

## Zonta Creates T-Shirts for National Convention

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Members of the Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva gathered recently in a creative artistic endeavor: to silk screen t-shirts with various versions of the Zonta emblem. The shirts were planned for sale at the Zonta International Convention in San Antonio, Texas, at the end of June. Two of those who assisted at the screening, Linda Robison and Karen Pati, were to attend the convention.

The creation of t-shirts such as these may be unique in the Zonta world. Several years ago, club members Virginia Jones and Peggy Newell originated the project and members quickly became proficient in the delicate art of silk screening; local people may have noticed numerous versions of the shirts being worn around the islands by Zonta members.

Introduced to the club by member Nola Theiss, who discovered it at another Zonta club, the "Superman" logo has been very popular, and members created a design especially for the convention in San Antonio, which is held every two years in a different location and attended by many hundreds of Zonta members from all over the world.

"It has been great exposure for Zonta and a successful internal fundraiser for our club," Jones explained. "We typically screen on pre-worn shirts as they tend to be superior quality and our members line up to purchase the designs." Shirts have also been created for other Zonta gatherings including other conventions and meetings.

Another item that can be screened is the ever-present tote bag. Last year, twenty such bags were shipped to Guatemala in cooperation with club partner GRACE (Guatemalan Rural and Community Education) which helps women there with health and social issues. The bags were given to Guatemalan women being trained as instructors in the use of birthing kits supplied to them by Zonta.

And a by-product of this hard work is the fellowship that is nurtured as members come together in a project that uses their skills to affirm the club's pride and its relationship with Zonta International.

The Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva is a service organization of professional women working together to enhance the lives of women locally on the islands, in the Southwest Florida region, and globally through Zonta International. For information, go to [www.zontasancap.com](http://www.zontasancap.com).



Club president Linda Robison (L) works with Jan Alden and Gari Lewis



Zontians Karen Pati (L and Nancy Dreher put finishing touches to a design



Zonta Superman