger, if not the largest, Zonta International Conventions ever. In addition, this was the largest international convention, as to the number of countries represented, that the City of Dallas or the Anatole Hotel has ever hosted. "Hats Off"! to all Zontians in District X for planning a most successful convention. Special thanks to Convention Co-Chairmen Marilyn Ward and Jeanette Lamont. From the always impressive and traditional Parade of Flags opening to the closing banquet, it was Texas warm and friendly.

Greetings from President George Bush were read by Zonta International President Ruth Walker, a special video message from First Lady, Barbara Bush was viewed. Welcomes to Texas, Dallas and District X were heard from State Representative Fred Hill, representing Governor Clements, Mayor Annette Straus and District X Governor Marilyn Ward respectively.

Madame Jehan Sadat's address was inspiring and expressed her great sense of humor. A Sioux Indian Blessing, given by Chief Littlebird, was seen via video tape. Chief Littlebird is a Santee Lakota Indian. He has donated to Zonta International the Sacred Hoop used in the blessing and it will be on display at our Headquarters Building in Chicago. Receptions immediately followed the Opening Ceremonies hosted by clubs from Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Texas and Mexico.

That was only the opening ceremonies. Other highlights were the International Dinner, with a "South of the Border" theme with decorations bright and colorful, reflecting the spirit of Mexico and the Latin American countries. Entertainment was provided by six dancers from the Ballet Folklorico of Dallas. Dallas area business leaders hosted the Professional Luncheons in their own Board Rooms at various locations around the Metroplex area giving Zontians an opportunity to learn unique aspects about business women in the southern United States. Buses took us outside Dallas to the Circle R Ranch to enjoy a barbeque dinner, a rodeo and many other activities.

The International Service Breakfast recognized outstanding support of the International Service Projects. The Closing Banquet provided a fitting climax to our 50th Convention where we tasted the best that the world-famous Anatole Hotel can offer at beautifully decorated tables accented with hurricane lamps and fairy lights and listening to the perfectly blended voices of 100+ all-male choirs, the Vocal Majority, as they serenaded us, to close Zonta's magical Texas adventure.

Christmas in June??? No, we weren't seeing things, only it wasn't a Christmas tree, it was a friendship tree! Originally conceived by Peggy Wildman, Dallas III. The tree was placed in the Tower Lobby of the hotel where we viewed the culmination of a dream. This tree symbolized friendship and love that reflected the cultural diversity of Zonta. Over 500 Zonta Clubs around the world responded to a call for ornaments by sending at least 1500 ornaments. Zonta Club of Dallas III members provided many hours of service, receiving, cataloging and caring for the ornaments and securing a local sponsor. The tree, lights, and hand-out publication were provided by Sewell Village Cadillac of Dallas, a local automobile dealer. Following its appearance in Dallas the tree will be placed in the Zonta Headquarters Building Lobby in Chicago for the Christmas season.

Convention Business: From District IX, Past Governor **Josephine G. Cooke** was elected one of seven International Directors to serve on the International Board under International President Leneen Forde, and Past Governor **Mary K. Sherman** was elected to the International Nominating Committee. Dues were raised to only \$36 vs \$45 as proposed. **Josephine Cooke** and **Norma Foster** were instrumental in drafting the Zonta International Declaration which was read by Past International President Helvi Sipila.

Districts and Clubs are to use the international theme, "*Successful Executives Serving the World*." The changes in our bylaws, our new projects and commitments will soon be coming to you.

Outgoing President Ruth F. Walker installed Leneen Forde as International President. President Leneen has been a member of the Zonta Club of Brisbane, Australia, since 1971. Serving with her on the International Board are: Sonja M. Renfer, President-Elect; M. Joan Hutchinson, Vice President; Jacquelyn Pulford, Treasurer; and the 7 Directors: **Josephine G. Cooke**; Ellen Tye; Amy Hung; Susan Laidlaw; Marilyn Ward; Andrea Morraux; Eija Salo.

District IX Meeting In Dallas - Sunday, June 24,1990

Reports were given by Governor **Josephine G Cooke**; Lieutenant Governor **Evelyn Guenther**; Treasurer **Victoria Oren**. District Recognition Awards were presented to Top Clubs. The Governor's Award to the Best and Most Outstanding club. Certificates for the Best Newsletters were also given. **Helen M. Lovenberg**, Building Fund Chairman, **Doris Dee Tabor**, District parliamentarian were among those receiving Zonta wristwatches from Governor Josephine for their outstanding work in the District. District Secretary **Wilma E. Swantz** was presented a Panasonic Personal Word Processor, a personal gift from Governor Josephine and Lieutenant Governor Evelyn, not only for her prompt and accurate record keeping as District Secretary but also, for her many years serving as District Historian. A special election was held to elect an Area Director for the new Area 8 in Utah. **Venette Orr** was elected. Governor Josephine received many honors and good wishes, including those from Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley.

GOVERNOR JOSEPHINE G. COOKE INSTALLS 1990-1992 DISTRICT IX EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

GOVERNOR	EVELYN E. GUENTHER	Zonta Club of Antelope Valley
LT. GOVERNOR	SHIRLEY EUBANKS	Zonta Club of Tempe
TREASURER	VICTORIA OREN	Zonta Club of Santa Clarita
SECRETARY	MARILYN MAUZEY	Zonta Club af Burbank
PARLAMENTARIAN	VIOLET PARENTEAU	Zonta Club of Tempe

GOVERNOR EVELYN E. GUENTHER PRESENTS PINS TO DISTRICT AREA DIRECTORS

MARJORIE APPLETON	AREA 1	GAIL OUSLEY	AREA 5
LYDIA KUHN	AREA 2	POLLY ROOME	AREA 6
DIANNE K. CURTIS	AREA 3	COLLEEN FUJIHARA	AREA 7
MARIANNE RODRIGUEZ	AREA 4	VENETTE ORR	AREA 8

VICE AREA DIRECTORS WHO WERE INTRODUCED WERE:

BETTY LOFTESNESS	AREA 1	KATHLEEN BRENNEMAN	AREA 5
ALICE SEAL	AREA 2	BARBARA BROWN	AREA 6
LIA KAMMINGA	AREA 3	JULIETTE TULANG	AREA 7
GINA EDWARDS	AREA 4		

(None in Area 8 due to size and nearness of clubs in the Area)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS INTRODUCED

DISTRICT

SUSANNE H. IMHAUS, Chairman; HELEN M. LOVENBERG; RAE ROSS

DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES ON THE SUB-COMMITTEE. OF INTERNATIONAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE

NORMA SKROCH, REPRESENTATIVE; KAY E. GARRETT, ALTERNATE

DISTRICT COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN WERE INTRODUCED AND ARE:

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS	JOANN MC CABE
MEMBERSHIP AND CLASSIFICATION	SHIRLEY EUBANKS
ORGANIZATION AND EXTENSION	EVELYN GUENTHER
PROTOCOL	LORRAINE SECOR
PUBLIC RELATIONS/PUBLICATIONS	NORMA FOSTER
SERVICE	CYNTHIA HOWARD
STATUS OF WOMEN	BETTY LOFTESNESS
UNITED NATIONS	JOYCE NELSON
Z CLUB	LIA KAMMINGA

DISTRICT IX 1990-1992 BIENNIUM

GOVERNOR EVELYN E. GUENTHER

Our members are a very special group and they belong to a very special organization. Zonta members continue to be some of the world's most generous contributors of time and money. We support innumerable international and community projects to improve the quality of life for others.

Volunteerism and selfless giving are not just passing whims or recent developments of the Zonta members. These attitudes are a way of life. Today's Zonta members have the same great enthusiasm and fierce determination that characterized the first Zonta members, working with the same intensity of spirit and the same devotion to duty.

Each new generation of Zontians revitalizes and empowers the organization by giving it new energy and forward momentum. By doing this, we sow "seeds of possibility" and ensure growth and prosperity for future generations and for millions of future Zonta members. Once these seeds take root, we need to nurture and cultivate them so that they will grow and flourish. This assures a bright future for Zonta. So, as we continue our work to assure a bright future, this 1990-1992 District IX History is dedicated to **Governor, Evelyn E. Guenther.**

The election and installation of **Evelyn E. Guenther** of Lancaster, California as District IX Governor is the realization of her long-held dream.

Evelyn, a current member of the Zonta Club of Antelope Valley, has been a Zonta member since 1970 when she joined the Zonta Club of Lancaster Area. She has held numerous offices at club, district and international levels, including Club President, Area 3 Director, Lieutenant Governor, District Z Club Chairman, District Protocol Chairman, District Organization and Extension Committee, International Z Club Chairman and member of the International Z Club Committee.

After 19 years with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services, **Evelyn** retired, then developed her own business, Creative Business Services. She is also the President of the newly formed Lancaster Museum/Art Gallery Association. She was the first female to receive the outstanding lay citizen's award for education from Phi Delta Kappa and the only recipient of the Gold Key Award from the Lancaster Elementary Teachers' Association. She is the founding president of the Antelope Valley Archaeological Society. **Evelyn** invites every Zonta member to help her "Make Zonta Visable."

GOVERNOR'S GOALS

1. I plan to appoint and train 10 Zontians each year to be motivators and organizers as part of the Organization and Extension Committee. This O & E team will work with clubs showing no growth.

2. We will work more closely with clubs with low membership (under 18), as the goal is to bring them to 18 the first year.

3. The next goal is to have all clubs at a minimum of 20 by the end of the biennium.

4. Let's increase membership by 10% each year in clubs over 20.

5. Let's increase the number of Clubs in District IX to 60 by organizing at least one new club each year and having two areas targeted for clubs with groundwork started for next biennium.

6. Let's increase contributions to the Building Fund by 10% for club contributions and strive for 10 Caring Clubs.

7. In a District that enjoys the membership of former A. E. Fellows and attracts current Fellows to study, lets contribute 9 Fellowships.

8. Let's increase Z Clubs by 10% and strengthen the communication between Z Clubs and Zonta Clubs.

9. Let's increase attendance at seminars by restructuring these events.

10. Let's strive for 25% attendance at the District Conference with every club represented.

Governor Evelyn said ***"These are my ten top priority goals but there is a dream Past Governor Josie and I have shared for more than just these two years. Let's make the Resource Directory a total reality, making District IX a leader in Networking."***

DISTRICT IX AREAS & CLUBS

AREA 1

BERKELEY/NORTH BAY - MARIN COUNTY - MIDPENINSULA AREA -
*MONTEREY PENINSULA - MT. DIABLO AREA -SACRAMENTO - SALINAS AREA -
SAN FRANCISCO - SAN JOSE - *SANTA ROSA

AREA 2

BAKERSFIELD FRESNO PORTERVILLE

AREA 3

ANTELOPE VALLEY AREA - BURBANK AREA - CONEJO VALLEY AREA - GLENDALE
AREA - LOS ANGELES - PASADENA - SANTA BARBARA - SANTA CLARITA VALLEY AREA
*SAN FERNANDO VALLEY AREA

AREA 4

ANAHEIM - CAPISTRANO VALLEY AREA - LA JOLLA - LONG BEACH AREA
ESCONDIDO - FULLERTON - NEWPORT HARBOR AREA - SAN DIEGO -
SANTA ANA AREA - SOUTH BAY AREA

AREA 5

COLTON FONTANA - *HEMIT/SAN JACINTO - ONTARIO/UPLAND - REDLANDS
RIVERSIDE - SAN BERNARDINO - YUCAIPA/CALIMESA

AREA 6

CASA GRANDE VALLEY AREA - NOGALES - *PRESCOTT - PHOENIX AREA
SAN LUIS (MX) - TEMPE - TUCSON - YUMA

AREA 7

HILO HONOLULU KAUAI LEILEHUA MAUI

AREA 8

METROPOLITAN SALT LAKE -SOUTH SALT LAKE VALLEY - SALT LAKE AREA

NOTE: **These five clubs were disbanded during the 1990-92 biennium.*

AMELIA EARHART FELLOWS

1990-1991 40 Fellowships were awarded @ \$6,000 each, 8 of these will attend universities in District IX.

1991-1992 42 Fellowships were awarded @ \$6,000 each.

Three fellows each year were designated Leota Pekrul Fellows, named for 1970-1972 Past International President Leota Pekrul who left a significant bequest to the Amelia Earhart Fund in 1988.

The **Zonta Club of Riverside** in Area 5 has for many years contributed one full Amelia Earhart Fellowship each year. This is perhaps the only Zonta Club in the world to do this.

1991-1992 The **Zonta Club of Newport Harbor Area** in Area 4 contributed one full Amelia Earhart Fellowship.

1991 - Dr. Janice Voss, a previous Fellow, was selected for the Astronaut Program.

NETA SNOOK SOUTHERN, who in 1921 taught a young pre-med student named **AMELIA EARHART** to fly for \$1.00 per minute at old Kenner Field in what is now South Gate, has died.

Mrs. Southern was 95 when she died March 23, 1991 at her Los Gatos home near San Jose, a year older than her famed pupil would have been had Earhart not disappeared in the Pacific Ocean while trying to fly around the world in 1937.

ZONTA HEADQUARTERS BUILDING

Due to the litigation with the contractor who did the renovation work on our Headquarters Building and Zonta International Foundation, little was heard about contributions to the Building Fund. Now resolved in Zonta's favor, we are encouraged to send contributions to our **District Fundraising Chairman, Helen M. Lovenberg** during the second year of this biennium.

PAST DISTRICT IX GOVERNOR PASSES AWAY

JESSICA TEGLAND, a former Zontian and 1976-1978 DISTRICT IX GOVERNOR passed away June, 1992. She was a former member of the Zonta Club of Riverside and a Past President of this Club.

1991 BIG Z CONFERENCE was held at Griffith Park Boys Camp April 26, 27, 28, 1991.

1992 BIG Z CONFERENCE scheduled for May 1,2,3,1992 at Griffith Park Boys Camp **was abruptly cancelled** due to the riots in Los Angeles.

CANDLELIGHT VIGIL, SEPTEMBER 23,1990

Zonta Clubs will join other community organizations in the **Candlelight Vigil** to focus international attention on the **plight of children**, the "silent constituency" among us. Thirteen to 18 million children die annually worldwide; 40,000 children die daily under the age of five. In the U.S., 40,000 children die each year. The high death rate is largely due to malnutrition and preventable diseases, and due to alarming increases in alcohol and drug abuse and gang warfare.

YOUNG WOMEN IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The First Annual Young Women in Public Affairs Award will begin in 1992. Zonta International has made it our challenge to select a female high school senior from each Area. She should be involved in public affairs and various altruistic endeavors and have a high scholastic average. Each club is encouraged to contact high schools in the club's communities to make them aware of the award and to submit applications to each club president.

LITERACY PROPOSAL

The "North American Zonta Circle of Caring Through Literacy" program proposal to the Coors Foundation seeks a multi-million-dollar grant to fund a literacy project on a nationwide scale. This project would be coordinated on District level, and a District Literacy Coordinator, appointed by the Governor, would oversee project efforts in the District.

Funds distributed from the Coors Foundation would be based on quarterly reports on the program and achievements of the Zonta Literacy Project. Zonta's goal is to provide 8,000 to 10,000 hours of literacy volunteer service to come from 800 to 1,000 Zontians and Friends of Zonta over a two-year period. Existing literacy training programs and networks may be utilized under the Coors-funded project.

Those who may have been concerned about linking Zonta to a brewing company should be aware that Coors is a multi-national diversified corporation who, in addition to producing beer, is involved in aluminum recycling, biotechnology, large scale energy conservation and ecological efforts.

Coors also produces high-temperature ceramics respected throughout the world. In addition, Coors has been actively involved in promoting responsible alcohol consumption and has funded community programs to prevent alcohol and drug abuse.

DISTRICT IX MAKES CHANGES

The District changed from Roman numerals to Arabic numbers; hence District IX to District 9. Forty-four years ago at the Zonta International Convention in 1947 the District was changed from District VII to District IX.

BIENNIAL CONFERENCES CHANGES

Thirteen years ago District Conferences were changed from Annual Conferences to Biennial Conferences. The last **spring** Biennial Conference will be held in 1991 at Salt Lake City, Utah. The Annual Conferences will return in the fall of the year in 1992.

CLUB WITH DISTINCTION

The **Zonta Club of Los Angeles** has the honor of being the first club in the District to have **three generations** of active members in its membership. They are, **Josephine G. Cooke**, her mother, **Marion Holloman** and her daughter, **Tracey Harris**.

NOTE: With fewer club newsletters received, we are unable to mention club accomplishments or give recognition to those members who received state, county and community honors. **We need better communications.** *It would be most helpful if the newsletter editors would include the District Historian in their mailing list.*

1991 DISTRICT 9 CONFERENCE HELD IN SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

District 9 Zontains and guests gathered for conference at the Red Lion Inn, Salt Lake City, June 21, 22, 23, 1991. Those who attended the 1975 conference sixteen years ago welcomed the opportunity to return to this beautiful city which lies between two mountain ranges with peaks towering to 11,000 feet. The theme for conference was, "Let's Get Visible!"

The Zonta Clubs of Area 8-Metropolitan Salt Lake, Salt Lake Area, South Salt Lake Valley were hostesses. Registration began at 4:00 p.m. Thursday, June-20, 1991, and was located on the Mezzanine of the Red Lion Inn. The registration desk remained open that evening and reopened Friday morning at 8:00 a.m. and closed at 5:30 p.m. with a total of 145 Zontians, including 21 guests registered. **Governor Evelyn E. Guenther** was the presiding officer. The International Representative was Zonta International President Leneen M. Forde, from Brisbane, Australia. We were honored to have in attendance, four past District IX Governors - **Rayma Neeb** (1966-1968); **Mary K. Sherman** (1984-1986); **Phyllis Samson**, (1986-1988); and **Josephine G. Cooke** (1988-1990)

Hospitality and exhibits were in the Topaz Room, located on the Mezzanine and were open throughout the Conference. The Zonta Store was located off the main Hotel lobby and included items for sale by clubs as well as a table of Zonta materials and supplies.

Friday morning, June 21, 1991, started with a Continental Breakfast on the Mezzanine at 8:00 a.m.

Workshops began at 9:00 a.m. and were held in Canyon I, II and III located on the Mezzanine.

Session I (9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.)

"A Visit with the Doctor and the Lawyer" Moderator, **Dr. Doris D. Tabor**; panelists Zonta International President and Attorney, **Leneen Forde**; **Jacque Buskuhl**, Legal Profession; **Evelyn Guenther**, District 9 Governor.

"Knows for News" Leader, **Florence Mote**, District Newsletter Chairman; Facilitator, **Frances Frame**; expert, **Penny Hagedorn**.

"Learning About the 'F' Word" Leader, **Victoria Oren**, District Treasurer; experts, **Kathleen Brenneman**, Vice Area 5 Director; **Nancy Coon**.

Session II (10:45 a.m. - 12:00 noon)

"A Rainbow of Relationships" Presenter, **Marilyn Mauzey**, District Secretary; panelists and their topics, "Self Esteem for the Zonta Woman," **Marcia Rubinstein**; "Values and Attitudes," **Lucy Guernsey**; "Literacy and Family Love," **Betty Tatham**.

"Making Zonta Visible" Leader, **Norma Foster**, District Public Relation Chairman; facilitator, **Gina Edwards**, Vice Area 4 Director; panelists **Josephine G. Cooke**, Zonta International Director; **Patricia Fluharty**, District 2 Governor, Our Friendship District.

"This Road Leads to Fellowship" Leader, **Mary K. Sherman**, Past District Governor; assisted by **Dianne Curtis**, Area 3 Director.

FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP LUNCHEON

The Friday luncheon was held in the Ballroom, hosted by **Cynthia Howard**, MC, Service Chairman; and **Joyce Nelson**, United Nations Chairman. The speaker was International President **Leneen Forde** who brought us up to date on Zonta around the world. Zontains were seated with their Friendship Clubs.

Fashion Show Fashions from our three latest UNIFEM countries were presented by **Irene Blore**, past President of the Glendale Area Club. **Catherine Shirley**, President of Hemet/San Jacinto modeled the Blue Kimoni Pharaoh style from Egypt. The gown was loaned to Irene courtesy of Cameli Arvad of Glendale. Model **Lori Moore**, President of Yucaipa/Calimesa wore the Sari from India. This Sari was a family heirloom of Sonali Date of Glendale. **Jill Reese**, President of Tucson modeled the Masai Tribe printed cotton tribal gown from Togo. The gown was worn with a handbeaded neck ring. The tribal gown was loaned courtesy of **Sue Person**, Glendale Zonta member. And last but certainly not least, **Josephine Cooke**, International Board Member from the Los Angeles Club modeled the Kangas. Along the border of the Kangas were the words "your deeds are your words and should bring praises to you".

Luncheon Speaker International President Leneen Forde.

President Leneen has been a member of the Zonta Club of Brisbane, Australia since 1971. Encouragement for young women through women helping women was the topic of her speech. She spoke of the importance of Z Clubs as ways to help women. With the opening up of the Eastern Block Countries there are many new prospects for helping women. One way is through the exchange program. On her way to the Swedish conference, President Forde mentioned meetings with women in Poland and Czechoslovakia. These women are eager to share their knowledge and involvement with others. They have a thirst to organize other clubs in their country and have made that their goal as part of the exchange program.

Another new prospect for helping women is that of helping disadvantaged groups. A major project for all clubs should be to help literacy action groups, Unifem, and Amelia Earhart programs. The last prospect mentioned by President Forde is that of supporting ourselves. Meet with your politicians, have a business fair of professional women, promote women in your community through the election of women to boards and government committees. Support the members in your own clubs. Don't abandon your own members in their most trying times. Help them through the ups and downs in their lives. We all have them. Remember, "charity begins at home". President Forde is looking forward to seeing many Zontains from the United States in Hong Kong for the 51st convention to be held in 1992.

UNITED NATIONS SERVICE AWARDS

Joyce Nelson, District 9 UN Chairman presented certificates of achievement to the following clubs for responding to the UN survey. The survey requested that each club report its activities. Each club was requested to actively support the UN international Literacy Year (1990), the UN Decade of Disabled Persons (1983-92), the UN Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination (1982-93), the UN Third Disarmament Decade (1990's) and focus on the environment.

The following clubs were recognized:

Burbank	Conejo Valley	Hilo, Hawaii
Irvine/Saddleback Valley		Los Angeles
Long Beach	Nogales	Redlands
Marin County	Newport Harbor	Salinas
Pasadena	Riverside	Salt Lake
Santa Clarita Valley		South Bay
South Salt Lake Valley		Tucson

SERVICE AWARDS

Cynthia Howard, District 9 Service Committee Chairman presented certificates of achievement to the following clubs for responding to a survey on community service projects. The survey requested that each club describe its community service project, indicate its purpose and who it serves, explain the time and money commitment involved and the duration of the project. Thirty-five clubs responded.

Bakersfield	Burbank	Nogales
Newport Harbor	Pasadena	Phoenix
Capistrano Valley	Porterville	Sacramento
Casa Grande Valley	Salinas	Salt Lake
Conejo Valley	Colton	Escondido
Hemet/San Jacinto	San Jose	San Bernardino
Mt.Diablo Area	Hilo	Honolulu
San Luis, Rio Colorado	San Diego	South Bay
Santa Clarita Valley	Tucson	South Salt Lake
Yucaipa/Calimesa	La Jolla	Leilehua
Long Beach	Maui	Yuma
Irvine/Saddleback Valley	Fresno	

WORKSHOPS CONTINUE

(2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.)

Session III **"Beyond The Media: It Takes More Than Talk to be Visible!"**
Leader, **Martha Ashburn** (Tempe), attorney; facilitator, **Robin St. Clair**
(Yucaipa/Calimesa).

"Focus for Success: Put Your Club Under a Microscope"

Leader, **Deanna Durkee** (Tempe).

"Helping Youth of Today Become the Leaders of Tomorrow" Leader,
Patricia Berning (Tempe), participants, **Phylis Samson** (Marin), Past
Governor, Past International Z Club Chairman; **Dr. Esther Chapman**
(Bakersfield); **Bonny Schumacher** (Newport Harbor). Also, **Conference**
Pages Kim White, Past Big Z Council President, Corona del Sol Z Club
(Tempe); **Glenda Gonzalez**, Past Big Z Council Vice President, Area 1
Young Wommen in Public Affairs Award Berkeley Z Club (Berkeley/North
Bay); **Erin Stevenson** Corona del Sol Z Club (Tempe).

A WORD ABOUT THE Z CLUB PAGES

For this conference we were happy to have three Z Club pages. Their names were Kim White and Erin Stevenson from Tempe, and Glenda Gonzalez from Berkeley. The Tempe Z Club from Corona del Sol High School was awarded the District Trophy for Service by Z Clubs. Kim and Glenda are members of the Big Z Council. Kim is President of the Big Z Council and Glenda is the Vice President. All three girls have been involved in Z Clubs for the past three years. Erin will be the president of her Z Club in Tempe. Their Z Clubs have the same problems that our clubs have (i.e. raising money, membership, finding worthwhile service projects). But they need the help of other Zontains to help them get things done. They all joined Z Clubs because of the service projects helping women. It is important to them that the Z Club be career oriented. They have learned from this conference that visibility is very important in order to accomplish your goals.

RECEPTION IN HONOR OF LENEEN FORDE, INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT 6:00 p.m.

The reception was held on the Mezzanine and began with a receiving line consisting of the following: President Leneen Forde, Governor **Evelyn Guenther**, Utah Lt. Governor Val Oveson, **Lynn Wilhelmsen**, **Shirley Eubanks**, **Josephine Cooke**, **Victoria Oren**, **Pat Fluharty**, **Violet Parenteau** and **Marilyn Mauzey**. Reception music was provided by The Young Artist Chamber Players.

FRIDAY NIGHT BANQUET

The banquet was held in the Grand Ballroom A & B. Honored guests: Lt. Governor and Mrs. Val Oveson, State of Utah. Musical Prelude, **Leonida Chang**, Leilehua, pianist. Official Conference Announcer, **Ruby Hargrave** Honolulu, President. Presiding, **Evelyn Guenther**, District 9 Governor. Following the processional, the International Banquet was opened with traditional Parade of Flags. The flags and their carriers were:

Flag	Carrier	Position/Title
United States of America	Marianne Rodriquez	Area 4 Director
Australia	Marjorie Appleton	Area 1 Director
Mexico	Kathleen Brenneman	Vice Area 5 Director
Utah	Venette Orr	Area 8 Director
Hawaii	Colleen Fujihara	Area 7 Director
California	Dianne Curtis	Area 3 Director
Arizona	Polly Roome	Area 6 Director
Nevada	Erin Stevenson	Corona del Sol Z Club
Zonta International	Kim White	Corona del Sol Z Club
United Nations	Glenda Gonzalez	Berkeley Z Club

The national anthems for United States and Mexico were sung by Robin Davis and the Australian anthem by **Josephine Cooke** (Los Angeles). The invocation was given by the Reverend Marie Soward-Green, Pastor, United Church of Christ, Congregational, Ogden, Utah.

The official Conference welcome was given by **Barbara White**, Conference Chairman. Other greetings were received from Kathleen Mason, Status of Women Committee for the State of Utah. Declaration From The State of Utah read, "I, Norman H. Bangerter, Governor of the State of Utah, do hereby declare the week of June 17-23, 1991, as Zonta Week in Utah", and, encourage the citizens of our state to recognize the dedicated efforts of the Utah clubs in their effort to promote the welfare of the community in its civic and social development." The official greeting from the Mayor of the City of Salt Lake was read by **Kathy Price-Jones**, President of the Zonta Club of Salt Lake Area. "As Mayor of Salt Lake City, I am delighted to welcome you to the Zonta International District 9 Conference. I have long been an admirer of the goals of Zonta International. An organization can have no greater purpose than a commitment to high ethical standards and the improvement of the status of women, working for the advancement of understanding, goodwill and peace through world fellowship. I wish you well during your stay here. I am sure your conference will be enjoyable and enlightening. Best Wishes, Palmer Depaulis". **Shirley Eubanks**, Lieutenant Governor, responded for the District.

Evelyn Guenther, District 9 Governor gave her message and International President Leneen Forde brought greetings from Zonta International.

BANQUET KEYNOTE SPEAKER, ELOUISE BELL

"While We're At It, Let's Get Risible: Humor in the Workplace" was the topic of our speaker. Elouise Bell is a Professor at Brigham Young University. Elouise added another word to our vocabulary - that of risible. Risible means capable of laughing; disposed to laugh, arousing or provoking laughter; funny. She commented that humor often times works better than tranquilizers, and she's tried them both! Sometimes women are faulted for not having a sense of humor, which is a must to survive. We need to learn to laugh and then forget. A person with the gift of laughter "goes with the flow"; has perspective and sees the funny side of things. Observe yourself and the people you work for. Elouise warned that we should not confuse humor with being funny or being a jokester. Humor can help us deal with uncomfortable situations and smooth over embarrassing moments. Remember - don't use humor to embarrass or to upstage someone. Elouise pointed out that humor can be used in the following ways: If self-directed, you can gain self-confidence by being able to laugh at yourself; to build team morale; to share "in" jokes; to put people at ease and to lessen the element of surprise or stress; to get your point across. Elouise reminded us, "Remember that a diplomat can tell us to go to Hell in such a way you are looking forward to it!" Over a period of time, content fades but relationships remain. People will forget what you say but never how you make them feel. Humor helps to draw us together and brings out the best in us."

MILESTONES

The banquet concluded with the presentation by Leneen Forde on behalf of the District, certificates to Zonta Clubs who had completed another milestone in Zonta service. These were:

Yucaipa/Calimesa	1985-1990	(5 years)
South Bay	1980-1990	(10 years)
Irvine/Saddleback Valley Areas	1976-1991	(15 years)
Fresno	1971-1991	(20 years)
Monterey	1966-1991	(25 years)
Redlands	1960-1990	(30 years)
La Jolla	1960-1990	(30 years)
Antelope Valley	1955-1990	(35 years)
Hilo	1951-1991	(40 years)
Tucson	1946-1991	(45 years)
Yuma	1946-1991	(45 years)
Prescott	1946-1991	(45 years)
Bakersfield	1935-1990	(55 years)
Fontana	1935-1990	(55 years)
San Bernardino	1935-1990	(55 years)
Burbank	1936-1991	(55 years)
Berkeley/North Bay	1936-1991	(55 years)

Individual Zontians who have been members for 20 or more years were also honored. **Lucile Mohr** was honored as the Zontian in attendance with the greatest number of years of membership. She joined Zonta in 1944 and is a member of the Glendale Club.

SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 1991

**"FOR MEN ONLY" BREAKFAST WITH INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT LENEEN FORDE,
LUIS RUBENSTEIN, CHAIRMAN 7:30 a.m.**

Louis Rubinstein of the Santa Barbara Club is the **first male District 9 member** of Zonta. He became a Zontian by following in the footsteps of his wife Marcia, who joined in 1982. Since he joined, next to join were, **Alwin Hagedorn** (Fullerton), **Dennis McCarbery** (South Bay). District 9 also has its first male Zonta club president, **Dennis McCarbery** of the South Bay Club and second male to be president of a Zonta club is **Alwin Hagedorn** of the Fullerton Club. Other area clubs to add male members are: Area 1 Marin County (1); Berkeley/North Bay (1). Area 2 Fresno Area (1); Porterville (2). Area 3 Los Angeles (2). Other Area Zonta Clubs did not respond to the survey sent by Historian Committee members so we have no further information concerning other male Zonta club members.

Louis joined to hopefully help by accepting the philosophy that bringing men into the organization will improve international public awareness of Zonta. **Louis** wants to help Zonta become visible and feels growth in club membership is a critical issue. He is on the District 9 Status of Women Committee and was an Evaluator for the Young Women in Public Affairs Panel for the District. Louis plans to go to Hong Kong next year. At this time he sees himself as a "grassroots" Zontian. He wants to help men see that gender isn't an issue. ***"One of the most important things for Zontains to remember is that in order to grow you must make the new feel accepted, you must get the message out that everyone is welcome."***

Continental Breakfast was served at 8:00 a.m. on the Mezzanine.

OOPS! Two other Zonta clubs to receive certificates for completing another milestone of Zonta Service at the conclusion of the International Banquet Friday night were inadvertently left out, they were:

Sixty years of Zonta Service 1930-1990 Riverside and Santa Barbara

SATURDAY BUSINESS SESSION, June 22,1991

GRAND BALLROOM A & B

The second Conference session was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Governor **Evelyn Guenther** who introduced and recognized the International President, The District 9 Board, District 9 Standing Committees and the Conference Committee Chairmen

Conference General Chairman	Barbara White
Conference Treasurer	Becky Cutler-Gunn
Decorations	Particia Eager
Entertainment	Faye Mellos
Escort for International President	Venette Orr
Favors	Patricia Hall
Hospitality	Sherry Dyer
Hotel Coordinator	Robin Arnold-Williams
Information	Lynn Wihelmsen
International Dine-A-Round	Dorothy Owens
Kits	Joan Gallegos
Meals/Menus	Connie Reid
Non-Zontian Activities	Loa Russel
Printing	Maun Alston
Program Ads	Reta Oram
Publicity/Public Relations	Jane Bebb
Registration	Betty Kay
Speakers	Sharon Bresin
Table Hostess	Betty Tatham
Transportation	Jane Conard
Zonta Store	Linda Kruse
Parliamentarian	Caroline Clarke
Credentials Committee	Vi Parenteau
	Geraldine Gerkin, Chairman
	Anne Line Anderson
	Helen Tebo
	Genevieve Brady
Monitors Committee	Doris Winter, Chairman
	Betty Loftesness
	Alice Seal
	Gina Edwards
	Barbara Brown
Pages	Patricia Berning, Chairman
	Glenda Gonzalez, Berkeley Z Club
	Erin Stevenson, Corona del Sol Z Club
	Kim White, Corona del Sol Z Club
Financial Advisor	Wilma Satterberg
Protocol	Lorraine Secor,

Tellers

Media Coordinator
TimeKeeper
Pianists
Courtesy Resolutions

Martha Ashburn, Chairman
Wilma Satterberg
Karla Kennedy
Pat Merkle
Norma Foster
Patricia Allen
Leonilda Chang & Nancy Coon
Lydia Kuhn

District Secretary, **Marilyn Mauzey** called the roll of clubs. Clubs not represented were: San Francisco; Montarey Peninsula; Santa Rosa; San Fernando; South Bay; Escondido; Fontana; Casa Grande; Prescott; San Luis.

The Credentials Committee Report was presented by Chairman **Geraldine Gerkin**. The report of the Credentials Committee was unanimously accepted as read.

Barbara White, Conference Chairman, presented the Conference Program with the following revisions: Delete from the 2:00 Session Saturday; Proposed Budget for June-October, 1992; Change time of Memorial Service on Sunday to 8:00 a.m.; Delete under Unfinished Business for Sunday, Adoption of Budget for June-October 1991; Invitation for Conference in Tempe from 1991 to 1992. Motion made by **Barbara White** to accept the 1991 District 9 Conference Program as revised. Motion seconded and carried.

District 9 Parliamentarian, **Vi Parenteau**, read the Conference Standing Rules. A motion was made by Lieutenant Governor **Shirley Eubanks** to adopt the Conference Standing Rules as read. Motion seconded and carried.

The minutes of the District IX 1988-1990 Conference were approved by the current Board in accordance with a motion made during that Conference.

The International President's message was given by **Leneen Forde** and included information regarding the 1992 International Convention in Hong Kong. The registration fee has been set at \$230.00.

Lieutenant Governor **Shirley Eubanks** read the Governor's Report due to the beginning stages of laryngitis the Governor was experiencing. It read, "The successes of 1990-1991 in District 9 are not measured in numbers but more by interest, enthusiasm and new ideas; the completion of well attended fall and spring seminars for all 8 Areas; the innovative ideas formulated by the Area Directors and the District Board to keep in step with the times; and the support of all clubs for the goals of Zonta International and the District. All Committees have been successful because the Chairmen are dedicated Zontians, who were given guidelines then were allowed to fulfill the position in their own way; each was encouraged to send her messages in the Governor's newsletter; and most were invited to attend one District Board meeting

to report on committee progress, receive input from the District Board and share plans for the remainder of the biennium.

The Public Relations efforts in the District have stemmed from the excitement generated by the District PR Chairman, **Norma Foster**, and have been most noticeable in the Candlelight Vigil to Save the Children and the Young Women in Public Affairs Award.

The goals for organization and extension have not been achieved but there is progress in all. Membership has benefited as the result of workshops, seminars, networking through Women's Conferences, Career Fairs, directories of women owned businesses, getting new members involved sooner, a more professional handling of meetings, eliminating wasted time and recognizing the value of time spent, flexibility in meeting requirements, and most of all, the enthusiasm of the District leaders and a trend towards a more youthful organization. The District has made video tapes available to clubs such as, UNIFEM, The Impossible Dream, Chief Littlebird, Barbara Bush on Literacy, District X Z Club and This Is Zonta, "starring" Leneen Forde.

The District Resource Directory will be given its final proofing next week and will be distributed mid July. As a District we have contributed \$36,642 to Amelia Earhart Fellowships, \$17,400 to UNIFEM, \$1,652 to Eva Mowbray, \$2,262 to Marion de Forest, \$840 to Z Club and \$8,650 to the Building Fund. This is a total of \$67,471. Clubs contributed over \$140,000 to community service projects which benefited programs in Literacy, Rape Crisis, Battered Women, Abused Children, Homeless, Scholarships for graduating seniors, for women in re-entry programs, and undergraduate programs, finger-printing for Kindergartners, food for Food Pantries, food and gifts for families in need. Five newsletters were issued by the Governor and a bulk rate permit will enable mailings to go to more Zontians with an overall savings in postage. Our Friendship Clubs in District 2 have given a new meaning to the Friendship Club program. We are so pleased to have some of them with us at our conference. Two Berkeley Zontians attended their 1990 Conference and the Lieutenant Governor and the Governor plan to attend their 1991 Conference in Albany. We are looking forward to another productive year and more opportunities to improve our VISIBILITY.

Lieutenant Governor, **Shirley Eubank's** report on membership showed the District membership to be at 1408 as of June 1, 1991. She emphasized the importance and value of using Zonta time wisely to attract and keep newer, younger members. The three clubs with membership under 25 with the highest percentage of gain were San Fernando (Area 3) with 50%; Irvine-Saddleback (Area 4) with 37% and Maui (Area 7) with 22% gain. Highest gain in membership in clubs with 25-40 members were San Diego (Area 4) 24% increase; Salinas (Area 1) with 17% and Leilehua (Area 7) with 11% gain. Highest increases in clubs with over 40 members were San Bernardino (Area 5) with 32% increase; Hilo (Area 7) with 26% and Newport Harbor (Area 4) with 16% increase. Area 7 was recognized with the highest net increase in membership.

Lt. Governor Shirley ended her report with, "It is up to each and every one of us to make the commitment to reach out and touch someone new. Remember, **TEAM**work means **T**ogether **E**veryne **A**ccomplishes **M**ore."

District 9 Treasurer, **Victoria Oren** presented the audit/review of the District for 1990-1991. A motion was made by Victoria to accept the auditor's report. Motion seconded and carried.

The report from the Nominating Committee was presented by **Susanne Imhaus** Chairman. She then gave the slate of officers for the 1992-1994 biennium. Nominations were opened from the floor for all positions. A letter previously submitted by the candidate for Area 3 Director, **Lia Kamminga**, withdrawing her name was read. **Jami Kennedy** (Santa Clarita Valley) nominated **Marilyn Mauzey** for the office of Area 3 Director. No other nominations were received from the floor. Nominations were declared closed.

Reports were given by Area 7 Director **Colleen Fujihara**, Vice Area 5 Director **Kathleen Brenneman** who was assuming the position of the Area Director for **Gail Ousley** who was unable to attend, Area 3 Director **Dianne Curtis** and Area 1 Director **Marjorie Appleton**.

A report of the Long Range Planning Committee was given by **Geraldine Gerkin**, Chairman. This report included a proposed realignment of the Areas. A motion was made by **Dianne Curtis** to have the Area realignment proposal a part of the 1992 District Conference business and that a portion of the Fall Seminars be set aside for a discussion of this proposal. Motion was seconded and carried.

Following these reports, the session was recessed at 11:00 a.m. for voting in the Topaz Room.

Saturday Status of Women Luncheon

Status of Women Chairman, **Betty Loftesness**, was hostess for the Saturday luncheon held in Grand Ballroom C with members of the District Committee serving as table hosts for the VIP tables which honored those Zontians with over 20 years of Zonta service. As mentioned before, the Zontian with the most years of service in District 9 is **Lucille Mohr** Glendale) with 47 years.

Following an unusual rendition of "I Am Woman" by the bell ringing "Ding a-Lings" from the Fresno Club, special tribute was paid to Zontians seated at the VIP tables.'

Luncheon Keynote Speaker, Emma Lou Thayne, gave an inspiring talk about the "Invisible That Makes the Visible Viable". She talked about the divine spark in all of us. That we must get past the outside and into the inside before we can be concerned about others. "There is no way fo'r me to get to know you until I get to outside of me to see you." Emma called Zontians 'continuers' - those who are looking to each other to make a difference everywhere we go. Remember not to get too concerne with the visible. Don't forget what really matters is. what's under the surface. Ms. Thayne is known for her poetry on life,

the relationships in her family, the need for global responsibility and her travels to many countries in connection with these interests. Her presence was even more notable when she told us that just two days prior she had undergone gall bladder surgery, performed with new laser technology.

The District winner for the "Young Women in Public Affairs" Award was announced and excerpts from her application were read. The winner was Christine Cerrillo Casalme, selected by the Zonta Club of San Diego.

At 2:00 p.m. the business session was reconvened.

Reports were given by Area 2 Director **Lydia Kuhn**, Area 4 Director **Marianne Rodriguez**, Area 6 Director **Polly Roome** and Area 8 Director **Venette Orr**.

A new system for recognizing clubs for their achievements was presented. The explanation of the "One to Five Star" Awards was read by Lieutenant Governor **Shirley Eubanks** as the Governor was still experiencing laryngitis.

Red and blue ribbons with one star were presented by **Lydia Kuhn** and **Polly Roome**, Area Directors of Area 2 and 6 respectively. One star clubs are:

Antelope Valley, Bakersfield, Burbank, Fresno, Glendale, Metropolitan Salt Lake, San Fernando Valley, San Jose, Santa Ana, Santa Barbara, South Bay, Tucson.

Area Directors **Kathleen Brenneman** and **Venette Orr** presented ribbons with two stars to:

Berkeley, Colton, Conejo Valley, Escondido, Fontana, Hemet/San Jacinto, Kauai, Marin County, Midpeninsula, Mt. Diablo, Phoenix, Porterville, Redlands, Sacramento, Salt Lake Area, San Luis, South Salt Lake, Yucaipa/Calimesa.

Area Directors **Marjorie Appleton** and **Colleen Fujihara** presented ribbons with three stars to:

Capistrano Valley, Hilo, Honolulu, Irvine/Saddleback.

Area Directors **Dianne Curtis** and **Marianne Rodriguez** presented ribbons with four stars to:

La Jolla, Long Beach, Newport Harbor, Ontario/Upland, Pasadena, Riverside, San Diego, Yuma, Anaheim, Nogales, San Bernardino, Tempe, Los Angeles, Salinas, Santa Clarita.

Of the four star winners, three were selected by the Executive Committee to be **Clubs of Excellence** in the District for the additional effort the club had made in all aspects of Zonta programs and projects. These three to receive the five star club of Excellence award were:

Nogales, Salinas, and Santa Clarita Valley.

The Credentials Committee Report for the afternoon session was given by **Geraldine Gerkin**, Chairman. The report of the Credentials Committee was unannimously accepted as read.

Helen Lovenberg, Building Fund Chairman, gave her report. She asked for contributions and pledges now that the litigation was completed and the mortgage is currently approximately \$800,000.

The next report was given by **Phyllis Samson**, District 9 Z Club Committee member. She presented the District 9 Governor's Award to Paraclete Z Club, sponsored by the Zonta Club of Antelope Valley and the District Trophy to Corona del Sol Z Club, sponsored by the Zonta Club of Tempe. There are 15 Zonta Clubs that sponsor 23 Z Clubs and Golden Z Clubs in the District. Dates for the 1992 Big Z Conference were announced (May 1,2 and 3).

District Treasurer **Victoria Oren** presented the proposed budgets for 1991-1992 and 1992-1993. Before presenting these, a motion was made by the Treasurer to rescind standing rule #6 as adopted March 8, 1990 by mail ballot, for the duration of this conference. Motion was seconded. This action was necessitated by the change in Conferences from June to to the fall, annually, and if not changed, there would be no budget for the District from June 1992 until the close of Conference, September 1993: Motion carried.

Zonta Clubs who had hosted the fall and spring seminars for 1990-1991 were acknowledged and thanked.

The report of the Tellers Committee was given by Chairman **Martha Ashburn**(Tempe). She then gave the results of the election as follows:

Governor	Shirley Eubanks
Lieutenant Governor	Dianne Curtis
Treasurer	Victoria Oren

Area Directors

Area 1 **Betty Loftesness**, Area 2 **Nancy Coon**, Area 3 **Marilyn Mauzey**, Area 4 **Gina Edwards**, Area 5 **Kathleen Brenneman**, Area 6 **Deanna Durkee**, Area 7 **Juliette Tulang**, Area 8 **Barbara White**

Nominating Committee

Phyllis Samson, Chairman, **Esther Chapman**, **Florence Mote**

The Governor declared those elected for the 1992-1994 biennium will take office at the close of the Hong Kong Convention, July 1992. The Nominating Committee for 1989-1991 was thanked. The newly elected Nominating Committee takes office at the close of the 1991 Conference.

Since vice Area Directors are no longer elected and are only appointed in Areas with more than five clubs, as a result of the mailed-in survey January 1991,"the Governor announced that those Zontians whose names were submitted as candidates for Vice Area Director will be highly considered for these appointments.

In making her acceptance speech, Governor-elect **Shirley Eubanks** announced her appointment of **Barbara Brown** (Tempe) as District Secretary and **Gretta Bauer** (South Salt Lake City) as District Parliamentarian.

A special reception to honor the newly elected District Board was held in the Foyer at 4:00 p.m. immediately following this session which was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

International Dine-A-Round

The Saturday evening was planned for fun and relaxation. Those who chose to participate in the planned evening events could either take a chartered bus to Park City where they could dine on their own, visit the shops and see the Ski lodge, etc., or reserve a combination of dinner at a famous Salt Lake City restaurant with a tour of the city on "Old Salty."

Some chose to do neither but instead relax and enjoy the fellowship of other Zontians. Those who had not had the privilege of seeing the Mormon Temple Grounds on Thursday night where buildings were open and the Youth Choir and orchestra were in rehearsal, could stroll the short distance to see the majestic sight of the lighted Temple and the well trimmed gardens in Temple Square.

Memorial Service
June 23,1991

Red Lion Room

The beautiful Memorial Service was planned by Lieutenant Governor **Shirley Eubanks**, assisted by the Vice Area Directors. Recognition was given to those members who had passed away, with special tribute given to **Dr. Elta Pfister-Coombs**, Charter President of Zonta Club of Burbank and the organizer of the first Z Club at Burbank High School. 1948. Also receiving special recognition was **Lucille Harris**, member of the Zonta Club of Salt Lake Area. Lucille was named 1991 Conference Chairman and served in that capacity until her passing in March 1991.

The Prelude was played by **Nancy Coon**. The Lord's Prayer was a solo.

A Rose Is"

Area 1	Ada Hamilton Eleanor Sinton	Sacramento Mt. Diablo
Area 3	Aileen Brady Elta Phister-Coombs	Santa Barbara Burbank
Area 4	Gladys Christensen Hazel Ray Gwenn E. Waltz	Long Beach Newport Harbor La Jolla,
Area 5	Jo Helman Dr. Lucille Robinson	Colton Robinson
Area 6	Irma Mortensen	Tucson
Area 7	Norma Templeton	Leilehua
Area 8	Lucille Harris	Salt Lake Area

The Closing Prayer was said in unison. The Postlude was played by Nancy Coon

A Continental Breakfast was served on the Mezzanine.

FINAL BUSINESS SESSION

GRAND BALLROOM A & B

The final business session reconvened at 9:00 a.m. Sunday, June 23rd.

Patricia Fluharty, Governor of District 2, Friendship District to District 9, was introduced and given the opportunity to briefly address the assembly and extend an invitation to the District 2 Conference in Albany New York, November 1, 2 and 3. This was followed by a brief statement by PIP Evelyn DeWitt, also visiting from District 2.

An announcement regarding the Environmental Tour in District 8 was made by International Director **Josephine G. Cooke** as she is liaison to both District 8 and 9.

The dates for the fall seminars were given as follows:

September 21	Area 1	San Jose, Hostess Club
September 28	Areas 2/3	Pasadena, Hostess Club
October 12	Areas 4/5	Newport Harbor, Hostess Club
October 19	Area 8	Salt Lake Area, Hostess Club
October 26	Area 7	Leilehua, Hostess Club
November 9	Area 6	Yuma/San Luis, Hostess Clubs

These will be the LAST fall seminars in District 9 as the annual Conference will be held in the fall of each year beginning 1992.

The final report of the Credentials Committee was given by the Chairman, Geraldine Gerkin. The report of the Credentials Committee was unanimously accepted.

Sunday Report

		Final Total
International President	1(no vote)	1
District Officers	13(2 no vote)	13
Total registered delegates and proxies	50	54
Other members registered	122	122
Guests registered	21	29
Grand Totals	207	219

Governor **Evelyn E. Guenther** gave special thanks to the Zonta Club of Salt Lake Area for their dedication and hard work in making this Conference very special and for their outstanding work in Public Relations. The Proclamation obtained from the Governor of the State of Utah was read by Lieutenant Governor **Shirley Eubanks**.

A report was made by **Fran Grant**, Amelia Earhart Chairman. The delegate from the Zonta Club of Riverside presented President Leneen Forde with a check for one full Amelia Earhart Fellowship (\$6,000).

Helen Lovenberg, Building Fund Chairman, presented President Leneen Ford with checks totalling \$4,387.50 and pledges for \$825 more from individua Zontians.

The "Oak of the Golden Dream" was displayed for the delegation and although the Zonta Club of San Luis was not represented, the amounts donated by Zonta Clubs and members were \$981 for the orphanage and \$539 for members' dues.

Governor **Evelyn Guenther** presented **Barbara White** with an engraved Zonta silver plate in appreciation for her hard work and devotion to making the 1991 Conference an outstanding event in the history of District 9.

Message From Barbara White Conference Chairman

Barbara states that she is pleased that the three Salt Lake clubs worked so well together to make the conference such a success. "I want to thank the three clubs for all the hours they put in to making the conference a success. Everyone appears to have enjoyed the conference. The only regrets I have heard have been that people haven't had time to see the city. It has been an honor to be the chairman and a great pleasure to realize that the conference was successful. We had 219 members and guests attend this 1991 conference.

Message From Venette Orr Area 8 Director

Area 8 consists of three clubs: The Zonta Club of Salt Lake City Area, the Zonta Club of South Salt Lake and the Zonta Club of Metropolitan Salt Lake. Our numbers are small, but our dedication and love of Zonta are great and continually growing. This conference has been an opportunity to grow and serve our Area, District, and Zonta International. The friendship and love that have developed will remain with us for years to come. Our clubs have worked hard this past year in joint Area functions and look forward to continued growth. The ideas shared at the conference with the other clubs will help us expand and develop new projects. We hope you have enjoyed your stay in Salt Lake City and we look forward to your return to our state. Please let us know when you are traveling through Utah, we would be pleased to see you again!

Kudos To Area 8 PR Team

From **Norma Foster**, District 9 Public Relations Chairman: "Developing the public relations strategy and press kit for the Conference was an exciting experience. After a planning meeting in April 1991, a PR & Newsletter Committee was appointed. As media coordinator I would like to thank them. They are **Betty Kay**, PR Chairman; **Sheral Lee Schowe**; **Mary Kay Griffin**; **Rhonda Johnson**, Newsletter. They were a small but mighty team. We developed the Proclamation from the Governor of the State and received the welcome letter from the Mayor of Salt Lake City. They organized an hour talk show on KSL Radio with Amanda Dixon interviewing Governor **Evelyn Guenther** from her home in Lancaster.

On June 21, opening day, a column about the conference appeared in the Deseret News. A third page article on June 23 titled "Zonta Conferees Discuss Barriers Women Face", written by Douglas L. Parker appeared in the Salt Lake Tribune with good quotes from President Leneen Forde and Governor **Evelyn Guenther**.

Putting the Press Kit together was a "growth stage" for Zonta International. The Press Kit for the 50th Dallas Convention was good, but I am very proud of the District 9 one. President Leneen Forde, Governor **Evelyn Guenther** and Headquarters will receive one.

A "surprise" conference newsletter is also a major PR step forward for Zonta District 9 Conference and we hope it will set a standard for the ones to follow. **Rhonda Johnson**, a first timer, and Newsletter Editor went beyond the call of duty being the Editor. Thanks also to **Lorraine Secor** and the Zonta Club of Los Angeles who helped "burn the midnight oil". Job Well Done Area 8 PR & Newsletter Committees!"

The final gift to be presented was an Indian "Hishi" necklace presented to President Leneen Forde in appreciation for her commitment to Zonta and for sharing her time with the Zontians of District 9.

The final items of business to be brought before the delegates included the announcement that the Board had received the resignation of **Gail Ousley** as Area 5 Director and the approval by the Board of the appointment of **Kathleen Brenneman** to fill the remainder of this biennium as Area 5 Director. The resignation was for personal and business reasons. This became effective at the close of the 1991 Conference.

District Treasurer **Victoria Oren** moved the adoption of biennium budgets for the years of June 1, 1991 through May 31, 1992 and June 1, 1992 through May 31, 1993. Motion was seconded and after discussion, motion carried.

The proposed revisions to the District 9 Standing Rules, having been distributed to the delegates, were presented. Those requiring only editorial changes due to the change from Roman Numerals to Arabic Numbers are Standing Rules 3, 11, 12, 13, 14. Standing Rule #17 would be changed to conform with the International bylaws wording of Lieutenant Governor rather than Governor-elect. The proposed Standing Rule #10 was returned to the Board for reconsideration by a motion made by **Phyllis Samson** (Marin County), seconded and carried.

Proposed Standing Rule #18 was amended to read: "No club shall terminate a member for non-attendance without recommendation by the Membership Committee and a (Unanimous vote) (amended to) majority vote by the Board following club guidelines." A motion for the amended wording was made by **Rachel Warmack** (Los Angeles), seconded and carried.

President Leneen Forde was called upon for her final remarks. She thanked all of the Zontians for such a wonderful time that she was shown. She spoke about her experience with her breakfast with men, and the ideas they shared with her. She commended our District for our warmth and friendship and the tremendous service we do in the District with our time and funds, with the contribution to the Amelia Earhart Fund, the Building Fund and the Oak of the Golden Dream.

She gave special thanks to **Vinette Orr** for being her personal escort during the Conference and showing her a great time.

Newsletter Chairman **Florence Mote** gave her report and presented special awards in a variety of categories to clubs for their Newsletters.

Thanks was extended by the Governor to Area 7 and especially the Hilo Club (**Nappie and Ethel**) for the beautiful leis for the Friday night reception, table decorations and the headtable arrangement of Hawaiian antheriums which graced the podium for the entire Conference.

A "Warm and Fuzzy" invitation to come to Tempe, Arizona for the 1992 Conference, September 25-27 was extended by members of the Tempe Club with bags of literature and a Fuzzy Tempe.

Lydia Kuhn presented the Courtesy Resolutions of the Conference which read: Having been inspired by this weekend's presentations by Eluoise Bell and Emma Lou Thayne, the Conference's Courtesy Resolutions will be presented in verse.

There were several members from District Nine
Who came to Utah to have a good time.

To their surprise, there was lots of libation
That kept them well watered for the duration.

The locals worked at a frantic pace
To turn the hotel into a gala place.

Whereas, things could not have gone asunder
With a President who came from way down under.

Whereas, the Governor kept the meetings slick.
It was just too bad that she got sick.

And business meetings went by quickly
We smiled at the photographer and all said "whiskey."

Whereas, in addition the banquet was swell.
Thanks in large part to Elouise Bell.

Whereas, we elected our leaders with a minimum of pain
And were truly enthralled with Emma Lou Thayne.

Therefore, let us resolve to end this ditty
With a great big thanks to Salt Lake City!

And in case you think these verses pored,
This was written by Leneen Forde.

A Conference Newsletter was printed and ready for distribution at the close of the Conference. This was another "first" for District 9.

The Conference was closed with the reading of the Collect by **Lucille Mohr** (Glendale), Zontian with the most years of Zonta service in District 9. The flags were retired with a recording of patriotic music and John Wayne's reading of "America, Why I Love Her."

The District 9 Conference for 1991 was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, June 23, 1991.

Having sold their old club house, the Zonta Club of Newport Harbor in Area 4, the club is now settled in their new club house and invite all to come see it.

In the August, 1991 Governor's Newsletter, **Evelyn Guenther** reminds us Membership Must be our Top priority this year.

In this issue Governor **Evelyn** said, "And speaking of leaders in the Zonta world, I am sure you were as proud as I to read in the latest Zontian that **Josephine G. Cooke** has been nominated for vice President, Zonta International.

"**Josephine's** leadership hasn't been an overnight wonder, **Josephine's** expertise and knowledge has been recognized from the time she stood up in Washington, DC to be heard; her four years on the International Long Range Planning Committee under PIP Eleanor Jammell, her dedication to her club and especially for the sparkle she has brought to our District; and she now works diligently to bring thought and direction as a Director to the International Board. We are all proud of you, **Josephine**, and wish you much success."

Also in the latest Zontian, Area Director **Lydia Kuhn** was featured in an article pertaining to Zontians who have met the challenge of life, a career and Zonta leadership while carrying the burden of a handicap. No matter what, **Lydia** seems to always have a smile, a joke, an interesting experience to relate and motivation to do more and more.

District 9 Nominating Committee Chairman **Phyllis Samson** tells us, each member of the Nominating Committee has been assigned specific Areas to liaison and communicate with. Those Areas are listed after their names. Contact them with suggested names. Nomination Forms and Job Descriptions are available now upon request. **Phyllis Samson**, Chairman: Areas 1 & 7; **Dr. Esther Chapman**: Areas 2, 4 & 5; **Florence Mote**, Areas 3, 6 & 8.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA is now in the Zonta World. Zonta Club of Praha-Bohemia will hold a festive Charter Presentation the weekend of November 29, 1991 to December 1, 1991.

Our FIRST District 9 Resource Directory will be sent UPS to Area Directors for all members "on record" as of August 1. There is no charge for these directories.

Our first effort to make the YOUNG WOMEN IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS AWARD equal at the Area level was highly successful - thanks to each of you who bought tickets; each club that promoted the event; and the Area Director: for massing together a wonderful array of gifts to give. Now our Areas with three and five clubs will be able to award the same amount as the Areas with eight, ten and eleven clubs. Each Area winner is guaranteed an award of \$250 and the winner's plaque.

The Governor announced the appointment of **Lori Bruns** (Zonta Club of Redlands) as the Vice Area Director of Area 5. That position was vacated when **Kathleen Brenneman** was appointed Area Director at the close of Conference.

Governor **Evelyn Guenther** tells us, "LIFE CHANGES, I can only speak for myself but YOU have made Zonta an even more important aspect of my life.

I have heard your concerns, I have enjoyed your meetings and projects, I have worried over your losses and I have thrilled at your successes. Your generosity, your gracious hospitality, your support and your friendship have made my life change to one of indebtedness to each of you."

SPRING SEMINAR DATES

March 28 Area 1 Mt.Diablo

April 4 Area 3 Glendale

April 5 Area 6 Casa Grande

April 6-11 Area 7 (Maui, with individual Club training during the week)

April 25 Areas 4/5 Colton

April 25 Area 2 Porterville

May 16 Area 8 South Salt Lake

There will be workshops of interest to Chairmen and the General Membership; Business to be addressed in Hong Kong; and the International Long Range Planning Report to review and make recommendations.

OAK OF THE GOLDEN DREAM IS HARVESTED

The "fruit" from the Oak of the Golden Dream was finally harvested at the Area 6 seminar in San Luis. The smiles and the tears of the San Luis Zontians assured us our project was a success and greatly needed.

At the close of the seminar, we went by bus to the orphanage and our visit made each of us wish the amount we had "harvested" had been more and that our stay didn't have to end. Each little girl was dressed in a white blouse, white pleated skirt, white shoes and socks, and had a white bow in her neatly brushed hair. Their songs for us were happy; their smiles broad; and after their performance, they had hugs for each of us. What did they want in return? ONLY our love.

Zontians seeing it all for the first time asked why this couldn't be a District service project. **Helen Lovenberg** (La Jolla); **Wilma Swantz** (Fullerton); **Louise Broderick** (San Diego); **Dianne Curtis** (Santa Clarita Valley) can share their experience and feelings about the orphanage with you if you will just ask, they were among those to tour the orphanage in 1987 when it was in construction.

VICE AREA DIRECTORS APPOINTED

Governor **Evelyn Guenther** announced the appointment of Vice Area Directors for 1992-1994 that were confirmed by the District Board, February 29, 1992

Area 1 **Doris Winter**, Zonta Club of Sacramento
Area 3 **Cheri Marquette**, Zonta Club of Glendale
Area 4 **Caroline Hille**, Zonta Club of La Jolla
Area 5 **Lori Bruns**, Zonta Club of Redlands
Area 6 **Karla Kennedy**, ZontaClub of Nogales

51st ZONTA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION - HONG KONG 1992

1992 DISTRICT 9 FALL CONFERENCE - TEMPE, ARIZONA

YOUNG WOMEN IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS AWARD AREA WINNERS

Area 1 Kristin Braun, College Park High School, Pleasant Hill, CA
Area 2 Rayna Janeen Clark, Monache High School, Porterville, CA
Area 3 Anh Thu Pham, John Burrows High School, Burbank, CA
Area 4 Robyn Cheryl Lowes, El Toro High School, Lake Forest, CA
Area 5 Heather Nicole Mewes, Claremont High School, Claremont, CA
Area 6 Christene Rebecca McGeorge, Marcos de Niza High School, Tempe, AZ
Area 7 Kim Yaeko Yukoyama, Waiakea High School, Hilo, Hawaii
Area 8 Amy Elizabeth Anderson, Rowland Hall-Saint Mark's High School, Salt Lake City, Utah

JUNE 15,1992, HONG KONG
MESSAGE FROM THE OUTGOING GOVERNOR -
EVELYN GUENTHER

"I will remember from the District meeting in Dallas to the closing banquet in Hong Kong, I have been honored and rewarded by your support, your understanding, your friendship and your respect for the position of the governor.

You have generously opened your homes to Shirley and me; you have made it possible for us to attend many more events and meetings; you have catered to our wishes and made these two years more special than I could have ever imagined.

We are trying to move ahead in Zonta in a difficult time. We have lost clubs, we have lost members; members have lost their family members, but the love and friendship that prevails in our District is no greater anywhere in the world.

I am richer because of the friends I have made, the joys we have shared and the losses we have endured. You have given me the opportunity to understand the power we hold and I will continue to serve Zonta wherever needed. Thank you."

CLUBS DISBAND DURING 1990-1992 BIENNIUM

Area 1 - Monterey Peninsula, chartered June 25, 1966; Santa Rosa Area, chartered February 7, 1959

AREA 3 - San Fernando Valley, chartered March 14, 1983

AREA 5 - Hemet/San Jacinto, chartered June 1, 1948

AREA 6 - Prescott, chartered September 12, 1946

DISTRICT 9 THANKS TO GOVERNOR EVELYN

We thank you, **Governor Evelyn!** You served District 9 well. District 9 Zontians will always remember your friendliness and devotion. We wish you well in all your future endeavors.

Eight years later since I was first appointed District 9 Historian in 1984, I now turn over the District 9 records to the capable hands of newly appointed District 9 Historian **Jewel Patton** (Zonta Club of Salinas).

Perhaps, maybe someday, when my pen is laid aside and my voice is still, many District 9 Zontians will turn trustingly to these pages of facts, which I have endeavored to make authentic.

The 1990-1992 District 9 History was compiled by **Wilma E. Swantz**.

*History
of
District 9*

1992 – 1994

Zonta International

DISTRICT 9 HISTORY

1992 -1994

INTRODUCTION: Having read the previous histories written by **Wilma Swantz**, I want to say thank you to her for a job well done. Her devotion to the years' events shows in the detail. Her work will be hard to match!

Governor **Evelyn Guenther**, 1990-1992, stated in her out going message, "We are trying to move ahead in Zonta in a difficult time. We have lost members; members have lost their homes and family members, but the love and friendship that prevails in our District is no greater anywhere in the world."

Our incoming Governor, **Shirley Eubanks**, 1992-1994, stated in her message, "Many things will be happening this biennium as we look at more ways to increase membership, become more aware of the status of women, become more familiar with environmental issues and help with our Z Clubs and youth. In order to FOCUS ON WOMEN, we must work together through TEAMWORK.

As a TEAM:

T-ogether E-veryone A-ccomplishes M-ore"

ZONTA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION: Saturday, July 18 Thursday, July 23, 1992.

ZONTA INTERNATIONAL held its 51st convention in the fascinating city of Hong Kong. Zonta International President, Leneen Forde, sent out the Call to Convention early in the year. The convention was held in the almost new Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre.

Part of the Call stated, "Hong Kong is one of the world's most bewitching cities. It is a vibrant mixture of ancient Chinese tradition and modern commerce. It offers a picturesque harbor with hundreds of junks and sampans beneath a montage of modern skyscrapers..."

Convention Committee Chairmen were Dolly Ng, past Zonta International Director and Carlye Tsui, Lt. Governor of District 17. We were promised an exciting program and that is what we experienced!

Highlights: The hotels connected to and nearby the Convention Centre were huge and very modern and attractive.

There were two typhoons- Faye and Gary! Faye took place on our first day, Saturday, July 18 and many of us had to slog through torrential rain and wind to register and attend the Forum on Saturday afternoon on Long Range Planning, bylaws and other issues. There was a surprise presentation by a European delegation proposing changing Zonta to a Federation. No action was taken. The Saturday evening event had to be cancelled. The second typhoon, on Wednesday, July 22, was predicted to be very powerful and businesses closed, windows were shuttered and a second Zonta event was cancelled. However, it turned out to be a mild storm!

The OPENING CEREMONY, Sunday evening, July 19, was held in the very large ballroom at the Convention Centre. There was not enough room for all attendees so some had to attend by closed circuit TV in another room. Only six flags were brought to the stage and in place of other flags, there was a parade of huge lovely fans. Dragon and Lion cavorted and danced! There were hundreds of flashing cameras and many video cameras trained on the procession of dignitaries. The new Governor of Hong Kong, His Excellency, The Right Honorable Christopher Patten, welcomed us. He had been the Governor for only ten days! President-elect, Sonja M. Renfer, responded to the welcomes.

The keynote address was given by the Honorable Corazon Aquino, immediate Past President of the Philippines. She spoke about women's issues, the need for their educational development, the most important needs of women's literacy and education so that women could take up equal places in society with men. Ms Aquino is an honorary member of Zonta International, recognizing her commitment to advancing the status of women and promoting peace, justice and human rights world wide.

There was an International Reception following the opening ceremony, booths serving many varieties of food. Unfortunately, the area was too crowded, too chaotic and many participants could not get food.

Two of the fun activities, the Middle Kingdom Tour and the Jumbo Restaurant and Harbour Tour had to be cancelled due to severe rainy weather. (Many members who had paid for these tours donated the money they had paid to the Zonta International Foundation instead of obtaining refunds.)

The International Dinner was held on Monday evening. People came in their native costumes, tables had lovely flowers and each one had a doll dressed in various countries' costumes. Dolls were auctioned off and \$10,000 was raised toward International service projects.

The Professional Networking Luncheons, held on Tuesday, July 21, took place in several hotels and were well attended and enjoyed.

A luncheon dedicated to service took place on Wednesday, July 22.

The Closing Banquet was a colorful, wonderful experience with lots of Chinese entertainment, including music, art, singing and dancing.

Convention business commenced on Monday morning. Our own District 9 **Josephine G. Cooke**, having served on the International Board of Directors for the biennium 1990-1992, was elected Vice President for the new biennium.

It was reported that with last Convention's approval of a dues increase, there resulted a surplus for the biennium. Providing reserves for the organization comes from "Prudent Management" and is recommended for all

Zonta clubs. The Long Range Plan, reviewed by clubs before convention, was approved. The International essay winner for Young Women in Public Affairs from all Districts was Kimberly Campbell of New Zealand, who spoke to us about women's issues and the status of women. Bylaws were reviewed and changes resulting would be sent to all clubs.

The Zonta International Foundation report revealed a sound base and excellent progress has been made. The mortgage on the Headquarters Building was refinanced and the total owed was at one million dollars. A two-year strategic building fund campaign was adopted.

1. Each member would be assessed \$3.00 per year for the biennium.
2. To celebrate 75 years of Zonta, November 8, 1994, members were urged to donate \$75.00 each to honor the birthday with tax deductible gifts.
3. The goal was to payoff the mortgage by June 1994.

Outgoing President Leneen Forde installed Sonja Renfer as International President. President Sonja is the fourth Zonta International President to come from Europe. In 1948, Sonja's Aunt Katharina founded the first Zonta Club in Switzerland in Bern. After several years of trying to win her niece to Zonta, Sonja finally became a member of the Zonta Club of Zurich in 1964. She has worked for Rotary International in several capacities and currently she works for Rotary International as Assistant Manager for Africa and Europe. Serving with President Sonja on the International Board were: Folake Solinke - President-elect; **Josephine G. Cooke - Vice President**; Jacqueline Pulford - Treasurer; and the seven Directors: Frances Ohenawa Ademola, Patricia Fluharty, May George, Irene Wiese-Von Ofen, Uta Trenter Palm, Val Sarah, and Gro Ramsten Wesenberg.

The DISTRICT 9 meeting in Hong Kong took place on Sunday morning, July 19, 1992. District 9 buttons were everywhere!

"A button to wear and a button to share". A report was given by outgoing Governor **Evelyn Guenther** regarding the District's Resource Directory, designed for networking among District members; the improvement and communication increases in the clubs' newsletters; there was more member involvement in seminars; currently working to charter clubs in Reno and Culver City; sadly, five clubs were disbanded Santa Rosa, Monterey, San Fernando, Prescott and Hemet/San Jacinto. As of June 1, 1992, there were 1275 paid members in District 9. Lt. Governor **Shirley Eubanks** gave a membership report and the fact that we should be more interested in quality than quantity. One club in each Area was recognized for accomplishing growth, eight in number: Berkeley-North Bay, Fresno, Burbank, South Bay, Riverside, San Luis, Hilo, Metro-Salt Lake.

Stars and ribbons were given to clubs for Status of Women, good newsletters and for achieving excellence. Governor **Evelyn Guenther** installed the 1992-1994 DISTRICT officers:

- Governor-**Shirley Eubanks**
- Lt. Governor-**Dianne K. Curtis**
- Treasurer- **Victoria Oren**
- Secretary- **Barbara Brown**

- **Parliamentarian-Gretta Baur**

Governor **Shirley Eubanks** presented pins to District Area Directors:

Area 1 **Betty Loftesness**
 Area 2 **Nancy Coone**
 Area 3 **Marilyn Mauzey**
 Area 4 **Gina Edwards**
 Area 5 **Kathleen Brenneman**
 Area 6 **Deanna"Dede"Durkee**
 Area 7 **Juliette Tulang**
 Area 8 **Barbara J. White**

Vice Area Directors introduced were:

Area 3 **Cheri Marquette**
 Area 4 **Caroline Hille**
 Area 5 **Lori Rost Bruns**
 Area 6 **Karla Kennedy**

Nominating Committee:

Chairman: **Phyllis Samson**
Esther Chapman
Florence Mote

Committee Chairmen were announced:

Amelia Earhart	Fran Grant
Building Fund"	Helen Lovenberg
Bylaws and Resolutions	Mary K. Sherman

Conferences:

1992 Tempe-	Mimi Bohlman , Chair.	Patricia Merkle , Co-Chair
1993 Oakland-	Marjorie Appleton , Chair	Helen Jones , Co-Chair
1994 Pasadena-	Josephine Heckman , Chair	Ann Hight , Co-Chair
1995 Kauai,HI-	Angela Morehead , Chair	

Environment
 Historian
 International Relations
 Long Range Planning
 Membership and Classification
 Newsletter
 Organization and Extension
 Protocol
 Public Relations'
 Resource Directory
 Service
 Status of Women

United Nations
Z Club
Each of the assist with

Dimples Kano, Carol E. Smith Jewel Patton
Susan Summers Glenne Harding

Co-Chair

Dianne Curtis Lydia Kuhn

Shirley Eubanks Lorraine Secor

Evelyn Guenther Karen LeMunyan Carol Sakato Jackie Buskuhl Phyllis Samson
chairmen had some Area Committee communications and action.

District 9 1992-1994 BIENNIUM

Governor **Shirley Eubanks** was unable to give her acceptance speech at the District 9 meeting at Convention because of time constraints. She instead delivered her speech at our first Annual Fall Conference in Tempe, Arizona. She said in part: "...I am excited about becoming your new Governor and working together with all of you, sharing ideas, setting goals, boasting in your accomplishments, all in becoming more visible in the Status of Women field both locally and internationally. But it is only through *TEAMWORK* that things can be successfully accomplished." **Governor Shirley** emphasized *TEAMWORK*, communication, the better use of Area and Club committees and the "new challenge" -Annual Fall Conferences. In her message **Governor Shirley** also listed the six priority themes for Zonta International's '92-'94 biennium. They were: Status of Women, Environment, Human Rights, The Family, Literacy and Substance Abuse. Each theme is also recognized by the United Nations.

District 9's Goals for the Biennium:

1. Strengthen the clubs in District 9
2. Increase membership to 1500 members by June 1,1994
3. Two new clubs by June 1,1993, with two more by June 1,1994
4. Two new Z Clubs by June 1,1994
5. More intercity activities
6. Better communication in the District by using District Committee Chairmen and Club Chairmen encouraging more leadership development
7. Every club participating in YWIPA
8. More involvement in Status of Women promotion
9. Governor's newsletters to more people in the District
10. More awareness on environment and literacy
11. More clubs to join their local Chamber of Commerce and U.N. Chapters
12. Encourage more Area Support Teams and use of Centurions
13. More networking
14. Increase the usability and visibility of the Resource Directory

FALL CONFERENCE

September 25-27, 1992

In the history of the 1990-1992 biennium, **Wilma Swantz** wrote, "Thirteen years ago District Conferences were changed from Annual Conferences to Biennial Conferences." The Sheraton Mission Palms Hotel in Tempe, Arizona was the place for the new First Annual Conference. HATS OFF AS WE FOCUS ON WOMEN was the theme for District 9 Zontians, September 25, 26 and 27, 1992. The Host Club was the Zonta Club of Tempe, assisted by Area 6 clubs: Casa Grande Valley Area, Phoenix Area, Nogales, San Luis Rio Colorado de Mexico, Tucson, Yuma.

Registration began at 4 p.m. Thursday, September 24, 1992 in the hotel lobby, continuing until 8:30 p.m. and reopened at 8 a.m., Friday, September 25. Credentials report revealed that there were:

11 Board Members
53 Registered Delegates (50) and Proxies (3)
64 qualified to vote
 1 International Representative
 12 District Officers
142 other members registered
 7 guests

212 GRAND TOTAL

We were honored to have in attendance for Conference five Past District 9 Governors:

- **Rayma Neeb**
- **Dr. Evelyn Hartman-Leppo**
- **Phyllis Samson**
- **Josephine Cooke**
- **Evelyn Guenther**

A Hospitality Room was open during the entire Conference. The Zonta Store was in the Xavier Room off the main court yard and included items for sale by clubs as well as Zonta materials and supplies.

Friday morning, September 25, began with a Continental breakfast in the courtyard of the hotel, weather balmy, flowers lovely.

Workshops began at 8 a.m.

Session I (8 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.)-"Call it Macaroni". was aimed at First Timers, new delegates and those needing to be updated. The Presenter was **Evelyn Guenther** assisted by Jacqueline Pulford.

"Tweedle Dum and Tweedle Dee" was a humorous and helpful presentation on parliamentary procedure. Panelists demonstrated the right and wrong ways to

conduct a meeting. The Presenter was **Greta Baur**.

"Become a Mentor-How to Share your Knowledge" was a workshop to inform participants how to start a Z Club as well as to motivate attendees to keep Z Clubs healthy. The Presenter was Mary Brower, International Z Club Chairman.

Session II 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

"Zonta/IRS and Money" covered incorporation, foundations and grant writing. The Presenter was **Bonnie Schumacher**, assisted by **Elizabeth Weaver**, **Verda Acker** and **Mabel Fujiuchi**.

"Don't Keep it under your Hat" covered newsletters, District History and included active participation by attendees. The Presenter was **Lydia Kuhn** assisted by **Jewel Patton**.

"Exchange your Fez for a Fedora" covered new trends in fund raising. The Presenter was **Kathleen Brenneman**, assisted by **Gina Edwards** and **Karen DiGiacomo**.

Session III 10:45 a.m. to noon

Area Workshops were held to spread the word of newest updates since the Zonta International Convention.

The Status of Women Luncheon took place from 12:30 - 2 p.m. The luncheon was held in a ballroom and featured a Classification Hat Parade. The hostess for the luncheon was **Karen Le Munyan**, District 9 Service Chairman, in the absence of **Carol Sakata**, Status of Women Chairman. The luncheon speaker was **Bev Hermon** of Arizona State House of Representatives who talked about women in politics. Past Governor, **Rayma Neeb**, was recognized on her 90th birthday, surprising her with a hatful of memories. **Rayma** organized the Zonta Club of Tempe. Many attendees wore specially decorated hats and the winners in the three categories were: Most Beautiful-**Betty Norton** (Conejo Valley) Most Descriptive of Classification-**Joyce Moore** (Conejo Valley); Most Unusual-**Lori Moore** (Yucaipa-Calimesa).

Workshops - Session IV 2:30 - 3:45 p.m.

"Harassment- Women in the Workplace" was facilitated by **Deanna Durkee**, Area 6 Director. Presenters were: Carole Penfield- Lewis and Roca Attorneys; Rita Mae Kelley- Arizona State University Human Resources; and Shirley Kanode- City of Tempe Human Resources. Each presented individual views and experiences. Three small groups were formed among participants, each facilitated by a presenter, to draw out concerns and experiences of the attendees. Each group reported to the entire assembly at the close of the workshop.

OPENING BANQUET

7 p.m. Friday, September 25, 1992

Before the Opening Banquet. Friday evening there was a reception in the foyer to honor Jacqueline Pulford, Zonta International Representative. Other honored guests were: Mayor of Tempe. Harry Mitchell and his wife Marianne Mitchell. Tempe Teddy was on hand to welcome everyone. Music was provided by the Tempe Symphony Orchestra.

Governor **Shirley Eubanks** presided over the Opening Banquet, held in Ballroom I at the Conference hotel. The Parade of Flags was presented by **Jan Smith-Florez** of the Zonta Club of Nogales. Flag bearers were:

United States of America	Gina Edwards , Area 4 Director
Arizona	Deanna Durkee , Area 6 Director
Hawaii	Julie Tulang , Area 7 Director
California	Marilyn Mauzey , Area 3 Director
Utah	Barbara White , Area 8 Director
Nevada	Betty Loftesness , Area 1 Director
Mexico	Nancy Coon , Area 2 Director
Zonta International	Kathleen Brenneman , Area 5 Director

The national anthems of the United States and Mexico were sung. Governor **Shirley** introduced those at the head table. **Karla Kennedy** of the Zonta Club of Nogales presented the invocation. **Mimi Bohlman**, Conference Chairman, welcomed all the Conference attendees. **Pat Merkle**, President of the Zonta Club of Tempe, extended a welcome from her club. **Dianne Curtis**, Lieutenant Governor, gave the response. Greetings from Zonta International were presented by Jacqueline Pulford, International Treasurer and the International Representative to the Conference.

The entertainment portion of the program followed next as a courtesy to the special little girls from Casa Hogar, "Santa Maria de Guadalupe" in San Luis, Sonora, Mexico. The children sang in both Spanish and English, mingled with the audience and each child was given a musical clown (provided by Burbank), hand made hairbows (provided by Gayle Garcia, Tempe), and a \$1,000.00 donation was given by Past Governor, **Evelyn Guenther**.

The Keynote Speaker, Judge Rebecca Albrecht, spoke on women in the court systems, providing insight and challenges for women.

Mimi Bohlman announced that McDonalds and Cookies From Home contributed the supper and snacks for the little girls.

SATURDAY BUSINESS SESSION

Governor **Shirley Eubanks** called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. and introduced those at the head table. They were: **Delores Chavez-Fullerton**, - Membership Workshop Chairman; International Treasurer - Jacqueline Pulford; District 9 Lt. Governor- **Dianne Curtis**; District 9 Treasurer- **Victoria Oren**; Amelia Earhart Chairman- **Fran Grant**; District 9 Environment Chairman- **Carol Smith**; Parliamentarian- **Greta Baur**; Secretary- **Barbara Brown**; Capital Campaign Coordinator, **Helen Lovenberg** (absent due to illness); Conference Chairman and Announcer- **Mimi Bohlman**.

The Area Directors sat at the Sub-Head Table. Conference Committee Chairmen were introduced. All Area 6 Zontians as well as the Conference Chairmen were thanked for the extra work involved in putting on this event.

Secretary **Barbara Brown** called the roll of clubs. Clubs not represented by delegates or proxy were: Escondido, Kauai, San Francisco, South Bay.

The Credentials Committee report was given by Chairman **Polly Roome** and was unanimously adopted as read.

Mimi Bohlman, Conference Chairman, presented the conference Program with a couple changes and was adopted unanimously.

The proposed Conference Standing Rules, printed in the official conference program were read by Parliamentarian, **Greta Baur**, who moved adoption of the rules. **Victoria Oren** seconded the motion and the Standing Rules were adopted unanimously.

The minutes from the Conference held June 21,22,23, 1991 were distributed to Club Presidents, District Officers and Area Directors and with two corrections, were also adopted unanimously.

Lt. Governor **Dianne Curtis** moved to authorize District 9 Board to approve the minutes of the District 9 1992 Conference in Tempe. The motion was seconded by **Victoria Oren** and was approved unanimously.

International Representative, Jacqueline Pulford, was introduced and she delivered a message from International President, Sonja Renfer. There is a copy of the text with the official Conference Proceedings. Jackie also spoke about Zonta's place in service organizations in this country and left attendees with a challenge to find viable communities with no Zonta clubs and provide information to promote district growth.

Lt. Governor **Dianne Curtis**, addressed the issue of membership in District 9 and commented on reasons for member and club losses during the past few years and then began to discuss solutions leading to a list of her goals for the biennium. She quoted Jane O'Brien, International Membership Chairman who stated that members are Zonta's greatest asset. Without them we would have no organization. Jane's message gave her theme as "Double or More by '94". Lt. Governor **Dianne** outlined her hopes that all clubs would begin to use public relations tools to recruit and inform. Orientation programs must be

truthful and held regularly. All members are responsible for retention of members and to help other clubs become stronger.

Lt. Governor **Dianne** also stated that her first priority during the biennium was to "take care of **Governor Shirley**". She presented her with a survival kit of sorts, containing Stress tabs, Tylenol, Tums, Sominex, earplugs, eye shades, tea bags, etc.

Treasurer **Victoria Oren** presented the financial statements as of May 31, 1992. Copies were distributed and she then moved adoption of the reports. They were adopted' unanimously. Copies of the proposed 1993-1994 Budget were distributed to all delegates.

International pledges tabulated at the Conference are as follows:

Amelia Earhart
Building Fund
Endowment
Eva Mowbray
International Service
I-Club

\$31,831

8,474
605
1,114
16,413
815

\$59,252

The INIKI Hurricane took place just prior to the Conference and many Zontians who had planned to attend could not leave the islands. **Julie Tulang** gave the delegation an update on Hurricane Iniki and the devastation to members on Kauai. A relief fund was set up for contributions of money, appliances, supplies etc. to assist them. Many Zontians and clubs sent help.

Committee Reports were Amelia Earhart Environment Building Fund Membership

.given for:

Fran Grant
Carol Smith
Jacqueline Pulfor Delores Chavez-Fulleton

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The synopses of these reports are in the Conference Proceedings written by Secretary **Barbara Brown**.

UNITED NATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS LUNCHEON
Saturday, September 26, 1992, Ballrooms II and III.

Hostess: **Jacque Buskuhl**, UN Chairman and Co hostess, **Susan Summers**, International Relations Chairman, welcomed the participants. There was an International hat parade. Categories and winners were: Best Theme-**Tracey Harris**, Los Angeles; Most Creative- **Marjorie Appleton**, Mt. Diablo; Sweepstakes- **Lori Moore**, Yucaipa-Calimesa.

Friendship Clubs were assigned and listed. A copy of the listing is in the Proceedings of the Conference.

Open Workshop and Forum were held on Saturday, September 26, from 2:15 to 3:45 p.m. "Dealing with Challenge," a workshop on sex equity was facilitated by **Mimi Bohnman** and the presenter was Jenny Lind Erwin from the Arizona Department of Education.

On Saturday evening a Western Hoedown was held at Aunt Chilada's at the Pointe/South Mountain. A great time was had by the attendees.

SUNDAY MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Memorial Service was held at 8 a.m. Sunday morning, September 27. The Chairman of this service was **Dianne Curtis**, Lt. Governor of District 9. The theme was "Wind Beneath My Wings". Zontians who had died during the past biennium were remembered in the beautiful and meaningful service. Memorialized were:

Area 1- Parnel Finn, Jacqueline Lake, Mildred Stenberg, Ethlyn Brown, Daisy Howard;

Area 2- Frances Healy;

Area 3- Rae Ross;

Area 4- Mary Jeanette Jacobs, Thelma Hope, Frances Mears;

Area 5- Patricia Uhr;

Area 6- Lorna Larson, Frances Berg, Ruth Byrd;

Area 7- Rosabella J. Kekuewa;

Area 8- Marjorie Gump-Pelton, Roe Ineda.

Sunday, September 27,

The Business Meeting was called to order by Governor **Shirley**. The 1992-94 Century Club Members were announced. They were: **Josephine Cooke**, International Vice President (Los Angeles); **Kay Garrett**, International Service Committee (San Diego); **Glenne Harding** (Mid Peninsula); **Mary Sherman**, Past Governor (Conejo Valley); **Janet Fujioka** (Hilo). New Centurions for the biennium were listed: **Evelyn Guenther**, Past Governor (Antelope Valley); **Phyllis Samson**, Past Governor (Marin County); **Helen Lovenberg**, Capital Campaign Coordinator (La Jolla), **Jan Smith-Flores** (Nogales). Clubs were encouraged to make use of the Centurions for help in strengthening clubs or help in rejuvenating/reorganizing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nominating Committee Phyllis Samson
Z Club Phyllis Samson
Literacy Allison McKensie
Long Range Planning Glenne Harding

These reports were reviewed in Proceedings.

International Representative, Jacqueline Pulford, expressed thoughts on the Conference, praising workshops, ideas, fellowship and upbeat attitudes of sharing throughout the weekend. She reminded everyone of the next International Convention, Detroit, Michigan, July 17-21, 1994.

BUDGET 1993-1994

Treasurer, **Victoria Oren**, moved adoption of the proposed 1993-1994 budget as presented on Saturday, September 26. The motion was seconded by **Dianne Curtis**. After some discussion, there was concern regarding a \$17,000 surplus expenditure and the need for more accuracy. The Budget was returned to the Board to be reworked and was sent to the club Presidents later for voting.

Several Standing Rules were discussed and voted on. Details are in the Conference Proceedings.

THE DISTRICT SERVICE PROJECT

Elizabeth Weaver (Antelope Valley) moved that District 9 establish a voluntary District Service Project to benefit the San Luis Orphanage. After discussion, the key word "voluntary" was emphasized with no mandate for clubs to contribute. The motion, as restated, was passed unanimously.

First Timers, **Lois Bauccio** (Santa Clarita Valley) and **Casey Wilson** (Fontana) gave their impressions of the Conference and sang a song-MACARONI.

Marge Appleton presented the invitation to the 1993 District Conference, to be held in Area 1, at the Oakland Hilton Hotel. Hostess Clubs were announced as Berkeley-North Bay and Mt. Diablo.

Governor Shirley presented ribbons to clubs which were not represented at the Hong Kong Convention: San Diego - 3 stars for Service, Membership and Status of Women; San Jose - 1 star for Service.

The final Credentials Report:

Total present and qualified to vote	
International Representatives	1
District Officers, Board Members	11
Registered Delegates, proxies	54

Delegates Other guests Guests
GRAND TOTAL Acceptance of the

registered

51 144

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215 Report was

unanimous.

Credentials

During the Conference the following clubs were recognized: 1.Zonta Club of Conejo Valley Area for 20 years of Zonta service. .,

2.Zonta Club of San Luis Rio Colorado. Sonora, Mexico for 5 years of Zonta Service.

3.Zonta Club of Casa Grande Valley for 45 years of Zonta Service.

4.Zonta Club of Kauai for 40 years of Zonta Service

5.Zonta Club of Long Beach for 40 years of Zonta Service.

6. Zonta Club of Mid Peninsula for 35 years of Zonta service.

7. Zonta Club of Santa Ana for 35 years of Zonta service.

8.Zonta Clubs of Fresno. Burbank. South Bay, Riverside, San Luis, Hilo, Metropolitan Salt Lake, for highest net gains in membership for June 1,1991-May 31, 1992.

Closing announcements included: **Betsy Gruber** (Tempe) won the Doll Hat. **Deborah Long** (Yucaipa-Calimesa) won the 50/50 drawing, **Mary Kate Burch** (Colton) won the afghan and **Deanna Durkee** (Tempe) won the needlepoint.

The new District 9 Resource Directory was introduced and offered for sale at \$5.00 per copy. **Evelyn Guenther** was the editor and overseer of publication. Not every club gave all their information so not every entry was correct. The goal for this directory was to improve and increase the ability to network among members. It was hoped that every member of District 9 would purchase a copy.

The Collect was read by Jacqueline Pulford. The Colors were retired and the 1992 Conference was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

The Conference proceedings has included a paper on INCORPORATION; Status of Women Luncheon message by **Carol Sakata** including goals for the biennium; the entire message by International Representative Jacqueline Pulford; Governor **Shirley's** address; the name and clubs represented at the Conference; Statement of Expenses June 1.1991-May 31, 1992; proposed budget for June 1,1993-May 31, 1994; Club service Pledges and contributions; Amelia Earhart Fellowship Chairman, **Fran Grant's** report and suggestions for increasing Amelia Earhart visibility and contributions; Membership Presentation by **Delores Chavez-Fulleton**; International Relations Committee Goals; 1992-1994

Friendship Clubs in District 9; a copy of a Sexual Harassment Survey; Z Club information; Long Range Planning; Standing Rules as Revised, September 27, 1992. There was also included a copy of the Courtesy Resolution by **Carmen S. Sarro**, Santa Clarita Valley.

In **Governor Shirley's** November 1992 Newsletter, we were thanked for helping make the "Hats Off" Conference in Tempe a great success. It was felt that the spirit, excitement and enthusiasm made for a wonderful start for the 1992-1994 biennium. We were challenged to strengthen our clubs and grow in membership. District 9 pledged more than \$60,000 to International at the Conference and Area 4 pledged \$2400.00 to the Organization and Extension Fund.

The Zonta Club of Greater Reno was chartered in November 1992. This club is the only club in Nevada and there was now at least one Zonta Club in every state in the United States.

The main events of the year between Conventions and Conferences are Area and District Amelia Earhart celebrations and the Area Spring Seminars. It was very difficult for me to obtain all the information for the Amelia Earhart events and the fliers I did receive went into the scrapbooks. Many clubs observe Amelia Earhart Day in January by special programs and usually a dinner. Many Areas observe Amelia Earhart in Area wide celebrations. For example, the Area 1 event was held at the Berkeley Marina Marriott Hotel in January 1993 at which time Dr. Janice Voss, an Astronaut in training and former recipient of an Amelia Earhart Fellowship, spoke to us about her training and showed us slides. The Area 3 Amelia Earhart event was held at the Valencia Country Club, hosted by the Santa Clarita Club, on Sunday, January 16, 1993. The Area 3 Director challenged the clubs to have at least 50% of their members present! The Governor and Lt. Governor each attended some of the Amelia Earhart events.

Spring Seminars are held in each Area and are devoted to Officer Training and other important aspects of Zonta. The Area 1 Spring Seminar was held at the Berkeley Marina Marriott on April 17, 1993, hosted by the Zonta Club of Marin County. There were twenty-nine Zontians present. The recently chartered Zonta Club of Greater Reno members attended their first Area 1 meeting. The theme emphasized **Governor Shirley's** Teamwork and recognizing the Year of the Woman and Year of Change. Areas 3, 4 and 5 held their Spring Seminar on a cruise together on March 26 - 28. This was an unusual way to do it! Area 7 held its seminar on May 1st on Maui. They reported a great speaker, good turnout and good fellowship.

While the Seminars were going on, **Governor Shirley** and **Lt. Governor Dianne** attended the WIALD (Women in Action Lobby Day) in Sacramento, California. This led to the formation of a new club later on in Ventura. Many women's groups displayed information about their organizations and discussions were held on various women's issues.

The other important activities of the clubs, besides their meetings, are service projects and fund raising. District 9 is very generous with both International projects and their own local services. For example, The Zonta Club of the Phoenix Area sends a subscription of the Zontian magazine to the Phoenix Central Public Library. Several Clubs directed their service

emphases to Status of Women, with projects toward women's health, scholarships for "reentry" women and those who are beginning employment after years of marriage.

THE SECOND ANNUAL FALL CONFERENCE

- OCTOBER 1,2 AND 3,1993

CATCH THE WIND! and Come Fly With Us was the theme of an extremely well organized and fun conference at the Airport Hilton Hotel in Oakland, California. Area 1 members were the planners, hostesses, many were speakers and programs were especially excellent. Conference Chairman was **Marjorie Appleton** and Co-chairman was **Helen Jones**.

Registration began Thursday, September 30 at 4 p.m. Picture, if you will, the early arrivals- colorful clothes, suitcases and back packs, kites to show designed by the Clubs for presentation at the Bay Dinner Cruise on Friday evening. Calls back and forth, "Hi, haven't seen you since last year. Great to be here!", "I've never attended one of these before, is this where I register?" "What wonderful big tote bags and all these goodies!. Much happy networking and exchange of ideas too_ place all weekend.

A birthday party was held on Thursday evening in honor of two Area 1 clubs, Marin and Mount Diablo, celebrating 25 years.

Friday morning, October 1, everyone rose early to get to eat before the 9 a.m. Business Meeting. The continental breakfasts were great with lots of fruit, breads and coffee. **Jewel Patton**, President of the Zonta club of Salinas Area, gave the Invocation at the start. The President-elect, Folake Solanke from Nigeria, was present as the Zonta International Representative and she was a joy!

FIRST BUSINESS SESSION began with the procession of flags and officers to the podium. Flags represented - United States, Nigeria, Mexico, and Zonta International. The meeting was called to order by Governor **Shirley Eubanks**. She introduced the persons at the head table and sub-head table.

Credentials Report for the first business session:

International Representative	1
District Officers	11
Delegates	50
Other Members	117
Guests	20
TOTAL	199

This increased by October 3 to a total of 212 attendees, of whom 65 were eligible to vote.

At this Conference, election of officers took place. The list of candidates nominated was as follows:

Governor	Dianne Curtis
Lt. Governor	Nancy Coon
	Gina Edwards
	Betty Loftesness (nominated from floor)
Treasurer	Deanna Durkee
Area 1 Director	Lorraine Bishop (nominated from floor)
Area 2 Director	Betty Bluekle
Area 3 Director	Cheri Marquette
Area 4 Director	Caroline F. Hille
Area 5 Director	Lori Moore
Area 6 Director	Patricia Berning
Area 7 Director	Susan Campos
Area 8 Director	Fay Angela Mellos
Nominating Committee-	Pat Allen
	Shirley Eubanks
	Evelyn Guenther
	Victoria Oren
	Barbara J. White

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Candidates responded to issues informally. Voting took place on Saturday morning.

Tony LaRussa, Manager of the Oakland Athletics, gave an inspiring message and welcome, with humor and enthusiasm.

The Friday luncheon theme was Awards and Special Recognitions and was held in the International Ballroom. The Area and Committee recognitions for club involvement for the past year were announced. The committee reports are included in the Conference Proceedings.

Workshops were held after the luncheon:

"Financing of Flights and Landing Site" (Foundations);
 "Educating the Technicians" (Literacy);
 "Charting the Flight Pattern and Plotting the Future" (Long Range Focus);
 "Changing the Flight Pattern" (Membership);
 "Involving Women in Politics and Political Issues".

Area Meetings were held after the workshops. Reports were shared by the various committee liaisons for Amelia Earhart, Building Fund, Environment, Historian, International Relations, Literacy, newsletter, Service, Status of Women, United Nations and Z Club.

Friday evening was a wonderful interlude, when we were bussed to the docks for a Bay Dinner Cruise. The weather was perfect, there was a full moon, the food was marvelous, fellowship great, and there was a special surprise of fire works from an Italian Festival to give us added entertainment! There were 100 Zontians and guests attending, and the kites that were designed by various clubs were displayed. They were innovative, creative, colorful and fun.

Saturday, October 2, was a very foggy and cool day, starting with the usual continental breakfast in the foyer.

The Second Business Session was called to order by **Governor Shirley Eubanks**. There were 64 qualified voters present and a total of 199 persons were registered. More Area reports were presented, the copies of which are in the Proceedings.

The total pledges as of October 2, from most of the clubs in District 9 came to \$54,321. The voting for new District officers took place during the morning. The new officers elected were:

Governor	Dianne Curtis
Lt. Governor	Betty Loftesness
Secretary	Carmen Sarro (appointed)
Treasurer	Deanna Durkee
Area 1 Director	Lorraine Bishop
Area 2 Director	Betty Bluekle
Area 3 Director	Cheri Marquette
Area 4 Director	Caroline F. Hille
Area 5 Director	Lori Moore
Area 6 Director	Patricia Berning
Area 7 Director	Susan Campos
Area 8 Director	Faye Angela Mellos
Nominating Committee Chairman	Shirley Eubanks
Nominating Committee	Pat Allen
Nominating Committee	Barbara J. White

There was a run-off election between **Betty Loftesness** and **Nancy Coon** to determine the office of Lt. Governor. **Betty Loftesness** received 4 more votes than Nancy.

During the voting time, those non-voting persons worked a Zonta crossword puzzle. Prizes were given to those who finished first and with the most correct answers.

International Representative President-elect Felake solanke gave a report entitled, "Zonta International and Fundamental Freedoms". She urged Zontians to be heard on social issues and stated that "Zontians must proclaim fundamental human rights".

The Amelia Earhart Luncheon, presided over by **Dr. Sharon Langenbeck**, was fun and the program spellbinding. Three Amelia Earhart fellows were introduced and they summarized for us their thesis topics which were complex. **Dr. Sharon Langenbeck** was a former Amelia Earhart Fellow and is an active Zontian. The program was presented by a young lady who specializes in communication and storytelling, Karen Golden. She presented us with an action story of Amelia Earhart which held us spellbound for more than an hour. What a treat!

A workshop for all members followed which was entitled, "Getting the Most out of your Membership". **Joy Orlich** from the Greater Reno club presented this.

The Banquet was well attended and began with the Parade of Flags, narrated by **Glenne Harding** of the Midpeninsula club. The menu included rack of lamb. The speaker was Claudine Fletcher who is deaf and is a motivational leader who has helped many people to make choices that will improve the quality of

their lives. Her message was to live for each day and take advantage of every opportunity. She drew much emotional response to her words and tears were shed. The newly elected officers were installed with a short ceremony.

Sunday, October 3, began with the Memorial Service, led by Lt. Governor **Dianne Curtis**. The theme was "Friendship". The Zontians who had died during the past year were honored:

Area 1- Virginia Shattuck, Marin County;

Area 3- Barbara Thompson, Los Angeles;

Area 4 -Dorothea Sheely, Newport Harbor;

Area 5- Mary Shook, Riverside;

Area 7- Midori Bauske, Honolulu.

Final Business Session was called to order by Governor **Shirley Eubanks**. All those persons who had served during the Conference were acknowledged:

Credentials- **Pat Allen, Carmen Sarro, Karen LeMunyan**; Tellers- **Marianne Rodriguez, Jacque Buskuhl, Pat Merkle and Jane Brecht**; Monitors- **Elizabeth Weaver, Caroline Hille and Casey Wilson**; Timekeeper **Isabelle Chenoweth**; Announcer- **Glenne Harding**; and all Area 1 Zontians.

Business included:

A report about the North American Interdistrict Meeting in Dallas was given by **Kay Garrett**. The purpose of that meeting was to formulate plans to increase membership in North American Zonta Clubs. Many ideas were proposed. North American clubs have fewer members than the rest of the areas and there are fewer clubs in non-North American areas. This

Pledges from the Areas totaled \$54,321.

The Capital Campaign for Foundation Headquarters report was given by **Helen Lovenberg**. District 9 is number 2 in the world of contributions to the Building Fund. Japan and Taiwan, District 23, contributed \$93,987, and District 9 gave \$17,084, from only 25 of the 50 clubs. 51 members of our District's total of 1230 members made personal contributions. We were informed by Lili Klinger that the mortgage for the Headquarters Building had dropped from \$ 1,000,000 to \$694,000, with the saving of over \$22,000 of interest. A number of ways were suggested for members to save and contribute to the Building Fund.

Bylaws changes to be proposed at Zonta International convention were discussed and voted on. The details are contained in the Conference Proceedings.

Standing Rules were discussed and revised. Revisions are in the Conference Proceedings.

These

Governor-elect **Dianne Curtis** gave her acceptance speech in which she said that it was a privilege and a pleasure to be elected the next governor. She spoke about Zonta's values which include status of women, world peace, internationalism, fellowship and love. We were urged to carry on in teamwork, greater visibility and working for conditions which make the world a better place in which to live.

Budget for the next biennium was approved which included a dues increase of \$4.00, to be effective June 1, 1994, and allocated as follows- \$2.00 to lower registration fees at Conference (to spread the cost over the entire membership); \$1.00 to Organization and Extension to help finance organization of new clubs in District 9 and \$1.00 for Z Club Council to eliminate the annual assessment. In addition to the \$4.00 dues increase, an assessment of \$3.00 was approved to cover the budget shortfall based on membership as of September 30, 1993. The Zonta Club of Burbank presented a check for \$1,000 toward administrative funds.

Governor **Shirley's** husband, Hiley. was photographer for the Conference and the pictures were great!

Specially engraved onyx paper weights were presented to those persons who put the Conference together: **Marjorie Appleton**, **Helen Jones**, Lili Klinger, International President-elect, Folake Solanke, **Carol Sakata**-Status of Women Chairman, **Allison MacKensie**-Literacy Chairman, **Kay Garrett** and **Glenne Harding**-Centurions, **Mandy Lent** who had the most fun at the Conference, **Lorraine Secor**- Protocol

Dr. Pauline Crabbe extended an invitation to Pasadena for the 1994 Fall Conference.

The COLLECT was read by Folake Solanke and the COLORS were retired, ending a splendid Conference.

In November Zonta International celebrated its 75th birthday at Zonta International Headquarters in Chicago. There also was an Open House at headquarters.

JANUARY 1994 brought us again to the Amelia Earhart celebrations. The clubs had special recognition of the event for their program meetings and there were Area Amelia Earhart events also. There is not information about all of them. AREA 1 held an Amelia Earhart Fellowship luncheon in Burlingame at the Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza on Saturday, January 29. The speaker was Jean Tinsley, "The Flying Grandmother". She shared her aviation experiences with us, including her helicopter flying.

AREA 4 celebrated Amelia Earhart Day in Anaheim with a celebration and the mayor signed a proclamation announcing Amelia Earhart Day. All clubs in Area 4 were represented and also several members of the 99's. These events help us Zontians to experience Zonta's history and remind us about our illustrious early member.

There was a severe earthquake in the Northridge area of Los Angeles on January 17. This affected many members of Zonta in Los Angeles and surrounding towns. Most members survived well physically but several lost valued china and other possessions and some house structure. Zontians from around the world expressed concern and many donated funds to help fellow Zontians.

For the February 1994 District 9 Board meeting both the existing Board and the incoming Board met together, staying 4 and 5 persons to a room, all

paying their own air fare and for their food to save District money. This economizing took place for the entire biennium for which all members should thank Board members.

A new club was chartered in Ventura County on March 25, 1994 at the Hilton Inn in Oxnard. The beginnings of this club came about because of Zonta visibility at the WOMEN IN ACTION LOBBY DAY in Sacramento the previous June.

SPRING SEMINARS were held in all Areas. These have various themes to provide some leadership training and more information about Zonta. The Area Seminars that I heard about included: AREA 1- took place in Reno, Nevada, in the afternoon of April 30. The Reno Zonta club had held a Women's Symposium in the morning prior to the seminar.

AREA 3 was hosted by the Burbank Club and was held at the Sportsmen's Lodge.

AREA 6 held its Spring Seminar on February 20 at Central Arizona College, Casa Grande, Arizona.

AREA 7 held its seminar March 11 and 12 at the Outrigger Prince Kuhio. Participants at these area seminars get to know members from other clubs and exchange ideas and concerns. These have always been valuable experiences for me. During the biennium, both **Governor Shirley** and **Lt. Governor Dianne** have visited and consulted in Kauai regarding the 1995 Fall Conference to be held. Site visits and planning negotiations all help the conferences to be successful and smooth.

On April 14, 1994 the Zonta Club of V 1881 was chartered.

A number of clubs conducted Young Women in Public Affairs projects with good results. The young women from high schools wrote short essays about community issues and their involvement in leadership in school and in community activities. Club winners competed with District winners and received awards based on their participation as well as awareness of international issues to do with women and the future of the status of women. This program has been going on since 1990 worldwide and has met with quite a bit of success and interest. Area 1 in our District has had the award winner three times!

Literacy was another area which clubs involved themselves With many Zontians volunteering time to tutor, to read to children and participating in other literacy activities in their communities.

Membership in District 9 began the biennium with 1144 members on June 1, 1992. Membership on May 31, 1994 was at 1345. Four clubs disbanded during the biennium - San Francisco, San Jose, Escondido and Fullerton, accounting for about 20 members.

Two new Z Clubs were formed, one in Fontana and one in Kauai. Also two inactive clubs were reactivated in San Bernadino and Pacifica.

I know that there are many other events and activities that took place during this biennium of 1992-1994 that I have not reported. However, I thank **Shirley Eubanks** for the privilege of being Historian for District 9 and I

hope that these pages give members an idea of what has happened during this time. The new Historian for 1994-1996 is Cindy Wells. I wish for her a good experience!

The 1992-1994 District 9 History has been written by **Jewel Patton**, District 9 Historian.

A History of

ZONTA INTERNATIONAL

DISTRICT 9

1994 - 1996 Biennium

Dianne K. Curtis Governor

Compiled by Barbara Brown, Zonta Club of Tempe (East Valley) Lt. Governor 1996-1998 Biennium

FOREWORD

Cindy Wells, the District 9 Historian for the 1994-1996 Biennium, experienced some personal problems during the biennium and was unable to complete the task of compiling this history. I learned of this situation just prior to the close of the biennium and volunteered to reconstruct the biennium of Governor **Dianne K. Curtis** to the best of my ability. I am relying on board minutes, conference proceedings, area newsletters, and my memory; therefore, if some important items are missing, please accept my sincere apologies.

GOVERNOR'S PLATFORM

At the first District 9 Conference in her biennium, Governor **Dianne Curtis** told the members that she would not publish any District 9 goals for the biennium. Her reason was that she did not want the membership "spread too thin." She was proud that we have provided women with the skills to help them earn a living for themselves and their families, and as Zontians we have an obligation to ensure that conditions improve for women all over the world. A few expectations were presented at this time, relating to President 'Folake Solanke's *Triple H Concept*.

1. Have at least one health-related service project for the biennium, based on community needs.
2. Be proud and involved with your organization as an *International* organization, both through education and financial support.
3. Be involved in public issues relating to the status of women. A legislative committee was formed for this biennium to help keep us informed.
4. Complete and implement a long-range plan in each club so that a corresponding long-range plan can be adopted for District 9.
5. Create Zonta visibility through active public relations. Sponsor tables at any women's conference or networking function you hear about and spread the word.
6. Invite the Governor to club events.
7. Participate in district conferences. It is imperative to have 200 attendees in order to break even at a function of this type.

Governor Dianne announced during her acceptance speech, "I am proud of Zonta and all our accomplishments. . . . I want Zonta to become visible, striving to aid women to hold the advances won in the business and professional world, lending a helping hand to youth which is facing life in these troubled times, and above all, work for conditions which make the world a better place in which to live. We need every single member to be involved. . . ."

INTERNATIONAL

Background

The 1994-1996 Biennium began in Detroit, Michigan, at the close of the Zonta International Convention held July 17 through 21, 1994. Our International President, 'Folake Solanke, SAN, presented Zonta with the Triple-H theme: Women's Health, Human Rights, and World Harmony. The Zonta Foundation having been established, it was now important to fund it. So, Governor-elect **Dianne Curtis** and outgoing Governor **Shirley Eubanks** collected pledges to enter a Bike-A-Thon from Ft. Wayne, Indiana to Detroit via Canada. The ride was 250 miles long (and was actually completed by Area 8 Director-elect **Faye Mellos**) and raised over \$25,000 for the Zonta Foundation.

Zonta International Officers

President 'Folake Solanke (Nigeria)
President-elect **Josephine Cooke** (USA)
Vice President Val Sarah (Australia)
Secretary/Treasurer Donna Lane (USA)
Directors Christine Harvey (Belgium)
Leena Kankainen (Finland)
Cornelia Klauser-Reucker (Switzerland)
Mary Magee (Australia)
Sonia Parks (USA)
Ingrid Graf zu Solms Wildenfels (Germany)
Carlye T sui (Hong Kong)

One of the important achievements of Zonta International during this biennium was the establishment of the Zonta International Summit on Violence Against Women (ZISVAW). This summit took place in Washington, D.C., and District 9 took a very active role. Appearing as a presenter was **Laurel Shaefer** of the Zonta Club of Burbank. Governor **Dianne Curtis**, Past Governor **Shirley Eubanks**, Lieutenant Governor **Betty Loftesness**, and International President-elect **Josephine G. Cooke** were among the attendees. Governor **Dianne** and Past-Governor **Shirley** had jobs as facilitators. The summit was

extremely successful and made a substantial amount of money which Zonta International will use to fund regional summits at a later time.

One important outcome of the summit, however, was the resolution which was drafted largely by Governor **Dianne Curtis**. This resolution was presented at the United Nations in June 1994 by International President 'Folake Solanke, SAN, and is reprinted here to be made a part of this history.

"*WHEREAS* Zonta International is a worldwide service organization of executives in business and the professions working together to advance the status of women, and

WHEREAS the theme for the Zonta International 1994-1996 biennium is "Zonta's Agenda for Action: Women's Health, Human Rights and world Harmony"; and

WHEREAS the Zonta International Summit on Violence Against Women (ZISVAW) being held June 8-10, 1995 in Tyson's Corner, Virginia, United States of America seeks to recognize the causes, costs and consequences of and initiate action to eradicate all violence against women; and

WHEREAS the participants at ZISVAW are international experts on violence against women, policymakers and other interested persons committed to eradicating this pernicious violence from society; and

WHEREAS violence against women is not solely a women's issue but a human rights violation; and

WHEREAS violence against women is an abuse of power and control; and

WHEREAS violence against women destroys individuals, children and families; and

WHEREAS violence against women imposes additional burdens on health care, social services, and legal systems;

We, therefore, call upon all members of the United Nations and Non Governmental Organizations to adopt the eradication of violence against women as a priority worldwide.

Dated this tenth day of June 1995

{signed by Folake Solanke} Chief 'Folake Solanke SAN Zonta International President

DISTRICT 9

Officers and Board of Directors

Governor **Dianne K. Curtis** (Santa Clarita Valley)
Lt. Governor **Betty Loftesness** (Berkeley/North Bay)
Secretary **Carmen Sarro** (Santa Clarita Valley)
Parliamentarian **Isabelle Chenoweth** (Mt. Diablo)
Area 1 Director **Lorraine Bishop** (Sacramento)
Area 2 Director **Betty Bluekle** (Porterville)
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Governor's Comments

Governor **Dianne Curtis** expressed grave concerns on the decline in membership. "How can we effectively run the District with this amount of money? How long can we expect our officers to spend their own money to keep this District going? The time may come when the board will not be able to attend club functions because of the cost to them personally.

"We are at the crossroads in this wonderful organization. Can we expand our membership? Together we can make a difference. This is NOT a social club. This is an organization of professionals, and we must increase our membership to effectively improve the status of women."

Membership

Membership at the end of the 1992-1994 biennium was at 1302; at the end of the 1994-1996 biennium, it was 1109--a decrease of 14 percent. During the biennium, District 9 sadly lost the following clubs, either to aging and burnout or to reorganization.

Glendale, founded in 1929, disbanded in 1995; Visalia, founded in 1993, disbanded in 1995; Salinas, founded in 1974, disbanded in 1995; Ventura, founded in 1993 disbanded in 1996.

Highlights of Accomplishments

A District voluntary service project was adopted with the consent of the total membership: Casa Hogar Orphanage in San Luis, R.C., Mexico, the local project of the Zonta club of San Luis, R.C. (Mexico). Zontians from District 9 made several trips to the orphanage in Mexico donating needed items and money to assist in its support. Additionally, area clubs held fundraisers to provide operating funds, and many individual clubs forwarded Easter and Christmas packages to the little girls at the orphanage. With the devaluation of the Mexican peso, this District support was a real blessing across the border, and truly underscored the internationalism of District 9.

On a different note, however, the District's stand on internationalism as it pertained to the support of Zonta International service projects showed less of a commitment. The guidelines for international support have been to send 1/3 of service funds to International and retain 2/3 for local projects. As a district we have come in at about 1/4 to International, since some clubs in District 9 have chosen not to support the International projects. Governor **Curtis** spoke of this and urged all clubs to take an active part in donating to International. "After all, we ARE an international organization," she said.

Involvement in Legislation and Women's Issues

Governor **Curtis** established a new standing committee on Legislation to monitor bills coming to a vote which have to do with women's issues. **Faye Mellos** (Metro Salt Lake) was named chairman of this committee, and chose members from other states to provide input from the entire District. This would be a major undertaking, since District 9 incorporates five states as well as Mexico.

- San Diego sponsored its first conference on women, highlighting health issues.
- Santa Clarita sponsors a women's conference each spring. In March 1995, it was held at the College of the Canyons and was attended by over 300 women. The club presented a petition to the City Council to establish a commission on the status of women in Santa Clarita Valley.
- Nogales held its first women's conference in July of 1995, and was overwhelmed by its success.
- Maui as well held an island-wide women's conference.
- Conejo Valley is a co-sponsor of the "Creative Options" women's conference.
- Casa Grande held yearly free women's safety seminars.
- Antelope Valley and Greater Reno held yearly Symposiums for Women functions.

More about area activities in Area sections of this History.

United Nations Involvement

San Francisco was the site for the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the United Nations. We were honored to be represented by International President 'Folake Solanke, SAN. Chief 'Folake was the first representative to speak out of six non-governmental organizations (NGOs). Lt. Governor **Betty Loftesness** represented District 9 at this event, and enlisted the help of Area 1 Zontians. These members staffed a booth (the only NGO to have a booth) presenting pamphlets on Zonta and our International service projects.

Area 1 Vice Director, **Barbara Parise**, met President 'Folake at the airport and escorted her to the hotel. Not to be forgotten, and thus included in this history, is the picture of a 94-degree June day, the parking lot simmering with heat rising from the blacktop, an efficient **Barbara** escorting the International President to her car, installing the luggage in the trunk, and promptly locking her keys safely in the trunk with the luggage. Thank heavens for MA! 'Folake did not melt and **Barbara** was able to save face.

This was a rare opportunity for District 9 to be represented at a UN event, and recognition for Zonta's efforts was given by UNIFEM for long-standing support of women around the world.

Convention 2000

District 9 received the news that it will host the International Convention in Honolulu in the year 2000. This should be a huge convention, since it is believed that Zontians from around the world will wish to bring their families to Hawaii. The Study Tour 2000 committee was formed with **Carmen Sarro** (Santa Clarita Valley) as chairman. The study tour will take place prior to the convention and will showcase District 9.

1994 Conference - Pasadena, California - September 23 - 25

In addition to District 9 Zontians attending this Conference, International President-elect **Josephine G. Cooke** and International Literacy Chairman Dolores Lowery were present.

The official count was:

District Board	11
Delegates and Proxies	47
International Representative	1
Other Zontians and Guests	114
Total	173

District 9 contributions to International and Local Service were:

Amelia Earhart	\$29,777
Endowment Fund	4,017
UNIFEM	17,247
Building Fund	5,265
ZISVAW	500
Organization & Extension	989
Z Club	20
Eva Mowbray	374
Total	\$ 58,189
Local Service Projects	\$154,391

The Pasadena Conference focused on workshops dealing with women's health, the political scene, professional training, and the changing work scene. Workshops were well attended. This was a time of sharing and learning, and was enhanced by a wonderful Dine-hound experience offered by the Pasadena Zontians. The hospitality of the City of Roses was truly genuine.

1995 Conference - Po'ipu, Kauai, Hawaii - September 21-23

This Conference was held *on* the beautiful garden island of Kauai, with the theme "The World is Our Rainbow," and is the theme of this history. This was the business session of the biennium, and much was accomplished.

Due to the lessened membership and the high plane fares, Areas were asked to help raise money to send their directors to Conference to help defray board expenses. Most Areas, with the generosity of their club members, were able to raise the approximate \$500 necessary to provide air fare.

Zonta International Vice President Val Sarah was our official representative from International. She provided wooden bowls from Australia to be used for donations for the San Luis orphanage--one bowl to collect money; the other for placing a business card for an opportunity drawing at the close of Conference.

The official count was as follows:

Board Members	12
Delegates	48
Other Zontians	119
Guests	26
International Representative	1
Total	197

Pledges:

International	\$ 63,232
Local	<u>163,079</u>
Total	\$226,306

International Representative Val Sarah reported on ZISVAW. Particular reference was made to the Resolution which was largely drafted by Governor **Dianne Curtis**, and presented by International President 'Folake Solanke to the United Nations in June.

Finances

The budget was rewritten to reflect a change from 1400 members to 1200 members on the line Expected Income from Membership Dues. A time deposit account was opened to house \$10,000 from a maturing CD account. At the suggestion of the District 9 Treasurer, **Dede Durkee**, the board will be allowed to expense the "current charitable mileage rate" for Area travel, rather than the \$.275/mile previously used. The board also accepted budget cuts to coincide with the decline in membership.

The Zonta Club of San Luis has not collected dues in the past. Members donated operating funds to the club, and members gave their monies to the orphanage projects. With the devaluation

of the peso, District and International dues became a near impossibility for them to raise. District 9 Zontians, individuals and clubs, raised money to pay the June 1995 dues for these Zontians. The Zonta Club of Newport Harbor paid the District dues for all 22 Zontians. Approximately \$350 was provided by our twin, District 2, to complete the San Luis Zontians' obligation to International.

The 1996-1998 operating budget was approved with a dues increase to \$16/year and a membership of 1200.

Elections

The results of the District 9 elections are:

Governor **Betty Loftesness** (Berkeley)

Lt. Governor **Barbara Brown** (Tempe)

Treasurer **Deanna Durkee** (Tempe)

Area 1 Director **Barbara Parise** (Midpeninsula)

Area 2 Director **Irene Lynn Ray** (Bakersfield)

Area 3 Director **Elizabeth Weaver** (Antelope Valley)

Area 4 Director **Mary Pat Anderson** (San Diego)

Area 5 Director **Casey Wilson** (Fontana)

Area 6 Director **Mimi Bohlman** (Tempe)

Area 7 Director **Betty Jo Thompson** (Hilo)

Area 8 Director **Mary Jo Westen** (Salt Lake Area)

Nominating Committee **Dianne Curtis** (Santa Clarita Valley), Chairman

Kay Garrett (San Diego)

Marilyn Mauzey (Burbank)

Standing Rules Changes

A complete listing of the Zonta International District 9 Standing Rules as revised at this Conference are as follows, with the changes adopted shown in *italics*:

1 The Lt. Governor of the District shall be responsible for the purchase of a gift for the retiring Governor.

2. District 9 per capita dues shall be \$16 effective June 1, 1994, and shall include \$1 to the District Organization & Extension fund; \$1 to District Z Club Program; and \$2 to Conference Fund to defray registration fees for District 9 Conferences. Dues shall be due and payable on June 1.

3 District 9 shall hold a biennial conference in the odd-numbered calendar year beginning at the close of the 1997 conference.

4 Area meetings shall be rotated on a regular basis.

5. The Area Director shall appoint a Controller for the Area Function. The Controller shall prepare a standard financial report of the Function and shall send said report to the Area Director no later than thirty (30) days from the date of the Function. Any surplus funds shall be sent with the report to the Area Director who shall forward surplus funds with a copy of the report to the District Treasurer to be credited to the Area Function account for use by the Area Director for future Area Functions. Balance in the function fund shall be applied towards any deficit of said function. In the event a deficit remains, it shall be prorated among the Zonta clubs of the Area and collected by the Area Director.

6. The Area Function Fund is intended to help reduce the cost of registration to participants in Area Functions. Area Directors should use 75 percent of the Area Function Fund by the end of their biennium. Area Functions are defined as: Area Seminars, Amelia Earhart Luncheons/Dinners, Leadership Training, President's Meetings, Organization and Extension Functions, Young Women in public Affairs Award Luncheons/Dinners, and any other Area Function open to representation by all clubs in the Area. Unused Area Function Funds will be carried over into the next biennium.

7. A District 9 Z Club Program shall be established. Each Z Club organized within District 9 boundaries shall become a member of the District 9 Z Club Program. (*changed "Big Z Council" to "Z Club Program"*)

8. Standing Rules for the operation of the District 9 Z Club Program shall become a part of the operating procedure of the Council and remain in effect until replaced, rescinded, amended or suspended by action of the District 9 Conference. (*changed "Big Z Council" to "Z club Program"*)

9. The Governor shall appoint a District Historian whose charge shall be to keep the history of District 9 Zonta International updated and factual.

10. A Vice Area Director may be appointed by the Governor upon the recommendation of the Area Director and the approval of the Board. (*deleted the phrase "large geographical region"*)

11. As a voting member of the delegation at Zonta International Convention, the Governor's expenses, net of any International reimbursements, shall be reimbursed by the District for the following items:

- a. The most reasonable air fare, round trip.
- b. The standard hotel room rate, double occupancy, beginning the night before the first day of registration through the night of the closing banquet.
- c. Registration fee.
- d. International dinner.
- e. Closing banquet.
- f. Classification luncheon or its equivalent.
- g. Luncheon or dinner for the specific office, if not covered by Zonta International
- h. Any event where the presence of the Governor will be noted; i.e., awards.

Full notification of known expenditures, including receipts, shall be submitted to the current District Treasurer by the close of the Governor's fiscal year.

12. As a non-voting attendee, the Lt. Governor's expenses, net of any International reimbursement, shall include 60 percent of the same expenses allowed for the Governor as stated in Standing Rule #11. Should the Lt. Governor obtain voting rights at the International Convention, reimbursement shall include 100 percent of the same expenses allowed for the Governor. *Full notification of the known expenditures, including receipts, shall be submitted to current District Treasurer by the close of Governor's fiscal year.*

13. No club shall terminate a member for non-attendance without recommendation by the Membership Committee and a majority vote by the Board following club guidelines.

14. *The District Governor and District Treasurer shall be bonded for the entire duration of their term.*

15. *The District shall own a perpetual Governor's pin and guard to be worn by each District Governor during the biennium. The pin shall be passed down to the incoming Governor by the predecessor at the time of the installation.*

16. *The District Board shall approve the District Conference minutes at the first Board meeting held after the distribution of the minutes.*

17. *Conference motion cards and election ballots shall be retained by the District Secretary until the close of the following conference, and then shall be destroyed.*

18. *The Governor-elect may be authorized to make plans for the next biennium, including appointing the Secretary, Parliamentarian and Standing Committee Chairmen and meeting with the appropriate incoming board members and appointees to develop the District program goals and conference plans.*

19. *Upon approval of the conference budget by the District Board, the District Treasurer will issue seed money to the Conference Treasurer to be paid back to the District, 90 days after the close of the conference.*

STANDING COMMITTEE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Amelia Earhart - *Chairman Sharon Langenbeck, Santa Clarita Valley*

The Committee goals were to outreach to past Amelia Earhart Fellows, making available addresses and bios to all District 9 clubs, making it possible for clubs to invite these past-Fellows to speak at functions or to Zonta membership, where appropriate. International contributions have fallen, and the committee hoped to provide fresh and continuing information to clubs to encourage new enthusiasm in contributions from clubs.

Bylaws and Resolutions - *Chairman **Anne-Line Anderson**, Irvine-Saddleback*

The committee attempted to prepare a blueprint for club bylaws to assist clubs in forming clearly written bylaws in compliance with current Zonta International bylaws. Their goal was to assist every club in adopting up-to-date and well-defined Standing Rules of Procedure for ongoing club operation, and most importantly, provide a pathway for every club to submit proposed resolutions and amendments to the International Board.

Environment - *Chairman **Joann M. McCabe**, Hilo*

Committee goals were to provide environmental education to District 9 Zontians and to encourage individual responsibility and commitment to environmental concerns. Focus was on Agenda 21 of the Rio de Janeiro Conference: "Global action for women toward sustainable and equitable development."

Literacy - *Chairman **Allison Mackenzie**, Riverside*

The committee goals as outlined at the Conference were to ensure 50 percent participation at the club level in literacy-related service projects, as well as 50 percent of District 9 clubs participating in activities for September 1995 Literacy Awareness Week.

Long-Range Plan - *Chairman **Glenne Harding**, Midpeninsula*

All Districts in the Zonta world were asked to develop a long-range plan and submit it to Zonta International to assist them in determining the organization's long-term goals. Chairman **Glenne Harding** assisted areas as well as individual clubs in forming club plans in order that District 9 would know the direction to take. With 1/3 of the clubs responding, reported earnings were projected to increase by 26 percent and membership by 21 percent. This would take District 9 from total contributions of \$260,000 currently, to nearly \$700,000 at the end of five years.

Membership - *Chairman Lt. Governor **Betty Loftesness**, Berkeley/North Bay*

Chairman **Betty Loftesness** provided membership with inspiration and tools for recruitment. Seven Keys of Membership was a handout and presentation at Conference in Pasadena, and Zonta Partnerships was the focus of a presentation in Kauai. The Lt. Governor urged Zontians to "think NEW about Zonta and seize the moment for any opportunity to talk about this organization.

Newsletter - *Chairman Marilyn Mauzey, Burbank*

Chairman **Marilyn Mauzey** formed an extensive committee to receive and judge newsletters from the Areas and clubs in District 9. The feeling of the committee was that this would be a more reasonable method of making a judgment on quality and content of many newsletters, since one person would not have the responsibility of reading ALL material produced by the District. The committee's advice to newsletter editors was to "Learn what you can and make information, understanding, and communication a part of your life inside and outside of Zonta."

Organization & Extension - *Chairman Shirley Eubanks, Tempe*

The committee's goals were to work to strengthen clubs below 15 members (District 9 has the most clubs with fewer than 15 members in the Zonta world). The chairman would like to form three new clubs in the District by June 1996 and pledged to be a resource for any club needing assistance.

Public Relations - *Chairman Marjorie Appleton, Mt. Diablo*

The committee chose goals not only for themselves, but for ALL Zontians:

Increase knowledge of Zonta. Share it. Learn and use the power of the press. Chairman **Marge Appleton** encouraged all of us to "Toot your whistle" for Zonta and abolish the phrase, "What is Zonta?"

Service - *Chairman Lenore Stuart, Yuma*

Service Committee goals for the biennium included active support of Zonta International and UNIFEM. Clubs were encouraged to implement a women's health based project in order for Zonta's name to be linked in the community to women's health. Clubs are encouraged to collaborate with reputable organizations with similar ideals to render badly needed local service. Participation in environment and literacy programs was encouraged.

Status of Women - *Chairman Kathleen Brenneman, Fontana*

Goals for this committee were as follows: Identify and support those persons who make policies that advance the status of women; develop, sponsor or participate in one program each year targeting women's health and human rights systems; sponsor two programs each year to celebrate

programs on women's health and human rights; sponsor at least one public official who supports the health and human rights of women; identify and support House and Senate who support the Violence Against Women act; and continue to promote leadership in young women by participating in the Young Women in public Affairs award annually.

United Nations/International Relations - *Chairman **Bonny Schumacher**, Newport Harbor*

Because the 50th Anniversary of the United Nations and the Year of the Family were celebrated in this biennium, clubs were encouraged to direct local projects toward those helping families, orphaned or disabled children, and women who are victims of domestic violence. Clubs were encouraged to join with another club to support and visit our District 9 project in San Luis, Mexico; support and give service to a facility that cares for aging women; and raise funds to aid women and children affected by war.

AREA ACTIVITIES

Area 1 - Area Director **Lorraine Bishop** (*Sacramento*); Vice Area Director **Barbara Parise** (*Midpeninsula*)

Clubs:

Berkeley/North Bay	Midpeninsula Area
Greater Reno	Mount Diablo
Marin County	Sacramento
	Salinas

Overview. Area 1 lost membership during the biennium. Sacramento struggled, but rallied and is still a strong unit. Marin still has 7 members and is not growing at this time. They have hope and will not give up just *yet*. Salinas disbanded after struggling for several years to rejuvenate. This is a very politically active area with strong legislative action and education. Greater Reno, the youngest club in the Area, is unaware of the phrase, "We can't do that," and simply *does* it. Their Harley-Davidson raffle is the most successful fund-raiser in District 9.

Seminars. Spring seminars were held during both years of the biennium. The Midpeninsula club hosted the April 8, 1995 area seminar in Cupertino, "Recharging *your* Zonta Batteries." The program included an open forum on Public Relations (**Betty Loftesness**, Berkeley/North Bay), Fundraising (**Linda Stetter**, Greater Reno), Events (**Esther Sheridan**, Marin County), Leveraging Service (**Kass**

Sanginiti, Midpeninsula), Parliamentary Tips (**Isabelle Chenoweth**, Mt. Diablo), Status of Women (**Dorothy Thurber**, Sacramento), and Historian **Jewell Patton**, Salinas). Officers training was conducted by **Dianne Curtis** and **Betty Loftesness**, after which "*What's Wrong With Affirmative Action?*" was presented by guest speaker, Sylvia Gerst.

The April 27, 1996 seminar was held in Reno and hosted by the Greater Reno club. This seminar was held at the Reno Hilton. Congresswoman Barbara Vucanovich was the highlight speaker on "Women in the Workplace-What's Hot, What's Not." This luncheon presentation covered changing laws which influence the work environment and affect working women. A fun-filled hands-on workshop in the morning provided plans to add some zip and cash to the clubs. A pre-seminar evening of entertainment was offered at Harrah's, and an optional tour and dinner were offered for Saturday afternoon and evening at the close of the seminar.

Fund-Raisers. The Zonta Club of Greater Reno held annual raffles of Harley Davidson motorcycles.

The Sacramento club regularly sponsors a theater night, and the 1996 performances were Stephen Sondheim's *Into the Woods* and James Thurber's *Carnival*. They raised over \$2500 in the Human Race in 1995 and will pursue this event again in the future. Midpeninsula presented a Vintage Fashion show of original gowns dating from 1860 to 1960. This is their major fundraiser, and the February 1996 show was a radical change from the themes in the past. Berkeley/North Bay held a Chinese New Year's Dinner and attended Shakespeare theater evenings.

Programs. Judge Janet Berry, a Reno Municipal Court judge, was a presenter at a meeting of the Greater Reno club. She is a founding member of the Washoe County Domestic Violence Task Force. She spoke *on* the Youth offender program. Sylvia Ontaneda-Bernales presented a program *on* "Making a Difference: A Celebration of Women in Politics." She is the recipient of Nevada's first Women's Role Model award. Stephanie Tyler, a former state senator and lobbyist, spoke *on* "Women's Role in the Evolution of the Nevada Legislative Process: Acceptance *or* Sexism?" The Mt. Diablo club provided speaker Kathleen Reynolds who received a kidney from her brother. Her topic was "A Gift of Life," and stressed the importance of tissue transplants. Another interesting program was Reverend Linda Regan sharing her experiences as a pilot and Powder puff Derby participant.

Community visibility. The Sacramento Club presented a regional event for International Women's Day. Guest speakers included Carolina Zaragoza, deputy vice consul for the Mexican Consulate; Diane Watson, senator; Anne Rudin, former mayor of Sacramento; Michele McCormick, president of the League of Women Voters; and Dianne Curtis, District 9 *Governor*. A table of 8 was represented at the

dinner celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the United Nations. Midpeninsula produced flyers with Zonta's name to promote the City Date Book '96 guide to restaurants. Not only good community visibility, but the club received \$4 for every book purchased through Zonta's efforts. This club sponsored an NGO Women's Conference in China, a panel discussion which provided ideas and information to more than 60 people who attended. Panelists included Bonita Banducci (Commission on the Status of Women, Santa Clara County), Larissa Keet (trainer in conflict resolution), Judy Kramer (Board member, Spring Foundation), Caroline Wilkins (Zonta International Area 4 Director), Misti Mukhopadhyay (Global Fund for Women grants manager), and was moderated by Professor Barbara Babcock of Stanford Law School. Berkeley/North Bay sponsored a literacy program at the Berkeley Library for Literacy Awareness Week. The Women in Action Lobby Day was well represented with Zontians in attendance both in 1995 and 1996. The 1995 topic was "California In Revolt: How will It Affect Women?" All of Area 1 regularly participates in the Women In Action Lobby Day (WIALD) with a booth manned by Area 1 Zontians, and distributes literature and information to attendees.

The Area Amelia Earhart Luncheon is an event held at the Western Aerospace Museum in Oakland, California, and receives much press coverage. The 1996 speaker and Guest of Honor was Marcie Smith, NASA - Ames Research Center, Spacecraft Operations Branch, Galileo Probe Manager. Her presentation provided an overview of the Orbiter probe which was sent to observe Jupiter on a two-year mission, and included major objectives and preliminary results from the Probe.

Amelia Earhart Fellows: Eveline Baesu (University of California at Berkeley ph.D. candidate in Engineering) and Laura Robin Benedetti (University of California at Berkeley ph.D. candidate in physics) were presented with their medals and wings by Governor Dianne Curtis.

Service. Mt. Diablo adopted a family for Christmas, providing gifts and clothing for the children and mom. They regularly support the We Care memory play garden, APEX (Academic Program for Excellence), the Diablo Literacy Council and the Diablo Valley Foundation for the Aging. Berkeley/North Bay supports women attending college who are reentering the work force. They fulfilled a \$10,000 commitment to the YMCA during this biennium. The Greater Reno club procured a travel trailer, redesigned it, and contributed it to the local fire department to be used to train children and elderly how to survive fires. Midpeninsula directs its efforts in partnership with another service

organization to "Speak Up," a leadership training program whose goal is to empower girls to overcome obstacles they face in the school system of subtle prejudice in the classroom and internal feelings of self-doubt and low self-esteem.

Newsletters. Monthly newsletters were received regularly from Mt. Diablo, Midpeninsula, Greater Reno, Sacramento, and Berkeley/North Bay.

Area 2 - Area Director **Betty Bleukle** (Porterville); Vice Area Director **Irene Lynn Ray** (Bakersfield)

Clubs: Bakersfield, Fresno, Porterville, Visalia.

Overview. Area 2 lost membership during the biennium. Bakersfield decided to make a concerted effort to muster enthusiasm, as member burnout became a serious problem. They cut back on fundraising activities and stressed Zonta education and commitment. This club did much to encourage member attendance and recognize achievements. Fresno remains dedicated, but does not really wish to make changes. They had difficulty agreeing on meeting place and time due to the depressed area and unwillingness of members to travel at night. Porterville fluctuates, but is extremely strong in the community with high visibility, fund raisers and excellent public relations. Visalia struggled with organization and structure, and disbanded after only a short time.

Seminars. Spring seminars were held during both years of the biennium. "Focus on Women" was held May 6, 1995, in Porterville and covered Women's Health, Procedures, Long Range Planning, Profile of the Zonta Woman, and held workshops on Membership and Fundraising. The 1996 seminar was held as a forum jointly with Area 3 and held in Valencia. Featured topics were Membership and Women's Health.

Fund-Raisers. The Zonta Club of Porterville was very successful and visible in the community with its fundraisers. *Artists in Bloom* was a cocktail party featuring an artist's show, and in April, a secretaries' luncheons were held both years of the biennium. The Zonta Club of Bakersfield was busy with yard sales and crafts sales. They held a successful Valentine Dinner Dance.

Community Visibility. The Porterville club is extremely fortunate to be well represented in the press.

Each fund raiser or community project had photos and good-sized write-ups in the local newspaper.

Service. Since the Zonta Club of Porterville earned more in service dollars due to the great success of their art shows, they are looking at identifying with a major service project for greater community visibility. They participated in a housewarming for the mission project--"Adopt-an-Apartment" The Zonta Club of Bakersfield participated in a Focus on Women seminar in October of 1995. This was a YWCA project. Their annual Women's Health Faire was put on hold during the last year in order to concentrate on membership revitalization.

Newsletters. The Zonta Club of Porterville sends its *Zonta Zest* monthly. It is filled with club news as well as excellent Zonta education.

Area 3 - Area Director **Cheri Marquette** {*Burbank*}; Vice Area Director **Elizabeth Weaver** (*Antelope Valley*)

Clubs: Antelope Valley	Pasadena
Burbank	Santa Barbara
Conejo Valley	Santa Clarita Valley
Los Angeles	Ventura County

Overview. Membership remained fairly stable during the biennium. The clubs in Area 3 were extremely active in Literacy, Health, and Legislative Issues. They met together at area events twice annually--once at seminar and once at the Amelia Earhart function. Members in Area 3 were very committed to taking the message to women outside the club area, due to their active participation and sponsorship of women's conferences. The newest club, Ventura County, experienced growing pains mixed with a feeling of isolation, and in spite of efforts of Area clubs to rally around this newest addition to the Area, the Ventura County members voted to disband in 1996.

Seminars/Meetings. Area Director **Cheri Marquette** chose to use the term "Forum" as a possible draw to the annual area meetings. While the content of each forum was well received and issues were timely and provocative, the timing was not conducive to good attendance. March is Women's History and Status of Women month, and Area clubs were very active in supporting these topics. The 1995 forum was held in Van Nuys on March 25. Topics covered were AIDS/HIV and Affirmative Action.

The 1996 forum was held jointly with Area 2 clubs in Valencia, and was called "The Gift of

Life." Topics included emergency life-saving techniques, Oncology and Hematology, and Emotional Independence.

The 1995 Amelia Earhart luncheon was held on Sunday, January 15 in Santa Paula. The Zonta Clubs of Santa Barbara and Ventura County hosted this event which featured a Fellowship presentation to Amy Warncke, California Institute of Technology in Pasadena. Governor **Dianne** was on hand for this presentation. The keynote speaker was Donna Shirley, Manager of the Mars Exploration Program.

The 1996 Amelia Earhart event was a luncheon hosted by the Zonta Club of Pasadena and held in Altadena. Governor Dianne presented wings to Fellow Ivette Leyva, California Institute of Technology. Speakers were Mary A. Roberts, Workman and Temple Family Homestead Museum, "Hunting for Stars"; and Zontian **Candace Kohl** (*La Jolla*), Amelia Earhart Fellow 1969, "Catch a Falling Star."

Fund-Raisers. The Zonta Club of Santa Clarita Valley held exciting kidnap luncheons in February of both years-a great fund raiser and also a great "friend raiser." Burbank held fundraising roasts which provided great fun and great funds. They roasted a prominent developer in 1995 (also a Rotarian). The Los Angeles club, formerly of peanut-brittle fame, embarked on a "Foodless Food Sale" to promote healthy eating. Conejo Valley was very successful with its Spring Tea. Antelope Valley held silent auctions and Chinese auctions, a St. Patrick's Day Brunch, and an old English Tea.

Programs. The clubs in Area 3 were extremely active in sponsoring and supporting women's events. Governor **Dianne Curtis** was asked to give the invocation at the Los Angeles County Commission for Women Awards Luncheon in March of 1995. The Zonta Club of Los Angeles presented programs dealing with issues such as elder care and Vietnam today. Pasadena presented an interesting program on "Hidden Treasures" which told members how to tell if they have treasures or trash in their attics. They also were provided with education on how to survive an earthquake. The Zonta Club of Santa Barbara celebrated the 75th anniversary of Women's Suffrage by partnering a program with other Santa Barbara County women's organizations. Featured speaker was Senator Barbara Boxer. Voter registration took place at this event. Antelope Valley has captured the spirit of the biennium with their variety of monthly programs such as Katrina Mumaw, the 13-year-old pilot; volunteerism, positive mental health, and other political and health issues. Burbank held programs relating to literacy, health, and status of women's issues. Most notable was Jackie Joseph, actress, activist and journalist, speaking *on* "Taking Baby Steps toward a Quantum Leap." The Zonta Club of Conejo Valley and the Zonta Club of Santa Clarita Valley

also provided provocative programs for members. All clubs provided informative United Nations programs.

Community Visibility. Much positive public relations has taken place through the outstanding efforts of Area 3 clubs. Many of the clubs have professionally printed club brochures outlining Zonta International and the local community served by the club. Sponsorship or co-sponsorship of symposium-style women's meetings have brought great publicity. Antelope Valley co-sponsored "Women on the Move"; Conejo Valley co-sponsored the "Creative Options" women's conference; Burbank took over the city with Literacy Week; and Santa Clarita Valley presented a petition to the city council to establish a Commission on the Status of Women in the Santa Clarita Valley. Santa Clarita and Conejo Valley were given good press coverage during the biennium.

Service. Major service emphasis in the area was in women's issues, elder and child care. Los Angeles Zontians concentrate on the House of Ruth; Antelope Valley stressed mentoring and youth development through heavy Z Club involvement; Burbank maintained an interest in literacy; Conejo Valley sponsored a special kids day for handicapped children; Santa Clarita Valley held their Healthy Kids club. Much of the service in the area was hands-on. It's a blessing to be able to see the fruits of your labors first-hand.

Newsletters. Excellent informative and educational newsletters were sent by Santa Clarita Valley, Conejo Valley, Antelope Valley, Pasadena, Los Angeles and Burbank.

Area 4- Area Director **Caroline Hille** (*La Jolla*); Vice Area Director **Mary Pat Anderson** (*San Diego*)

Clubs:

Greater Anaheim	Newport Harbor
Capistrano Valley	San Diego
Irvine-Saddleback	Santa Ana
La Jolla	South Bay
Long Beach	

Overview. Area 4 consisted of nine clubs, physically close together but separated by time through congested freeway systems. Still, the Area maintained a cohesiveness by planning and attending combined events. Though the clubs are close together geographically, the actual makeup and philosophy of individual clubs was diverse. Some clubs felt that restructuring would be necessary. Capistrano Valley and Santa Ana members are barely hanging on and feeling that they would prefer to join other clubs in

the Area and disband their own. At the end of the biennium, Area 4 still consisted of nine clubs, but this could change soon. Long Beach maintained 8 members and they seemed disinterested in change. The Zonta Club of San Diego took in several members living in the Encinitas area with the intent of forming a new club in the North Coast. This biennium saw a Zonta first in Area 4-a five-club officer installation which boasted 52 in attendance. Area 4 also annually presented successful Amelia Earhart events on an area-wide level.

Seminars. Successful area meetings were held during both years of the biennium. In 1995, "Sowing the Seeds for Success" was held in Laguna Hills, hosted by the Zonta Club of Capistrano Valley. Training workshops were held for club officers. The keynote speaker was Bobbie Gee, author and president of Women's Consumer Protection Network. Ms. Gee spoke on 'why Women Pay More and What to Do About It.' In 1996, the Zonta Club of Santa Ana hosted the annual Ozcar Awards, a unique and innovative means of getting the message across. Special presentations included *From Here to Eternity* (Governor **Dianne Curtis**), *Sense & Sensibility* (Lt. Governor **Betty Lotlesness**), *State of the Union* (**Caroline Hille**), *All the President's {Wo}Men* (Presidents' workshop), *The Money Train* (Treasurers' workshop), *The Paper* (Newsletter workshop), *An American Quilt* (Membership workshop).

Fund-Raisers. The Zonta club of San Diego held their traditional Salmon Bake event, but turned it into a fund-raiser. Their large fund-raiser is their St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance and Silent Auction. The Zonta Club of South Bay Area used the Wilmington Fiesta in July as its fundraising site. They run the pizza booth-a very successful activity. The La Jolla club had a very successful fundraiser-"Flowers with a Flair." Long Beach held a fashion show and luncheon. The Zonta Club of Anaheim sponsored a Christmas Boutique and Bingo Party. Irvine-Saddleback held an art auction and appetizer buffet, as well as their annual Casino Benefit. The Zonta Club of Newport Harbor hosted silent and live auctions at events providing live entertainment.

Service. San Diego provided funds for educational programs to prevent teenage pregnancy. They provided cooperation and volunteers for other community-sponsored events, as well. San Diego's satellite club, North Coast, adopted literacy as its primary service. The Santa Ana club provided funds and clothing in a one-day program called Working Wardrobes to 225 abused women from 18 shelters. Newport Harbor Zontians made dinner and Easter eggs for Laura's House, delivered bags of groceries to FISH, provided money and essential items to the orphanage in San Luis, RC., supported the Hoag Cancer Center, and assisted Zontians in Kobe, Japan, following the earthquake. La Jolla volunteered at

the Pacific Beach Library, provided social interaction with foreign and American students at UCSD, and provided scholarships. Capistrano Valley Zontians gave Christmas and Easter parties for Anchor House, a home for homeless families. The Zonta Club of Long Beach was heavy on volunteerism in the name of Zonta.

Community Visibility. South Bay participated actively in community programs and was able to reap the benefits through press coverage. Greater Anaheim and Capistrano invited local news staff to club functions resulting in articles. San Diego held a Women's Conference as a community service, in an attempt to educate women on health matters.

Programs. Santa Ana, Newport Harbor, La Jolla, San Diego, and South Bay held programs of interest to professional women and dedicated to the improvement of the status of women. Some of these speakers included Eileen Padberg, a political consultant, speaking on "Women and Politics" (Santa Ana); Zontians Bonny Schumacher and **Alexandra Linden**, "Your Portfolio: Here Today-Where Tomorrow?" (Newport Harbor); Judge Betty Lou Lamoreaux (a juvenile judge), "What's Going On in Schools-Gangs and Violence" (Santa Ana).

Newsletters. All of the clubs in Area 4 produced informative newsletters. Most impressive was each club's inclusion of activities of other clubs in the area, encouraging inter-area participation.

Area 5 - Area Director **Lori Moore** (*Inland Valley West*); Vice Director **Casey Wilson** (*Fontana*).

Colton
Fontana
Inland Valley West (Ontario/Upland) Redlands
Riverside
San Bernardino
Yucaipa-Calimesa

Overview. The Ontario/Upland club petitioned for and was granted a name change so as to attract members from a larger area. They became the Zonta Club of Inland Valley West during the biennium. Yucaipa-Calimesa struggled with 10 discouraged members and spoke of disbanding. Colton and Ontario/Upland began the biennium with talk of disbanding, but due to some helpful clubs, intervention by District 9 and the Organization and Extension committee, these clubs have regained a positive growth mode. The Zonta Club of Fontana celebrated its 60th Birthday with a gala event.

Seminars/Area Meetings. An interactive area workshop was held in 1995 with speaker Laura Miller

on "How to Fight Fires without Getting Burned." This was a personal/professional improvement seminar. Officers' training was held at a separate retreat in June. The 1996 seminar was held in Riverside for three hours on a Wednesday evening. This seminar emphasized Zonta service efforts on all levels.

An Amelia Earhart event was held in 1995, hosted by the Zonta Club of Fontana. The event scheduled for 1996 was cancelled due to lack of commitment from all area clubs. The club presidents believed that one area Amelia Earhart event should take place during a biennium.

Fund-Raisers. Yucaipa-Calimesa held a Swine 'n' Cheese Soiree to celebrate Zonta's birthday. Colton held an afternoon tea. The Zonta Club of San Bernardino is known in the community for its annual Spring Fling event and silent auction. Additionally, the club has held a fashion show in the fall for nearly 50 years. The Zonta Club of Riverside made well over \$10,000 each year on its rummage sale. The club was involved in "A Christmas Carol" fund-raiser which netted them nearly \$1000.

Service. The Zonta Club of Riverside donated to the patients at Patton State Hospital and the families at Alternatives to Domestic Violence. They are a large supporter of literacy and the Amelia Earhart program. The Redlands club supported their community Music Association and provides scholarships.

Programs. The San Bernardino club held programs related to international relations, literacy, and women's health.

Community Involvement. The Zonta Club of Ontario-Upland held its Annual Intercity Meeting and provided an interesting program. The Redlands club attended a city council meeting and asked for and received a declaration for Literacy Awareness Week.

Newsletters. Newsletters were received monthly from San Bernardino, Riverside, Colton and Redlands.

Area 6 - Area Director **Barbara Brown** (*Tempe*) i Vice Director **Tricia Hill** (*Nogales*)

Casa Grande Valley
Nogales
Phoenix Area
San Luis, R.C.
Tempe
Tucson
Yuma

Overview. **Patricia Berning** (Tempe), the elected Area Director for Area 6, resigned her office immediately after the International Convention in Detroit.. District Governor **Dianne Curtis** appointed **Barbara Brown** (Tempe) to fill the position. The Area consists of seven clubs-one in Mexico making

Area 6 an International Area. This Area is spread from one end of the state of Arizona to the other with driving time between the two farthest clubs at 7 hours. Spirit is high in the Area, community involvement and commitment are strong. Membership remains fairly constant with the Area reporting a slight net gain over the biennium. Only Tucson seems to have difficulty recruiting. Their members have been in Zonta a long while and are becoming a bit negative. Other clubs in the area have promised to send energetic women their way. An attempt was made to gain a club in Sierra Vista with Nogales as the SOM club. Response in the Sierra Vista area was simply not there.

Seminars. Due to the large geographic Area, the clubs voted to have seminars in Casa Grande, no matter which club was hosting. Casa Grande is 3.5 hours by car from both directions and is the most central location. The 1995 planning retreat was hosted by the Zonta Club of Phoenix Area and included training sessions on leadership and fundraising. The theme was "Crossroads: where Do We Go From Here?" and featured **Glenne Harding** who instructed clubs in long-range planning. The 1996 seminar was hosted by the Tempe club. Entitled "Be All That You Can Be-and Then Some," it featured training to provide professional and personal growth. International President-elect **Josephine Cooke** provided Zonta inspiration. A unique opportunity was available for the San Luis Zontians, together with **Jan Smith-Florez** (Nogales) as translator, to meet with President-elect **Josie** and discuss issues. This was a positive session since San Luis does not have the opportunity to communicate with other area clubs on a regular basis.

Fund-Raisers. The Casa Grande club hosted "Frosty Festive Fashions" which was received very well in the community. Nogales is popular for its Secretaries' Day luncheon and made good service dollars this biennium on its White Elephant sales. The Phoenix Area club sponsored A Day at the Races, and held annual rummage sales. The Zonta Club of Tempe has had its ASU project delivering cram kits to students for nearly 30 years. This biennium launched the first of their Holiday Floral Experience, flower arrangement demonstrations and silent auctions. The Zonta Club of Yuma has held Home-A-Rama for over 30 years.

Service. This Area has been very strong on service during the biennium. The Zonta club of Tucson works with at-risk youth on Wright Flight, a motivational program. The Zonta Club of San Luis has been the mainstay of an orphanage for little girls, Casa Hogar. The members not only support the orphanage financially, but they mentor, educate, and play a large hands-on role in the lives of these children. Toward the end of the biennium, the club added to their service burden a school for boys with

special needs. The little girls' orphanage was adopted as the official voluntary District 9 service project with donations to go to the Nogales Foundation for forwarding to San Luis. The Yuma club is heavy into literacy, supporting libraries and homeless shelters with volunteer trainers and books. Tempe has joined a community partnership with St. Luke's Hospital in a newborn baby layette project. Phoenix Area Zontians support a women's alcohol recovery center and a school for homeless children.

Community visibility. The Zonta Club of Yuma has undoubtedly the best public relations coverage. They have full photo sections in the Sunday paper on Home-A-Rama day. They pay for advertising events such as Literacy Week when they can't get free coverage. The Phoenix Area club adopted a street and has its name for a full mile on 15th Avenue. The Zonta Club of San Luis took the opportunity to honor Amelia Earhart during their *Dia de los Muerlos* celebration. They decorated an altar with foods, flowers, Amelia Earhart memorabilia, and a large portrait of Amelia and carried it through the streets of San Luis.

Newsletters. Excellent informative newsletters were received monthly from Casa Grande, Nogales, Phoenix Area, Tempe and Tucson.

Area 7 - Area Director Susan Campos (*Maui*); Vice Director Juliette Tulang (*Hilo*)

Clubs:

Hilo, Honolulu, Kaua'i, Leilehua, Maui

Overview. Area 7 is isolated from its sister clubs on the mainland, but still maintains high Zonta ideals. The members are committed to community service and are active participants in political matters. Membership is dropping slightly, but the clubs have an abiding desire to serve. Transportation between clubs is expensive. The only practical means of inter-island transport is by plane, and fares average \$100 per trip. Communication began to improve during the biennium thanks to Past-Governor **Shirley Eubanks** and Governor **Dianne Curtis** and their efforts to visit these clubs to offer support and encouragement.

Seminars. Since Area 7 hosted the 1995 District 9 Conference on Kaua'i, the clubs chose not to conduct a seminar during that year. All their combined energies provided an outstanding conference which will be long remembered by all who attended.

The 1996 seminar was hosted by the Zonta club of Hilo at Nani Mau Gardens. The theme was "Olakino, Lokahi, Pono Kanaka,(Health, Harmony, Human Rights): Zonta's Vision, Our Mission." Excellent programs were provided dealing with harmony and health.

Fund-Raisers. The Hilo club annually presents a Christmas Dinner/Auction. Kaua'i conducts rummage sales for service funds. The Zonta Clubs of Leilehua and Honolulu team up on fundraising projects for greater impact. Their "Garden at Christmastime" project netted nearly \$2000 for each club.

Service. Hilo supported Hale Ohana, a family crisis center, provided education and supplies for nurses assisting victims of sexual assault, and established scholarships for nurses for this program. Kaua'i supported a teen parenting program to enable pregnant teenagers to stay in school. Youth Development is Kaua'i's strong motivation. The Zonta Club of Kaua'i earned the Weinberg Grant for services helping with an elderly residence facility. The Zonta Club of Honolulu is involved in a literacy "Read Aloud" program with a local elementary school. This club supported the Kapiolani Women's Center promoting women's health. It provided scholarships for aerospace on the island of Hawaii. Leilehua provided scholarships in space education, assisted at a food bank, and read to children in schools. The Maui club was able to partially fund a new mammography machine for their local hospital.

Programs. Agribusiness opportunities were stressed during a program at the Hilo club. Environmental issues are of strong concern to this club.

Community Visibility. The Zonta Club of Kaua'i has adopted a stretch of highway, and members pick up litter to fight careless disregard for the environment. This club is blessed with wonderful press coverage in *The Garden Island*, their local newspaper.

Newsletters. The Zonta Clubs of Honolulu, Hilo, Kaua'i, and Maui regularly distribute informative newsletters which are heavy on International and District information.

Area 8 - Area Director Faye Mellos (*South Salt Lake Valley*); Vice Area Director **Mary Jo Westien** (*Metropolitan Salt Lake*)

Clubs in Area 8 are Metropolitan Salt Lake, Salt Lake Area, and South Salt Lake Valley.

Overview. The three clubs of Area 8 are all within the same city area. Major differences have been the time and place of the meetings. Leadership was a problem during the biennium, where the Area Director stepped in for one of the clubs as acting president because no one would accept the responsibility. The Area is isolated from other Areas by driving distance and cost of air fare in and out of Salt Lake. A proposal is being drafted for Area 8 clubs to join with District 8, Area 1 (Pocatello, Idaho).

Seminars/Meetings. The 1995 seminar was held in May on a Friday evening and presented officers training. This event was hosted by the Salt Lake Area club. The Area held a joint boutique and holiday party as well as an Area Amelia Earhart program.

Programs. An AIDS Educational Workshop was presented by the Salt Lake Area club. The club also presented a fashion program for career and business women and a program on aging. Metro Salt Lake provided a program on Bankruptcy. South Salt Lake Valley presented "Stop Fraud."

Fund-Raisers. The Salt Lake Area Zontians sold poinsettias for a Christmas fund-raiser and were involved in the Ice Cream Dreams for Utah Children. The South Salt Lake Area club sponsors a sub for Santa program.

Service. Metro Salt Lake Zontians supported the House of Hope with 100 percent participation in providing gifts for the children at Christmas time. Efforts of this club were also directed to the Rape Crisis Center. The South Salt Lake Area club worked to support the Murray Boys and Girls Club. The Zonta Club of Salt Lake Area provided professional clothing for the Turning Point program at a local community college and personal hygiene items for Marillac Shelter.

Community Visibility. The Zonta Club of Metro Salt Lake held a Women's Health Forum. Area Director **Faye Mellos** direct-mailed invitations to a Zonta Get-Acquainted membership meeting.

Newsletters. The Zonta Club of Salt Lake Area sends regular monthly newsletters informing members of upcoming club events, as well as sharing other Area function information.

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ZONTA INTERNATIONAL 53RD BIENNIAL CONVENTION ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI - JULY

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St. Louis welcomed Zontians from all *over* the world with banners lining the streets, humidity and hospitality in about equal amounts, and a hotel filled with more yellow *roses* than I have ever seen in *one* place before. I learned the hotel florist had no idea Zontians would buy so many yellow roses; the entire surrounding area was scoured in order to obtain a sufficient number.

Highlights of the District meeting held during convention were the appointment of **Rita Scott** as Area 2 Director and **Bonny Schumacher** as Area 4 Director. Elected Area 2 Director **Irene Lynn Ray** found it impossible to fulfill the duties of her office due to personal circumstances; Area 4 elected Director **Mary Pat Anderson** relocated to the Bay area in Area 1.

Gifts were exchanged, reports given, and awards were presented. Most notable, if not most flamboyant, was the presentation of a huge bear, fully dressed in fur and jewels, to outgoing Governor **Dianne Curtis**. An airplane ticket nearly was necessary, but someone thought of a way to convince the bear to ride to Santa Clarita as baggage.

A special meeting was held with our twin district, District 2, and thanks were given for their generosity in helping our San Luis Zontians with their International dues. Hand-painted picture frames from Mexico were purchased by **Lee Ann Ayers** and presented to each of the District 2 Area Directors for fund-raisers at their next Area meetings, since this was the means they used to raise funds for San Luis.

The Opening Ceremony was held at a nearby Convention Hall and included for the first time since 1990 the traditional flag parade. This is always a moving experience, and was made more meaningful because of its absence for the past several years.

Governor **Dianne Curtis** warmed the delegates with her appeal to support her for the office of International Director. "If you want a ballet-dancing truck driver, here I am!" She won a spot
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on the International Board by a large margin, and congratulatory yellow roses appeared in her room
from members of District 9.

Dr. Maya Angelou, renowned speaker, writer, and performer, was the featured speaker, and she talked to us about being "saints," convincing us all that we were surely in that category. "By saint," Dr. Angelou said, "I mean the saint, the person who dares to be courageous and stand up for herself. . . and stand up for the children. I'm convinced that people who have a purpose, who have themes in their lives, are saints." She continued, "Without courage, you can't practice any other value consistently. I am heightened and encouraged, enlightened and uplifted by the courage of women." These remarks, in this writer's mind, could have been written as a tribute to Governor **Dianne K. Curtis**, for this is the way she has conducted her biennium, as well as her life, for as long as I have known her.

I wish for you the best of all Zonta worlds as you continue to lead by example and walk in sweet dignity.

Thank you for an awesome biennium.