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Message from the President



Hello Zonta sisters,

May this 2017 New Year be amazing for all!

January is Amelia Earhart month for Zonta. We celebrate Amelia Earhart because she was an aviation pioneer and accomplished author; she received the US Distinguished Flying Cross for being the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean. Amelia Earhart set many aviation records, was a visiting faculty member at Purdue University, an advisor to aeronautical engineering and a career counselor to women students as well as an early supporter of the Equal Rights Amendment. We are proud that the only non-aviation organization Amelia Earhart joined was Zonta! To honor Amelia Earhart, in 1939 Zonta International created the Amelia Earhart Fellowships for women pursuing advanced degrees (doctoral and post-doctoral) in the typically male-dominated fields of aerospace related sciences and aero-space related engineering.

This is a good time to reflect on the past year and think about the future. What can we do to make this year easier for all those around us? As members of Zonta, the answer is quite simple: we help women locally and throughout the world. We all work together with a common purpose, sharing our thoughts and ideas, laughing and crying, and most of all supporting each other. Why not recommit what all of us do to achieve our mission in Zonta!

Let's make a pledge for this year to:

- Join another committee (participating in activities increases our knowledge about the club)
- Contribute to planning and attending most of our functions
- Reminding our family and friends to join us in our events.
- Enjoying the camaraderie in Rochester and meeting other Zontians in other parts of the country.

Don't forget to click on the "like" button on our FaceBook Zonta Page. As we get more likes, our visibility increases to let those know what a gem the Zonta Club of Rochester is!

Best wishes

Lil



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January 24th Amelia Earhart Meeting



This month's speaker:
Dr. Marca Lam,
Mechanical Engineer &
Senior Lecturer at RIT's
Kate Gleason College of Engineering

At our member's request, we are excited to continue our dialog and connection with We@RIT. We are pleased to have Dr. Marca Lam as our speaker for our annual Amelia Earhart Meeting. Dr. Lam is a senior lecturer of mechanical engineering in the Rochester Institute of Technology's Kate Gleason College of Engineering, as well as the faculty advisor of the RIT-SWE student section. In addition to Dr. Lam's remarkable abilities as a faculty advisor, she is also an expert in materials science, engineering design tools, teaching courses in system dynamics, engineering vibrations and optimal design. Dr. Lam earned her PhD from Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1997. She will be talking about her experiences as a women mechanical engineer and professor, how she landed at RIT and what her thoughts about women in STEM careers.

This month's meeting will be at Joey B's at Brickstone, 1325 Elmwood Ave. Cost: \$28.00 for members and guests and includes a dinner with cash bar. The dinner will be: baked potato bar (toppings choices: crisp chopped bacon, chives, and sour cream – can also be used on the rest of the menu items), baby spinach salad with side dressings, black bean chili, cream of cauliflower soup, assorted dinner rolls, coffee/tea. As usual the meeting will be 5:30 - 8:00 pm (5:30 – 6:00 networking time). Guests are always welcome – and encouraged!

Your reservation is a financial commitment even if you cannot attend; payment for cancellation after 1/19/17 is expected due to the cost for the meal reservation. To reserve your seat please contact Betty Kern at 585.739.4244 or email:bettykern1@gmail.com by **1/19/17**. Let Betty know if you need the vegetarian option.

December Meeting Review

Our ZCR December Fellowship meeting was fun for all! We had several guests joining us, so we really had a full house. There were so many things that put us in the holiday spirit, too! A table full of gifts was donated to our adopted families at Friendship Children's Center, and we hope that we made their Christmas's brighter! Jackie brought gift packages of her homemade jams; Zontians snapped them up since they were such beautiful and tasty gifts! (Many thanks to Jackie for donating all the profit from the night's sales to Zonta!)

Alyce brought journals to decorate, and several were completed (there are still a lot more to do). The decorated journals were given to Saathi of Rochester (<http://www.saathiofrochester.org>). Sasha Sharma, president of Saathi, attends the DVC; many of their clients have DV in their background or are currently experiencing trauma. She was delighted to receive the journals!

Sheryl gave a presentation on KIVA, including an overview of what KIVA does, how to sign up, and how to join the Zonta Club of Rochester KIVA group. Please contact Sheryl if you have any questions at all on KIVA. What a great way to help women succeed and achieve!

General Meeting Schedule

Jan. 24th 4th Tuesday Amelia Earhart
Feb. 28th 4th Tuesday Service
March 28th 4th Tuesday Advocacy
April 25th 4th Tuesday Leadership
May 16th 3rd Tuesday Annual Meeting
June 27th 4th Tuesday President's Choice
(1st meeting of 2017-18 Zonta year)

Board Meeting Schedule

February 2nd
March 2nd
April 6th
May 4th
June 1st

Open to all ZCR members!
St. John's Home, Hastings Conference Room,
150 Highland Avenue, 5:30 – 6:45 PM

Donations Needed

We are still collecting the following items at our monthly meetings:

- ♦ Toiletries for Mercy Community Services
- ♦ Printer cartridges for Mt. Hope Family Center



	Birthday	Anniversary
Jackie Kukurudza	01/10	10/07

Successful Partnership!

At the Xerox Women's Alliance Conference in October, the organizers ran a raffle to raise money for Zonta International. The checks have arrived!! They are donating \$1,128 to the Young Women In Public Affairs Scholarship Program and \$1,435 to the Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarship Fund. Thanks again to the Zonta Members (Edna Silvernail, Nancy McCulloch, Rachel Straight, Sierra Stillier-Saiger, Lil Paraka, and Cheri Magin) for representing the Zonta Club of Rochester at the Conference. Editor's Note: Thanks especially to Alyce Van Patten for all the planning for this event. What a terrific way to get our name out to the women of Xerox, and to raise money for ZI scholarships!

THANK YOU!



Age is no barrier for NASA's Peggy Whitson at age 56!

Whitson has become the first woman to command the space station twice when she launched for a six month stay aboard the International Space Station (ISS) on Nov 17, 2016

At age 9, after seeing Buzz Aldrin and Neil Armstrong walking on the moon, she knew she had to go up there. She earned an advance degree in biochemistry from Rice University in 1985 and it would take more than 10 years of applying before she was selected as an astronaut candidate in 1996!

She completed two six-month ISS tours for Expedition 5 in 2002. In 2007 she became the first woman to hold the post as commander and as station commander for Expedition 16 in 2008!

Whitson notes "One of the most beautiful sights is when the rim of the Earth is bright on one side and you see this defined line of the atmosphere. We've got to be careful and take care of this planet".

Her space experiments are making a mark on Earth! First she grew soybeans which lead to a new water filtration system used in hospitals and conducted medical experiments for drug delivery to cancer cells that are now going through the first trials! In addition, she explored different solutions of iron in a magnetic field, which one day could be used on suspension bridges and earthquake-resistant structures.

Follow her journey at <https://twitter.com/AstroPeggy>

Lucky Numbers

Remember to sell your lucky draw tickets for the February Lucky Draw Fundraiser. The money for the fundraiser and the ticket stubs need to be turned in to Alyce by the end of the month – you can bring them to the January meeting. Remember, the member who sells the most Lucky Draw tickets receives a gift!

NYS Domestic Violence Laws Outlined

An updated purple (DV color) brochure on laws that protect victims in New York State was released in October. The purple brochure outlines the legal protections and services available to NYs domestic violence victims under the state law and the 1994 Federal Violence Against Women Act.

Here are five things you should know about the laws:

1. Fair Treatment – It is illegal for employers to discriminate against an individual because they are a victim of domestic violence.
2. Fair Housing – Landlords cannot refuse to rent to domestic violence victims.
3. Early Lease Termination – If an Order of Protection is in effect, victims of domestic violence can legally terminate their leases under NY law, even if their landlord refuses to do so.
4. Order of Protection – A new statewide pilot program is under development that will allow domestic violence victims to electronically apply for temporary orders of protection. Through this program, Orders of Protection can also be translated into the victim's main language.
5. Filing a Complaint – To file a complaint contact the NYS Division of Human Rights at 888-392-3644.

Thanks to Alyce for summarizing the article from the 10/8/16 Democrat and Chronicle.

New Membership Application!

We're happy to announce Sheri Stanton has submitted her application for membership in ZCR. Sheri works in IT as a developer at Paychex. She has a history of service with the Ronald McDonald House and Planned Parenthood, including fundraising and volunteering.

Be sure to introduce yourself to Sheri if you haven't already!

Month by Month Collection/Donation List

Thanks to Andrea for organizing this list!

Below are the items that we will be collecting at our monthly dinner meetings. It is our hope that by giving you a heads up you will have time to shop the bargains, go through your things, or even collect from friends.

Please do not feel pressure to donate every month. These donations should be at your convenience. We will still collect our on-going items of toiletries and ink cartridges.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Listed are the items and the agencies to which they will be donated.

JANUARY: Amelia Earhart Feminine hygiene products

Items will be donated to the **YWCA, Sojourner House, and Mothers In Need of Others**

FEBRUARY: Service (Grants)

Bras (new and gently used)

Items will be donated to the international organization "**Free the Girls**" (the local drop off center is Panache Vintage and Finer Consignment in Pittsford, NY)

MARCH: Advocacy

Toothbrushes/Toothpaste

Items will be donated to **Angels of Mercy***, **Sojourner House*** and **Bivona***

APRIL: Leadership

~ nothing due to our fund-raiser

MAY: Annual Meeting & Induction

Baby Diapers and wipes

Items will be donated to **Mothers in Need of Others***, **Willow***, **YWCA***

*The agencies we can donate to for March and May will be voted on in our January dinner meeting.



Zonta Rochester Foundation

Here is a report on donations to the Zonta Rochester Foundation for the time period June 2016 – December 2016.

- ◆ Annette Crane/David Newman
- ◆ Jackie's Jams and Jellies, LLC
- ◆ Michael Keys
- ◆ Xerox Women's Alliance

In Honor Of

- Edna Silvernail
- ◆ HCR Home Care
 - ◆ Louise Woerner

Lil Paraka

- ◆ Oakhill Country Club Ladies Group

Be Part of Zonta ACTION

**2017 North American Inter-District Meeting
2 - 4 June 2017
Washington, D.C.**

Join us at the 2017 North American Inter-District Meeting in the Washington, D.C. area from 2-4 June 2017 at the four star Hilton McLean Tysons Corner Hotel. The theme of this year's meeting is "Be Part of Zonta ACTION".

On Friday, 2 June, we will travel to Washington, D.C. by train to advocate for Zonta's issues on Capitol Hill. Zontians will meet at the U.S. Capitol, be briefed by a member of the International Advocacy Committee, then visit a state senator or congressman's office to advocate for Zonta issues. There will be no cost for the event, but each participant will be responsible for providing their own transportation and lunch. There is a complimentary shuttle from the hotel to the Silver Line metro station, which is one mile from the hotel.

Friday evening will include a buffet and roundtable discussions with experts on various Zonta topics. Saturday will feature a general session, workshops, and lunch and dinner, both with speakers. There will be more workshops on Sunday morning followed by brunch and a recap of all the information presented. (See workshop information below.)

International President Sonja Hönig Schough will participate the North American Inter-District Meeting then hold an International Board Meeting in the hotel following our meeting.

This is an opportunity for you to meet with state representatives; talk with Zonta International's leadership; learn new information on advocacy, leadership, membership and service; spend time with Zontians from all over the United States and Canada, and perhaps spend a little time shopping at the nearby Tysons Corner Shopping Centers, two of the major shopping centers of Northern Virginia.

Early registration will begin 1 January and PayPal will be available to accommodate credit cards on the 2017 NAIDM website. The website, www.northamericanmeeting2017.com will be online in December and you can view our comprehensive program, details of our Capitol Hill Day, hotel information and other NAIDM information.

December's Collection

My SUV was packed from floor to ceiling with the generous gifts Zonta members donated to our two Friendship Children's Center families. In addition to the gifts, \$200 was donated for purchase of gift cards. I am always amazed at the generosity of our members. YOU ALL ROCK!!

If you would like a tax receipt for your donation of gift(s) or cash, please send me a quick email. Thanks, Alyce (avanpatt@rochester.rr.com)



This Year's D4 Amelia Earhart Cruise

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Our Mission, Vision, and Theme

Zonta International Mission Statement

Zonta International is a leading global organization of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy.

Vision

Zonta International envisions a world in which women's rights are recognized as human rights and every woman is able to achieve her full potential.

In such a world, women have access to all resources and are represented in decision making positions on an equal basis with men.

In such a world, no woman lives in fear of violence

Theme

Empowering Women Through Service and Advocacy

Newsletter Schedule

The next newsletter will be distributed in February. Submissions must be in by February 6th.

Your comments, suggestions, and submissions are welcome! Please contact Pat Deane, Newsletter Editor, 585.292.9850x22 or pthosdeane@yahoo.com

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