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Area 2 • District 6

**2023–2024**

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# NEWSLETTER

January 2024

## Monthly Zonta Meeting

### January Meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, January 24th  
6:00 - 9:00 pm  
(Social/connectivity: 5:45pm)

**January is Zonta International Amelia Earhart Month.**

History

Amelia Earhart was an active member of the Zonta Club of Boston and New York during 1928-1937. July 24, 1997 marked the 100th anniversary of her birth in Atchison, Kansas.

The spirit of Amelia lives on through the Zonta International Amelia Earhart Fellowship Award program, founded in 1938 to support women pursuing graduate degrees in aerospace-related sciences and engineering. The Amelia Earhart Fellowship Awards Committee selected 35 Fellows for 1997-98 from the 124 qualified applications. The selected Fellows are sent to the Zonta International Board for approval. The number of Fellowships awarded is based on the contributions of Zontians.

Amelia Earhart was the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean, in 1932. She disappeared on July 2, 1937, while attempting to circle the globe.

Meeting Program

Women in Aviation International (WAI) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing the number of women involved in all aspects of aviation and aerospace.

Our speaker will be **Jessica Rowden**, the Executive Director. She will provide an overview of the organization.

***The Zoom meeting link will be sent out by President Joann prior to the meeting date.***

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# President's Message



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Hello Zontian Sisters,  
Happy New Year! 2024 is here and full of promise as we move forward in a spirit of anticipation and preparation. From January thru March, we will be preparing for our April's business meeting. A Nomination committee will be selected to fill soon to be vacant leadership/director

positions. A slate of incoming leaders will be presented, and annual committee reports written. Let's respond with that enthusiastic YES, when asked to serve!

Our Area 2 spring workshop along with our 2024 Zonta International Convention are soon approaching. Both events provide an opportunity to learn more about Zonta, as well as meet and network with like-minded individuals locally and abroad. Zonta's 2024 International Convention will be held in Brisbane, Australia June 27-30.

We ended 2023 with a December holiday social event, hosted by Joni Reese at her home. In addition to good food, games, and socialization the event included the induction and welcoming of our two newest members Viola Rembert and Dawn Zehren. Thank you, Joni!

Reminder, both January & February club meetings are virtual. January's program feature Women in Aviation, with guest speaker Jessica Rowden. Together we make a difference.

*Joann Harris-Comodore*

*President - Zonta Club of Milwaukee*

**1923**  
**Amelia, the pioneer**  
At the age of 25, Amelia Earhart becomes the 16th woman in the United States to be issued a pilot's license.



**1928**  
**Connection to Zonta**  
Amelia joins the Zonta Club of Boston and later transfers to the Zonta Club of New York.



**1938**  
**Navigating the future**  
In 1938, Zonta's members establish a scholarship to be awarded each year to a woman for graduate study in aeronautical engineering.



**1984**  
**Reaching new heights**  
In 1984, the Fellowship amount increases to US\$6,000. It increases again to US\$10,000 in 2008.



**2023**  
**Celebrating the aviator**  
2023 marks 85 years of 1,704 Amelia Earhart Fellowships, totaling more than US\$11.3 million given to 1,275 women from 76 countries.



**Today**  
**Expanding horizons**  
AE Fellows lead the way with breakthroughs in aerospace engineering and space sciences as researchers, scientists, astronauts and more!



Image source: [https://www.zonta.org/Web/Web/Your\\_Support/Amelia\\_Earhart\\_85\\_Years.aspx](https://www.zonta.org/Web/Web/Your_Support/Amelia_Earhart_85_Years.aspx)



## Service Projects

### Freedom House - Exploit No More Holiday Collection

We ended 2023 with a generous donation of sheets, blankets, pillows, and laundry soap for Exploit No More at the Freedom House. We delivered the donations from club members on December 29, 2023. A great project to end 2023 and kick off 2024. Many thanks to all for your kindness!



Exploit No More

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Our good friends from [Zonta Club of Milwaukee](#) have done it again!! Many thanks for another generous donation for the women we serve. ❤️



Zonta Club of Milwaukee

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Thank you to the generosity of Club members for their donations of blankets, sheet sets, pillows, towels/washclothes and laundry detergent for the women at Exploit No More's Freedom House. All of the goods were delivered by Club members on December 29th.

## 2024 Service Projects Coming Up! *Opportunity, Opportunity, Opportunity!*

As we move into 2024, we are committed to two service opportunities in the first quarter of 2024. **A Community Resource Binder for Allies for Teens in Foster care.** Aging out of Foster Care can be overwhelming for a young adult. We will pool our resources and create a list of resources and educational information to assist in the life of a teenager and their transition to adulthood.

# Club Updates



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Zonta can help Allies reach their future goals “Long term goals for Allies include reducing the appalling 20% instant homeless rate and creating options other than heartbreaking choices teen girls and boys are making to try not to become homeless. We want to get more transitional options available for teens.”

If you're interested in helping on this project call or email Maureen Siwula 262 844 4609

[mortsiwula@outlook.com](mailto:mortsiwula@outlook.com). Involvement will initially include a few meetings and independent research/gathering of materials, and collaboration on a resource book for each group home.

**Our second service for 2024 is Cathedral Center Meal Program for March.** We are in the process of committing to a date of **March 25, 26 or 28** to deliver and serve a meal for approximately fifty people. You can sign up to make food ahead (independent or collectively), serve that night or drop food off. Details will follow. Email Maureen with a preferred date if interested in serving.

## Fashion Show – Fall 2024!

We will be starting our committee meetings in February, and currently looking at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month. Hopefully all those who have been on the committee in the past will continue. If you would like to join the committee, please let Pam know. She and Jackie will be co-chairing the event.

We will need someone for sure to handle the audio/visual for the day of the event.

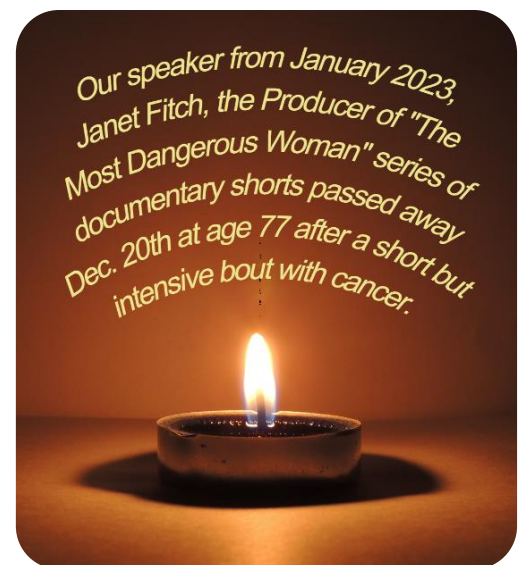
We hope to have a confirmed date for the fashion show on or by our Feb. meeting, still waiting on District 6 conference dates. Any questions, let Pam know.

## 2024 Scholarships

The 2024 Young Women in Public Affairs Award application will be posted on the Zonta Club of Milwaukee's website ([www.zontamilwaukee.org](http://www.zontamilwaukee.org)) and shared out via social media by the end of January, with a due date of March 1<sup>st</sup>.



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## Advocacy

# WHAT IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING?

### HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS...

- Exploiting a person through force, fraud, or coercion
- Sex trafficking, forced labor, and domestic servitude
- Exploitation-based and does not require movement across borders or any type of transportation
- Anyone under the age of 18 involved in a commercial sex act
- A highly profitable crime

### THERE ARE DIFFERENT TYPES OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

#### SEX TRAFFICKING

Victims are manipulated or forced against their will to engage in sex acts for money.

#### FORCED LABOR

Victims are made to work for little or no pay. Very often, they are forced to manufacture or grow products that we use and consume every day.

#### DOMESTIC SERVITUDE

Victims are hidden in plain sight, forced to work in homes across the United States as nannies, maids, or domestic help.

**VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING MIGHT BE AFRAID TO COME FORWARD, OR WE MAY NOT RECOGNIZE THE SIGNS, EVEN IF IT IS HAPPENING RIGHT IN FRONT OF US.**

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS HAPPENING IN THE UNITED STATES

SUBURBS

RURAL TOWNS

CITIES

## IT CAN HAPPEN TO ANYONE

NO MATTER AGE, RACE, GENDER IDENTITY, SEX, ETHNICITY, NATIONALITY, IMMIGRATION STATUS, AND SOCIOECONOMIC CLASS

### RECOGNIZE AND REPORT HUMAN TRAFFICKING

- To report suspected trafficking to federal law enforcement, call 1-866-347-2423 or submit a tip online at [www.ice.gov/tips](http://www.ice.gov/tips)
- Get help from the National Human Trafficking Hotline by calling 1-888-373-7888 or text HELP or INFO to 233733 (BEFREE).
- Call 911 or local law enforcement if someone is in immediate danger.

### WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Visit the Blue Campaign website to learn more about the indicators of human trafficking: [DHS.gov/BlueCampaign](http://DHS.gov/BlueCampaign)
- Use Blue Campaign materials to raise awareness of human trafficking in your community.
- Follow @DHSBlueCampaign on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.





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## Support the Equal Rights Amendment!



The petition you have been asked to sign by Zonta International's USA Caucus and their advocacy partner, the ERA Coalition can be found on <https://www.sign4era.org/> This petition is to support Congress' recognition of the ERA Amendment. The Equal Rights Amendment has been ratified but needs to be recognized, then published by the National Archivist, and then Implemented by the States. At a Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> meeting, the USA Caucus heard from its advocacy partner, the ERA Coalition. The USA Caucus and the ERA Coalition asked that Zonta get members to sign onto this current petition (<https://www.sign4era.org/>).

## JANUARY IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH



Now streaming free on



#3 in the US

## Sound of Freedom

Based on the true story of a man's mission to rescue children from the darkest parts of the world. This action-packed drama shines a light on the painful reality of child trafficking and the valiant efforts of those who work tirelessly to combat it. Co-exclusive with Angel Studios.

★★★★★ 3,789 2 h 10 min 2023 X-RAY UHD PG-13

Historical · Suspense · Drama · Action

Included with Prime



## Membership

Please welcome our two new members that we inducted at our December holiday get together:

**Viola Rembert** is Executive Director of HeartLove Place. HeartLove Place is a nonprofit serving Milwaukee's Harambee Neighborhood. HeartLove Place provides programs and services that empower, develop, and motivate families and strengthen our community.

**Dawn Zehren** is self employed as a speaker, trainer, coach, author and founder of GROW Transformational Coaching, LLC.



Keep thinking of people who might be interested in joining and invite them to our upcoming January virtual meeting and/or let Pam know and she will talk and/or meet with them.





**THIS IS WHO WE ARE AND HAVE BEEN!!!!**



**HEALTH**



**CHILD MARRIAGE**

**THE RECORD IS OUTSTANDING!!!!**



**EDUCATION**

**Since 1923, Zonta International has provided US\$35.9 million for projects benefitting women in 46 countries.**

**Our partners across these years have been:**

- INSTRAW (UN International Research & Training Institute for the Advancement of Women)
- UNICEF (UN Children’s Fund)
- UNFPA (UN Population Fund)
- UNIDO (UN Industrial Development Organization)
- UNESCO (UN Education, Scientific & Cultural Organization)
- UN Women (UN Entity for Gender Equality & Empowerment of Women)
- UNIFEM (UN Development Fund for Women) Now UN Women

**The 46 countries receiving support for women have been spread across the world.**

**COUNTRY**

- PERU
- PAPUA NEW GUINEA &TIMOR-LESTE
- MADAGASCAR
- 12 AFRICAN COUNTRIES
- SYRIA & JORDAN
- LIBERIA
- RWANDA
- VIETNAM
- GUATEMALA, SAN SALVADOR & EL SALVADOR
- GUATEMALA CITY, GUATEMALA & SAN SALVADOR
- SRI LANKA
- BOLIVIA
- NIGER
- AFGHANISTAN
- BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA
- INDIA
- BURKINA FASO

**PROJECT**

- HEALTH
- HEALTH
- CLIMATE & LET US LEARN
- HEALTH, CHILD MARRIAGE & EDUCATION
- RESILIENCY & EMPOWERMENT
- NEWBORN MORTALITY & FISTULA REDUCTION
- HIV & VIOLENCE & FISTULA REDUCTION
- VIOLENCE
- SAFE CITIES
- SAFE CITIES
- RURAL SELF HELP & WATER WELLS
- EDUCATION & LEADERSHIP
- CARE & MICRO CREDIT
- EDUCATION & NEONATAL TETANUS
- EDUCATION & TRAFFICKING
- VIOLENCE & CROP & SILK PRODUCTION
- FEMALE CIRCUMCISION





**Continued: The 46 countries receiving support for women have been spread across the world.**

NEPAL  
 GLOBAL  
 GUATEMALA & CENTRAL AMERICA  
 SENEGAL  
 CHILE  
 GHANA  
 INDIA, SRI LANKA & BANGLADLESH  
 TOGO  
 EGYPT  
 PHILIPPINES  
 BRAZIL  
 SIERRA LEONE  
 NIGERIA  
 GUATEMALA  
 URUGUAY  
 MEXICO  
 ARGENTINA  
 BOTSWANA  
 COMOROS ISLANDS  
 ZIMBABWE  
 THAILAND  
 US & COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENT  
 PAN AFRICA  
 JORDAN  
 GERMANY  
 HUNGARY  
 TURKEY

NEONATAL TETANUS  
 VIOLENCE  
 EDUCATION  
 TECHNOLOGY  
 LEADERSHIP, EDUCATION, ECONOMICS  
 PRODUCTIVITY & FINANCE & RURAL HEALTH  
 PESTICIDE TRAINING  
 AGRICULTURE  
 LOAN PROGRAM  
 AGRICULTURE  
 AGRICULTURE  
 DEVELOPMENT  
 WATER & SANITATION  
 TEXTILES, GARDENING, FOOD CONSERVATION  
 JOB SKILLS  
 AGRICULTURE TECHNOLOGY  
 HEALTH  
 FISH SMOKING  
 HEALTH, FOOD & CLOTHING  
 FOOD PRODUCTION  
 HANDICRAFTS  
 HEALTH & EDUCATION  
 RURAL WOMEN NEEDS  
 VOCATIONAL & TEACHER TRAINING  
 ANNE FRANK VILLAGE  
 REFUGEES  
 SELF SUPPORT

