



# ZONTA CLUB OF HAMILTON I

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**EMPOWERING WOMEN**  
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### ***JANUARY 25TH, 2022 MEETING***

You are invited to the  
**Zonta Club of Hamilton 1  
Business Meeting Via Zoom**

**January 25, 2022**

***6:30 pm Social***

***7:00 pm Business Meeting***

Please click the link below  
to join the Zoom Meeting

<https://adric-ca.zoom.us/j/62528162480>

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# *Dates to Remember*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### AMELIA EARHART MONTH

JANUARY 24 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF EDUCATION  
 FEBRUARY 11 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF WOMEN AND GIRLS IN SCIENCE  
 FEBRUARY 22, 2022 MONTHLY MEETING  
 FEBRUARY 28, 2022, CONVENTION EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION ENDS  
 MARCH 8 ROSE DAY INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

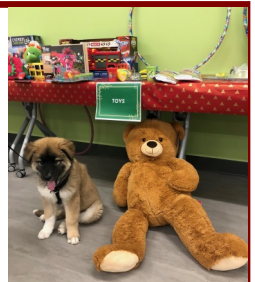


## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

**January 31 — Sylvia von Eilm**



Team Zonta participated at a Christmas market so residents of the new YWCA Residence on Ottawa St could come and “shop” for Christmas gifts. Even Buddy found a buddy.





## January 2022 President's Report



January is Amelia Earhart Month

In our Zonta world, January 11th is Amelia Earhart Day. But why do we celebrate this woman? Here is a little history and hopefully inspiration.

Amelia Mary Earhart was born on July 24, 1897 in Atchison, Kansas. Later, In Des Moines, Iowa, she developed a passion for adventure, including her passion for flying. Her upbringing was unconventional, as her mother, Amy, did not believe in raising her daughters to be “nice little girls”, much to the chagrin of Amelia’s maternal grandmother.



After graduating from high school in Chicago, she began junior college – which apparently wasn't her cup of tea. When she visited her sister in Toronto for Christmas, in 1917, she started on a new path as a nurse's aide at the Spadina

Military Hospital. It was in Toronto, at the CNE, that she was mesmerized by a flying exhibition – taking her one step closer to her destiny. She did return to college but again didn't finish.

1928 was a big year for Amelia. Not only did she make her first transatlantic flight, she also joined the Zonta Club of Boston. Two momentous events in one year. She later joined the Zonta Club of New York and was a member until her untimely death in 1937.

Anyone who has seen movie Amelia (filmed partly in nearby Dunnville and Niagara-on-the-Lake), would have come away with a sense of awe. But what is it in her that inspires us? Here's what I think – Amelia Earhart embodies what we seek to achieve in Zonta. — to empower women. We all want to empower and be empowered.

Amelia Earhart wasn't afraid to break down barriers. She has inspired **generations of women to do things** that had never been done by women before. We need women who aren't afraid to be the first to make way for those who are eager to be next. And we need role models who show us that anyone can be a change maker.

Lets all work to not be “nice little girls”!

Trish



Members of our club were at City Hall on December 6<sup>th</sup> to commemorate the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. Former member and friend Emily Balsdon brought a troupe of girl guides and some volunteers. We served hot chocolate, and President Trish altered her message to speak directly to the young people there.





## Membership Matters

### Step Up (and maybe Step Down)

Remember what you said at your new member induction:

*Membership in Zonta is an honour and a privilege. It is also a responsibility. Regular attendance and participation in Club service projects is expected of all members. If called upon for leadership responsibilities, you are expected to serve enthusiastically.*

*We are confident you will contribute your caring, enthusiasm, and talents to your Club.*

The Nominating Committee is working very hard to compile a slate of candidates as officers for the upcoming biennium. Please Step Up and say yes if you are asked. Or put your name forward to the Nominating Committee.

Committee chairs work enthusiastically for our club. Consider stepping up to chair a committee. This would allow you to hone your leadership skills, and give the past committee chair an opportunity to try out another post.

Committee members accomplish the service and advocacy projects and drive the fundraising and operations functions to support the club. Consider trying out a new committee – Step Up. Maybe Step Down from an existing committee and try something new. We do not want you to get burnt out, but rather find new vitality in working with other Zontians. A new mix can bring new ideas and energy to a committee. Leadership can come in many ways.



Debbie Field  
Vice President and Membership Chair

Team Zonta was part of Bags to Bedrolls. Members of the group met on December 10<sup>th</sup> at the City of Hamilton sign and presented 35 bed rolls to the YWCA. At least 20 of them went to Carole Ann’s Place at the Y. Team Zonta was well-represented as members donated plastic bags, made plarn (plastic yarn), and crocheted bedrolls.



Team Zonta volunteered at the Grey Cup game and helped raise approximately \$3400 for the YWCA Encore program. The group worked at a concession stand, selling beer, pizza and much hot chocolate. The hairnets are a special touch—LOL.



## *Fundraising*

### **CHRISTMAS MEETING**

Thanks to everyone who baked, donated wine and other goodies, and especially to all who purchased items at the meeting. We raised \$1460 which will help to run our club.

### **BINGO**

Bingo is currently suspended again. We have been averaging about \$850 per bingo and have raised around \$10,000 since it started again in August. We will keep our fingers crossed that we can start again soon as this is definitely our biggest fundraiser at this time.

### **MAXSOLD**

Our fourth Maxsold auction is currently underway. [You can access the auction here.](#) Please browse, and watch for items that you could donate in the future, and please share with your contacts. Maxsold specializes in recycling items and keeping those things out of landfills. The auction ends on Wednesday January 26<sup>th</sup>, and most of the action happens on that last day. Thanks to everyone who has donated previously loved or unwanted items to our sale. A special thanks to Nancy Zilvytis and Kathy Kingsmill-Marsales who spent several marathon days with Sandra sorting, putting goods into lots, photographing, describing, cataloguing to make this auction happen. The pick up day for winning bidders is scheduled for Saturday, January 29. We could use another volunteer or two to help.

## *Service*

Zontians have continued to offer service to community agencies serving women in the past two months. On December 18, three Zontians enjoyed setting up the Putman Family YWCA's first Family Fun Holiday event and interacting with the residents as they chose gifts for their family members and received a special gift. YWCA Staff member, Heather Barkley, provided feedback that the event was a 'smashing success', with over half of the residents participating in the experience.

We are grateful, as well, for the club member's generous donations of personal care items for 100 Hygiene Kits. Many thanks to committee member, Gertrud Taunton, for collecting, purchasing additional items and assembling the kits, with some assistance from me, at her home today. These items, as well as socks and beautiful hand-made scarves, hats and baby blankets from our members, will be delivered to the Native Womens' Centre, Inasmuch House and Interval House of Hamilton. We included the Zonta 'caring message' postcards with some of the kits, however it would be helpful for us to have a few more cards completed for inclusion in the remainder of the kits. If you have the cards at home (distributed at the November business meeting), please complete the message and return to me or contact me to bring you some cards by the end of January.

We hope that next year, if the pandemic is behind us, we can participate more fully in these and other events. Our committee will consider the creation of additional hands-on projects as we continue to forge partnerships with agencies serving women's mental health needs. We'll look forward, at our February Dinner meeting, to a presentation from the Director of Body Brave, Dr. Karen Trollope-Kumar, concerning the project which our club sponsored through a 2019 grant. Thanks to all members for your support of the Service committee's activities.

Alice Tyler  
Service Chair