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MONTHLY MEETING
January 20, 2009

J.C. Fogarty's
60 Kraft Avenue
Bronxville, NY

Members and Guests:
\$30.00
Cocktails 6:00
Dinner promptly at
6:45

BOARD MEETING
January 13, 2009

6:30 PM

PROGRAM
Amelia Earhart
Presentation
&
ZING

Dear Zontians,

First let me wish you and your loved ones health, happiness and good fortune in this New Year. May you have many opportunities to explore every joy of life; may all your dreams turn into reality; and may your efforts bring great achievements.

To say that we live in dramatic, tumultuous times seems almost trite. Let us for a moment look beyond the dark headlines that greet us each morning and set our sights on the historic, epic event that we will witness on January 20th – the inauguration of the 44th President of the United States, Barack Obama, the first African American to be elected to the presidency. As stated on his website, whether it's the poverty exposed by Katrina, the genocide in Darfur, or the role of faith in our politics, Barack Obama speaks out on the issues that will define America in the 21st century. But above all his accomplishments and experiences, he is most proud and grateful for his family, his wife, Michelle, and his two daughters, Malia, 10, and Sasha, 7.

Yet, it is almost beyond comprehension the challenges he faces...the economy, health care, foreign wars to name only a few. And he asks all of us to join him working together to achieve a successful future for our country and the world. Obama affirms this by stating "I'm asking you to believe. Not just in my ability to bring about real change in Washington...I am asking you to believe in yours". On January 9th General Colin Powell formally announced the "Renew America Together" initiative as part of President-elect Obama's national call to service. Powell urged all Americans to make an ongoing commitment to revitalize our local communities, starting on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, January 19th. As stated by Gen Powell, "It's a day to reach out to our fellow citizens in need".

He encouraged everyone to visit USAservice.org to [find](#) or [host](#) a service event. More than 4,000 service events are registered on the site already.

In fact, on January 19th the Zonta Club of New Rochelle is listed and will be at the St. Paul Trinity Church, corner of Division and Huguenot from 9am to 11am to help prepare and serve free lunch to the homeless and less fortunate of New Rochelle. I have signed up. Won't you join me? Log on to USAservice.org and link on to the find button. Enter your zip code then scroll down to the Lunch Program.

As many of you know Amelia Earhart, the world famous aviator, was a member of the Boston Zonta Club from 1928 to her untimely disappearance in 1937. At our next general membership meeting, January 20th, Sharon Perry, president of Zonta Club of Greater Queens will present the life and times of Amelia Earhart. Sharon works in the Safety and Standards Branch within the FAA. There is also an interesting article in this newsletter about the famous aviator. See you at on the 20th.

Be well,
Pat Latona



**ZING
January 20th
Membership Meeting**

We invite you to reintroduce and rekindle you spirit in Zonta. A powerpoint presentation followed by group discussions will highlight the mission and goals of ZI. And demonstrate how you, the members of the Zonta Club of Westchester, engage in that mission through our service projects.

Come and Bring a Guest

**Your input is appreciated
Your spirit is contagious
Your support is vital**

See you on the 20th



**RENEW
AMERICA
TOGETHER**

USAservice.org

Join us!

ZONTAGRAPH

REMEMBERING AMELIA EARHART



On 2 July 1928, as Amelia Earhart, world-famed aviator, 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: 1) fly the Atlantic alone; 2) fly an autogiro; 3) receive the United States Distinguished Flying Cross; 4) 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-Oakland 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".

SPECIAL RAFFLE JANUARY 20TH MEETING

Two lucky winners will win a Behind-the-Scenes tour of Westchester County Airport.

Sharon Perry, presenter on Amelia Earhart, works for the Federal Aviation Administration, will lead this exciting tour.

Zontian members from Long Island recently had the same opportunity and raved about the experience.

CALENDAR

Zonta Club of Westchester

Date	Meeting	Location	Program
Jan 20, 2009	Monthly	Fogarty's	Z.I.N.G. Amelia Earhart Presentation
Feb 17, 2009	Monthly	Fogarty's	Black History Month Speaker
Mar 10, 2009 <i>New date!</i>	Monthly	Fogarty's	U.N. Speaker
Apr 4, 2009	Fundraiser	Davenport Club	Spring Luncheon
Apr 21, 2009	Monthly	Fogarty's	Annual Meeting And Reports
May 19, 2009	Monthly	Fogarty's	Women's Health Speaker, YWPA Award & Club Scholarship
Jun 23, 2009	Monthly	Fogarty's	Fun



SAVE THE DATE

April 4th, 2009

**10th Annual Spring Luncheon & Fashion Show
Davenport Club
New Rochelle**

Our Most Important Fundraiser of the Year!

Auction Items Needed

**Family, friends, children, loved ones
All welcome!!**

Advocacy

Advocacy is the support for the opposition to a cause, argument or proposal and may include influencing laws, legislation attitudes. Zonta International urges districts, clubs and members to advocate on issues that improve the status of women specifically in education, economics, health, political and professional.

Listed here are a few somewhat disturbing statistics that are a sober reflection of women around the globe.

- 70 percent of the 1.3 billion poor are women
- Two-thirds of illiterate adults are women and two-thirds of children not in school are girls.
- More than 59 million school-aged girls are not in school and female illiteracy rates remain higher than men.
- Globally, more than 80% of women do not have sufficient knowledge about HIV/AIDS and many women do not have the power to say no to sex with an infected partner
- About 530,000 women die annually in pregnancy or during childbirth, mainly due to lack of access to health care.
- Every year an estimated 4 million women and girls are bought and sold worldwide.
- According to the U.S. government, nearly one million people are trafficked across international borders each year — bought, sold and forced into slave labor and sexual exploitation. 80% of trafficking victims are women and girls.
- 60 million women are "missing" because of gender-based violence
- One in three women worldwide will be beaten, raped, coerced into sex or otherwise abused in her lifetime.

There is so much to do!



Scholarships and Awards

Scholarship

The Zonta Club of Westchester offers a \$1000 scholarship to an **eligible** undergraduate or graduate student studying in a Westchester college/university.

Applications are available at the General Membership Meetings or by calling Patricia Latona at 914-548-2702.

YWPA Award

The Zonta Club of Westchester offers a \$1000 award to an **eligible** pre-college student (age 16-20).

Applications are available at the General Membership Meetings or by calling Nora Gorman at 779-2702.

RAVE Walk
\$2525

Holiday Auction
\$856

.....Thank You

SERVICE PROJECTS PROPOSED BY THE BOARD

which are meaningful and satisfying to members:

- EJ's Charities
- Comfort Kits
- "Adopt a Family" for the Holiday's (No. Westchester Shelter)
- My Sister's Place
- Victim's Assistance Services & SANE
- Knitting for Children of Afghanistan

ALLIANCE WITH:

- NYC Junior League – "Race to Erase Domestic Violence", on Mother's Day
- Westchester Government – "Salute to Domestic Violence" & RAVE Walk



January Service Needs

EJ CHARITIES – Aspirin and other medical supplies.

E.J. Will be leaving soon for her annual pilgrimage to her homeland to render much needed medical care. We wish her well.

February Service Needs

In preparation for International Women's Day and Rose Day in March please bring in \$10 (minimum) gift cards which will be donated to VAS. Bring them to our February Membership meeting on the 17th.

March Service Needs

Knitting for Children of Afghanistan

April Service Needs

Comfort Kits



Happy Birthday

Patricia Latona
January 27

NEW MEMBERS!!!

Congratulations to our new members for making a very wise decision to join Zonta. We hope that you will gain from the experience and share your talents with us so that we may continue to be successful in achieving our goals.

On January 20th Antonio Guta will be inducted... Welcome!

This Zontagram is published by Catherine Kocur with the help of our club members. All are invited to send articles, stories, poems and other items to be published in the Zontagram to Catherine Kocur at ckocur2@verizon.net or mail to 168 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville, NY 10570.