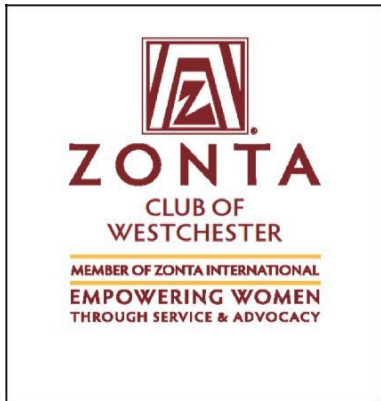


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ZONTA CLUB OF WESTCHESTER
CONSTITUENT OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 3 AREA 1 ORGANIZED 1931

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Dear Westchester Zontians,

Welcome June! Season of summer, season of rest and hopefully season of a resurrection from the season of Covid.

The Zontagram is a bit late this month as I was working on our annual report which I will share with you at our annual planning session LIVE on Saturday June 26, 2021 at 10:30 to 3:00. We will meet at Fogarty's, and I will send out an agenda beforehand. Please plan to attend. This meeting will REPLACE THE USUAL THIRD TUESDAY OF MONTH MEETING!!

Despite Covid we managed to record 465 hours of service work this year which is a conservative estimate as I and other members often forget to report the hours to Nancy, I want to thank her publicly for not only recording service hours but also advocacy hours and governance hours. THANK YOU NANCY!

Good news regarding our email campaign to end Child marriage. The senate bill #3086 (already passed) has been substituted for the assembly bill #3891. This is a mechanism which allows both houses to pass a single bill. This is generally a good sign. Here's hoping.

If you would like to make a small donation to MARCH (Maternal Advocacy and Research for Community Health), please send it to Gigi and notate MARCH in the memo section. Our speaker last month, Siwaar Abouhala, former YSWPA award winner, has initiated this program.

As of this writing we have 19 members and 17 who have paid their dues in full.

Zonta International has declared today, June 5, 2021 "World Environment Day".

Zonta's Statement - Zonta International envisions a world in which women's rights are recognized as human rights and everywoman is able to achieve her full potential. In such a world women have access to all resources and are represented on equal basis with men.....climate change threatens rights such as right to life, food, water health, education, livelihood and safety.

Sincerely,

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MEETING
Saturday
June 26, 2021

J C Fogarty's
60 Kraft Ave.
Bronxville
10:30am

Glass lens may shine light on the mystery of Amelia Earhart

From *The Virgin Islands Daily News*.

It was heartwarming for me to find an article about Amelia Earhart in a local newspaper in St. Croix, where my husband and I spent the recent winter months. Because of my long association with Zonta, I could not have escaped a deep familiarity with the famous aviatrix who also held membership with Zonta as we all do.

Amelia's attempt to fly around the world ended with her and her navigator's disappearance in the region of Papua New Guinea from where she had taken off in her Lockheed Electra 10 E plane in July 1937. Since then multiple search missions, speculations and legends evolved about her whereabouts.

One person claimed to have witnessed a crash in that area. Tracy Wildrix, a pilot, dive master, boat captain and metal expert maintained a fascination about Amelia's tragic fate. He started taking flying lessons at the age of 13 years, motivated by stories of Amelia Earhart. Being a metal expert, he knew that the major components of a plane after more than 80 years' exposure to seawater would now be a pile of dust.

Recently, however, during a dive at the shore of Buka, a very small island off Papua New Guinea, he examined a large coral rock with his sonar system and was able to determine parts of a plane embedded in coral at the depth of 125 feet. On close inspection, the coral had grown over the aluminum body of a plane, then dissolved all of the aluminum and left other debris. The "group" decided that the findings could be consistent with the Lockheed Electra which Earhart flew. A major breakthrough during Wildrix' dive came with the discovery of a six-inch glass lens which he suspects to represent part of a headlight. He even goes so far to assume that it was the left-sided headlight. Scientific evaluation of all details will follow.

In the meantime, the present findings encourage renewed eagerness in supporting another expedition in order to learn more facts about the identity of the plane and why the favorite American heroine never returned. Bill Snavely who is the owner of "Project Blue Angel" and the main source of support for previous expeditions is presently raising money for the next dive which Tracy Wildrix will conduct.

For more information visit www.projectblueangel.com

Submitted by Zontian Vera Voges May 2021

Birthdays

June

Regina Schmitz 2nd

July

Ayesha Ali 7th
Vera Voges 24th

August

Garnjana Gigi Palmieri 9th
Bebe Ahmed 28th

