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EMPOWERING WOMEN THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

"Never do things others can do and will do, if there are things others cannot do or will not do." Amelia Earhart

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jan. 27 Amelia Earhart Program, Elmer's noon – 1 p.m.
- Feb 17 YWPA Application due
- Feb. 24- Status of Women Event-5:30 Brix
- Mar. 8- International Women's Day
- Mar. 23- Young Woman & Public Affairs (YWPA) award luncheon
- April 27- Service of Money Program
- May 25- New Officer Installation

MEETING SCHEDULE

1ST WED. – Board Meeting @ Brix

2nd WED. – Business Meeting @ Elmers

3rd WED. - Team Meeting @ Abby's on Stephens

4th WED. –Program Meeting @ Elmers

CELEBRATE AMELIA EARHART!

Dear Zontians and AE Fellows,

During the month of January it is worth taking time to remember why Zonta established the Fellowship in her name. Zonta International was the only non-flying organization that Amelia joined in her short, intense life. She had been a member of the Zonta Club of New York, USA, since 1930 when she disappeared on 2 July 1937 while attempting to be the first pilot to circle the world by air at the equator. The following year, Zonta International vowed to honor her memory with a scholarship for women graduate students in engineering. There were very few women pursuing advanced postgraduate degrees in that field, and the women of Zonta in 1938 wanted to encourage women to think big and participate in this exciting new field.

To quote Amelia Earhart: "Women should do for themselves what men have already done - occasionally what men have not done - thereby establishing themselves as persons, and perhaps encouraging other women toward greater independence of thought and action.

Some such consideration was a contributing reason for my wanting to do what I so much wanted to do." The women of Zonta were very wise when they created this fellowship, following the example of Earhart, who knew that women could succeed in fields dominated by men, which aligns with Zonta's mission to empower women. Work in space and technologies is important for all nations to allow participation in the global economy.

In today's world, women are still not perceived as equals. Last year, we had the unfortunate example of a Nobel Laureate's disparaging comments to remind us that we have a ways to go until true equality. The Amelia Earhart Fellowship goals continue to be needed to assist women in the achievement of their career goals and become influential members of the scientific community.

My best wishes to all in 2016. I hope that you will continue to be encouraged by Earhart's example and support those women in the future to achieve their life goals.

Best regards, Holly Anderson Zonta International Amelia Earhart Fellowship Committee Chairman 2014-2016 AE Fellow, 1976



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•Open World: Jason Aase

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Pam Bunnell & Gail Trimble

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AMELIA EARHART FELLOWSHIP AWARD



2014 AE Fellow Puja Upadhyay from Nepal Program of Study: Mechanical Engineering at Florida State University

"I would like to thank you again for your generous support. I come from a very small country and, therefore, I deeply value the encouragement Zonta has provided in the form of financial assistance which will help me further my education. This recognition has motivated me to work harder and inspired me to help other women in the field.

FELLOWSHIP DESCRIPTION

Established in 1938 in honor of famed pilot and Zontian, Amelia Earhart, the Amelia Earhart Fellowship is awarded annually to women pursuing Ph.D./doctoral degrees in aerospace-related sciences or aerospace-related engineering. The Fellowship of US\$10,000, awarded to 35 Fellows around the globe each year, may be used at any university or college offering accredited post-graduate courses and degrees in these fields. **ELIGIBILITY**

Women of any nationality pursuing a Ph.D./doctoral degree who demonstrate a superior academic record in the field of aerospace-related sciences or aerospace-related engineering are eligible. Applicants must be registered in a full-time Ph.D./doctoral program when funds are received in September and must not graduate before April 2017. Please note that post-doctoral research programs are not eligible for the Fellowship. Members and employees of Zonta International or the Zonta International Foundation are also 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.

APPLICATION PROCESS

The Zonta International Amelia Earhart Fellowship Committee reviews the applications and recommends recipients to the Zonta International Board. The 2017 applications will likely be due in November 2016. For questions, please contact programs@zonta.org.

AMELIA EARHART-the Oregon Connection

Amelia Earhart completed her first flying lessons and purchased her first aircraft in 1921 when she was 24 years old. In 1922 she set a women's world altitude record for flying at 14,000 feet. In 1923 she was the 16th female to be issued a pilot's license by the Federation Aeronautique International (FAI) and by 1927 she had nearly 500 hours of solo flying. In 1928 she was the first female to fly across the Atlantic as a passenger, making the crossing with pilot Wilmer Stultz and co-pilot/mechanic Louis Gordon. As she was approaching the shores of the USA in during this flight, she was handed a radiogram inviting her to be a member of the Boston Zonta Club. After a ticker-tape parade in New York City and a reception at the White House, Amelia was inducted into Zonta International.

In 1931, Amelia married George Putnam, who had been married to Dorothy Binney from 1911 - 1929. After serving in WWI and leading an Artic expedition for the American Museum of Natural History, Putnam lived several years in Bend Oregon with his first wife. There he was the editor and publisher of the *Bend Bulletin* and mayor of Bend from 1912-13. In 1915, he served as the private secretary to James Withycombe, Oregon's governor. After moving back east, he helped Charles Lindbergh with his popular autobiography in 1927. In 1928, wealthy American, Amy Guest, wanted to sponsor a woman to fly across the Atlantic and sought Putnam's advice. Putnam suggested Amelia Earhart. Putnam then became Amelia's manager assisting her growing popularity.

Given her successful solo flight across the Atlantic in 1932, the Zonta Club of Portland sent Amelia a congratulations telegraph. After her disappearance in 1937, Willamette University faculty member Dr. Helen Pearce, President of the Salem Zonta Club, helped create the Zonta International Amelia Earhart Fellowship in 1938. Dr. Pearce chaired the fellowship, which provided funding for women pursuing studies in aeronautical engineering, for several years.

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2nd Annual Santa Run- A Wet Success!

The second annual Zonta Santa Run was hit with a deluge of rain bringing to mind the chorus of, "I'm singing in the rain!" However the rain didn't dampen the holiday spirits of 69 of the 78 registrants who still donned their bright red Santa suits and splashed their way through the various courses. Held at Roseburg High School (RHS) this year's event included a 3K, 5K and 10K run. RHS graciously opened the doors to their Student Center to offer the soggy participants a place to stage before and after the run. The participants ranged in age from youth to 70+ years young and included a variety of families, friends and even the Laurelwood Santas!

The overall men's and women's winners included:

3K: Men-Michael Sell (22:34); Women-Ambrose Wolfstrum (20:31)

5K: Men—Sam Friedman (21:06); Women—Morgan Richards (28:28)

10K: Men—John Ngigi (40:07); Women—Heidi Eichman (46:07)

Complete race results can be found on the Eclectic Edge Racing website at: <u>www.eclecticedgeracing.com</u>. Thank you to RHS and to all of registrants and volunteers who braved the elements to make this event a success! The proceeds from this race helps the Zonta Club of Roseburg support the "Hand UP" program which assists women in need of education, role models, mentoring, job skills, and other needs as they seek personal and professional improvement. We can't promise better weather next year—but we can promise more fun at the 2016 Zonta Santa Run!

WISHES DO COME TRUE!

Zonta continued its long-standing participation with the *Wishes Come True* program. In cooperation with Red Robin, Parkway Mobility & Medical Supply and *The News Review*, 141 residents of Curry Manor, Umpqua Valley Nursing and Rehab, and Rose Haven received gifts. Zonta helpers admitted getting a little testy wrapping all those gifts, but they re-awoke their holiday "ho ho" at the right time. Said Zonta President Roxanne Kelly, "it was truly remarkable and very rewarding, distributing the gifts and making wishes come true!"

STATUS OF WOMEN EVENT-SAVE THE DATE FEBUARY 24th

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, February 24th for the Status of Women Event. This year's event will be a buffet dinner at Brix. The social will begin at 5:30 p.m. with dinner starting at 6 p.m. The theme of this year's event is *"Putting Love into Action through Service."* The event will feature a guest speaker and the announcement of this year's Woman of Achievement Award. Stay tuned to our Facebook and webpage for additional details.

















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Members Celebrating the Holidays- with Laughter and Smiles!



 Δ **Program** •Program Planning: Carolyn Kemp Harvest Lunch: Diane Swingley •Amelia Earhart: Carolyn Kemp •Status of Women Event & Woman of Achievement: Diane Swingley Installation & Recognition Dinner: Connie Benham **Committee Meeting** Schedule: Hand Up - 1st Monday of the Month Membership- 1st Tuesday of month Newsletter Ideas or Comments? Contact: Editors: Laura Jackson, Sandy Hendy or Shon Garrison with your thoughts. Besure to visit our website:

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