

 **Zonta Club of  
Johnson County**  
*Member of Zonta International*  
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## From the President

It's 2015! It's hard to believe that we are halfway through our Zonta year!

Much will be happening in the upcoming months, and we want you to get involved!

The Zonta Zoom is Saturday, March 7, 2015, and Tiffany Strother has been working diligently behind the scenes. Please plan to attend the planning meeting on January 20<sup>th</sup> at noon at Fulton School. Crazy 8 Ministries will receive a portion of the proceeds. C8M is located in Burleson and provides shelter for those in need. Their Welcome Home Ministry Mission is to come alongside families in their broken circumstances, offering them hope and help in Jesus by fully equipping them practically and spiritually for complete rehabilitation and victorious living.

The Welcome Home Ministry endeavors to provide emotional, spiritual, and physical help to its clients. Services offered include a twelve to twenty-four month restorative program; a loving, secure, multi-family home; individualized spiritual plan; counseling; and life skills.

We are excited to be working with this organization which advances the status of women in our community.

I also want to encourage you all to attend the upcoming board meeting on January 9, 2015, at noon at City Hall. CAREity Foundation founders will be present to discuss their mission, their work for Johnson County residents, and answer any questions you may have.

I can't wait to get this ball rolling into 2015!

Angie

## Zonta Club of Johnson County

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## January Birthdays!

- 3 – Angie Allen
- 12 – Karon Lowe
- 12 – Carolyn Smith
- 14 – Nikki McCrea
- 15 – Kimber Zorn
- 17 – Dianna Ward
- 28 – Sharon Corder



*Ladies, you did an outstanding job on selling pecans! This fundraiser has been well-received again! It's time to get your money from the pecan sale turned in to Gina Jones! Please get all money to her ASAP!*

**NEXT MEETING**  
Thursday, January 15, 2015  
5:15 pm  
First Christian Church  
200 South Nolan River Road  
Cleburne

[www.zontaofjc.org](http://www.zontaofjc.org)

*Zonta International is a global organization of executives and professionals working together to advance the status of women worldwide through service and advocacy.*

## District 10 News

District 10 of Zonta International is in the planning and organizational stages of our first e-Club. If time or distance is not allowing you to be as engaged as you would like to be, this is for you. An e-Club is a Zonta club that conducts its business using the internet. We are extending an invitation to you to join us in forming this e-Club to advance the status of women.

### Conference Call Details

Scheduled Conference Date:	Thursday, January 8, 2015
Scheduled Start Time:	07:00 PM Central Std Time
Scheduled End Time:	08:55 PM Central Std Time
Dial-in Number:	1-605-475-5950 (Midwest)
Participant Access Code:	4771514

If you know anyone, Zontian or not, who might be interested in this exciting opportunity, please forward this information to them.

For more information, please email [district10eclub@gmail.com](mailto:district10eclub@gmail.com)

## Dates to Remember

### Monday evenings in January -

Presentation of the Real World Project at the East Cleburne Community Center (contact Cynthia Allen for additional details)

### January - Amelia Earhart Month

**January 9 at noon** - Board Meeting at City Hall (all members are invited to attend the meeting to hear CAREity founder's presentation)

**January 15 at 5:15 pm** - Club Meeting at First Christian Church

**January 20 at noon** - Zonta Zoom Planning Meeting at Fulton School, 311 Featherston Street, Cleburne, in Room C1

**April 24-25** - Area 1 Meeting hosted by the Zonta Club of Stephenville

## Zonta International News

Dear Zontians,

On behalf of the women whose lives we improve, I thank you for your participation in the 2014 Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women campaign and for your conviction, commitment and courage during the 16 Days of Activism against gender-based violence.

The campaign has united us Zontians with a global voice and ignited the spirit within our communities to speak out for a life free of violence for women once and for all.

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Increasing awareness by saying NO to violence against women is a very powerful first step. Now we need to continue our path and **take the next step** to ensure that decision-makers address prevention of root causes through education and to facilitate effective mechanisms that will ensure eradication of violence against women by:

Supporting PREVENTIVE programs promoting gender-equal norms and violence-free environments, and programs that help men to change behavior towards women to one of mutual respect.

PROTECTION of women by providing One Stop Centers with medical/legal/social help for victims. Furthermore, promoting short term shelters and long term affordable housing for women and children, and supporting vocational training for victims to become self-supporting.

PROSECUTION of the perpetrators through a) laws that clearly blame perpetrators, not victims; b) reporting systems and support to victims during legal processes; c) training of police and legal professionals to understand the issues.

Thank you again for standing up to violence against women and girls worldwide. Together, with **Conviction, Commitment and Courage**, we will defend and preserve the right to equality and to a life free of violence for all.

Warm regards,

Maria Jose Landeira Oestergaard,  
ZI & ZIF President

## Service Opportunity

Heather Bickell, City of Cleburne Recreation Coordinator, is organizing a mini-leadership camp the week of Cleburne ISD's Spring Break. She is hoping Zontians will be willing to coordinate the Real World Project on Wednesday, March 11, 2015. If anyone is interested in heading up this one-day service project, please contact Angie Allen soon. We need about three to four members who will be willing to help out that day as well. Curriculum is available for your assistance!

## Godley ROAR Z Club

Zonta Club of Johnson County is now the sponsoring club of Godley ROAR Z Club! The high school club was chartered on December 5, 2014! The sponsor is Nicole Chaplin. She is a U.S. History teacher and also teaches dual-credit history classes through Hill College. Ms. Chaplin is the Junior Class sponsor and coaches Social Studies UIL. Twelve members make up the chartered club. Eight are seniors, two are sophomores, and two are freshmen. Of the twelve members, three are males!

Their first service project was a success! The members helped at the Elks Lodge Christmas party and dance for special needs adults. The members were in charge of the music!



Zonta is proud to honor the achievements and spirit of Amelia Earhart throughout the month of January. The 11<sup>th</sup> day of January is Amelia Earhart Day.

On July 2, 1928, as Amelia Earhart, world-famed aviator and the first woman to fly across the Atlantic Ocean as a passenger, approached the shores of the United States on her triumphant return home, she was handed this radiogram: Boston Zonta Club is proud to welcome you as a member. Signed Alice Bradley, President

A few weeks later, she was inducted into Zonta International and served as an active member first in the Boston club and later in the New York club until her tragic and untimely disappearance in 1937.

An outstanding woman with a charismatic personality, Earhart was universally admired around the world for her "wildly daring" but "never reckless" courage.

Over the years 1928 to 1937, she organized the Ninety-Nines, an organization for women pilots, and became the first woman to:

- \* Fly the Atlantic alone.
- \* Fly an autogiro.
- \* Receive the United States Distinguished Flying Cross.
- \* Fly from Hawaii to the mainland.

Epitomizing the ideals of Zonta International by actively promoting women to take on non-traditional fields, she wrote articles about aviation for *Cosmopolitan* magazine as an associate editor, served as a career counselor to female university students, and lectured at Zonta club meetings, urging members to interest themselves in aviation. In these years, Zonta was the only non-aviation organization to which Earhart belonged, although she was besieged to join and to join and to sponsor numerous organizations at the time.

The story of Earhart's most daring, and ultimately tragic, flight is best retold in the words of Grace Muriel Morrissey, charter member of the Zonta Club of Medford, Massachusetts, and Earhart's sister.

*I don't know just when Amelia began to plan for the around-the-world flight. Neither do I know how much various conversations, with then President Roosevelt, had to do with*

*her decision to attempt to circle over the Japanese occupied islands of the Pacific. It may have been merely the desire to conquer the world's seas because they were there and no woman had yet crossed them by air. Anyway, the plan was born and the months of testing and research and discipline followed. Because she was teaching at Purdue University, she was given the wonderful "Flying Laboratory," the Lockheed Electra. After her Hawaii-Oakland flight, the National Geographic gave her their coveted medal for outstanding contributions to science. They recognized the careful research that went into the blueprints for her trip.*

*The last flight was begun in 1937 in May. On July 3 an S.O.S. was picked up from somewhere between Lae, New Guinea, and Howland Island. Exactly what happened we shall never know. Of this only we are certain: Amelia died as she lived, doing the work she loved with her whole soul. Amelia left a letter to her husband George Putnam saying, "Please know that I am quite aware of the hazards. I want to do it because I want to do it. Women must try to do things as men have tried. When they fail, their failures must be a challenge to others."*

Source: A History of Zonta International, 1919-1999