

THE ZONTA ROSE - Zonta Club of Washington County Newsletter



December Meeting Information Wednesday, December 5, 2007

Annual Christmas Party
@ Cheryl Hopper's House
@ 6:00 PM



AMELIA EARHART AWARDS

The search is on!

The Scholarship committee is currently seeking nominations for the 2008 Amelia Earhart Awards. Each year, our Zonta Club of Washington recognizes one young lady from each of the 14 Washington County school districts for her volunteerism and community service. The selection process is coordinated through the principal and guidance counselors at each school, who will select and submit one candidate's name.

Nominations and supporting letters are due by December 12th of this year. All nominees will be recognized at a dinner event on February 13, 2008 at the George Washington Hotel in Washington. Of the group, one young lady will be selected for High Honors, based on evaluations in a blind screening by the Scholarship Committee.

This program and the accompanying 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. Our Club is pleased to present this award to those Junior High school ladies who have been nominated for their service to community, attitude of commitment, and the leadership in volunteerism that they demonstrate. If you know of a young lady who would qualify, you are encouraged to contact your school's guidance counselor for more information.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATE

The letters for the Annual Amelia Earhart Recognition Dinner were mailed on November 12, 2007 to fifteen Washington County High School principals with a form to be completed for the Zonta Club of Washington County Service Award. A copy of the letter only was sent to the guidance department of each school. A follow-up call will be made the first week of December.

A \$200.00 bond will be presented to each of the fifteen nominees. A bond in the amount of \$1,000.00 will be given to the recipient of the Zonta Club of Washington County Service Award.

The Amelia Earhart Recognition Dinner will be held on February 13, 2008 at the George Washington Hotel.

BIRTHING KIT UPDATE

Unfortunately plans for the November assembly session needed to be cancelled since the Wellness Center facilities were not available. Due to the holidays, we will plan to meet in January. Details will be announced in the future.



DECEMBER 5th MEETING

Annual Christmas Party

Location: 1885 E. Beau Street (Rt.136 E leaving Washington),
Directions:

Take 136 East past Windor Highlands, past the Zediker Station Road, (where we had the Road Rally), and go 1/4 mile and on the left look for a break in the guardrail and there are two stone pillars, this is my driveway, you cannot see my house from the road. Make left into the driveway and our house is the first on the right, about 900 feet down the driveway. I will have luminaries out at the top of the driveway. Cheryl's cell #724-747-0220.

Wish List for the party:

- Bring your favorite covered dish to share. (Beverages will be provided by me.)
- Bring wrapping paper, gift bags, tape, and any holiday gifts unwrapped for mom's and children at the Women's Shelter, Dee Hart is on the board and will collect and distribute to the shelter.
- Bring wrapped gifts if you'd like, for the auction benefiting the International Programs for Zonta. We will auction these after we eat, so please bring cash or checkbook. These can be gifts that you are "re-gifting" or something special you have wrapped. This has been a fun fundraiser that has become a tradition.

This year, we will be sharing memories about special holiday times and family traditions. You can also bring along any special holiday ornaments that you would like to share about your holiday celebrations from the past. This is also optional, and each person will take 3-5 minutes to share if they wish .

Jennifer White and Joyce Ellis will be inducted at this meeting as well.

No need to RSVP, just see you there!

SERVICE COMMITTEE UPDATE

Cleaning and papers supplies were brought to the November 7, 2007 meeting and delivered to the Inter-Faith Hospitality House. Items for the Women's Shelter and new Christmas gifts for residents will be collected at the December meeting. Dee Hart will take to the Shelter.

Jane Piatt will be leading a budget workshop on December 12, 2007 at the Women's Shelter.

DISTRICT NEWS

Congratulations to the Zonta Club of Hamilton who is celebrating their **EIGHTIETH** anniversary on March 2, 2008 with a Sunday afternoon event at the Art Gallery of Hamilton. They are also celebrating International Women's Day. This event is open to Zontians, and their families and friends. A brochure can be downloaded from their website at www.zontahamilton1.ca.





MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Focus on: KIM BEVAN

- How long a Zonta Member: 1- ½ years
 Position in Zonta: Member and on Rose Day Committee
 What is your next favorite charitable mission (after Zonta):
 The American Diabetes Association and the Loyal Order of the Moose
 What Zonta Event is your favorite: Rose Day
 What do you think is the most critical Women's Issue in Washington County: Abuse and Housing
 What is the most critical global issue: Starvation and Degradation
 Who is the woman you most admire: Amelia Earhart, because she had the courage to do something that no one had ever done.
 Do you have a favorite female author or musician or artist or actress: Angelina Jolie because of her global charity.
 What is your Profession and Business/Company: Insurance Agency and Sales – I own Bevan Insurance Services and also do work for CSC Insurance Options and Ascencea currently.
 What do you do when you aren't engaged in Zonta work: Work, Kid's functions, volunteer for Diabetes Association, volunteer for Moose functions.
 Describe what volunteerism means to you: Trying to do the best I can to help others.
 What do see as the primary goal for Zonta this year: Raising money to support several important causes chosen by the club to help people in Washington County.
 Do you have a favorite Quote or Saying ? Please share: If you never do anything, how do you know when you are done?



MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

We are thrilled to welcome a new member to our club, Joyce Ellis. Joyce was a past Rose Day recipient, runs a successful dance studio in the area, is a realtor, etc... etc... Joyce is working on revitalizing the Lemoyne Center for the area youth. Welcome Joyce!

Lisa will provide a membership profile on Joyce here soon and has emailed her address information already to the club.

At the November board meeting, 3 more prospective members were approved for membership. Lisa has been in contact with them, sent their acceptance letters and we are hoping they will want to join us by January.

Thanks for continuing to tell everyone you know about Zonta!

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

Date	Event	Time	Place
January 9	Regular Meeting	6:00 PM	Southside Restaurant
TBD	Birthing Kit Assembly	TBD	TBD
February 13	Amelia Earhart Dinner	6:00 PM	George Washington Hotel



ZONTA INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Zonta International has programs supporting education, leadership and youth development helping the status of women and girls throughout the world. Since 1928, Zonta International has addressed challenges to women's equality in science, business, public affairs and government by providing critical financial support through programs funded by the Zonta International Foundation. The Amelia Earhart Fellowship program is one way this is accomplished. We at the Zonta Club of Washington support this effort through our own Amelia Earhart Recognition program.

Fast Facts

- Men outnumber women almost three to one among those planning careers in computer or information sciences, according to a United Nations Statistics division report.
- Women hold just 10.4 percent of the board seats of global 200 companies, as ranked by *Fortune Magazine*, according to Corporate Women Directors International.
- Women hold just 15.4 percent of seats in the world's national parliaments, according to the Inter-Parliamentary Union.

PR & COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE UPDATE

Distributed stories and information about Zonta's Anniversary, the Road Rally and the Nursing Scholarship via email to several publications. None published.

Continuing to develop print media contacts who will be a consistent 'recipient list' for information and who will publish stories about our events and programs. Additional contacts have been made with:

- Pittsburgh Post Gazette Washington Sunday Section
- Community Press
- Suburban Living
- The Peters Township Source

Identifying other media possibilities, i.e. radio and cable channel television as other resources

- Comcast
- Froggy radio
- WJPA radio
- Channel 2, 4, 11 to post on bulletin boards

Help is appreciated with stories for publications. Current items needed include:

- Story about our Chapter Award
- Story about the Zonta retreat
- Story about "Carol for a Cause"
- Story about Rose Day

REMINDER

Board Meetings:

Date - Third Monday of each month at 5:30 PM.
 Place – KALEIDISCOPE, 899 East Maiden Street

Committee Reports:

Committee Chairs must email their committee report to one of the Executive Officers prior to the Board Meeting, and to Marcia Hopper for the newsletter/ website.

No Reminders will be sent.



! May your Holiday Season be A Safe and Blessed one!