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Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

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PLEASE NOTE!

If you are
unable to attend
the dinner meeting,
please advise
Anna Tempest
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by 10 am
on the Monday
before the meeting.

**Failure to
apologize will
incur payment
of \$30.00.**



Area 2 Meeting:
Longreach
11—12 April
2015

District 22 Conference
Airlie Beach—
Whitsundays
09—11 October
2015



A message from ZI President.

To recognize Zonta's influence and to emphasize our vision of a world in which gender equality is a reality and women's rights are human rights, the 2014-2016 Zonta International Board approved a new mission, vision and theme.

MISSION

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

Along with this new mission, vision and theme, we are also refreshing Zonta's visual brand identity. Why is this important? A cohesive brand identity, combined with our new mission, vision and theme, unites Zonta International, our districts and our clubs as one organization with a common goal. A new visual brand identity, shared across the organization, increases recognition of Zonta as a leading global organization working to empower women through service and advocacy and raises recognition of Zonta International with our stakeholders worldwide. For your information, we have prepared a [short video](#) and [Brand Identity Guidelines](#).

Maria Jose Landeira Oestergaard
Zonta International President.

Please note:

The Club Meeting on
Tuesday 20th January will be held at
The Stirling Rockhampton—
Cnr. Albert Street and Campbell St.
at 6 pm for 6.30 pm.



Notices:

MEETINGS.

Board Meeting:

6.30pm:
2nd Tuesday
of the month
Venue:
The Stirling—Albert
Street Rockhampton

Club Meeting:

6.00 pm for 6.30pm
3rd Tuesday
of the month
Venue:
The Stirling—Albert
Street Rockhampton

Committee Meetings.

Membership

Venue:
The Stirling—Albert
Street Rockhampton
5.30 pm—
2nd Tuesday
of the month.

Advocacy / Program /
PR & C/ United Nations/
Newsletter /Archives:

Venue:
The Stirling—Albert
Street Rockhampton
5.30 pm—
2nd Tuesday
of the month.

Service:

Venue:
The Stirling—Albert
Street Rockhampton
5.30pm—
2nd Tuesday
of the month.

Calendar:

January:

20 Dinner meeting

February:

10 Committee Meetings/
Board Meeting
17 Dinner meeting

March:

06 IWD Breakfast

Special United Nations Observances and Other Significant Days.

January:

11 Amelia Earhart Day

*It does not matter how slow you go
so long as you do not stop.
—Confucius*



The Early Years



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.

Read Amelia's story beginning next page.

Dinner Raffle

The supply of gifts for the Dinner Raffle follows the listing in the Members' Directory.

October	Glenys C
November	Valda F
December	Shirley F
January	Jan L

Please give your raffle prize to Elizabeth to co-ordinate.



January:

04 Suzan Stewart
13 Karen Sisley
31 Leanne McBean



Amelia Earhart Day— 11th January

On 2 July 1928, as Amelia Earhart, world-famed aviator and the first woman to fly across the Atlantic Ocean as a passenger, approached

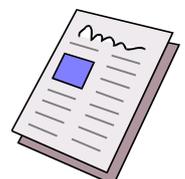
If you would like to contribute to your Newsletter please forward articles to Berenice Payne

either by

Fax: 4922 3315 or

Email: berenice.a.payne@bigpond.com

Deadline: First Tuesday of the month.





Amelia's Story.

(Our thanks to former Zontian Diane Williams who thoroughly researched the story of Amelia and composed this narration to celebrate the launching of the Zonta Amelia Earhart Young Pilot's Award in 2001.)

Hi there everybody. It sure is a pleasure to be here with you. Oh! I know, I know, you are all saying "Who is this woman?" Well, allow me to introduce myself and tell you about my life.

I am the spirit of Amelia Earhart. I was born on 24 July in Atchison, Kansas, U.S.A. The year was either 1897 or 1898—I guess we'll make it '98—after all, why be a year older than you need to be! My Momma—Amy Otis Earhart was the first woman who, at the age of 20 climbed to the top of Pikes Peak in Colorado—so I guess it's not too difficult to work out where at least some of my spirit of adventure comes from! My Daddy was a lawyer for the Rock Island Railroad—he worked settling claims which entailed a lot of travel. Momma accompanied him a lot, so my little sister Muriel and myself spent much of our childhood living with our maternal Grandparents, Judge and Mrs Otis in Atchison.

My Daddy had a weakness for alcohol—he neglected his work and consequently lost his job. Life was not all roses during my formative years, and due to many moves, economic difficulties and family illnesses, I became a bit of a loner, but this just proved to strengthen my spirit of independence. I left High School in 1915 and continued my studies at Women's Junior College in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Whilst on holiday in Toronto with my sister in 1917, and with the world at war, I decided not to return to studies and enrolled as a nurse's aide in the Red Cross. It was in Toronto that I used to watch stunt flyers and I took a course in engine mechanics.

In 1919 I attended Columbia University, New York to advance my Pre-Medical studies but by 1920 had reunited with my family in California, where Daddy had overcome his drinking problem. It was after attending an air show in Long Island Beach in 1922 that my interest in aviation really 'took off'. I contacted a local woman pilot who agreed to give me flying lessons.





Imagine my excitement when on my 24th birthday I bought my first plane—a second hand bright yellow Kinner Canary—and that same year 1922 set a new altitude record for women by flying to 14,000 feet.

In 1924, my parents divorced. I sold my yellow plane, bought a yellow sports car and moved with my mother and sister Muriel to Medford, Massachusetts. I worked in Boston part time, teaching English to foreign born children and spent free weekends at the nearest airfield.

In 1928 I became a Zontian and that same year I was the first woman to fly the Atlantic Ocean—as a passenger!! I was writing eight articles a year on aviation for Cosmopolitan and in a Zontian magazine wrote “It is up to women to get behind the aviation program—there is a great deal that women can do for aviation”.

1929 saw me competing in the ‘Powder Puff Derby’—the first cross country race for women. The race went from Santa Monica California to Cleveland Ohio. I came third and was elected first President of the 99’s—an association of women pilots named after the original 99 members.

By 1930, I was Vice-President of the New York, Philadelphia and Washington Airway Corporation and found New York a more convenient base for my business travels. There I became an active member of the Zonta Club of New York,

I also became involved in many business ventures, including piloting and promoting the new Autogrid—predecessor of the helicopter. On 7th February 1931, I married George Putnam—a publisher.



When I decided in 1932 to fly the Atlantic alone, I had my red Lockheed Vega overhauled and in May, after a 15 hour flight, landed in Londonderry, Ireland, making me the first woman to make a solo flight across the Atlantic Ocean. I was to receive many awards and honours including the U.S. Distinguished Flying Cross and the Zonta Trophy from my sister Zontians of New York,



I then achieved many solo firsts— 1935 Oakland, California—Honolulu, Hawaii, two international solo flights between California and Mexico City and Mexico City and New Jersey. My career took me along many paths, as lecturer, career counsellor to women, and even director of a dormitory in Lafayette, Indiana. I also became a designer of ‘attractive suitable clothes for active women’ — then luggage for plane travel.

I don’t even know myself when the idea for my round the world flight was formed but by 1937. I was ready to make the attempt. I took off in March but encountered delays in Hawaii due to bad weather and damage to the plane. Revising the flight plan— increasing my journey to 29,000 miles, the Lockheed Electra with Fred Noonan (my navigator) and myself left Miami, Florida on

01 June, the plan being to span the equator from East to West, ultimately reaching Howland Island in the Pacific.

One month and 22,000 miles later the plane was refueled for the longest and most hazardous part of the journey—2,500 miles over water to tiny Howland Island.

Radio signals were lost on 2nd July.....

I wrote a letter to my husband in 1937—in it I said

“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 failure must be but a challenge to others”.

I would like to thank Dr Laurie Georgeson for lending me this helmet and headgear.

I would like to finish with a poem from Amelia, written in 1928.

*“Courage is the price that life exacts
for granting peace.
The soul that knows it not,
knows no release from little things
knows not the livid loneliness of fear
nor mountain heights where bitter joy
can hear the sound of wings.
How can life grant us boon of living,
compensate for dull gray ugliness
and pregnant hate
unless we dare the soul’s dominion?
Each time we make a choice
we pay with courage
to behold resistless day and count it fair.”*



District Calendar 2014—2016 (01 January—31 May 2015).

The complete 2014—2016 District Calendar can be found [here](#).

2015	January	11		Amelia Earhart Day	All Clubs
		11		District Committees and AD reports to DG	D22 committee chairs, ADs
		25		DG report to ZI	DG
				Possible Club Planning Session	All Clubs
	February			Teleconference	Board
		6	7	Zonta Maryborough 20 Year Anniversary	DG
		6		YWPA Follow-Up recommended	All Clubs
	March	8		Zonta Rose Day/ International Women's Day	All Clubs
		15		ZI emails ZI members' list and invoice to Club Treasurers. (See end note)	Club Treasurers & Membership Chairmen
		21		Areas 1 & 3 Meeting, Brisbane East	AD 1 and AD 3
		28	29	Area 4 Meeting, Dalby	AD 4
		31		District Treasurer emails D22 membership list and invoice to Club Treasurers. (See end note)	Club Treasurers & Club Membership Chairmen
		31		Close Club books for audit	Club Treasurers
		31		YWPA Committee Chairman finalises judging panel	YWPA Chairman
		31		Club dues payable	Club Treasurers
	April	1		Clubs send YWPA winner to YWPA Committee Chairman	All Clubs
				Club Nominating Committee presents slate to Club meeting	All Presidents
		11	12	Area 2 Meeting, Longreach	AD 2
		15		Club report due to AD	Club Presidents/ADs
	May			AGM generally held during month of May & installation of incoming Board	
				Within 30 days of AGM send return to Office of Fair Trading with Annual Financial Statements and appropriate fee	Club Presidents/Secretaries/Treasurers
		1	3	Area 5 Meeting, Mackay	AD 5
		15		Pay International and District dues	All Presidents and Treasurers
		15		Club Officers Report Form due to ZI and D22 Secretary	All Presidents
		15		Club Annual Reports due to Area Director	All Presidents
		15		Send ZI Foundation donations to ZIF (for recognition in ZIF Annual Report)	All Clubs
		1		District YWPA Winner details to ZI	DG/YWPA Chairman
		17		District Committees and AD reports to DG	D22 committee chairs, ADs
		25		DG report to ZI	DG
		31		D22 Credentials Chairman will mail Delegate and Alternate/Proxy form to all clubs.	All Presidents
		31		Clubs forwarded Insurance Certificates of Currency	District Treasurer



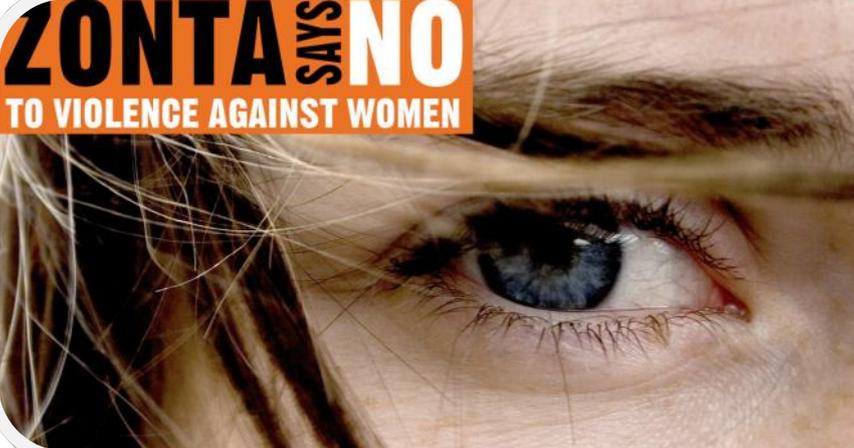
30,000 members in 67 countries working together to improve the lives of women and girls




Donations to the Zonta International Foundation help empower women to realize their full potential

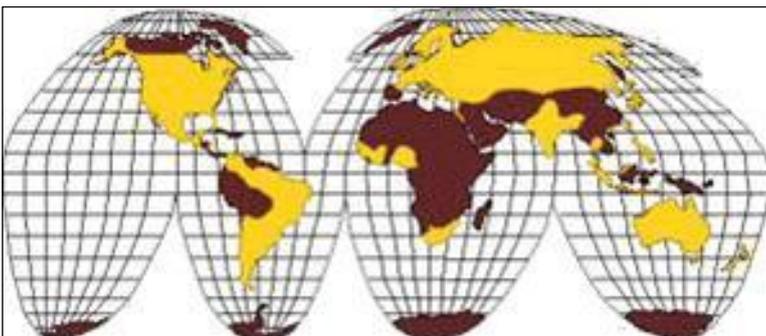


ZONTA SAYS NO TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN




Join Zonta and say NO to violence against women and girls

Zonta maintains a presence in countries marked in Gold.



District 22
 A Queensland Australia
 B Northern Rivers Inc.
 New South Wales Australia

