

The Sparks

From the Zonta Club of Flint I

Our
Champion

Pam Costabile has been nominated for the Roy E. Peterson Children's Champion Award at the Priority Children Awards Breakfast to be held February 8, 2008. Pam has been a constant source of support and devotion to the Whaley Children's Center's Zonta House for girls for many years. Pam, along with her husband Bill, have spent countless hours volunteering with Zonta House and have provided much needed financial support for numerous projects and needs at Zonta House. Pam has been a member of the Zonta Club of Flint I since June 2003 and has served on the board as a Director and Secretary. Thanks Pam!! Check it out at: http://www.prioritychildren.org/champion_award_2008.htm



Mark Your Calendars

Jan 24th - Program Meeting - the meeting will focus on the Spring Fundraiser - please plan to attend.

Jan 31st - Program Meeting

A Message from the President

Well we are into the swing of another year!! I am probably referring to swing because of our up and coming "Swing into Spring". We are well into the planning already but still will have lots of small jobs and some big that will need to have someone commit to it. Please try to make a commitment to help and also attend if possible.

Also coming soon will be nominating for next years officers. Obviously our organization can't run without this so please when asked say "YES TO ZONTA". My sincere hope for all of you is to have a wonderful and exciting 2008.

See you soon,

Karen



Service Projects



Whats Happening at Zonta House?

On January 16th, we had two birthday celebrations at the Zonta House. There were presents and, of course, birthday cake. Thanks to everyone that made this celebration possible for the girls.

Please mark your calendars for the second Tuesday of each month, as that is the standing activity night for the Zonta House. The girls love to have the women from Zonta visit; it really does matter. Hope to see you there next month.

Hands - On

Remember to contact Pam Costabile to choose from a variety of "hands on" projects. The membership voted to designate the third week of each month as "hands-on service" week instead of our Thursday luncheon. Please choose from one of our very worthy projects to support with your time and talents each month.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing Results

The Zonta Club of Flint I did their part to help the Salvation Army collect money this past holiday season. Our club raised over \$3,800 while ringing the bell. Add to that the money that the Salvation Army saved in payroll costs by having volunteers ring the bell instead of hiring people to do it, and our contribution is even greater. Thanks to all the Zontians who volunteered their time for this worthy cause. We were able to fill every slot that we were committed to filling.

GREAT JOB!!



Swing Into Spring



The planning continues for the wonderful spring fundraiser - "Swinging Into Spring". If you do not yet have a job for this event please see Karen or Rhetta, as there are jobs that still need to have workers. The event is April 18, 2008 - that is only 84 more working days to put this thing together. We have 225 seats to fill and we plan to fill every seat. This is going to be a fun event that you and your friends and family will enjoy. So lets really get excited and raise some money. **The Program Meeting on the 24th will focus on the planning for this event so it is crucial that we have as many members there as possible.**

Remember goodsearch.com

Use www.goodsearch.com as your main search engine and select Zonta Club of Flint 1 as the charity of your choice and Good Search will donate approximately \$.01 **per search** to our club. If we all use this search engine we could earn a little extra cash in our Charitable Budget.

Now the Good Search people have added www.goodshop.com for people who not only search but also SHOP. You can check it out for yourself at www.goodssearch.com.

Fundraising

A Look at International



About Zonta

Zonta International is a global organization of executives and professionals working together to advance the status of women worldwide through service and advocacy. Nearly 33,000 members belong to more than 1,200 Zonta Clubs in 67 countries and geographic areas.

Zonta International Seeks to:

- improve the legal, political, economic, health, educational and professional status of women through service and advocacy;
- work for the advancement of understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of executives in business and the professions;
- promote justice and universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms;
- be united internationally to foster high ethical standards, implement service programs, and provide mutual support and fellowship for members who serve their communities, their nations and the world.

Remembering Zontian Amelia Earhart

When 10-year-old Amelia Mary Earhart saw her first plane at a state fair, she was not impressed. "It was a thing of rusty wire and wood and looked not at all interesting," she said. It wasn't until Earhart attended a stunt-flying exhibition, almost a decade later, that she became seriously interested in aviation. A pilot spotted Earhart and her friend, who were watching from an isolated clearing, and dove at them. "I am sure he said to himself, 'Watch me make them scamper,'" she said. Earhart, who felt a mixture of fear and pleasure, stood her ground. As the plane swooped by, something inside her awakened. "I did not understand it at the time," she said, "but I believe that little red airplane said something to me as it swished by." 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."

~exerpt from www.ameliaearhart.com~

Zonta International has awarded
1,192 Amelia Earhart Fellowships totaling
\$7,000,000 to women from 58 countries

January is Amelia Earhart Month

In January, the world remembers and celebrates a remarkable woman with Amelia Earhart Month. What better way to celebrate than by funding the women who are following in her footsteps? The Zonta Club of Flint has been a long time supporter of the Amelia Earhart Fund at Zonta International supporting women in Aerospace and Engineering.



History of the Amelia Earhart Fund

After hearing of Amelia Earhart's disappearance in 1937, the Zonta Club of Bakersfield, California, USA suggested honoring the trailblazing Zontian with a scholarship that would further her deep interest in the science of aeronautics.

The Zonta International Board established a committee to gather information on the subject from many sources: the National Aeronautics Association, commercial aviation companies, airports and flying schools, universities and engineering institutes. The committee's research revealed testimony that women, given the proper training, were capable of carrying on specialized work in various departments of aviation and that many opportunities for their services were open in that wide and complex field.

In 1938, Zonta established the Amelia Earhart Fellowships. Few women were active in aeronautics, science or engineering at the time - no qualified applicants were even found in the first two years the Fellowship was offered. Yet Zontians did not doubt the success of such a scholarship program and faithfully supported it, instituting it as a loan to women pursuing graduate education in the aerospace field.

In 1952, the Amelia Earhart Fellowship (by that time an award rather than a loan) became, by constitutional amendment, Zonta's first continuing international service program.

In addition to the Amelia Earhart Fellowship program, Zontians have shown their admiration for Amelia in several ways. In 1963, the Amelia Earhart commemorative airmail postage stamp, for which Zontians fervently campaigned, was issued by the United States Postmaster-General. The Zonta Club of Atchison, Kansas, erected a life-sized bronze statue of Earhart in the International Forest of Friendship in Atchison, Amelia's birthplace. The Zonta Club of Schenectady, New York, purchased a replica of Amelia's plane, now housed at the New York Aerospace Museum.

Clubs from all over the world honor her trailblazing spirit every January. January 11th is designated as Amelia Earhart Day, commemorating the day she became the first woman to fly solo over the Pacific Ocean.

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