



*Service, fundraising, friendship and fun times together!*

## A Message From Our President

Welcome to the Zonta Club of Cape Girardeau. Zonta is an international organization dedicated to empowering women through service and advocacy. Our club strives to make a difference locally, nationally and internationally. As the President of the Zonta Club of Cape Girardeau, I would like to express my excitement to lead such an amazing group of women. I love Zonta and what it stands for and look forward to seeing where our club will go and what we can do for our community and beyond during my tenure.

Our club is passionate about service and advocacy and has developed significant partnerships with other key organizations and stakeholders within and outside the Cape Girardeau region. We know that there are many issues that women face in the world and we are committed to the efforts of Zonta International to combat these issues.

Whether it is our work with the Haitian American Caucus in Haiti, our Zonta 5k or our annual Women of Achievement Luncheon, the members of Zonta work hard to raise funds and awareness for issues facing women in our community, our nation and internationally.

We hope you will join us as a member, or as a supporter at one of our service or fundraising events, to bring change to our community, and to improve the status of women worldwide.

Jennifer Criblez, President  
Zonta Club of Cape Girardeau

## Who We Are

Zonta is an international service organization of business and professional women working together to empower women and advocacy at the local, state, and international level. We pledge ourselves to improve the legal, political, economic, educational, health and professional status of women.



*Member Andrea Sasche with school children in Croix des Bouquets, Haiti on our most recent trip in 2018.*



## Zonta Club of Cape Girardeau

Zonta Club of Cape Girardeau was chartered in 1976. We are proud that three charter members are still actively involved in guiding the club and continuing the commitment to service and advocacy. These women inspire us and are the foundation upon which our club was built.

Members include women from various professions who provide an exceptional opportunity to increase our understanding of those professions and enhance networking possibilities. We currently have 50 members.

We support local and international service projects as well as scholarship programs aimed at fulfilling Zonta's mission.

We work to achieve understanding, goodwill, and peace, to promote justice and universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, to be united internationally and to foster high ethical standards.

## Local Service Projects

Zontians are encouraged to complete at least 20 service hours per year. We have a wide variety of opportunities in which members may participate and more projects may be added through the year as the needs of the community arise.

- Backpack program
- HOPE Children's Home
- Adult Education Graduation Reception
- Girardot Christmas Party
- International Crisis Aid
- Pink Up Cape
- Safe House
- Missouri Mentoring Partnership
- Family Counseling Center
- Community Counseling Center
- 16 Days of Activism/Zonta Says No to Violence Against Women

## Scholarships

Zonta Club of Cape Girardeau is committed to improving the educational opportunities of women. Our fundraising activities support various scholarships and awards to local women.

- CTC School of Practical Nursing
- SEMO Foundation
- SEMO Redhawks
- Jane Klausman Award
- Young Women in Public Affairs

## Fundraising

Financial support to various organizations and funding for our many service projects is made possible through the generous support of local sponsors and our fundraising efforts.

- **Zonta 5K** -- This annual race helps to support our local projects and medical/dental trips to Haiti.
- **Women of Achievement Luncheon** -- This major fundraising event is held in November and recognizes outstanding women in the community.
- **Zonta Flea Market** -- Known as the "Neiman Marcus" of flea markets is held in March and attracts bargain hunters from all around.
- **Internal Auctions** -- Spirited bidding abounds in June and December as club members help raise funds for projects.

## Haiti Project

Our club recognized the importance of reaching beyond our borders to address the challenges of poverty, inequality and violence against women. In 2011 our club began trips to Croix des Bouquet in Haiti. Since then, we have made numerous dental and medical trips and have shared information on the *Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women* campaign in Haitian Creole, supported maternal education on breastfeeding, and many other projects.

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## You are Invited!

We are honored that you expressed an interest in our club, and we hope you will consider being a part of this dynamic organization! While our primary focus is service to the community, we share a commitment to support and encourage each other.

Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at 6 pm at the Cape Girardeau Country Club with an informal "meet and greet" at 5:30 pm. Come join us!

### Our Members:

Katrina Amos	Dale Humphries
DeAnna Aravelo	Dr. Kimberly Keser
Dr. Alyssa Baker	Lisbe Knot
Danielle Bellerose	Jamie Koehler
Amanda Boatwright	Amanda Lincoln
Casey Brunke	June Moore
Amy Carter	Dr. Cheryl Mothes
Megan Cattoor	Naomi Newman
Lisa Cook	Kristy Nordin
Jennifer Criblez	Julie Ann Palmer
Casey Crowell	Whitney Quick
Dr. Heather Cugini	Charlotte Robinson
Anita Dade	Brooke Roth
Sandy Duncan	Dr. Janet Ruopp
Katie Hill Earnhart	Andrea Sachse
Kathy Fausett	Sylvia Sapp
Vicki Frank	Mary Scherer
Alecia Glaus	Chris Sheets
Linda Greaser	Lydia Sumner
Mary Greaser	Kathy Swan
Sandy Hastings	Ann Waggoner
Adrienne Henry	Callie Welker
Jessica Hill	Tonya Wells
Polly Holten	Kathy Wolz
Diane Howard	Becky Wright