



March 2017

ZCH Holds Annual Skeet Shoot Fundraiser

The Zonta Club of Houston held its fifth annual Charity Clay Sport Shooting Event benefiting the Zonta Club of Houston Educational and Charitable Fund (ZCHECF) at the American Shooting Center on Saturday, February 18th.

Nine teams competed for first, second and third place awards. The First Place team members, from left to right in the photo below, are Josh Ericson, Chase Dumas, Nathan Dumas, Sam Artz and Dave Artz. The Second Place team members are Marco Gonzalez, Loftus Fitzwater, Guillermo Garza, Jason Chan and Vincent Maycott.



First place team members pose with their certificates

The Third Place winners are Julie Woods, Rudy Garza, Corey Middleton, Jason Rexwinkle and Carson Middleton. Individual awards went to Amanda Chan, Highest Score-Female; and Marco Gonzalez, Highest Score -Male. Photos of the second and third place teams are on **page 9**. In addition to the sport shooting, a silent auction was held and a BBQ lunch was served to over 55 attendees. The event raised approximately \$5620 for ZCHECF to support local and international service programs and scholarships.

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Amanda Chan accepts her award from Lolis

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CLUB NEWS

Skeet Shoot Fundraiser (cont.)

Zonta members' relatives and friends were well represented among the event's winners: Marco Gonzalez, Lolis' brother; Cory and Carson Middleton, son and grandson of Cynthia; and Sam Artz, boyfriend of Sara, Mary Quinn's daughter. More relatives, friends and Zontians participating can be seen on the newsletter photo pages.

International Women's Day in Houston



Ellen Cohen Proclaims International Women's Day in Houston

Mayor Pro Tem Cohen joined with the United Nations Association – Houston Chapter (UNA) to formally proclaim March 8, 2017 as **International Women's Day** in Houston. Originally celebrated by the United Na-

tions in 1975, this is a day to recognize women for their achievements without regard to divisions, whether national, ethnic, linguistic, cultural, economic, or political. During the ceremony, Mayor Pro Tem Cohen was honored to receive a surprise tribute from the UNA for her contributions to the fight for gender equality. Around the world, women face occupational segregation and gender wage gaps, suffer higher rates of violence, and are under-represented in political and economic decision-making processes. One of the goals of the UNA is to provide women and girls with a powerful voice at the global, regional, and local level.



Carole Moffatt, left rear, attended this event

-from Councilman Cohen's email newsletter

ZCH Welcomes a New Member!

The members of the Zonta Club of Houston are delighted to welcome new member **Sally Seeger!** We look forward to getting to know you and hope you will enjoy the service, fellowship and fun offered by membership in Zonta.

February Meeting Speaker Beth Barron, Harris County Family Violence Prosecutor, with Mary Quinn



CARE Fundraiser for Women's Education

I am participating in a CARE fundraiser for programs supporting education for women and girls, March 8-14, in honor of International Women's Day. It is a virtual walk challenge encouraging participants to learn about the need for education, get some exercise and raise money for CARE's education projects for women. More information at: <http://walk.care.org/how-it-works/>. Several people expressed interest in this project at the clay shoot, and I had intended to determine whether there was interest in creating a Zonta team. Unfortunately, the bronchitis I had several weeks ago has been lingering on a low level and I have had some family distractions that pulled me away. If you want to participate in a small way, you can make a donation of any size at my fundraising link below, and maybe we can do this next year.

<http://fundraising.care.org/index.cfm?fuseac-tion=donorDrive.participant&participantID=1518>

Thanks, Therese Hartwell

CLUB NEWS (cont.)

Service Opportunities

Bay Area Turning Point

Saturday April 8

Saturday May 13

The Women's Home

Resume Writing- Part 2	Friday Mar 17th
Mock Interviewing	Friday Mar 24th
Time Management	Friday Mar 31st
Linked In/Social Media	Friday Apr 7th

Save the Date!

- *District 10 Area 2 Meeting in Houston Saturday, May 6, 2017*
- *ZI North American Summit in Washington DC June 2-4, 2017*
- *District 10 Conference in Oklahoma City October 20-21, 2017*



Happy Birthday!

February

Pat Gutierrez 3/16



Spring Begins March 20 !

LOCAL SERVICE PROJECT NEWS

The Women's Home News



The mission of The Women's Home (TWH), empowering women in crisis to be productive, self-sufficient individuals, correlates well with Zonta's mission. TWH is a nationally recognized model of excellence and clients participate in comprehensive clinical, vocational and chemical dependency programs.

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TWH Vocational Classes

Looking for Volunteers!! Zonta is excited to be presenting its vocational classes once again to The Women's Home residents. The nine classes began on Friday, Feb.10, 2017. Classes are held each Friday from 1:15-3:15 pm. The classes are being offered to nine enthusiastic and engaged residents. Thanks to the Zonta volunteers who give up their Friday afternoons to make these classes

a success. Chelsey Gutierrez is the new TWH Support Services Manager and David Brown is the new Employment Specialist currently working with Zonta. TWH staff and residents have been so complimentary and appreciative of the Zonta sessions and the impact these sessions are making on the women in their successful job search. Once the women complete the Zonta sessions, they are then ready to begin their job search process.

The upcoming classes are listed below:

Resume Writing- Part 2	March 17th
Mock Interviewing	March 24th
Time Management	March 31st
Linked In/Social Media	April 7th

THANK YOU ZONTA CLUB OF HOUSTON FOR ALL OF YOUR EFFORTS!

- submitted by Linda Licarione

LOCAL SERVICE PROJECT NEWS (cont.)

Bay Area Turning Point News

Dogs & Divas Fashion Show Luncheon - Friday, May 19

Join us for a second annual Dogs & Divas Fashion Show luncheon, set to take place Friday, May 19, from 11 am to 2 pm at South Shore Harbour Resort in League City, TX. The event is sure to present a tail-wagging good time! For more information regarding tickets and sponsorship please contact Lisa Dishman at ldishman@bayareaturningpoint.com.

Team Up For A Tail-Wagging Good Time!
Bay Area Turning Point Invites You To

Dogs & Divas
FASHION SHOW LUNCHEON

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

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Bay Area Houston

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HOUSTON Methodist
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PROTECTING PEOPLE & PETS FOR PEACE
We need your help to launch **"Safe Paws"**
*A pilot program designed to get people to shelter
sooner and safer by providing foster families for pets.*

Friday, May 19, 2017
South Shore Harbour Resort • League City, Texas
11am-2pm

Tickets \$60
For Reservations Call BATP 281-338-7600
Ask for Lisa Dishman

Proceeds Benefit
Bay Area Turning Point Shelter
& Friends of League City Animal Shelter

LOCAL SERVICE PROJECT NEWS (cont.)

Bay Area Turning Point (cont.)

Paper Products Needed! Bay Area Turning Point would like to enlist help from our community with meeting an urgent need for paper goods. Items most needed include toilet paper, paper towels, Styrofoam cups, bowls and plates. Donations are accepted Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 5:30pm at our Crisis Intervention Center, 210 S. Walnut St., Webster, TX 77598. Monetary donations are also accepted. For every \$45 donation received, Bay Area Turning Point is able to provide a safe haven for an adult and two children for one night.

Thank you for your continued support!

Free the Girls Service Project

In line with Zonta's focus on human trafficking, through the March meeting we will be collecting new and gently used bras for Free the Girls, a US organization that helps rescued victims of sex trafficking in Mozambique, El Salvador and Uganda seek economic empowerment by establishing their own second-hand bra business. Find more information about Free the Girls here: <https://freethegirls.org/ourstory/>. If you haven't already, please bring any bra donations to the March meeting and feel free to collect from family and friends. [REDACTED]

TV Series Focuses Season on Modern Day Slavery

The "American Crime" season premiere aired on Sunday, March 12th at 10:00 p.m. EDT on the ABC Television Network and focuses on modern day slavery. The staff of Polaris, a leader in the global fight to end modern slavery, served as advisors to the critically acclaimed and Emmy-Award winning series during the development and writing processes and has praised the show for its comprehensive and realistic portrayal of human trafficking.

"American Crime's" third season takes place in North Carolina and focuses on multiple types of sex trafficking and forced labor, effectively highlighting the complex ways in which human trafficking intersects with issues like immigration and socioeconomic divides.

At the end of the season premiere on Sunday, ABC shared information about the Polaris-operated National Human Trafficking Hotline (1-888-373-7888) so victims who identify with situations portrayed in the episode know how to reach out and be connected to help.

-submitted by Therese

News & Upcoming Events - UAHT

In 2016, United Against Human Trafficking (UAHT) reached 12,642 people through its work. To view more information about UAHT's impact in 2016, click the link to its annual report:

<http://uaht.org/wp-content/uploads/UAHT-2016-Annual-Report-FINAL.pdf>

Conscious Couture Resale Event

April 8, 2017

10:00 am - 3:30 pm

(10:00 -11:00 VIP Pre-Shop)

Conscious Couture Resale Events combine couture shopping from the closets of fashion icons, designer sample sales, words from inspiring Style Bosses, and the fight for freedom of women and girls around the world. They offer women rare access to deeply discounted luxury merchandise, celebrity fashion & beauty secrets, and contagious girl power.

The 2017 Style Bosses include: **Anika Jackson**

(Interesting Ambassadors), **Chloe & Sydney**

Dao (Chloe Dao Boutique & Squid Inc., PR), **Joy Sewing**

(Houston Chronicle), **Natasha Hastings**

(Olympic Runner), **Theresa Roemer**, and

Yvonne Guidry (The Spoiled Latina). Shop

their closets, hear their stories, and leave inspired!

at CityCentre Five
825 Town & Country Lane
Houston, TX 77024

[More information & Purchase Tickets](#)

LOCAL SERVICE PROJECT NEWS (cont.)

News & Upcoming Events - UAHT (cont.)

Partnerships with Refugee Communities

UAHT recently partnered with PAIR (Partnership for the Advancement and Immersion of Refugees) and provided a social services training for their staff, as well as a Human Trafficking 101 for about 85 of their volunteers. UAHT will also provide an afterschool youth prevention program for the students they serve at Westbury and Wisdom High Schools.

Super Bowl LI

The Houston Rescue & Restore Coalition executed 20 events during National Slavery & Human Trafficking Prevention Month and the days leading up to Super Bowl LI. Highlights from the efforts are listed below:

- 22 HRRC and Community Events were listed on the HAC-HT (Houston Area Council on Human Trafficking) website to inform and invite the Houston community.
- “The Johns” Play, written by Mary Bonnett and produced by Mildred’s Umbrella Theater Company, had 12 shows reaching almost 500 people. HRRC members hosted “talkbacks” after 8 shows, featuring anti-human trafficking organizations and partners.
- HRRC partnered with In Our Backyard to launch the “Convenience Stores Against Trafficking” program and distributed over 1,000 Watch for Traffick materials to local stores around the Houston area.
- HRRC produced communication materials and a Press Kit for the media to inform about the city’s collaborative anti-human trafficking efforts.

Direct Outreach Initiative

UAHT is excited to report that it conducted its first direct outreach to individuals who are currently experiencing an episode of homelessness. UAHT successfully facilitated a prevention workshop to 25 women, who currently reside in a transitional home for single women with drug and/or alcohol addiction. The workshop was designed to educate

participants on human trafficking, and how to stay safe while pursuing employment. The staff was also trained on how to spot and address a potential instance of human trafficking.

- UAHT events submitted by Carole Moffatt from the UAHT March newsletter

Ten Thousand Villages Volunteer Get-together

The Ten Thousand Villages (TTV) Houston past Board of Directors recently initiated an informal get-together for former volunteers and employees. Those attending had the opportunity to reminisce, renew acquaintances and peruse photos documenting the store’s history. TTV Houston closed at the end of 2016 after more than a decade of fair trade retail in the Rice Village.



Carolyn with former Board members and employee



Photo albums command attention

DISTRICT 10 NEWS

Area Meetings Announced

Area 1 Meeting Hosted by the Zonta Club of Fort Worth

March 24 (Friday) - 25 (Saturday)

The Oaks Event Center

13765 Southern Oaks Dr.

Burleson, TX 76028

Theme for the Area meetings: Strength in Numbers

The focus will be on membership and on the Zonta International and UN goal no. 5, Gender Equality.

The meeting is March 25th with a welcome reception March 24, from 6-8pm at the Hampton Inn and Suites.

Registration materials can be found at <https://zontadistrict10.org/>

Area 2 meeting: May 6th , Houston, TX

Area 3 Meeting Hosted by the Zonta Club of Austin

April 21 (Friday) -22 (Saturday)

Embassy Suites Hotel Austin Arboretum

9505 Stonelake Boulevard

Austin, TX 78759

The meeting is April 22nd with the optional event Friday, April 21st, the 7th Poetry Slam and Silent Auction.

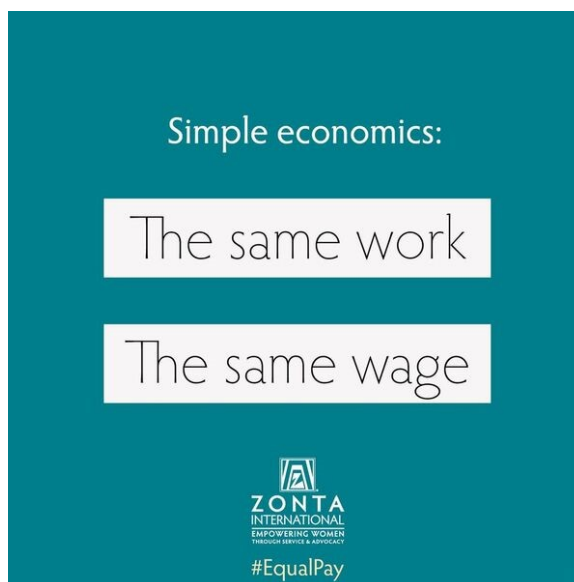
Watch for registration materials at www.zontadistrict10.org.



ZONTA INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Equal Pay Day in the USA: April 4th

On average, women in the United States would have to work three additional months to earn the same amount of money that men did in the previous year. To bring attention to pay inequality, Equal Pay Day will be observed in the United States on 4 April 2017.—*March 2017 Zonta International Newsletter*



[Equal pay day](#)



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The next general meeting
of the Zonta Club of Houston
is
Wednesday, March 15, 2017

at Kenny & Ziggy's

2327 Post Oak Blvd., Houston 77056

5:30 pm (social hour)

6:00 pm (dinner & program)

Speaker: Misa Nguyen, Director of Programs, UAHT

Topic: Houston's Human Trafficking Approach to the Super Bowl and Beyond

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TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

WANTED!

**Photos & Articles for the April Issue
of the ZCH Newsletter**



ZCHECF Annual Skeet Shoot Fundraiser

photos by Suzi Feickert



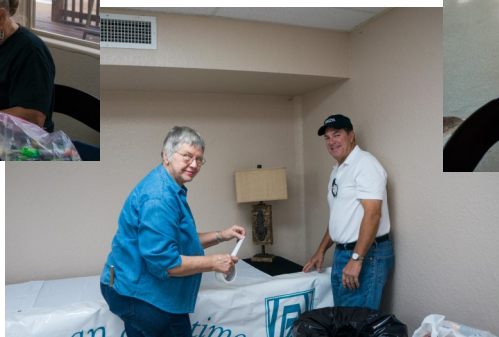
Second Place Team



Third Place Team



Checking in



Setting up



Preparing the silent auction



Waiting for the target

A Great Day for Sport Shooting

photos by Suzi Feickert



ZCH Attendees

