

THE ZONTA ROSE - Zonta Club of Washington County Newsletter



March Meeting Information Wednesday, March 11, 2009 Hidden Valley Country Club, McMurray, Pa.

6 PM – 8 PM Meeting



Amelia Earhart Dinner

On February 4, 2009 the Zonta Club of Washington County held their Twentieth Annual Amelia Earhart Award Dinner. At the event, fifteen junior high school ladies were recognized for their volunteer work and leadership in community service. The evening was a celebration of the commitment, accomplishments and potential of this tremendous group of young women, each a representative of their school.

Each year, school counselors from every Washington County high school are asked to select one young lady to represent their school honoree. Recommendations are based on specific criteria established by Zonta based on their overall spirit of volunteerism, documented hours of service, and their ability to lead and inspire other students to participate. The projects can be focused on Washington County agencies as well as national and international causes.

This award is named for Amelia Earhart – a member of Zonta and a fitting role model for young women aspiring to reach their potential and achieve positions of leadership in whatever field they choose. The aviation pioneer was a member of the Zonta Club of Boston, which was Ms. Earhart's *only* non-professional affiliation. Like Amelia, these young women are bright and energetic and willing to step out of the mold – each has distinguished themselves from their peers, through their service, as well as in their academics, in sports, the arts, sciences or often, a combination of several of these. And like Amelia, they have the courage and fortitude to work hard to achieve success and make a difference in their world.

The keynote speaker for the event was Dr. Donald Goldstein, distinguished Historian and Author of the book *Amelia*. He spoke about the spirit of Amelia Earhart and recognized the young ladies for their achievements, while encouraging them to keep their momentum as they headed off to college and their careers. Each girl received a signed copy of his book, along with an Award Certificate and a \$200 Savings Bond. Miss Amanda Saeder representing Bethlehem Center High School was recognized with the 2009 Exemplary Service Award for the extent of her volunteerism and the variety of the many different charities and organizations she supports. The 2009 Amelia Earhart Honorees are as follows:

Avella High School – Brittany Brandenburg
Bentworth – Laura Molesky
Bethlehem Center – Amanda Seader
Burgettstown – Nicole Kramer
California – Lauren Turcsik
Bishop Canevin – Kathryn Dlugos
Canon-MacMillan – Diana DeSafey
Charleroi – Alyssa Helster
Chartiers Houston – Rebecca Mobley
Fort Cherry – Kelsey Cloonan
McGuffey – Julianne Popivchak
Peters Township – Amber Doerr
Ringgold – Chantelle Bellavance
Trinity Area – Lindsey Kudaroski
Washington – Sarah Boice

A big **Thank You** goes out to **Pat Kleinert** and her committee including **Rachel Lozosky, Jeanine Rainone** and **Autumn Kline** for all of their hard work in making this a delightful event. And a **Thank You** also goes out to **Jane Piatt** and her committee including **Annette Ziemba, Jen Juriga** and **Cheryl Hopper** for all of their time and effort in soliciting the Amelia Earhart nominees and selecting the Service Award winner.

March Meeting - Rose Day Celebration

Our March 11th meeting will be our annual Rose Day celebration where we honor deserving women from Washington County. Our Rose Day event also represents our celebration of International Women's Day which is on March 8th each year.

The Rose Day dinner will be held at the Rolling Hills Country Club in McMurray. Registration will begin at 5:30, dinner at 6:00 PM.

Please Hold the Date for this celebration as more details will be sent to members in the near future.

Welcome to New Members



The highlight of the January meeting was the induction of five new Zonta members. They include:

Traci McDonald
Molly Culleton
Phyllis Mroscio
Summer Miller
Jenny Difilippo

Please be sure to stop by and welcome the new members when you see them at the next meeting if you haven't already done so! Look for new member spotlights in the future newsletters.

Additionally, we welcomed back two familiar faces as Honorary Members. They are Dee Hart and Charlotte Herron. Welcome back friends!

Member News



Lisa Pendergast was recently honored and recognized with a Service Award at the Annual Service Day Luncheon. Lisa is a valuable asset to our Zonta club and is always willing to help and contributes not only with her service but with her constant efforts to get the word out about Zonta. **Thank you Lisa** and congratulations on this well deserved award!

We unfortunately report that **Ria Papenbrock** and **Kim Bevan** have decided to leave Zonta. We thank them both for their many contributions and wish them well!

December Christmas Party Auction

All members who attended the club Christmas party had a great time. The party was held at President Cheryl Hopper's house and once again everyone had fun with the grab bag auction!! Each member was asked to bring 1 or more items that were bought or received as a gift that was no longer wanted – something that was 'their trash but someone else's treasure'. Then all had fun bidding on the unknown items!! The auction proceeds were \$115 and will go to Zonta International programs.



District 4 News



2009 Spring Workshop

Highlights:

- New D4 Logo – You Vote
- It's Your Money
- The Public Face of Zonta – Putting Your Best Face Forward
- Our First 90 Years
- Birthing Kits – To Do or Not
- Leadership – Best Practices & Lessons Learned

When: April 25th, 2009

Where: Corry Country Club, Corry, Pa.

Cost: \$40 – First Time Members \$35

Details: Will be provided at the next meeting

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

Date	Event	Time	Place
March 11 th	Rose Day	6:00 PM	Rolling Hills Country Club
April 1st	Regular Meeting	6:00 PM	Union Grille
May 6th	Regular Meeting	6:00 PM	Union Grille

"A joy shared is a joy doubled"
- Goethe

Zonta International News



Zontians around the world have a very special reason to celebrate. Our efforts have made and continue to make a difference in the lives of women everywhere. March 8, 2009 is International Women's Day and is a day to reflect on the achievements of the past year and prepare for the challenges ahead of us to advance the status of women worldwide.

The United Nations established International Women's Day in 1977 to celebrate the rights of women and international peace. However, its history stretches back to the early 1900s, when women's organizations used the day to rally support for their causes: from the universal suffrage movement to the protest of poor working conditions.

Since those early years, International Women's Day has assumed a new global dimension for women in developed and developing countries alike. The growing international women's movement, which has been strengthened by four global United Nations women's conferences, has helped make the commemoration a rallying point to build support for women's rights and participation in the political and economic arenas. Increasingly, International Women's Day is a time to reflect on progress made, to call for change and to celebrate acts of courage and determination by ordinary women who have played an extraordinary role in the history of their countries and communities.

Special Zonta Club of Washington Event

The Annual Service Club Luncheon was held November 18, 2008 at Julian's Restaurant. In attendance were 115 members representing six service organizations in Washington, PA.

Our club was in charge of the luncheon this year and sent out invitations to the service clubs in Washington, PA. These organizations are represented by the signs posted on the "Welcome to Washington" sign you see when you enter the city limits. We were in charge of planning the luncheon and made the right choice in selecting Julian's Restaurant. We were served a wonderful buffet luncheon and the food that was left over was taken to the Women's Shelter by Zonta members. We received a thank you note from the Washington Women's Shelter.

Zonta Club of Washington County was proud to present the Service Award from our club to **Lisa Pendergast** for her service to Zonta and her church and community. Lisa is the mother of two young children and very active at Trinity North Elementary School. Lisa never misses an opportunity to tell ladies about Zonta and has increased our membership. **Congratulations Lisa for a job well done!!!!**

Thanks go out to so many club members who helped with this event, which allowed Zonta to be seen in a positive light among other service clubs in Washington. **A Big Thank You goes out to the Zonta members who helped, including Cheryl Hopper**, who arranged for the venue, the catering and the invitations, **Jeanine Rainone** who made the certificates presented to all of the honorees. (everyone was so impressed that next year's organization wants to use them too), to **Pat Kleinert** and **Annette Ziamba** for helping the day of the luncheon. And **a Special Thank You goes to Jane Piatt**, club hostess for the luncheon, who worked diligently to ensure the day was a big success!

To top it all off, the 50/50 raffle realized a profit of \$119 for our club, along with the same amount for attorney Ken Baker who was the 50/50 winner that day.

All in all a positive day for our club and more recognition for Zonta!