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Upcoming Meetings & Events

- July 20th – 5:00pm Pool Party at Cindy Phillips home (Marysville)
- July 23rd – 10:00am Annual Retreat at Judy Gish or Carol Janowicz's home
- Aug. 4th – 7:30am Breakfast Business Meeting (Legion Memorial Golf Course)
- Aug. 18^h – 11:30am Lunch Program Meeting (Legion Memorial Golf Course)
- Aug 26th – 4:00pm or later - TGIF – Emory's on Silver Lake

Zonta Club of Everett website: <http://www.everettzonta.org/>

Club Officers:

President: Linda Lepak
Past President: Suzanne Poppema
Vice President: Carrie Blair
Secretary: Peggy Wiltz
Treasurer: Cindy Phillips

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2015-2017: Jeanne Judd, Carol Janowicz
2016-2018: Suzie Truglio, Judith Strand,



Newsletter

Deadline for Submissions: 26th of the Month
Email to Darcie98@aol.com

JULY PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE



As you are reading this, your delegates (Carrie Blair and I) will be in Nice, France attending the 2016-2018 biennial Zonta Convention. What a way to start off our new year.

During the month of June Service committee delivered some menstrual kits to Mariner High School as our pilot program. It was well received and we hope to continue again in the fall. The Service committee did a great job. Pictures were posted on Facebook – Zonta of Everett. Thank you Marilyn Marsh and Myrna Overstreet.

We had a wonderful turnout for the documentary theatre of SEVEN, a play based on interviews of seven women who overcame obstacles in their home countries of Russia, Pakistan, Nigeria, Northern Ireland, Afghanistan, Guatemala and Cambodia. Special thanks to Kayla Dreyse who directed it and all the wonderful women that portrayed the seven women. Also, special thanks to our donors Beneficial State Bank, Chris Rommel and Michael Norman, Temple & Associates, P.S. and Boyden Robinett & Associates LP. The net proceeds of this event will support a female student scholarship to AMTEC – Advanced Manufacturing Training & Education Center.

Some news worth sharing to Zonta members. Twenty-eight companies sign pledge to bridge the gender gap in pay. Check the link below for more information. Thank you Cynthia Weaver for sharing this. <http://www.bizjournals.com/bizwomen/news/latest-news/2016/06/pay-gap-these-28-companies-just-made-a-big.html> .

There will be no business meeting in July but we will have two opportunities to get together. Cindy Phillips will be hosting a pool party at her place on July 20 beginning about 4:30 PM and our annual retreat to be held at Judy Gish house from 10:00 – 2:00pm on the 23rd. The retreat is essential to set our goals for this next year. I look forward to seeing everybody there. On a side note, in the event Judy Gish’s home is not available we will ‘retreat’ to Carol Janowicz. Final information will come later this month. Have a wonderful summer and a Happy 4th of July! Be safe...

Linda Lepak

Zonta Spotlight:

If you haven’t checked it out yet, there’s an impressive summary of the PR &C Committee’s work over the biennium in the June issue of the Zontian, by Katherine Cleland. The article outlines all they’ve accomplished and is sure to inspire you as well. Thank you, Katherine for your service with Zonta locally and internationally!

See pages 20-21, <https://issuu.com/zontainternational/docs/june2016zontian>

WIT Scholarships Awarded By Zonta Club of Everett

Each year, the Zonta Club of Everett recognizes women in transition by granting scholarships to complete their education in order to reenter the work force. On May 19, two \$3,000 scholarships were awarded to recipients Arnita McClinton and Elizabeth Blake.



Arnita McClinton

Arnita McClinton is the mother of six children and had been out of the workforce for years until she began working with the HARPS Program assisting homeless people who currently live in a mental health or drug and alcohol institution. As a certified peer counselor at Compass Health she realized she had a talent to help others. "With the help of Jehovah, I went from being a drug addict and homeless to becoming a healthy, happy, productive person in this world" she says. In February 2016, Arnita started taking college courses and has received A grades. Her goal is to finish her BA in Human Services by 2018.

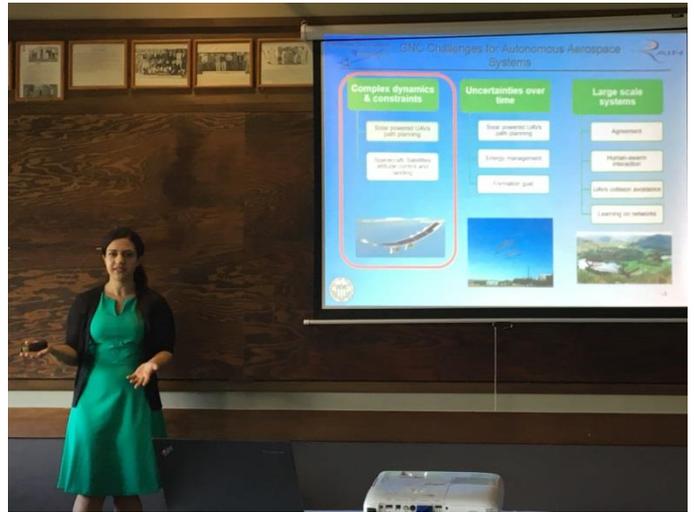
Elizabeth Blake is the mother of two children. After many years in an abusive relationship, she lost her home to foreclosure and lived in her car for two years while searching for housing. Now safely ensconced in the Housing Hope program, Elizabeth says "the years of fright and flight I have been living is hard to calm, but now we have a sense of security and safety with a roof over our heads." Elizabeth has chosen to study accounting/small business and horticulture with a goal to utilize her passion for floral and landscape design.



Elizabeth Blake & Judith Strand

June 16th Program Meeting

South Puget Sound member Joan Knapp presenting ZI Amelia Earhart Fellow recipient with her wings



2015 Amelia Earhart Fellow Saghar Hosseinianaki from the University of Washington officially received her Zonta International Certificate at the Zonta Club of Everett. She was introduced and received her certificate from D8 AE Chair Joan E. Knapp. Saghar gave a PowerPoint presentation about her Ph.D work which she just completed. Congratulations, Saghar, on finishing your Ph.D this quarter! We are proud of you! She was only one of 5 AE Fellows to receive a 2nd year fellowship from ZI. This was the last year that anyone could receive a 2nd fellowship as there are so many fully qualified applicants for this fellowship. ZI gives out annually 35 fellowships worth \$10,000 each to young women pursuing Ph.D/doctoral degrees in aerospace-related sciences and aerospace-related engineering.

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The following is a press release by Diane Wright for our presentation of SEVEN.

Seven noted local community leaders were featured in a staged reading of the acclaimed documentary play "Seven" at 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 17 at the P.U.D. Auditorium, 2320 California Street, Everett.

"Seven" tells the true stories of seven women who triumphed over obstacles to bring about improvements in the lives of women and girls in their home countries of Russia, Pakistan, Nigeria, Northern Ireland, Afghanistan, Guatemala, and Cambodia.

Called "riveting, explosive and inspiring drama" by the Huffington Post, the play has been performed in more than 32 countries and been translated into more than 20 languages. The production is presented by the Zonta Club of Everett Foundation. The 70-minute staged reading was directed by Kayla Dreyse, and featured the following cast of readers:

- Dr. Sutapa Basu**, executive director of the University of Washington Women's Center.
- The Honorable Janice E. Ellis**, Snohomish County Superior Court Judge.
- Dr. Jean Hernandez**, president of Edmonds Community College.

SEVEN Press Release (continued...)

Pam LeSesne, retired Navy Captain and current member of the Everett Public Schools Board of Directors.
Dr. Suzanne Poppema, physician, past president of Zonta Club of Everett and a founding board member of HEAL, an international organization of health care professionals working against human trafficking.
Rita Zawaideh, founder of the Salaam Cultural Museum and the Arab-American Community Coalition of Seattle, and a leader of medical missions throughout the middle east.
Sierra Zweig, mental health counselor for the YWCA and founder of Pause to Possibility.

These notable women put voice to the stories in this gripping play, written by seven award-winning playwrights: Paula Cizmar, Catherine Filloux, Gail Kriegel, Carol K. Mack, Ruth Margraff, Anna Deavere Smith and Susan Yankowitz. They based their work on interviews with seven women in the Vital Voices Global Leadership Network.

Of the true-life characters in "Seven," director Kayla Dreysse says "The women are incredibly bright; there's a huge variety of ways they fall into their advocacy. These are ordinary women who make active choices to do better things." Dreysse has a Bachelor of Arts degree in drama from the University of Washington and this fall will begin her Master of Fine Arts degree at the University of London's Royal Central School of Speech & Drama. Locally, she has assistant-directed, designed and staged-managed shows, including productions at the University of Washington. One of the stand-out stories in the play, Dreysse says, belongs to Mukhtar Mai, a woman from Pakistan whose brother was accused of a petty offense. Sent by the family to apologize for her brother, she was gang-raped. "She actually pressed charges," said Dreysse. "She had to use a thumbprint for the legal documents because she was illiterate. That's when she realized the value of education." Mukhtar won her case, the men were prosecuted, and she took money awarded in damages to establish schools in Pakistan. "What can you do if you can't sign your name, can't tell someone who you are?" says Dreysse. "She saw that need and she created schools and women are getting education because of that." Dreysse hopes the message of positive change resonates with the audience. "When you watch this play, these are things in our recent history. We may not see these things day to day, but they are still occurring, if we take the steps to acknowledge they occur, we take steps towards creating change." Change is a theme of all the women in the play, life-changing moments they share with others. "You may not be aware of the power of the changes," Dreysse says. "If you are doing the little fights that feel like you aren't going anywhere, you are actually making strides." Dreysse, who has had extensive conversations with the readers, says "I'm amazed at how well the readers are connecting with the characters. That's reassuring that these qualities are present all over the world."



One attendee shared the following:

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to witness a strong and powerful piece of theatre. It was moving and thought provoking. It is everything I admire about this wondrous craft of the stage, the ability to tell a story, even a true horror story, presented in such a way that it inspires everyday people to see a bit farther along the horizon to what might be if only...

SEVEN Press Release (continued...)

My congratulations to all involved with this project. It was well put together and the readers did a remarkable job with difficult subject matter. All are to be commended on an exceptional job.

Again, thank you. I am inspired.
-Sherry

Post-performance comments from some of the readers included:

“What a success!! Thank you all for giving me the opportunity to be a part of this event; working with such strong women; telling a message that must be said; and for having great leadership in the process.”
Pamela LeSesne

“A great experience; thanks to Zonta and Kayla for the opportunity and to my fellow performers for the exciting energy of the night.” Sierra Zweig

A number of community organizations were represented at display tables including: Citrine Health, YWCA, Cocoon Houses, Senior Services of Snohomish County, Women’s Gospel Mission, ChildStrive, DVS of Snohomish County, Everett Community College AMTAC and Washington State Gourd Society.

Special thanks to our generous donors: beneficial state bank, Chris Rommel and Mike Norman, Temple and Associates, P.S. and Boyden Robinett and Associates LP.

Few photos from the event:



Cast (L-R): Dr. Suzanne Poppema, Rita Zawaideh, Pamela LeSesne, Dr, Sutapa Basu, Sierra Zweig, Hon. Janice Ellis, Dr. Jean Hernandez

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Director, Kayla Dreyse



Dr. Suzanne Poppema reading the role of Inez McCormack

Raffle Donations:

Thank you, to all who have volunteered. Upcoming reminders:

Aug 4th - TBD

Aug 18th - TBD



Service Committee Notice:

Due to the change in the Zonta Club's fundraising schedule, the Service Committee is emphasizing addressing community needs through direct, hands-on service projects. Look for announcements of exciting new opportunities this year, and please share your ideas for ways Zonta can participate in this important work.



Attracting New Members to Zonta

Membership growth is vital to Zonta's future, on both the international level and in our Everett club. ZI has proposed **Three Thought-Provoking Questions** that we as members can use to engage potential members to learn more about Zonta:

Do you care about empowering women around the globe?

Do you envision a world in which women's rights are recognized as human rights and every woman is able to achieve her full potential?

Do you want to be part of a global network of women and men who share your commitment to empowering women to take ownership of their own lives?

Think about how you can use these questions when talking with friends who might be interested in joining Zonta. For example, many women will be interested in knowing that we help women locally as well as globally. We will talk about the Questions at an upcoming meeting.

The Membership Committee plans to make informative handouts for members to keep handy for giving to interested friends. We hope to bring seven new members with **Conviction, Commitment, and Courage** to the Zonta Club of Everett this year. We can do this.

Interested in membership?

Have you asked yourself the following questions:

1. How can I impact change in my community?
2. How can I impact change around the world?
3. How can I improve and empower the lives of women and children?

If you are shaking your head yes, then you should learn more about Zonta! We have the answers to your questions! Contact the Zonta Club of Everett to find out more. Let's get together and chat, and change lives together!

Email: info@zontaeverett.org Website: <http://www.everettzonta.org/>



Member Spotlight: Suzie Truglio

There I was at the June 16 program meeting minding my own business and all of a sudden Marion Berry came up all smiles and said, “the PR committee would like to know if you would do the next member spotlight”. Well, my first thought was not really but my second thought was as a Zonta member when asked to serve we do it. So here goes.....

I was born and raised in Albany, California, which is right next to Berkeley, an experience in itself. I attended Cornell Elementary School where I met my future husband. We then moved on to Albany High School, grade 8 to 12, with a total of 1,000 students. During those 5 years, I was feature editor of our newspaper, where I learned and loved to set type and print the paper as well as write the articles. I played softball, volleyball, and badminton. I was in the band and played the triangle. I could not read music so the guy next to me would tell me when to play. The only reason I was in the band was so I could be a majorette and if I showed up every day at 7:00 am, I got an automatic “A”. Anything to help the old GPA.



After high school graduation, I went to Armstrong Business College in Berkeley, joined a sorority, got engaged to Joe, got married, had kids. Loved those years with my three, Ted, Jennifer, and Hilary. Became a Girl Scout leader, soccer and softball coach, room mother, and chauffeur. I went back to work full-time when our youngest was 12 and we had two who would be starting college very soon.

We have had many moves in our 48 years of marriage starting out in Albany, then on to Spokane, back to Pinole, CA, down to Westlake Village, CA, then up to Danville, CA, back down to Laguna Niguel, CA and finally ending up in the beautiful NW. When our last child graduated from college in 1999, we starting thinking about leaving the corporate world and starting our own business and in 1999 Creative Concepts was born. We have been in business for ourselves for 17 years and it has been a great experience. During a business lunch, I learned about Zonta from Sheila Countryman-Bean, a former member, and I joined in October, 2000. During my Zonta years, I have been vice president, auction chair, treasurer, co-chaired various club committees and served as director on the board. Zonta is truly an exceptional organization and the women involved are miracle workers.

We are now grandparents to 6 wonderful grandkids who keep our life full of new experiences. We have spent many a mile driving from Warm Beach to Bothell, Ellensburg, and Oregon City to watch a ball game, wake boarding competition, or concert.

We are currently remodeling a 50 year old cabin on Warm Beach and look forward to moving in by the 4th of July so we can host our annual family celebration. We'll see.

A REMINDER: *ALL members are **invited** to attend Board Meetings.*
*ALL committee representatives are **expected** to attend Board Meetings.*



Zonta Pool Party July 20th 4:30 to ...

All members, spouses, significant others potential members and guests are welcome.
Pot Luck; bring your favorite dish and beverage.
The pool is open so bring your suit if you want to swim.
4200 84th ST NE #15 Marysville, WA

Directions:

Take exit 200 off of I-5, head East on 88th St NE, go to the 2nd light which is State Street and turn Right (south) on to State Street, get in the left hand lane and turn left onto 84th St NE, (there is a Les Schwab and Co-Op Supply on the corner) turn Right into the **First Driveway** behind the Co-Op Supply. My unit is #15 at the end of the building on the left. We can park 2 cars in the carport, and then just beyond my building is the Club House with Guest Parking next to it. Over flow will need to park on 84th St NE.

360-659-1747 or 425-359-0178

August TGIF

Friday 8/26/16 4:00 or later - Emory's on Silverlake. Come join us for a fun fellowship and please bring friends!