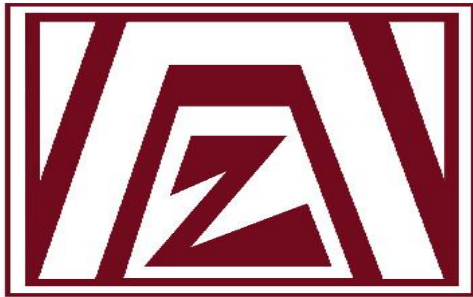


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## ZONTA CELEBRATES AMEILA EARHART

### Amelia Earhart Tighar News Update

Tighar is an international Group that focuses on Historic Aircraft Recovery. The following is a summary on Amelia Earhart and Fred Noonan's final voyage. Amelia Earhart and navigator Fred Noonan set out to find Howland Island and were following a navigational line to get there. When following this line, it led them to Gardner Island where Amelia landed the plane Electra safely on the islands reef. The next several nights there were aircraft radio distress calls in this vicinity. Three U.S. Navy search planes flew over the islands one week later. The distressed calls had stopped by this time and it is believed this was due to the Electra falling over the reef shelf during rising tides. The Navy Pilots said they did see "signs of recent habitation" and they thought that all islands in the area were inhabited however the Gardner Islands had not been since 1892. This left Amelia and Fred stranded as castaways living off rainwater and small fish, seabirds, turtles and clams. Amelia died at a makeshift campsite on the southeast islands end and Fred's fate is still a mystery. The remains are believed to be off the islands west end deep in the waters below.

The History Channel show "Amelia Earhart – The Lost Evidence" published a "lost" photo of Amelia Earhart and Fed Noonan the navigator that was taken two years before they disappeared on July 2, 1937. Leading viewer to believe they died in a Japanese prisoner camp. Tighar has asked the History Channel to publish a retraction stating accurately why this was never the case as all evidence proves otherwise and the photo they presented was found in other historical documentation.

Tighar takes pride in accurate research -scientific and archeological evidence. Tighar's team of researchers underwent a deep sea ROV exploration and land exploration in June of 2017 looking for signs on the island, ocean floor and coral reef as to why further evidence from the plane is not likely to be found. This tip under a ren tree was made in 1940 by a British official who documented two human remains sighted here. At this same site in 2001 excavations unearthed possible signs of an American castaway along with the remains of several campfires, US made items such as a jackknife, a woman's compact, a zipper pull, and glass jars. The use of four forensic dogs detecting the scent of decaying human remains initiated the search on July 2, 2017 marking the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Due to the tropical environment eroding yearly any remains the team might find will be secured using DNA samples that the forensic dogs alerted to. On the last day Archaeologist Dawn Johnson and Physician Kim Zimmerman took sterile soil samples from around the ren tree and sent them off to a DNA lab in Germany. The lead for this site was tipped off by, the ren tree, a British official that visited the site and documented two sets of bones below a ren tree in 1940. It is believed that this explorer bagged up such bones and sent them to Nikumaroro Island, Kiribati, Tawara Postal where the team talked as they set sail to conclude their expedition and talked as though their next plan to be hatched is to the Post office in Tarawa to see if this is "where Amelia Earhart's bones have been hiding all along. Or maybe not."

"That's the story of our work," said King the lead Tighar Explorer. "We get intriguing clues, we pursue them, and we get skunked."

"But that doesn't stop him—and many others like him—from continuing the search." Tighar Website and national geographic.  
<https://news.nationalgeographic.com/2017/07/forensic-dogs-amelia-earhart-spot-where-died/>

## ROSEBURG ZONTA 4th ANNUAL SANTA RUN

Two weeks of gray skies, cold temperatures, and stagnant air put a chill on attendance at this year's Santa Run. Still, the runners and volunteers were in great holiday spirits, hot chocolate was available, and even Santa was present at the starting line!

The top male 10K runners were: Matthew Thomas with a time of 57:10, followed by Eric Meinhardt (58:00) and Jeremy McNett (59:49). The women winners were: Cherise Bowers (1:04:44), McKenzie Bowers (1:05:11), and Janette South (1:09:58). Each of these runners took home medals and gift cards for their top-3 placement.

In the 5K, Mike Durbin (19:11), narrowly beat Salvador Valencia (19:30) who was having difficulty keeping his Santa pants up. John Vanwinkle took 3<sup>rd</sup> with a time of 21:38. The women's division was led by Kristen Smith (21:33), followed by Adriene Powell (23:15), and Sally Brown (27:59). Like the 10K, the top-3 were awarded medals and gift cards. Zonta's own District 8 Past Governor, Genelle Hanken, also completed the 5K and provided some insight on how to mark the route better.

THANKS to our sponsors who contributed to the success of the event! Despite the low turnout, the run did raise over \$1,000 to help provide funds for Zonta's projects to empower women and help improve our community. Sponsors included: Umpqua Health, Waddell & Reed, Umpqua Oats, State Farm, Parkway Animal Hospital, Dutch Brothers, Red Robin, Applebee's, Smokin Friday BBQ, Los Dos Amigos, and Roseburg Water Store. The group would also like to thank Mike McCarty, Roseburg High School, and the Veteran's Administration for their help and access.



## CLUB'S HOLIDAY SERVICE PROJECT

### . Wishes Come True

Each year, Zonta works to spread holiday cheer to our senior citizens who might otherwise face a lonely Christmas with no gifts. This year the club had Christmas gift tag trees at Red Robin and Prints Charming. Each tree displayed a gift wishes for individual seniors. Gifts for 165 seniors were donated by the local community. These gifts were collected and distributed to the proper recipient in three residential care facilities to spread cheer and happiness.

Our THANKS to member Jason Aase who lead this project to success this year!

## CLUB'S CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

Not content to just host the Santa Run and Wishes Come True program in December, Roseburg Zonta members also hosted a holiday auction and holiday potluck. Connie hosted the potluck post-Santa Run. Members enjoyed good food, good company, and a white elephant ornament exchange. The Oregon State University ornament found a good home with Anna where it will be cherished after being originally opened by a disdainful Gail. Laura gleefully snagged a Green Bay Packers bulb, while her husband and Connie bargained for the coveted old truck and station wagon ornaments. Rosa obtained an ornament that could double as a hair decoration. Karen was able to keep a low profile and transfer the title of "most ornaments taken away" to Stan, Diane's husband. All the members and their spouses who attended enjoyed the fellowship.

The Roseburg Zonta Club also had their holiday auction to raise money. Auction items included wines from Karen's vineyard in addition to other local wines, gift baskets stuffed with goodies, food treats, and handmade gifts. It was a wonderful selection that raised nearly \$400 for the club! Thanks to all the members who contributed and purchased items!

### CALENDAR OF PAST EVENTS

#### January Women's History Tidbits

- **January 11, 1935—** Amelia Earhart makes the first solo flight from Hawaii to North America
- **January 25, 1980—** Mary Decker runs a mile in 4:17:55—the first woman to break 4:30.
- **January 29, 1926—** Violette Neatly Anderson is the first African American woman to practice law before the U.S. Supreme Court. See more at the National Women's History Project website at: [www.nwhp.org](http://www.nwhp.org)





## SANTA RUN MOVED TO JULY FOR 2018!

### Christmas in July!

Santa got tired of the gray, wet, cold, and “iffy” December weather. He also realized the need to simplify life during the holiday season when people were already stressed out with extra events, shopping, decorating, cooking, and company. Therefore, Santa’s next Roseburg appearance will be in July!

Santa plans to enjoy watching the 2018 Zonta Santa Run while basking in shorts and wearing sunglasses. The event is scheduled for July 28<sup>th</sup> and will hopefully use the same venue and 5K and 10K course. Runners will be encouraged to modify their Santa suits to match a summer venue. The event should attract more fair-weather families, athletes preparing for fall sports, and runners who just want to join the fun. The event will still be chip timed and may be expanded to include a post-race celebration.

Stay tuned to the new look of the 2018 Zonta Santa Run!

## News from Zonta International

Zonta International President, Sonja Honig Schough and President-Elect Susanne von Bassewitz sent New Year’s greetings and updates on several of Zonta’s scholarship programs. The Jane M. Klausman (JMK), Women in Business Scholarship will be reduced from 12 annual recipients to 6. However, the scholarship will increase in value from \$7,000(US) to \$8,000(US). Zonta will also increase the 32 district and region scholarships from \$1,000 (US) to \$2,000 (US). By increasing the value of the scholarships, Zonta International hopes to attract a greater number of applicants.

With the Young Women in Public Affairs scholarship (YWPA), Zonta International will increase the 32 district and region awards from \$1,000(US) to \$1,500(US). The number and the amount of the international awards will not change. For both the JMK scholarship and the YWPA, the name change proposal has been postponed until the next biennium.

The Zonta International Board will also decrease the number of Amelia Earhart Fellowship scholarships from 35 to 30 fellowships. The board hopes to better balance the overall education program funding without compromising the value or the significance of the Amelia Earhart Fellowships.

All the changes noted above are effective for 2018. The various materials will be updated and posted this month, plus shared with district and club leaders via the January Operational Update and the March club mailing with the 2018-2020 Biennial Goals. If you have specific questions about the award programs, please contact Megan Radavich, Director of Programs and Advocacy, at [mravich@zonta.org](mailto:mravich@zonta.org).

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS-

**JAN 18- Chosen Trafficking video 6-8pm at Phoenix school**

**Jan 24- Program meeting**

**Feb 14 Business meeting**

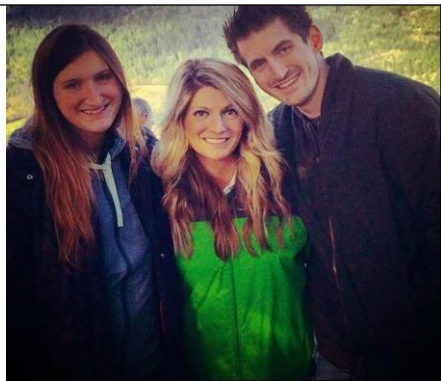
**Feb end of month- Women of Achievement recognition celebration.**

**March – Women’s History Month**

**March 8- International Women's Day & Zonta Rose Day**

**April 13-15-District 4 Clubs Workshop at Embassy Suite Portland, OR**

## FOCUS ON NEW MEMBER CHELSEA B



Chelsea Buckbee is a Roseburg native. She was born here and attended Fullerton IV before moving with her family to the coast. She ran track and cross country during her school days and attended the University of Oregon for her undergraduate degree. She hadn't necessarily planned to go into the banking business, but once she fell into it, she found she enjoyed it. She currently works for Rogue Credit Union.

Chelsea has an older brother and younger sister. She chose to live in Roseburg because her whole family lives here. When she's not working, Chelsea enjoys hiking, traveling to new places, running, wine tasting, watching college football, and spending time with friends and family. She's excited to be a Zonta member because, "I feel like I'm part of something that is making positive changes for women in Douglas County, as well as positive changes for women in general everywhere."

Welcome Chelsea to the Zonta Club of Roseburg Area!!

### Newsletter Ideas or Comments?

Contact: Editors: Laura Jackson, Sandy Hendy or Shon Garrison with your thoughts.

### Besure to visit our website:

### Zonta Club Website

<http://www.zontaroseburg.org>

Or check us out on Facebook

## UPCOMING EVENT

The True Story  
of America's  
Trafficked Teens

# CHOSEN

FREE FILM EVENT

January 18, 2018  
6:00pm – 8:00pm

Presentation / Film Screening / Q & A / Open Forum

Event Location:  
Phoenix Charter School  
3131 NE Diamond Lake Blvd.  
Roseburg, OR. 97470

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