



**Title:** Amelia Earhart Fellowship Program

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**To:** The Zonta International District 4 Board

**Purpose of the report** (please mark as many as applicable):

For Information

For Discussion

For decision

**Facts (Information)**

This section can contain activities since the last report, factual information to be brought to the Board regarding issues from Clubs or from Committees, other matters.

If the report is a follow-up to a previous report, refer to the date, title, and decisions of the previous report.

| Initiative  | Specific Actions  | Highlights/Challenges  |
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| Encourage clubs to provide innovative programs about AE | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provided information to clubs to use in their promotion of the Amelia Earhart Program</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Donna wrote an article on Amelia Earhart in January and issued it to the clubs in the district to use in their newsletters and club meetings to promote the program.</li> </ul> |

**January is Amelia Earhart Month**

Zontians all over the world will celebrate the uncompromising spirit of Amelia Earhart throughout the month of January. As one of our most famous Zonta members, we commemorate her birthday on January 11. We still wonder what happened to Amelia Earhart. Did the Japanese capture her? Did she survive? Perhaps we may never know for sure. What we do know is that Amelia Earhart is a heroine. Amelia is the embodiment of a real Zontian, demonstrating conviction, commitment, courage and achievement. She was a leader, not a passive bystander. She was strong, not a victim. She was not born into a rich family, as many other women pilots of her day, but was up lifted up by her own accomplishments. Her message is one of interpersonal strength, which demonstrates her belief that others are worthy of attention and affirmation as human beings. This is certainly a character strength that all of us in our own club's exemplify as evidenced by the time, effort, and financial investment we make in working toward the mission of Zonta International.

Many researchers believe the 21<sup>st</sup> century is the century of women. Research tells us that by empowering women locally and in developing countries can end poverty, starvation, and even war. There are many stories of extraordinary women fighting enormous odds to get an education, escape sex trafficking, relationship violence, and slavery. More and more women are taking on leadership roles. One of the ways Zonta is making a difference for women is in the presentation of 30 Amelia Earhart Fellowships. This prestigious international fellowship of \$10,000 US is a challenge for the judging committee in choosing only 30 of the most promising women from among the field of many qualified applicants in the field of aerospace-sciences and engineering. This Fellowship is entirely funded by individual donations and donations by individual clubs. It does not come from our dues. This month we celebrate our courage, conviction, commitment and kindness in memory of Amelia Earhart. Thank you for all you do in the name of Zonta.

Donna Ketchum-Colletta  
Amelia Earhart co-chair  
Zonta District 4  
January 2019

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| <p>Encourage Financial Support through fundraising efforts by District 4, club activities and individual donations</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The AE Cruise will be in progress during the time of the May District Board meeting.</li> <li>• Donna has issued to all club presidents, and D4 Board members the request for the AE baskets for Silent Auction and the Small Items for the Raffle at the District conference.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12 people are participating in the fundraiser cruise.</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Comments</b></p>   | <p>Note: In March while at the Amelia Earhart Fellowship Committee selection meeting in Germany the Committee had the opportunity to attend the AE fellowship award presentation to Fellow Laura Cordes in Karlsruhe. The German clubs have a lovely practice of inviting the student's professor to the meeting to speak about the fellow and her research. It is something to think about in future presentations.</p> |   |