



# Zonta Beacon

The Zonta Club of Farmington/Novi Area Newsletter  
District 15 / Area 4 [www.zontafarmingtonnovi.org](http://www.zontafarmingtonnovi.org)

## President's Message

Happy New Year to us all! I hope that you had wonderful Holidays with friends and family this year!

Last year we celebrated our **25th Anniversary** and we also had our final **Steppin' Out in Style** event. We also applied for a **Centennial Grant** and had a **JMK Women in Business** Scholarship applicant.

This year we are charged with coming up with another fundraising event. Remember - we have always said that we are **"small, but mighty"**. Let's put our heads together and reflect on how we want to continue to make our impact this year!

See you Tuesday

Carla



*"When you do nothing, you feel overwhelmed and powerless. But when you get involved, you feel the sense of hope and accomplishment that comes from knowing you are working to make things better."*

~ Maya Angelou



January 2020 Edition

## January Meeting

Tuesday, Jan 28th, 6:15 PM

Rusty Bucket

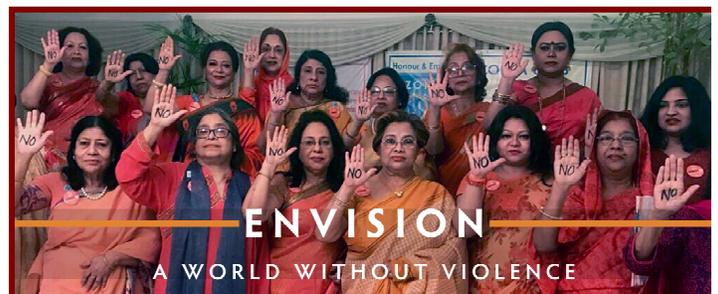
18785 Traditions Dr., Northville, MI 48168 - (Southwest corner of 7 Mile and Haggerty)

## Agenda / Program

First Step Valentine's Party  
Brainstorming Fundraising Event  
and more.....



Please RSVP to Ramona @ **by noon on Monday, January 27th**, if you CANNOT attend or are bringing a guest (check with Angie first regarding a potential member). We need a correct count! Thanks in advance for your cooperation!



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Carla - January 3

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## "NEW" WEB SITE



When we renewed this year, we had to change over to a new "website builder" at godaddy. This one has built-in security, and more capabilities than the old one.

But the design had to be re-constructed! It's essentially the same, but there are some new features - such as a photo gallery.

Please be patient - it still needs tweaking! Comments and suggestions are welcome. And if you have any pictures to post, please email them to Carla.

Check it out - you can even access it better than before on your phone!

## AMELIA EARHART

We honor Amelia in January. She was a courageous woman and also a Zontian. Log on to [www.zonta.org](http://www.zonta.org) for more information about Amelia!



## First Step Valentine's Party February 2020



Once again it's time to go to the shelter and offer our services to help residents celebrate

### Valentines Day!

It's always a fun night, and we'll need as many members as possible to make it successful.

More information coming at our meeting!

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### February Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 11, 2020

Bravo

### First Step Valentines Party

Planning is in process.

### February/March Pillow Status

Pending

### Zonta Rose Day/

### International Women's Day

March 8<sup>th</sup>

How will we celebrate?

### Zonta International Convention

Chicago, IL July 4-8 2020

Centennial Celebration

### District 15 Governor's Summit

October 17, 2020

Great Lakes Center for the Arts

Petosky

# ZONTA DISTRICT 15 CENTENNIAL PRESIDENTS PARADE CELEBRATION

As you all remember, we were asked by District 15 Governor, Joy Smith, to help set up a special celebration for the President's Parade at Fall Conference last October.



We continue now with the **fun facts for pop culture**, what **significant events were going on in the world**, and **what Zonta was doing** during these District 15 club charter years.

(Please refer to the **October 2019 newsletter** to see the descriptions of the clubs from 1919 - 1927.)

## **OWOSSO - Chartered in 1929 club #63**

**In 1929, Cloche hats were popular** as was the "Flapper" look; hemlines got shorter; Sam Foster started selling **sunglasses** from his counter in Woolworths' on the boardwalk in Atlanta; and the **Charleston** was still the **trendy dance** of the era!

**In the world, Amelia Earhart and other female pilots founded the "99's, a women's pilot association.** On November 11, the **Ambassador Bridge was opened** connecting the United States and Canada; and the **Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village opened** in Dearborn, Michigan.

**In Zonta, Olivia Johnson of St. Paul, Minnesota was the Zonta International President**

## **SOUTHFIELD AREA - Chartered in 1929 club #87**

**The Zonta Club of Southfield was originally the Zonta Club of Highland Park.** In 1929 pop songs were "**When You're Smiling**" by Louis Armstrong and "**Makin' Whoppee**" by Eddie Cantor; **the first Academy Awards, known as Oscars, started;** and **Popeye the Sailor** made his debut appearance in the comics!

**In the world, Martin Luther King was born on January 25; Vatican City became a sovereign state, gaining independence from Italy; and the Wall Street crash in October began the Great Depression** Zonta continued efforts to support near east relief supporting orphan children in Smyrna, Turkey and to fund means of self support for women.

## **SAGINAW - Chartered in 1938 club #156**

**In 1938, a gallon of gas was \$.10; minimum hourly wage was \$.25; Superman made his first appearance in Action Comics; and in fashion, hats were a must!**

**In the world, Howard Hughes broke the around-the-world flight record; OIL was discovered in Saudi Arabia; and Nazi Germany escalated and ramped up it's persecution of Jews, preceding the start of WWII in 1939.**

**In Zonta, The Amelia Earhart Fellowship was established in honor of the Zontian after her disappearance in 1937.**

## **MIDLAND - Chartered in 1947 club #197**

In 1947, the first Instant Camera appeared; the transistor was invented; the classic movie, *Miracle on 34th Street* premiered; and the first edition of the Diary of Ann Frank was published in Dutch.

In the world, the CIA was established; a crashed UFO was allegedly found in the Roswell UFO Incident; India and Pakistan became independent nations; and the Cold War began.

In Zonta, Louise C. Grace was president of Zonta International. She was from Detroit, MI, and her efforts surrounded world peace.

## **CHATHAM-KENT - Chartered in 1948 club #213**

In 1948, fashion evolved slowly and the bikini premiered; the first Polaroid Land Camera went on sale; Velcro was invented; and the Long Playing (LP) Record, 33 rpm, appeared!

In the world, Israel was declared an independent state; the United Nations adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; Harry Truman ended racial segregation in the US armed forces; and Apartheid began in South Africa

In Zonta, The first Z and Golden Z Clubs were founded in Burbank, California, USA.

## **MT. PLEASANT - Chartered in 1952 club #289**

In 1952, "Singin' in the Rain" premiered at Radio City; Mr. Potato Head was invented; the Today Show with Dave Garroway debuted on NBC; and the English version of the Diary of Anne Frank was released;

In the world, a polio epidemic in the US. killed 3,300 and paralyzed 57,000; the US successfully detonated the first hydrogen bomb; and Mother Theresa opened a home for the dying and destitute in Calcutta.

In Zonta, Elizabeth Gist Dozier from San Fernando, CA, was President. Her platform was "Meet the Challenge - Defend Your Freedom Now".

## **LUDINGTON AREA - Chartered in 1956 club #355**

In 1956, *As the World Turns* premiered as the first 1/2 hour soap opera on TV; *My Fair Lady* opened on Broadway; disposable diapers became available; and the first transatlantic telephone cable became operational!

In the world, the Italian ship *Andrea Doria*, collided with the *SS Stockholm* off Nantucket Island, killing 52 people; the Cuban Revolution started; and Soviet leader, Nikita Krushchev, gave a secret speech denouncing Stalin during the 20th congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union.

In 1956, the Zonta International. President was Dorothea F. Radusch; her platform was: "Let's Grow - in Understanding, in Fellowship, in Service"

## **TRAVERSE CITY AREA - Chartered in 1956 club #356**

Also in 1956, Rock and Roll swept the world; Elvis Presley appeared on Ed Sullivan Show; the first hard drive was invented by IBM; black and white portable TV sets hit the market; and Grace Kelly married Prince Ranier!

In the world, the Suez Canal crises was caused by Egyptian nationalization of the Suez Canal; oral polio vaccine was developed by Saulk; and Alabama bus segregation laws were declared illegal by the US Supreme Court.

In Zonta, when Soviet troops marched into Hungary, Zonta International provided direct aid to Hungarian refugees.