



# Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley

## Member of Zonta International

*Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide*

ZONTA BOG NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2015

### 2015 CALENDAR

#### January 12—Dinner Meeting

Amelia Earhart dedicated much of her life to prove that, like men, women could excel in their chosen professions, and that they could have equal value.



#### February 9 Dinner Meeting

Membership and International Project Updates

#### March 9 Dinner Meeting

Advocacy

#### Mark Your Calendar:

April 13, 2015  
May 4, 2015 Silent "No More!" Auction  
(Monday before Mother's Day)  
June 8, 2015

Note: Member reservations for the dinner meeting are assumed and payment expected unless notification is made in advance. Contact **Janet DaSilva**, [dasilvaassoc@msn.com](mailto:dasilvaassoc@msn.com) or (413) 323-4906 with your guest count by Wednesday before meeting.

#### Collecting Toiletries

You probably have toiletries from your travels to share, or can pick up an occasional 'extra' during a shopping trip.

Debbie Wood is collecting donations to give to the Helping Hands Cupboard in Belchertown. Feel free to bring to our monthly meetings.



## President's Message

Happy New Year Fellow Zontian Sisters.

Kris and I hope you had a wonderful Holiday with your family, friends and colleagues.



What a wonderful Founder's Day celebration with Kathy Picard and her Family. It was very heartwarming and emotional for all of us.

Our December International Marketplace was also a great success. We have the potential of 5 new members. We hope they will join us at our January meeting. Please offer them a warm welcome and share information about Zonta of Quaboag Valley, our District and important Zonta International projects.

Our annual January meeting will provide us with a fun way to learn more about Amelia Earhart. The game is called Head and Tail. It was huge success at our Fall Conference. Please join us for the informational game.

As the weather turns cold, we know it takes more effort to attend meetings. Snow, ice, and darkness hamper our abilities. Please let Kris Goold or myself know, the Wednesday before the meeting, if you cannot attend.

Happy New Year to you all, be safe and healthy.

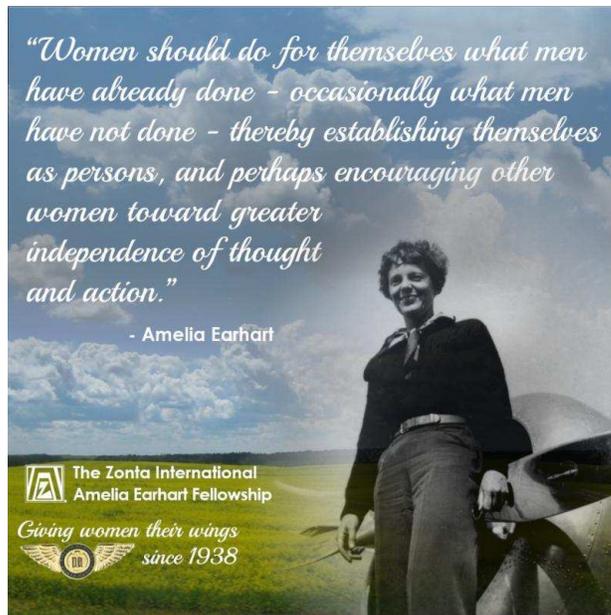
**Janet Ann DaSilva** Co-President

#### Report from Pam Albertson, Treasurer:

"After sending the Club's donations to the food pantries and Ware Christmas for Kids, service funds are \$9,268. Poinsettia sales amount to \$3,780 so far with some small amounts still outstanding. I haven't received the invoice for the cost of the plants so I don't yet know the profit. Last year's sales were \$5,849 so we are considerably under our previous year's sales by 35%. The check to establish (in part) a scholarship at Westfield State University has been sent to BJ. The amount that the Club funded is \$6,639.94. The money was taken out of the checking account which will be replenished once the CD matures later in January. The Club's total cash balances total \$22,403."

**Amelia Earhart was a Zontian**, though she is best known for her feats as a pilot. She set many records as a pilot and as a woman. She was the first person to fly across the United States in an autogyro in 1932, the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean in 1932, and the first woman to fly non-stop across the United States in 1933. Of course, her plane mysteriously disappeared in 1937 when she was trying to become the first woman to fly around the world.

The **Amelia Earhart Fellowship** program helps talented women, pursuing advanced studies in the typically male-dominated fields of aerospace-related sciences and engineering, achieve their educational goals. The Fellowship enables these women to invest in state-of-the-art computers to conduct their research, purchase expensive books and resource materials, and participate in specialized studies around the globe. Amelia Earhart Fellows have gone on to become astronauts, aerospace engineers, astronomers, professors, geologists, business owners, heads of companies, even Secretary of the US Air Force. Since the program's inception, Zonta has awarded 1,438 Amelia Earhart Fellowships, totaling US\$8.6 million, to women from 70 countries.



Attendees at the January 12th meeting may want to brush up on some facts about this famous Zontian. Hint Hint! Some of the MANY websites with information on Amelia:

- [www.ameliaearhart.com](http://www.ameliaearhart.com)
- [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Amelia\\_Earhart](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Amelia_Earhart)
- [www.biography.com/people/amelia-earhart-9283280](http://www.biography.com/people/amelia-earhart-9283280)

**Golden Words**

**from Famous**

**Women:**

“The most difficult thing is the decision to act, the rest is merely tenacity. You can do anything you decide to do.”  
Amelia Earhart

**Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley  
District I, Area II,  
Charter 1317 of Zonta  
International**

- Co-Presidents:** Kristin Goold  
Janet DaSilva
- Vice President:** Lisa Sedelow
- Treasurer:** Pam Albertson
- Secretary:** Debra Wood
- Directors:** Tina Guniasso  
Ann Cormier  
Joanne Turner-Chiacchia

**Committee Chairs**

- Finance & Audit Chair:** Pamela Albertson
- Membership Chair:** Lisa Sedelow
- PR /Communication Chair:** Mary Knight
- United Nations Chair:** BJ Bourdon
- Advocacy Chair:** Tina Guinasso
- Service Chair:** Loretta Dansereau
- Scholarships Chair:** Dana Burton
- Poinsettia Fundraiser Chair:** Liz Reeves
- Golf Fundraiser Chair:** Debra Wood
- Auction Fundraiser Chair:** Dianne Kidd
- Archives Chair:** Marge Cavanaugh
- Nominating:** Loretta Dansereau,  
Dana Burton, Mary Knight

## October 20, 2014 Zonta of Quaboag Valley Dinner Meeting

**Editor Note:** There was no formal meeting in November due to the Founder's Day Program and in December because of the International Market Place event.

### Ludlow Country Club, Ludlow, MA

Present: Pam Albertson, B.J. Bourdon, Dana Burton, Marge Cavanaugh, Joanne Turner-Chiacchia, Ann Cormier, Loretta Dansereau, Janet DaSilva, Chris Gerl, Kris Goold, Sandy Goss, Tina Guinasso, Desiree Joy, Mary Knight, Trish Pupek, Liz Reeves, Mary Ann Rubis, Lisa Sedelow, Debbie Wood

Absent: Diane Kidd

Guests: Laurie Chaisson & Milgros Johnson (program speaker)

**Welcome:** Janet DaSilva called the meeting to order at 6:10

**Minutes:** As published in the newsletter read and approved with no corrections.

**Treasurer's Report:** Pam indicated that as of September 30, 2014 we have \$16,097.98 plus \$6,394.03 in a CD and a total of \$12,741 in available service funds. There is a plan to present a check for our 1/3 annual contribution to ZI at the upcoming Fall Conference. Treasurer's Report is filed for Audit.

**Program Speaker, Milagros Johnson** (Mayor's Office of Consumer Affairs and Information) presented an informative outline of the ways to avoid Identity Theft and Scams. She reviewed the common scams and thefts and provided ways to recognize and prevent being a victim. Milagros distributed helpful information for those in attendance to consult.

### Committee Reports:

**Membership:** Lisa, Chairman, says her Membership Committee comprised of Mary Ann, Mary, Joanne and Janet would be meeting and preparing Potential and New Membership packets. Information should be available for our Founder's Day event next month.

**Service:** Loretta, Chairman is scheduling a meeting for October 30th. Her committee is Desiree, Chris, Joanne and Debbie. Joanne explained the breakdown of our 1/3 annual contribution of service funds to Zonta International Foundation: 36% ZI International Service Fund, 36% ZISVAW, 5% Amelia Earhart, 5% Jane Klausman Award, 5% Young Women in Public Affairs Award, 13% to Rose Fund.

**Golf Tournament:** On behalf of the Golf Committee Debbie made a motion to separate the raffle that has been associated with the Golf Tournament from the Golf Tournament Committee. Motion approved. Pam made a motion for the discontinuation of the raffle with the rationale that we have adequate service funds and ask so much of members that we can afford to discontinue this fundraiser and reconsider if needed in the future. Motion passed.

**Poinsettias:** Liz indicated that letters will go out next week to those businesses and individuals who have placed orders in the past. The

cost is the same as last year. Order forms are available on our website. Deliveries will be made the first week in December.

**Legislative Awareness and Advocacy:** Tina, Chairperson stated that the "16 Days off Action" campaign starts November 25th. As far as the Ebola outbreak, Zonta International supports other organizations helping with the effort. There is concern with the ZI Fistula Project in Liberia and the effect of the Ebola outbreak will be monitored there.

**Scholarship:** Dana indicated that YWPA applications were mailed to high schools with a March 15 deadline.

### Old Business:

**Fall Conference:** A list of items which members have volunteered to donate or bring was circulated and members are asked to bring to the Hospitality Suite by 6 P.M. on Friday. Kris and Janet announced that the hospitality hours are expanded from 6-11 P.M. on Friday and post dinner till 11 P.M. on Saturday. There will be substantial offerings of food for those who might not have a chance to get out for dinner on Friday. Members brought generous donations for the Silent Auction and Zonta Store raffle baskets to be assembled tonight. Tina is in charge of the Zonta Store and asked for additional coverage on Friday and Saturday. Lisa circulated a picture of the tee shirts which we plan to sell. It was voted to order 100 at a cost of \$10.50 each. The price will be \$18.00 each and a variety of sizes will be ordered. Debbie will prepare signs for the raffle basket and Pam will provide change for the event and make available an instrument to accept credit cards.

**Founder's Day** (November 10): Over 150 invitations have been sent out. Proclamations will be presented to Kathy Picard, the recipient. The charge is \$25.00 for guests, \$18.00 for Zonta members. Janet is working with LCC on the menu. The press release that Mary recently sent can be shared as an E Mail with potential guests we might want to invite.

**Soldier On:** Janet indicated that Virginia Lieblein has left her position and the VA is in the process of hiring her replacement. It was suggested that Kate Doherty or Cindy Nolan will serve as contacts and Joanne will provide their E Mail addresses to Janet and Kris. Liz and Lisa are planning to offer some type of craft activity in November and will confirm the specific plan and date. For December the ladies will be invited to the International Marketplace and are welcome to offer some item(s) for sale.

Their interest in a trip to Look Park in December with cocoa and cookies after was mentioned as a popular activity. The quilts that are being made could be offered at that time.

**International Marketplace** (December 8): Diane was not able to attend tonight but BJ reported the

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## Celebrating Holidays with our Veteran Friends

Desiree, Marge and Debbie took a small group of women to Look Park in December. They enjoyed the indoor train villages and participated in a scavenger hunt to earn bracelets. We took a brisk train ride to see the colorful light display of holiday scenes scattered throughout the park. We returned to the cottage for hot chocolate and distributed unique blankets and stockings for all 12 women to enjoy. A new arrival was most impressed with the reception we offered within hours of her introduction to the cottage. All 12 women were most appreciative of the gifts and evening of fun. It seems they enjoy our visits so much they were asking what they could look forward to next month. I admit I gave them a small hint about some pampering we might be offering. I let them know we will be in touch. During this season when many of the women are separated from their families our visits and relationship with them remain so meaningful. We felt blessed to share some holiday cheer with our Veteran friends.

**Please sign up at [zontaqv.org/members](http://zontaqv.org/members) (pw: amelia) for a date in the near future to sponsor a program for our women veterans.** Your group of 3 or more is responsible for coordinating the activity, providing materials, and providing snacks. Expenses must be documented and submitted with a reimbursement form to Pam Albertson, Treasurer. The date, time, activity, and details should be communicated by the point person and coordinated with **Kate Doherty** at [Kdoherty@wesoldieron.org](mailto:Kdoherty@wesoldieron.org) or **(413) 588-4729**.

We look forward to hearing about your experience with the women vets at an ensuing membership meeting. Submission of a report and photos to the editor of the Zonta of Quaboag Valley newsletter are welcome.



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basic plans. Mostly woman owned non profits and for profits will be invited to sell their items. Non profits will not be charged. For profits will be charged \$25.00 with one meal included. A flyer will be made available by the November meeting.

### **New Business:**

**Fines for Name Tags** for the Sunshine Fund: Janet raised the idea of assessing \$1.00 fines to members who forget their name tags to help raise \$ for the internal club Sunshine Fund. The motion to levy the fines was defeated when a voice vote was taken.

**Speaker budget:** Janet raised the need to increase the original budget amount of \$250 by \$400 since \$200 was already spent on the September speaker. The motion to increase the budget resulted in a split vote (6 for and 6 opposed). It was voted to table the discussion at this time.

**Announcements:** Janet shared information concerning "This is Your Life" material. **Raffle:** Laurie Chaisson, guest was the winner.

**Next Meeting:** November 10, 2014 Meeting Adjourned: 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Debbie Wood, Secretary



# INFORMATION

**Mission:** Zonta International is a leading global organization of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy.

**Vision:** Zonta International envisions a world in which women’s rights are recognized as human rights and every woman is able to achieve her full potential. In such a world, women have access to all resources and are represented in decision-making positions on an equal basis with men. In such a world, no woman lives in fear of violence.

**Theme:** Empowering women through service and advocacy

*Every month, a new ZI topic will be featured. Please share your ideas and questions for future newsletters with Mary Ann at [maryannrubis@yahoo.com](mailto:maryannrubis@yahoo.com)*

Welcome to a New Year and new ZI mission and vision statements and theme!

To ensure that ZI remains relevant far into the future, the Zonta International Board (ZIB) and Zonta International Public Relations and Communications Committee have worked diligently to incorporate the amendments voted on at last year’s convention with a refreshed logo and brand identity. The Zonta emblem will not change. Updated communication materials and tools for all clubs will be available soon, including club logos, templates for letterheads and PowerPoint presentations. New brochures, a Question and Answer document regarding branding, and an informational video will be introduced soon. Development of the ZI website continues.

The ZIB believes that the new statements and theme are more powerful and indicative of what sets Zonta apart from other service-oriented organizations. These changes will allow us to appeal across the generations and facilitate translations of our documents into other languages.

So let’s bring a new energy to 2015 at home, at work, and in Zonta!

*Mary Ann K. Rubis, Zonta International Membership Committee Member, 2014-2016*



For 95 years, Zonta International has been working to advance the status of women worldwide through an international fellowship of executive and professional women who share a common commitment to promoting and protecting women's rights. Use Zonta's online media and news resource [<http://www.zonta.org/MediaNews.aspx>] to learn more about Zonta International, its service and advocacy projects around the globe and the more than 30,000 Zontians worldwide who are working together to make women's equality a reality.