



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Business Meetings

JANUARY 27, 2016: Regular Business Meeting

Social: 6:30 PM (cash bar)

Meeting: 7:00 PM

Where: Osteria da Nino
 2900 South Quincy Street
 Shirlington Village
 Arlington VA 22206
osteriadaninova.com
 (703) 820-1128

Karen Bibbins coordinates our reservations. Call or email her @ cell: 313-729-4869 or k_bibbins@yahoo.com before the meeting. If you made a reservation and cannot attend the meeting, please advise Karen asap prior to the meeting. Guests are welcome.

Board of Directors meetings are held monthly before the business meeting. If you are interested in being on the distribution list, let Nancy (nramsay2@gmail.com) know.

Happy New Year, Zonta Sisters!!!

I hope you all had a marvelous holiday season and are feeling rejuvenated for the upcoming new year. It's time for us to take action on some of our initiatives.

Heartfelt thanks go out to Charlotte Floyd for another delicious dinner held in November, the proceeds of which fund our scholarship to Marymount. A delightful time was had by all. Though Charlotte is a behind the scene person please join me in expressing our appreciation for all that she does.

In December we enjoyed the hospitality of Marty and Steve Ditmeyer for a lovely holiday party. We so enjoyed the food, fellowship and the wonderful holiday atmosphere at the Ditmeyer's!

Our January meeting will be busy as we have a speaker from Girls on the Run, Katey Comerford, as well as a full business meeting to catch up on what is going on and what is coming up. Speaking of which, the Wine Seminar is April 9. Margo has prepared an announcement that we will get to you after the board agrees upon it at our upcoming meeting.

Janie is organizing our Dinner with Friends for February. Please let her know if you can participate in helping us make this another great event for the clients. We always have the most fun in the kitchen and it is very rewarding!

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I will be appointing a Nominating Committee this month. Please remember your pledge to serve enthusiastically, if you are approached to fill a position. Club vitality is maintained by the new energy that various members bring to the table. YOUR talents are needed

Don't forget to bring prospective members to our meetings. We can only achieve the goals we set by keeping our membership numbers up!

Nancy

ZONTA INTERNATIONAL

Do you receive the Zonta International emails and magazine? If not, sign into the Zonta website and sign up for the electronic newsletter. And then after you receive it in your emails, do READ IT. Also, there is so much valuable information on the Zonta International website. I enjoy browsing through the articles and events of other clubs. There are many good ideas that we can get from others.

Here is the weblink to the Media and News center...

<http://www.zonta.org/MediaNews.aspx>

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REMEMBER...

Zonta International Convention to be held in Nice, France from 2-6 July 2016

PROGRESS FOR WOMEN...

Croatia passes law compensating war rape victims



Created by Zonta International on Sep 01, 2015

Croatia passed a law that will recognize rape as a war crime

It's a long story. It's a 25-year-long story, actually. As long-time women's rights activist Nela Pamukovic explains, Croatia's newest law on sexual violence is long overdue.

On 29 May, the Croatian parliament passed the first law in the country that recognizes rape as a war crime – the Act on the Rights of Victims of Sexual Violence during the Military Aggression against Republic of Croatia in the Homeland War. Set to go into effect in January, the law will compensate war rape survivors with a monthly financial stipend and access to free counseling, as well as legal and medical aid.

Throughout the war for independence in the former Yugoslavia in the 1990s, **systematic rape was used as a weapon** to intimidate communities and assert power over women. In the 20 years since the formal end of the war in 1995, survivors of sexual violence have had no status as civilian victims of war in the eyes of the Croatian government – meaning they have had no rights to compensation or to psychological or medical services.

AMELIA EARHART

Dear Zontians and AE Fellows,

In honor of Amelia Earhart Day, today, 11 January, all Zontians and AE Fellows are receiving this issue of the AE newsletter. On Amelia Earhart Day, it is worth taking time to remember why Zonta established the Fellowship in her name.

Zonta International was the only non-flying organization that Amelia joined in her short, intense life. She had been a member of the Zonta Club of New York, USA, since 1930 when she disappeared on 2 July 1937 while attempting to be the first pilot to circle the world by air at the equator. The following year, Zonta International vowed to honor her memory with a scholarship for women graduate students in engineering. There were very few women pursuing advanced postgraduate degrees in that field, and the women of Zonta in 1938 wanted to encourage women to think big and participate in this exciting new field.

To quote Amelia Earhart: "Women should do themselves what men have already done - occasionally what men have not done - there establishing themselves as persons, and perhaps encouraging other women toward greater independence of thought and action. Some such consideration was a contributing reason for my wanting to do what I so much wanted to do."

The women of Zonta were very wise when they created this fellowship, following the example of Amelia Earhart, who knew that women could succeed in fields dominated by men, which aligns with Zonta's mission to empower women. Work in space and technologies is important for all nations to allow participation in the global economy.

In today's world, women are still not perceived as equals. Last year, we had the unfortunate example of a Nobel Laureate's disparaging comments to remind us that we have a ways to go until true equality. The Amelia Earhart Fellowship goals continue to be needed to assist women in the achievement of their career goals and become influential members of the scientific community.

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My best wishes to all in 2016. I hope that you will continue to be encouraged by Earhart's example and support those women in the future to achieve their life goals.

Best regards,



Holly Anderson

Zonta International

Amelia Earhart Fellowship
Committee Chairman 2014-2016

AE Fellow, 1976

From the January 2016 Zonta International eNewsletter:

Changing the impossible expectations of women in STEM

Double standards are nothing new for women, and there is no exception for women in STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) fields. A conversation about Amelia Earhart's adventures and accomplishments can quickly turn to one about her personal life. Once on that track, it is often hard to steer the attention back to what is important.

This is one of the biggest issues when a woman scientist is known more for being a female than for being a scientist. Harvard physicist and best-selling author Lisa Randall recently gave [an interview with Huffington Post](#) about how she wants to be known as a scientist - not "the physics babe," as she is sometimes referred to. The interview remained focused on Randall being a woman rather than on her work, much to her frustration.



Ava Lovelace

This is not a new issue. Ava Lovelace's revolutionary work in computer programming is the foundation for our modern lives, but even she is still prone to having her achievements undermined by her personal life. In a BBC documentary, mathematician Hannah Fry describes Lovelace: "Intelligent she might have been, but she was also manipulative and aggressive, a drug addict, a gambler and an adulteress." Many men in science's history have led similar lives, yet it is almost always overlooked. The work of the first female Nobel Prize winner, Marie Curie, is often overshadowed by her much-publicized affairs. The meaning of "Florence Nightingale Effect" is widely known as when a caregiver develops romantic feelings for their patient, yet many do not know that Nightingale was an accomplished statistician that also invented the polar area graph and the line graph.

An article on [Motherboard by VICE](#) challenges the scientific community "not to ignore [women's] flaws or cherry-pick their most appealing attributes, but to accept that everyone has complex personalities and not to overstate the role of personal lives in professional narratives." We must question and examine the origins of these damaging narratives. It is also important for us to give these women the proper recognition they deserve- one where their accomplishments are celebrated and where science is shown as a field where anyone belongs.

Encouraging girls to become scientists "not rocket science"

In her new book, "[The Only Woman in the Room.](#)" Eileen Pollack reflects on her time as a physics undergraduate student at Yale University and the barriers women in science still face today. Rather than becoming discouraged, she uses her experiences as a challenge to get others to help more girls interested in STEM.

REMEMBER, our biggest fundraiser

Wine Seminar

April 9, 2016



It's not too early to start advertising for the Wine Seminar. Send out **early save-the-date notices** to friends and family will help us keep our numbers up for this event. . As a reminder, this is our LARGEST fundraiser and we need EVERYONE'S help to make it a success.



Remember to continue bringing your donations for Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC). There is a need for cereal, pasta, peanut butter and other nutritious food items.



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**ZONTA CLUB OF ARLINGTON AREA
 2015-2016 CALENDAR
 (Updated 1/19/2016)**

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	NOTES
January 2016			
Service/Emphasis			
Amelia Earhart celebration AFAC Donation			
Jan 20	Board of Directors	Metro 29 Diner (or Virtual) 4711 Lee Highway Arlington, VA 22207 Metro29diner.com	Let the president know if you would like to attend
Jan 27	Business Meeting: 6:30	OSTERIA DA NINO 2900 South Quincy Street Shirlington Village Arlington, VA 22206 osteriadaninova.com (703) 820-1128	Business Meeting Elect Nomination Committee
February 2016			
Service/Emphasis			
Doorways Organize for Wine Seminar AFAC Donation			
Feb 11th	Doorways Dinner with Friends	Clarendon Methodist	Doorways Service Project Let Janie know if you will help
Feb 16 or 18	Board of Directors	Metro 29 Diner (or Virtual) 4711 Lee Highway Arlington, VA 22207 Metro29diner.com	Let the president know if you would like to attend
Feb 24	Business Meeting: 6:30	OSTERIA DA NINO 2900 South Quincy Street Shirlington Village Arlington, VA 22206 osteriadaninova.com (703) 820-1128	
March 2016			
Service/Emphasis			
Prep for Wine Seminar			
Mar 8	International Women's Day March, NYC	New York City	Check (www.Zonta.org) International Advocacy website for updates
Mar 12	District 3, presence NYC UN Commission on the status of women (CSW59)	New York City	See District 3 Newsletter for detailed information
Mar 15 or 17	Board of Directors	Virtual Meeting	
Mar 23	Business Meeting: 6:30	OSTERIA DA NINO 2900 South Quincy Street Shirlington Village Arlington, VA 22206	Nominating Committee Presents Slate
April 2016			
Wine Seminar			
ALL HANDS ON DECK			
Apr 9	Wine Seminar	WIMSA, Arlington National	ALL HANDS ON DECK



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		Cemetery	
Apr 19 or 12	Board of Directors	Metro 29 Diner (or Virtual) 4711 Lee Highway Arlington, VA 22207 Metro29diner.com	
Apr 27	Business Meeting: 6:30 osteriadaninova.com	OSTERIA DA NINO 2900 South Quincy Street Shirlington Village Arlington, VA 22206 (703) 820-1128	Elections
May 2016			
Service	GOTR Race AFAC Donation		
May	Area 3 & 4 Workshop		
May 14 and 15???	May (Saturday) 5K at Pfizner Stadium Woodbridge, VA May (Sunday) 5K at Taste of Arlington Arlington, VA	Volunteers Needed Jana Lachmann Volunteer Coordinator volunteer@gotrnova.org	http://www.gotrnova.org/get-involved/volunteer
May 18 or 19	Board of Directors	Metro 29 Diner 4711 Lee Highway Arlington, VA 22207 Metro29diner.com	
May 25	Business Meeting: 6:30	OSTERIA DA NINO 2900 South Quincy Street Shirlington Village Arlington, VA 22206	Celebration/Scholarship Installation of new BOD
May	AFAC Spring Carnival		Fund raiser for AFAC
June 2016			
REPORTS DUE	Send your end of year reports to the President		
July 2016			
July 2-6, 2016	Zonta International Convention	Nice, FRANCE	
July?? (Saturday)	Summer Planning Retreat (after the Convention)	Location TBD Time 9 am-3 pm	Club achievement Reports are due to the president.

IDEAS...LET'S HEAR FROM YOU

**What can you offer to move our Club forward
and bring it to the next level of Great Service?**

**DO YOU HAVE IDEAS
FOR FUNDRAISERS?**

**DO YOU HAVE IDEAS
FOR FUN
ACTIVITIES?**

**DO YOU HAVE
IDEAS FOR
IMPROVEMENTS IN
OUR CLUB?**

Send your ideas in an email to all members or to Virginia Nickich @ virginiaroseyoga@aol.com who will offer it for discussion at our business meeting.



ZONTA CLUB OF ARLINGTON AREA INFORMATION



Officers and Directors 2015-16

President	Nancy Ramsay
Vice President	Karen Bibbins
Treasurer	Ellie Karro
Secretary	Virginia McGee
Director	Barbara Kirkland
Director	Linda Sudi
Director	Jan Witt



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO
Eleanor Karro -- Jan 27

Please share your birth month and day so we can celebrate with you and send it via email to:

Virginia Nickich

virginiaroseyoga@aol.com

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