Amelia Earhart: Intrepid Pilot, Spirited Woman, Dedicated Zontian

Amelia Mary Earhart was born on July 24, 1897 in Atchison Kansas. After graduating from Hyde Park High School in 1915, Earhart worked as a nurse’s aide in a military hospital in Canada during WWI, attended college, and later became a social worker. On December 28, 1920, pilot Frank Hawks gave her a ride that would forever change her life. “By the time I had got two or three hundred feet off the ground,” she said, “I knew I had to fly.” Earhart took her first flying lesson on January 3, 1921, and in six months managed to save enough money to buy her first plane. The second-hand Kinner Airster was a two-seater biplane painted bright yellow. Earhart named the plane “Canary,” and used it to set her first women’s record by rising to an altitude of 14,000 feet. She was the first woman to receive a pilot’s license from the FAI.

On July 2, 1928, she was the first woman to fly across the Atlantic Ocean as a passenger, and as she 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. As well, Grace Muriel Morrissey was a charter member of the Zonta Club of Medford, Massachusetts, and Earhart’s sister. 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 person to fly the Atlantic alone and to fly solo across the Pacific from Honolulu to Oakland, CA and the first to solo from Mexico City to Newark, NJ. 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 take an interest 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.

Other accolades received by Earhart include:
- President Herbert Hoover presented Earhart with a gold medal from the National Geographic Society.
- Congress awarded her the Distinguished Flying Cross, the first ever given to a woman. Earhart felt the flight proved that men and women were equal in "jobs requiring intelligence, coordination, speed, coolness and willpower."

In 1937, as Earhart neared her 40th birthday, she was ready for a monumental, and final, challenge. She wanted to be the first woman to fly around the world. It is believed that Amelia Earhart died July 2, 1937, en route from Lae, New Guinea to Howland Island. Her disappearance prompted the most extensive air and sea search in naval history to date. On July 19, after spending $4 million and scouring 250,000 square miles of ocean, the United States government reluctantly called off the operation. In 1938, a lighthouse was constructed on Howland Island in her memory. There still is no evidence as to her fate.
There is no doubt, however, that the world will always remember Amelia Earhart for her courage, vision, and groundbreaking achievements, both in aviation and for women. In a letter to her husband, publisher George Putnam, written in case a dangerous flight proved to be her last, this brave spirit was evident. "Please know I am quite aware of the hazards," she said. "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 failure must be but a challenge to others."

Zonta International pays tribute to Amelia Earhart each year in January. A big thank you to Dava who put together this tribute for the Zontagram

**PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE**

Many in Zonta consider February their favorite month. Why? This is when we have the privilege of giving our auction/foundation funds to Snohomish County service agencies. Our February 16th luncheon meeting offers us an opportunity to personally meet the agency representatives and discover more about them and their programs. Each year a tear is shed, or a smile shared in pride by members and recipients alike. It is always gratifying. Please put the date on your calendar.

This is also the month of l’amour. Love is in the air. And I want to send a special heartfelt Valentine greeting to Nancy Weis. I was remiss in last month’s Zontagram for not thanking her for being such a gracious host of service meetings, and for storing our auction items in her home. It was a pleasure to see Nancy at our January program meeting and to be reminded by her that we should be gathering names now for International Woman’s Day, March 8th. On that day a group of Zontians traditionally hand out roses to people in the community who are committed to public service and the advancement of women. For new Zontians, this is called Rose Day and further explanation can be found on the website.

I want to extend another sincere Valentine greeting to Isbell Juntilla for stepping up as Chair of the auction committee next year. I know she will do a superb job. And, love is in the air on February 10th for Paul and Nancy Kneist who will be hosting our wine-tasting event!

For those who missed the last meeting, I want to thank Dottie Krzyanoski for bringing our speaker Sandy Ward from the Future of Flight museum. It was thrilling to have 7 guests at our Amelia Earhart program. Two members in attendance were Zontians from Nevada clubs who have moved to the area. The Board will be reviewing new applications at the next meeting. The membership committee is doing an outstanding job.

Please inform the service committee if you have any names you can submit for the Young Women In Public Affairs (YWPA) award. Applications have gone out, but it is good for members to be looking in all directions for high school aged girls who are working in public service. The application is on the international website. The nominating committee headed by Diane Lahti is in the process of developing a new slate of officers for 2006-2007. If you are interested in holding office, please let Diane know. She will be bringing the slate to the Board in February and to the membership in March.

I have not received any information about the location of the Area Conference to be held April 28th. Please put that date on your calendars for future consideration.

Hurray! The Flower show is held in February. There is hope for sunnier days and bulbs bursting all over the place. L’amour. Wine. Roses…life is good!

Respectfully submitted
Judith A. Strand, President

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Background: March 8, Zonta Rose Day and International Women’s Day, is a time when Zonta Club members around the world work to increase the visibility of Zonta International and women’s achievements and help build a sense of unity and commitment to Zonta International’s mission of advancing the status of women worldwide. The Yellow Roses will be presented on March 8, 2006. Nominees come from the community at large as well as within the Zonta membership.

ZONTA CLUB OF EVERETT
INTERNATIONAL ROSE DAY AWARD
NOMINATION FORM

NOMINEE INFORMATION

Name: ________________________________
Address: ________________________________
Phone: __________________ E-mail: __________________
Profession: ________________________________
Business or Retired: ________________________________
Business Address: ________________________________
Business Phone: ________________________________

Explain how your nominee has excelled in service to the community in Snohomish County and worked to improve the legal, political, economic, educational, health and professional status of women:

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Submitted by: ________________________________
Phone: __________________ E-mail: __________________

Applications Due: February 20, 2006 to Nancy Weis (or via email: nancynice@iopener.net cc: jodie@jasmineshouse.com)
January 11 Minutes Zonta Program Committee

The December Ornament Auction was a success. We will again request the Cascade Room for the first Thursday Dec 7 (done-Chris). Need to repeat that gifts are for $20+ and should be new.

The Meeting Calendar was reviewed through Dec 2006 and will be sent to Brandi, Catering Manager at Everett GCC and to Helen for the website (done-Chris).

Program assignments

Feb--No separate Speaker. Each Service Agency will have 5 minutes to share how the award will help them. Jodie, Service Chair is delighted at this format (done-Chris). Diane will do Reservations and be assisted by Paula at check-in.

Mar 2 and Mar 16 Programs will be set up by Margaret. Choices: Janelle Sgrignoli, Director of Human Services, Snoh. County; Chris Brandt, VOA, 10 Year Plan Homelessness; or Jan Parker Professional Organizer.

April 20 VIP Danna Beal--Dava in charge

May 18 Margaret will contact Michelle Rostovich for topic on Humor for Installation

June 15 Paula Trimble has contacted Dana Wilbur, Trafficking in Third World (done)

Very good work, Program Team

Chris Rommel
Program Chair

AUCTION 2006

The date has been set for our 30th Annual Auction, it will be held on October 28th at the newly remodeled Everett Holiday Inn. Enter this date on your calendars now!

The Auction Committee will hold its first meeting on Tuesday, March 14th at 7:30 a.m. We will let you know the location in the near future. All members are invited and encouraged to attend. The success of the auction depends on participation from the entire club.

We look forward to seeing you all on March 14th.

Auction Co-Chairs
Isbell Juntila
Paula Trimble
Dava Esman
Each year the Zonta Club of Everett pays tribute to a member of our community who has excelled in service within Snohomish County. The Virginia Gullikson Award is named for a Zontian and well known County resident who spent her life helping others. Zonta International is a worldwide organization of executives in business and the professions working to advance the status of women.

Virginia Gullikson was an exceptional woman and a valued member of the Zonta Club of Everett. Virginia served as President 1988-89 and received the Founders Day Award in 1992 for her service to Zonta and the community. Virginia’s commitment to community service was recognized by Washington’s Give Five Program as Philanthropist of the Year in 1991 and Everett Centennial Citizen in 1993. Virginia served as a Board member of the Everett Area Chamber of Commerce, Luther Child Center Foundation, Snohomish County Blood Bank and Snohomish County Human Services Commission. Virginia Gullikson genuinely loved people and loved doing her part to help others.

NOMINEE INFORMATION

Candidates for this award come from within the entire community and are volunteers who have worked to improve the legal, political, economic, educational, health and professional status of women in our county.

1. Must work or live in Snohomish County
2. Cannot be currently a member of the Zonta Club of Everett

Name: _____________________________________________________________
Address: ___________________________________________________________
Phone: _____________________________________________________________
Profession: __________________________________________________________
Business or Retired: _________________________________________________
Business Address: _________________________________________________
Business Phone: _________________________________________________

Explain how your nominee has excelled as a volunteer in service to the community in Snohomish County and worked to improve the legal, political, economic, educational, health and professional status of women. Please attach an additional page for your response.

Submitted by: _______________________________________________________
Phone: _______________________________________________________
Email: _______________________________________________________

Applications must be received by March 15, 2006 to Zonta Club of Everett, Attn: Service Committee, P.O. Box 5204, Everett, WA  98206
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Cindy
Had a great holiday & successful family trip to Reno

Diane L
Honoring & thanking my staff of volunteers at the thrift shoppe and for my parents able to join our friends for dancing &
celebration on New Years Eve

Darcy
The holidays are over and we can all return to our normal schedule. Happy Birthday Ron, its my husbands birthday on
Jan 8th. I’m having a surprise party for him

Helen
Happy Birthday to Bill, we are celebrating by going to Mexico whale watching. I have become “technologically smart”
by buying an I-Pod video player

Suzie
Jennifer (daughter) is expecting and due September 11. So for this year we have one due June 30 & one due September
with the hope of one more in October

Diane W
Thanks for Greg’s arrival from Singapore and a lovely wedding weathered New Years Eve (Editors note: I hope that is
right)

Janice
I will be spending 2 weeks in January in the Caribbean.

Nancy W
$10 for being here. Thanks for cards & flowers

Pat C
2 delightful $s for new grandbabies

Judy
For my husband and I celebrating – we’ve bought a house!

Mary G
Hawaii show & gift

Judith
Welcome 7 guests today! So glad to see Nancy Kniest and Dottie today!

Darcy
One for my guest Julie Rowley, one for the lovely lunch today

Isbell
Happy to attend lunch, sister coming to visit and go to Vegas

Cindy
Leaving next week for 2 weeks in Maui and then I am off to Chicago and Zonta International headquarters for
Governor’s training

Paula
$5 my birthday, my son’s 35th birthday (my baby!), my grandson’s 14th birthday all this month. Good to be here & with
guest, Kris Griffith

Wine Tasting with "The Northwest Wine Guy"
(February Fellowship Event)

WHERE: Paul and Nancy Kniest's beautiful home
5121 Harbor Lane
Everett, WA

WHEN: Feb. 10th, 6:00 PM

COST: $20.00 a person this includes all the wine, cheeses (not dinner) and great information.

Ron Johnson,csrw has www.nwwinemart.com, He has a wealth of knowledge!
This should be a fun social event for all Zonta Club of Everett members, husbands, partners,
friends and perspective new members.

RSVP: norlonna@aol.com if you are interested in attending or have questions
Only paid reservations accepted by February 6th
Please send checks made out to Zonta Club of Everett to:
Norlonna Funkhouser
2292 Wagner Rd.
Camano Island, WA 98282
Presenting Z-club  
By: Mallory Sokolis

Many new clubs are popping up around campus Z-club is one of many.

Since the beginning of October red flyers have been posted around the SHS campus promoting the “Z-club.”

The Z-club is a non-ASB funded club at SHS that stems from the National women’s organization the Zonta Club. Women who felt cheated because they were not allowed to join a charity organization, founded the Zonta club in the early 1900’s. The Zonta club is a non-profit charity organization that promotes the well-being of women. The Club’s Everett chapter Ex-president Carol Dreysse approached her daughter Kayla about starting up a SHS chapter of the club.

Junior Kayla Dreysse is the current acting president of the SHS Z-Club. “I feel like it’s the right time to start something,” said Dreysse about starting the club “if we work hard we can improve the quality of life.”

The SHS Z-Club works hand in hand with the Everett Zonta Club helping to raise money to support women’s businesses, disease aid and helping women get more involved in politics.

So far the Z-Club has worked at an auction to support women’s aid and are planning more service projects around the community. Nothing has been done directly at SHS but a candy gram is being planned for December. The funds for the candy gram will go to the Z-Club to help them raise money for future service projects.

“The goal is to help but it’s also to build friendship and leadership while improving things.” Said Dreysse. The Z-Club is so far a small, tight knit group, consisting of about a dozen members. They are currently looking for more members but Dreysse wants to stress that the club does not want students to join just to receive their community service credits but because they feel strongly about the cause and are going to be completely dedicated to the club. “I’m really hoping the club stays strong after we graduate,” says Dreysse.

The Z-Club meets on Mondays after school in room B309 and Tuesdays during Panther Period in room S104. The advisors are English and Speech teacher Paddy Chamberlain and Science teacher Tami Caraballo.