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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

How quickly time flies when you are having fun? It just doesn't seem possible that another year has come and gone. As the members of the Zonta Club of Fredericksburg reflect on 2016, we should be so proud of all that was accomplished to advance the status of women and girls locally and worldwide. With all of our projects, both locally and at the District level, our club has worked to increase the visibility of Zonta International in our community, as well as the surrounding counties. As we begin 2017, our club is looking forward to the upcoming projects that are on the schedule for the year. What better way to start 2017 than to honor Amelia Earhart on January 11th, which in the Zonta World is known as Amelia Earhart Day.

I hope all of you are ready, willing and able to continue the good work we started in 2016. It will take all of us working together to fulfill the upcoming

projects. You are an amazing group of women and it is such an honor to be a part of this organization. I truly believe this club can do anything because you are that committed to Zonta. Yours in Zonta.

Bonnie Barebe

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## **JANUARY MEETING**

## Monday, January 16th THE GOLDEN HUB SENIOR CENTER

1009 N. LINCOLN STREET 6:30PM

THANK YOU TO OUR HOSTESSES:

#### BRENDA LESSOR, DEBRA HABECKER KAREN WEINHEIMER & LISA WILLIAMS

A presentation will be given by Mary Latimer on the GIFT Academy - "Girls in Flight Training." Husband Lawrence, daughter Tamara Griffith and granddaughter Amanda Griffith are also Certified Flight Instructors. Mary has been a flight instructor since 1974 and is a designated pilot examiner (private, commercial, and instrument). She is a corporate pilot flying a Conquest II, and an A&P mechanic with Inspection Authorization. She is also a retired air traffic controller after twenty-four years of service.

#### **DECEMBER MEETING RECAP:**

"Oh what fun it is to ride in a rusty Chevrolet!"

If you were not in attendance for the December Christmas party, you missed a ton of fun and food! Everyone gave generously to the advocacies of the evening: Donated items for the Battered Women's Shelter, offerings to the Fredericksburg Food Pantry, and contributions for the caterers.

The entertainment! Carleen Carlisle and her merry band of Dulcimer Darlings played a few holiday favorites with a sing-a-long on most. We even had German renditions of "Oh, Tannebaum" and "Stille Nacht." by those who still know them.

We had a scrumptious dinner of roast pork loin, stuffed chicken, pasta bows salad, spring mix salad, roasted fingerlings, haricot verts, and more. The desserts were delish (Frankie's secret recipe Bread Pudding, lemon squares, brownies, etc.)

But the highlight of the evening was definitely the Dirty Santa Gift Exchange. So many wonderful choices we had to steal from each other and by the evening's end about 50% of the gifts were frozen!

We are grateful for the sweetest gift of tiny velvet stockings stuffed with treats which decorated the tree during the evening and then were disbursed to all from the heart of Marti Barth. Lastly, a big thank you goes out to all of the hostesses Marti Barth, Ginger Mitchell, Barb MacManus and Liz Wunderlich who made sure our sleigh bells rang with tidings of comfort and joy!

## **Remembering Zontonian Amelia Earhart**



On 2 July 1928, as Amelia Earhart, world-famed aviator and the first woman to fly across the Atlantic Ocean as a passenger, approached the shores of the United States on her triumphant return home, she was handed this radiogram:

Boston Zonta Club is proud to welcome you as a member.

Signed Alice Bradley, President

A few weeks later, she was inducted into Zonta International and served as an active member first in the Boston club and later in the New York club until her tragic and untimely disappearance in 1937. An outstanding woman with a charismatic personality, Earhart was universally admired around the world for her "wildly daring" but "never reckless" courage.

Over the years 1928 to 1937, she organized the Ninety-Nines, an organization for women pilots, and became the first woman to:

- Fly the Atlantic alone.
- Fly an autogiro.
- Receive the United States Distinguished Flying Cross.
- Fly from Hawaii to the mainland

Epitomizing the ideals of Zonta International by actively promoting women to take on non-traditional fields, she wrote articles about aviation for Cosmopolitan magazine as an associate editor, served as a career counselor to women university students, and lectured at Zonta club meetings, urging members to interest themselves in aviation. In these years, Zonta was the only non-aviation organization to which Earhart belonged, although she was besieged to join and to sponsor numerous organizations at the time.

The story of Earhart's most daring, and ultimately tragic, flight is best retold in the words of Grace Muriel Morrissey, charter member of the Zonta Club of Medford, Massachusetts, and Earhart's sister.

I don't know just when Amelia began to plan for the around-the-world flight. Neither do I know how much various conversations, with then President Roosevelt, had to do with her decision to attempt to circle over the Japanese occupied islands of the Pacific. It may have been merely the desire to conquer the world's seas because they were there and no woman had yet crossed them by air. Anyway, the plan was born and the months of testing and research and discipline followed. Because she was teaching at Purdue University, she was given the wonderful "Flying Laboratory" the Lockheed Electra. After her Hawaii-Qakland flight, the National Geographic gave her their coveted medal for outstanding contributions to science. They recognized the careful research that went into the blueprints for her trip.

The last flight was begun in 1937 in May. On July 3 an S.O.S. was picked up from somewhere between Lae, New Guinea, and Howland Island. Exactly what happened we shall never know. Of this only we are certain: Amelia died as she lived, doing the work she loved with her whole soul. Amelia left a letter to her husband George Putnam saying, "Please know that I am quite aware of the hazards. I want to do it because I want to do it. Women must try to do things as men have tried. When they fail, their failures must be a challenge to others."

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# **Z CLUB** by Wanda Detmar and Renee Pearson

Z Club meets at Fredericksburg High School in Room 405 for ½ hour starting at 11:25am on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays each month.

#### **RE-DRESS:**

This is a new project the Z Club has adopted and we could help with this: re-dress: a local, pop-up boutique that will provide free formal wear to girls so that as many of them as possible can attend their proms and to encourage re-use of local resources. **How can we help?** Donate your clean, gently-used formal wear and accessories (dresses, shoes, jewelry, handbags). Encourage your friends to do the same. Follow the progress on Facebook and Instagram. Drop off sites: Dankworth Dry Goods, Braunbach Granite, Beulah's and Century 21 Sunset Realtors. The Boutique's

# TRASH AND TREASURE by Melinda Birck and Pam Nabers

#### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!!**

Our Springtime Trash and Treasure sale is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Drop off of items will be on Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. Start now to plan ahead what items you'll be able to contribute. Any early drop-offs will be discussed as the date approaches.

#### **NEED MORE COMMITTEE MEMBERS!!!!**

We are considering having only one sale this year as it is a big undertaking and at the holiday time it gets pretty congested with so many other activities and donations. Or this reason we are in need of more committee members since it will be a bigger job than usual. Plan on giving of your time and sales talents, let Bonnie know your ideas.

# RELAY FOR LIFE by Liz Wunderlich

#### **CONGRATULATIONS TO TEAM ZONTA!!!!!!**

Liz Wunderlich and her mighty team members are due kudos for their hard work of procuring contributions for the 2016 Relay Season because they earned the **TOP 5 in OVERALL FUNDRAISING** for the Austin Territory!!! "Thanks" doesn't seem quite enough for all of your hard work and support you have given the Gillespie Relay as well as yo9our dedication to the ACS Mission of saving lives. So we have a banner to present to your team as a small token to acknowledge all the amazing work y'all do for us. Thank you! **The total raised was \$13,300!!!!!!!** 

The Kick-off for Season 2017 is slated for April 20<sup>th</sup> at HONDO's which is "Adult Night" for the evening of fun, food, dancing, auction items and more! There will be a \$10 entry fee which is a donation to the cause and a percentage of the food service is donated as well. "Youth/Student Night" has an entry donation of \$5 and will be held on May 4<sup>th</sup>. The RELAY is scheduled for May 13<sup>th</sup>.

# MENTORING STUDENTS by Debra Hadsell

We are moving through topics such as how to be organized by putting first things first and understanding the characteristics of being a procrastinator, yes person, slacker, and prioritizer. The bags were painted by the girls as part of the holiday celebration which was really fun and included singing a few Christmas carols (thanks to smartphones), eating chocolates, and giving the girls gift bags which were furnished by Zonta (shopping by Renee!). It was a happy day!



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## **JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

January 5 Jo Ann Krauskopf **January 9** Lynne Robinson January 25 Jerri Striegler



#### **SOME MEMBER NEWS**

"I'm in Minneapolis helping out with my daughter, Rebecca, who had her fourth back surgery on the 3rd. She is out of ICU and doing well. Prayers are appreciated. Have a great meeting!!! Don't know when I'll get back to FBG. Love to all. Regina Rosenwinkel"

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#### IT'S SCHOLARSHIP SEASON!!!!!

The Zonta Club was established to assist and encourage women of all ages to further their career goals. The Zonta Club of Fredericksburg is part of a Global organization of executives and professionals working together to advance the status of women worldwide through service and advocacy. Our focus toward the mission has been to provide scholarships to women of Gillespie County and its adjoining counties (Blanco, Kendall, Kerr, Kimble, Llano, and Mason) for college or other training to enhance their professional opportunities. The Scholarship Committee of the Zonta Club of Fredericksburg accepts applications in the Spring; this year's deadline is March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

# CALENDAR OF IMPORTANT DATES



January 11, Amelia Earhart Day January 16. Zonta Regular Meeting February 6. Zonta Board Meeting February 12, Lincoln's Birthday February 14, Valentine's Day February 16, Chamber Fun After Five February 20, Zonta Regular Meeting February 20, President's Day February 22, Washington's Birthday March 1, Ash Wednesday March 6, Zonta Board Meeting

March 8, International Woman's Day/Zonta Rose Day March 12, Daylight Savings Time March 17, St. Patrick's Day March 20. Zonta Regular Meeting



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