

# ZONTA AM

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DISTRICT #4



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Happy New Year!

Welcome to 2019! This is Zonta's centennial year and it all began here in Buffalo with Marion De Forest. Speaking of Marion De Forest, please visit [www.monumentalwomenwny.com](http://www.monumentalwomenwny.com) to nominate her to become a public monument highlighting women's achievements and contributions to WNY. While you're there, nominate someone else you think is worthy of this recognition!

Once again, I would like to thank Sherry for the lovely evening of fun and fellowship in December. It was a wonderful night with delicious food, fantastic company and as always, the gift giving was a riot! It's always fun to see what gifts Sherry has come up with. You are a wonderful hostess Sherry, thank you so much!

Bring a friend to our birthing kit assembly night! The Executive Board is getting all the supplies for our assembly night on January 22nd at 6pm at the Amherst Youth Foundation building on Sheridan Drive. Pizza and salad will be provided. **We are asking for donations for drinks and desserts.** Please let Donna or Sherry know if you are bringing something!

Also, I want to mention that we are putting together another gift card order for *Shop With Scrip*. Remember this is a fundraiser for our club and with a purchase of a gift card we get a percentage amount back. Remember, you can use the cards too! There are gas cards, shopping cards, dining cards, etc. Please visit [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) to view the available stores (under "Learn More"). We are putting together a big order to be placed after our February meeting. If you would like to order before then, please contact Mary-Diana.

Finally, as the year begins, please take a moment to reflect on who we are, what we do, and the communities we serve. Remember, we are the lucky ones. This year, let us strive to do more for those who need us. I wish you and your family a healthy and happy new year. - Robin

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VOICE

MATTERS

As Zonta International enters its Centennial year, District 4 prepares to celebrate its 2019 conference in the city where it was founded - Buffalo! District 4 boasts three of the nine charter clubs of Zonta. Rochester and Erie will join Buffalo in celebrating 100 years of empowering women. So, there's lots for us to celebrate - and we want you to join us! The planning committee is asking that you help us by completing the enclosed survey to gauge the interests and availability of our membership.

We want the Sept. 26-29, 2019, District 4 convention to be one that you are excited and proud to attend. In addition to the important business to be conducted at the conference, we are planning fun and informative activities. These include an evening gala with dinner and entertainment; a special dinner/social event; a reception for our Zonta International representative; and bus tours of sites significant in the life of Zonta founder Marian de Forest, featuring a trip to the National Women's Hall of Fame in Seneca Falls. Of course, there also will be plenty of opportunities to socialize, renew acquaintances and make new friends!

We hope that many of you choose to attend this historic conference in a biennium that begins with a traveling flag to unite District 4 clubs, continues with special centennial events in each club, and culminates in the 2020 Zonta International Convention in Chicago. This is our moment not only to honor the past 100 years, but also to focus our actions on Zonta's future in our mission to improve the lives of women and girls, worldwide.

To ensure that this conference meets your expectations, your budget and your interests, we ask that you complete the following survey. Your responses will help us plan an event that you won't want to miss! Please let us hear your voice and get your input on some key decisions concerning this Centennial year conference. We would greatly appreciate your feedback by 12/31/18 to provide the most influence, however, we will leave the survey open longer. The survey is less than 5 minutes long, please share your voice right away.

To take the survey, go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TZKB3WD>

Our next meeting is on Tues. January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm at  
the Amherst Youth Foundation, 5005 Sheridan Drive, Williamsville NY 14221.

Note: Dinner is at 6:30, Birthing kit assembly is at 7pm. No dinner fee!

Please let Donna ([donnacicero@gmail.com](mailto:donnacicero@gmail.com)) or Sherry (725-7798) know if you are coming, any guests you are bringing and if you can bring a soda or dessert to share! Pizza and salad will be provided.

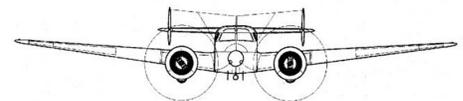


### January is Amelia Earhart Month

Zontians all over the world will celebrate the uncompromising spirit of Amelia Earhart throughout the month of January. As one of our most famous Zonta members, we commemorate her birthday on January 11. We still wonder what happened to Amelia Earhart. Did the Japanese capture her? Did she survive? Perhaps we may never know for sure. What we do know is that Amelia Earhart is a heroine. Amelia is the embodiment of a real Zontian, demonstrating conviction, commitment, courage and achievement. She was a leader, not a passive bystander. She was strong, not a victim. She was not born into a rich family, as many other women pilots of her day, but was up lifted up by her own accomplishments. Her message is one of interpersonal strength, which demonstrates her belief that others are worthy of attention and affirmation as human beings. This is certainly a character strength that all of us in our own club's exemplify as evidenced by the time, effort, and financial investment we make in working toward the mission of Zonta International.

Many researchers believe the 21<sup>st</sup> century is the century of women. Research tells us that by empowering women locally and in developing countries can end poverty, starvation, and even war. There are many stories of extraordinary women fighting enormous odds to get an education, escape sex trafficking, relationship violence, and slavery. More and more women are taking on leadership roles. One of the ways Zonta is making a difference for women is in the presentation of 30 Amelia Earhart Fellowships. This prestigious international fellowship of \$10,000 US is a challenge for the judging committee in choosing only 30 of the most promising women from among the field of many qualified applicants in the field of aerospace-sciences and engineering. This Fellowship is entirely funded by individual donations and donations by individual clubs. It does not come from our dues. This month we celebrate our courage, conviction, commitment and kindness in memory of Amelia Earhart. Thank you for all you do in the name of Zonta.

Donna Ketchum-Colletta  
Amelia Earhart co-chair, Zonta District 4, January 2019



### 2018-19 Zonta of Amherst IMPORTANT DATES!

**January 22** - Birthing Kit Assembly at Amherst Youth Foundation.  
Pizza dinner included; **bring friends!** 6:30 start.

**February 12** - Executive Committee meeting - Northtown Center 7pm. All welcome.

**February 26** - Dinner at Giancarlo's 6pm. Speaker from StitchBuffalo.org

**March 12** - Executive Committee meeting - Northtown Center 7pm. All welcome.

**March 26** - Dinner at Giancarlo's 6pm. Speaker TBD

**April 9** - Executive Committee meeting - Northtown Center 7pm. All welcome.

**April 23** - Service project or Dinner at Giancarlo's 6pm. Officer Elections.

**May 14** - Executive Committee meeting - Northtown Center 7pm. All welcome.

**May 28** - Dinner at Giancarlo's 6pm. Installation dinner and Scholarship Recognition; Lori Robinson guest speaker.

**June 6** - Drop off yard sale items to Robin's

**June 7** - Annual Yard Sale Fundraiser - Robin's house

**June 11** - ALL MEMBERS Summer Potluck at Mary-Diana's, Time TBD

**July 16** - **NOTE NEW DATE** - Williamsville Old Home Days parade - early evening, gather at South HS.

