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## Dear Zonta Sisters,

Well, here it is 2021 and we all thought it would be a happy new year! So sorry, ladies but things have not been going well at our house.

Brent came and took David to the ER a couple weeks ago with COVID symptoms and he was admitted to the hospital at that time. He is now home but had a stay for 4 days there and is doing his best to recuperate

at home having some difficulty with respiratory issues combined with his heart issues from October's treatment. I'm not 100% either but don't feel that I need to be in the hospital at the moment. I am just very weak and tend to get tired easily. **There will be no meeting this month**, so sorry to wimp out on my job but I just can't do it at this time. Keeping you abreast of goings-on - here is news about a few who need your prayers.



Suzanne had her emergency gall bladder surgery, the stones are gone and the infection has been remedied, however she is still at the rehab hospital in San Antonio until Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup> at which time she'll be able to come home. Thank goodness all of her COVID tests have been negative, but when the infection settled, it affected her legs. She is currently battling mobility issues and getting her PT treatment to help her walk again. Coming home to navigating stairs, bathing, and every day activities will be a challenge.

Cindy and Dale both came down with COVID too. Dale was admitted to the hospital for over a week and a half, he's home thankfully now. He had underlying issues before contracting COVID and so he really needs our prayers. After his previous strokes and other health issues, this virus hit him hard. Home health providers will be assisting Cindy with his care and recovery. We are happy to report that Cindy feels 95% healthy after her bout with the virus and is grateful she'll be having help caring for her husband going forward.

Lisamarie and Ginger also tested positive with COVID over the holidays but their symptoms were mild and they both managed to recover in a few days. Haven't heard if anyone else has been affected by this COVID or any other illness, and we are praying for everyone to get through it and come out healthy. Be safe! Let us know if you need to be placed on a prayer list.

*Yours in Zonta, Karen Weinheimer, President ZCF*

# MEMBERSHIP MEETING

JANUARY 18<sup>TH</sup> 6:30PM

**We are having NOT having a meeting this month.  
See you in February!**

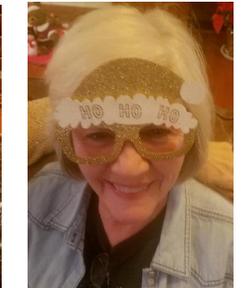
**HOSTESSES FOR THE FEBRUARY MEETING ARE:  
Karen Weinheimer, Bonnie Baseke, JoAnn Krauskopf, and Vicki Taylor**

**The February meeting will take place at the Golden Hub on  
Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup>  
6:30pm**

## DIGGING FOR THE WINNERS OF THE RAFFLE TICKET FUNDRAISER

Throughout the fall season the Zonta Club of Fredericksburg had multiple sites where we set up a table in the hopes of selling raffle tickets and cookbooks with a few gift baskets too. Fundraising for scholarship dollars was a real challenge this year so we are grateful for all the volunteers who helped and got out to sell. We culminated our raffle ticket sales for scholarships at our December Christmas party. Karen had a huge bushel of raffle tickets! TammyJo did the honors of pulling the winning tickets. We are happy and excited for our winners! Krystal Geidweist (Sharon Joseph's niece), Ginger Mitchell and Lisamarie Williams had the winning stubs. We are very grateful that confidentially Lisamarie and Ginger had made a pact that if they won, they would donate the winnings to the scholarship program. Yay! Double whoo-hoo for our club! Thank you to all who sold tickets, those who bared any adverse weather conditions, selling in the face of COVID, and simply doing your part for our Zonta club. You are appreciated.





# January 8<sup>th</sup> was Amelia Earhart Day!!

## AMELIA EARHART FELLOWSHIP

Globally, women make up around 25 percent of the workforce in the aerospace industry. In an effort to carry out its mission that women have access to all resources and are represented in decision-making positions on an equal basis with men, Zonta International offers the Amelia Earhart Fellowship. The Amelia Earhart Fellowship was established in 1938 in honor of famed pilot and Zontian, Amelia Earhart. The US\$10,000 Fellowship is awarded annually to up to 35 women pursuing Ph.D./doctoral degrees in aerospace engineering and space sciences. It may be used at any university or college offering accredited post-graduate courses and degrees in these fields. Since the program's inception in 1938, Zonta has awarded 1,638 Amelia Earhart Fellowships, totaling more than US\$10.6 million, to 1,209 women representing 73 countries. Our Fellows have gone on to become astronauts, aerospace engineers, astronomers, professors, geologists, business owners, heads of companies, even Secretary of the US Air Force.



## ELIGIBILITY

Women of any nationality pursuing a Ph.D./doctoral degree who demonstrate a superior academic record conducting research applied to aerospace engineering or space sciences are eligible. It is imperative that students be registered in a full-time Ph.D./doctoral program and have completed at least one year of that program or have received a master's degree in an aerospace-applied field at the time the application is submitted. Applicants must not graduate from their Ph.D. or doctoral program before April 2022. Please note that post-doctoral research programs are not eligible for the Fellowship. Classified members (club members and individuals with direct membership with Zonta International) and employees of Zonta International and the Zonta Foundation for Women, and their family members (ancestors, descendants, adoptees, siblings, nieces or cousins, and those of their spouse or cohabiting partner), are not eligible to apply for the Fellowship. Note that previous Amelia Earhart Fellows are not eligible to apply to renew the Fellowship for a second year. Amelia Earhart Fellowships are made possible by generous contributions to the Zonta Foundation for Women Amelia Earhart Fellowship Fund. The 2022 application will be posted in July 2021.

Amelia Earhart was an American aviator who set many flying records and championed the advancement of women in aviation. She became the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean, and the first person ever to fly solo from Hawaii to the U.S. mainland. During a flight to circumnavigate the globe, Earhart disappeared somewhere over the Pacific in July 1937. Her plane wreckage was never found, and she was officially declared lost at sea. Her disappearance remains one of the greatest unsolved mysteries of the twentieth century.



Amelia Mary Earhart was born in Atchison, Kansas on July 24, 1897. She defied traditional gender roles from a young age. Earhart played basketball, took an auto repair course and briefly attended college. During World War I, she served as a Red Cross nurse's aid in Toronto, Canada. Earhart began to spend time watching pilots in the Royal Flying Corps train at a local airfield while in Toronto. After the war, she returned to the United States and enrolled at Columbia University in New York as a pre-med student. Earhart took her first airplane ride in California in December 1920 with famed World War I pilot Frank Hawks—and was forever hooked.

In January 1921, she started flying lessons with female flight instructor Neta Snook. To help pay for those lessons, Earhart worked as a filing clerk

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at the Los Angeles Telephone Company. Later that year, she purchased her first airplane, a secondhand Kinner Airster. She nicknamed the yellow airplane "The Canary." Earhart passed her flight test in December 1921, earning a National Aeronautics Association license. Two days later, she participated in her first flight exhibition at the Sierra Airdrome in Pasadena, California. Earhart set a number of aviation records in her short career. Her first record came in 1922 when she became the first woman to fly solo above 14,000 feet. In 1932, Earhart became the first woman (and second person after Charles Lindbergh) to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean. She left Newfoundland, Canada, on May 20 in a red Lockheed Vega 5B and arrived a day later, landing in a cow field near Londonderry, Northern Ireland. Upon returning to the United States, Congress awarded her the Distinguished Flying Cross—a military decoration awarded for "heroism or extraordinary achievement while participating in an aerial flight." She was the first woman to receive the honor. Later that year, Earhart made the first solo, nonstop flight across the United States by a woman. She started in Los Angeles and landed 19 hours later in Newark, New Jersey. She also became the first person to fly solo from Hawaii to the United States mainland in 1935.

Earhart consistently worked to promote opportunities for women in aviation. In 1929, after placing third in the All-Women's Air Derby—the first transcontinental air race for women—Earhart helped to form the Ninety-Nines, an international organization for the advancement of female pilots. She became the first president of the organization of licensed pilots, which still exists today and represents women flyers from 44 countries.

On June 1, 1937, Amelia Earhart took off from Oakland, California, on an eastbound flight around the world. It was her second attempt to become the first pilot ever to circumnavigate the globe. She flew a twin-engine Lockheed 10E Electra and was accompanied on the flight by navigator Fred Noonan. They flew to Miami, then down to South America, across the Atlantic to Africa, then east to India and Southeast Asia. The pair reached Lae, New Guinea, on June 29. When they reached Lae, they already had flown 22,000 miles. They had 7,000 more miles to go before reaching Oakland. Earhart and Noonan departed Lae for tiny Howland Island—their next refueling stop—on July 2. It was the last time Earhart was seen alive. She and Noonan lost radio contact with the U.S. Coast Guard cutter *Itasca*, anchored off the coast of Howland Island, and disappeared en route. President Franklin D. Roosevelt authorized a massive two-week search for the pair, but they were never found. On July 19, 1937, Earhart and Noonan were declared lost at sea. Scholars and aviation enthusiasts have proposed many theories about what happened to Amelia Earhart. The official position from the U.S. government is that Earhart and Noonan crashed into the Pacific Ocean, but there are numerous theories regarding their disappearance. According to the crash and sink theory, Earhart's plane ran out of gas while she searched for Howland Island, and she crashed into the open ocean somewhere in the vicinity of the island. Several expeditions over the past 15 years have attempted to locate the plane's wreckage on the sea floor near Howland. High-tech sonar and deep-sea robots have failed to yield clues about the *Electra's* crash site. The International Group for Historic Aircraft Recovery (TIGHAR) postulates that Earhart and Noonan veered off-course from Howland Island and landed instead some 350 miles to the Southwest on Gardner Island, now called Nikumaroro, in the Republic of Kiribati. The island was uninhabited at the time.

A week after Earhart's disappearance, Navy planes flew over the island. They noted recent signs of habitation but found no evidence of an airplane. TIGHAR believes that Earhart—and perhaps Noonan—may have survived for days or even weeks on the island as castaways before dying there. Since 1988, several TIGHAR expeditions to the island have turned up artifacts and anecdotal evidence in support of this hypothesis.

She is really a pioneer in so many ways, Amelia Earhart was not only an ambitious pilot, but also a fierce advocate for women's rights. We love that her story continues to be so compelling for so many young girls; that's really important to continue and to honor her legacy.



# JOANN TURNED 90 YEARS OLD!!!

I want to thank everyone for the beautiful flowers I received on my birthday the other day. I love all my Zonta sisters so much and the flowers are "out of this world." There are red roses, pink roses, yellow roses and so many other colors too that I can't begin to describe the beauty of it all. Even though my birthday fell on Tuesday, I have been taken out to eat more times than I can remember. I still have a couple of times more before the week is over. It has been a wonderful 90th celebration for me this year and I will never forget the love I felt from all of you. Let's hope it continues as I get a little older each year. Have a "Happy New Year" and a healthy one as well!



Love to all, Jo Ann

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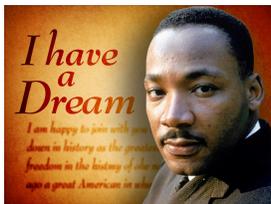
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**January/February  
Member Birthdays**

(Jeri Striegler – Jan 25)  
Sharon Joseph – Feb 23  
Marti Barth – Feb 27  
Nancy Fitzpatrick – Feb 27  
Pam Nabors – Feb 27

## 2020 CALENDAR OF IMPORTANT DATES



### 2021 JANUARY

January 8<sup>th</sup> - Amelia Earhart Day

January 18<sup>th</sup> - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

January 18<sup>th</sup> - General Membership Meeting - CANCELLED

January 16<sup>th</sup> - Scholarship Applications being sent to schools

Scholarship Committee needs to take over as Chairman Cindy will be unavailable



### FEBRUARY

February 1<sup>st</sup> - Zonta Board Meeting 5:30pm

February 2<sup>nd</sup> - Ground Hog Day

February 14<sup>th</sup> - Valentine's Day

February 15<sup>th</sup> - Presidents Day

February 15<sup>th</sup> - Zonta Membership Meeting 6:30pm

February 28<sup>th</sup> - Nominations due for Board positions 2021-2022

