



# ZONTA CLUB OF LAFAYETTE

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EMPOWERING WOMEN  
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

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

## 2022 – 2024 Zonta Club of Lafayette

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### President's Message

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had wonderful holiday with family. As we begin our journey into 2023, we will build on our successes and add new adventures! With the group of enthusiasts we have, we are ready to take on any challenges. I challenge every one of you to come up with one suggestion in keeping with our 3 platforms; Service, Advocacy and Educational support.

Identify the problem/need in our community and general guideline as to how would you like to accomplish this. With 32 people in our club, we can have 32 ideas and then narrow it down to 3 most plausible projects. An early start in the year will give us plenty of time to deliberate, plan, execute, evaluate periodically and modify plan to get to the finish line!

We welcome 3 new members to our group. It was most fitting to have a pilot joining us on this special day commemorating Amelia Earhart! Our celebration of Amelia Earhart Day went very well. I want to thank everyone for their efforts to make this a successful first annual event of 2023!

We also made a statement of awareness and support for an important advocacy issue of human trafficking by wearing blue! Lots of other good suggestions were made to bring more awareness.

Let us begin our exciting journey of 2023. ALL ABOARD!

Geeta Dalal  
Zonta Lafayette  
President 2022-2024

Our next meeting will be held on February 6, 2023. The meeting will be in person at Comfort Suites There will be no ZOOM for this meeting. The social gathering will be at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 6:00p.m.

Save the date: March 23, 2023

*Save ze Ta Ta'z !!!*



Zonta Club of Lafayette Art Bra Event

# Scholarships

## **Lafayette Woman Scholarship**

*(local)*

The Lafayette Woman Scholarship is awarded to a non-traditional student, female head of household, and primary wage earner of the family. Applicants should be individuals pursuing post high school training or certification programs not necessarily requiring a baccalaureate degree. The recipient must use the scholarship to attend an educational institution that is accredited and normally maintains a regular faculty and curriculum and normally has a regularly enrolled body of students in attendance at the place where its education activities are regularly carried on. This scholarship can fund a certification program such as law enforcement or fire training education at a technical/trade school or a community college.

[Application, due March 1](#)

## **District 10 Rose Scholarship**

*(district)*

The Rose Scholarship is awarded to a non-traditional student, female head of household, and primary wage earner of the family. Applicants should be individuals pursuing post high school training or certification programs not necessarily requiring a baccalaureate degree. The recipient must use the scholarship to attend an educational institution that is accredited and normally maintains a regular faculty and curriculum and normally has a regularly enrolled body of students in attendance at the place where its education activities are regularly carried on. This scholarship can fund a certification program such as law enforcement or fire training education at a technical/trade school or a community college.

[Application, due April 1](#)

## **Amelia Earhart Fellowship**

*(International)*

The Amelia Earhart Fellowship is awarded annually to women pursuing Ph.D./doctoral degrees in aerospace-related sciences and aerospace-related engineering. The Fellowship of US\$10,000, awarded to 30 Fellows around the globe each year, may be used at any university or college offering accredited post-graduate courses and degrees in these fields.

[Application will open in July 2023.](#)

## **Young Woman in Public Affairs (YWPA) Award**

*(local, district, and International)*

The Young Women in Public Affairs Award honors young women studying at a secondary school, college or university in a Zonta district/region, or who are studying elsewhere but are citizens of a Zonta country.. , ages 16 to 19, who demonstrate a commitment to leadership in public policy, government and volunteer organizations. The program operates at the Zonta club, district and international levels. Zonta clubs provide awards for club recipients, and district and international awards are funded by the Zonta International Foundation. Zonta District 10 awards its recipient \$1000. From ZI, each district recipient who qualifies receives \$5000.

[Application, due March 15](#)

## **District 10 STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) Scholarship**

*(local and district)*

The goal of the STEM Scholarship is to encourage more young women to pursue a high education degree in science, technology, engineering or math, while also encouraging leadership achievements in science, technology, engineering and/or math and a dedication to the advancement of the status of women. We are targeting currently enrolled undergraduate female students from a District 10 state, who are majoring in a STEM field.

[Application, due May 15](#)

## **Jane M Klausman (JMK) Woman in Business Scholarship**

*(local, district, and International)*

The Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarships are awarded to women undertaking business studies who have demonstrated outstanding potential in the field. Zonta International offers up to 32 scholarships of US\$5,000 each at the district/region level. Any woman undertaking a business program at an accredited university/college/institute, including online students, in at least the second year of an undergraduate program through the final year of a Master's program at the time the application is submitted to the local Zonta club, is eligible to apply. The scholarship may be used at any university, college or institute offering accredited courses and degrees.

[Application, due August 1](#)

# Calendar

- January 1, 2023: New Years Day  
January 5, 2023: Twelfth Night  
January 6, 2023: Epiphany (King Cakes are available through Mardi Gras)  
January 9, 2023: Amelia Earhart Dinner at Deano's on Kaliste Saloom  
January 11, 2023: Amelia Earhart Day  
January 16, 2023: Martin Luther King Day  
January 31, 2023: Period Poverty Zoom Meeting

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## Zonta Club of Lafayette Events

### Zonta Club of Lafayette Celebrate Amelia Earhart



January 9, 2023, Zonta Club of Lafayette members & guests celebrates Zonta International's Amelia Earhart Month! Our Amelia Earhart Fellowship was established in 1938 in honor of famed pilot and Zontian, Amelia Earhart. The US\$10,000 Fellowship is awarded annually to up to 30 women pursuing Ph.D./doctoral degrees in aerospace engineering and space sciences. Since the program's inception in 1938, Zonta has awarded 1,704 Amelia Earhart Fellowships, totaling more than US\$11.3 million, to 1,275 women from 76 countries. The 2024 Amelia Earhart application will open in July 2023.



Laura McColm, a helicopter pilot, was the guest speaker at our Amelia Earhart Dinner. She recounted stories about being a woman in a traditional male field and the strides women are making in aviation.

## Zonta Club of Lafayette Raises Awareness about Human Trafficking



Zonta Club of Lafayette members showing support of January 11, 2023 WEAR BLUE DAY to raise awareness RECESS of Human Trafficking in Louisiana, the United States and the World.

## Zonta Club of Lafayette Inducts New Members



The new members of Zonta Club of Lafayette are Carolyn French, Laura McColm and Beverly Lagneaux. Also pictured are President Geeta Dalal and Membership Chair Suzanne Daigle.

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## Up Coming Events for Zonta Club of Lafayette

Save Ze TaTaz March 23, 2023 at River Oaks Event Center Lafayette LA

Area 2 Meeting March 25, 2023 at Comfort Suites Oil Center Lafayette LA

Be Kind – not for any reason  
other than it is the right  
thing to do.

## District 10 News

### Advocacy

#### Leadership Development

The Leadership Development Team is hard at work designing Leadership Development Session 2 to be delivered Saturday, 4 Feb from 11AM - Noon.

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83905750209?pwd=SGhMUEMzZ05NRHJTOVFIV21yTytqUT09>

### Service

#### Period Poverty

D10 has formed a small district working group comprised of the Service, Advocacy and Membership Chairs with the thought of elevating our next Advocacy events in March to include all three of these aspects. March is the kick off to the Add Your Voice Membership Campaign. This would be a good opportunity for D10 Zontians to unite their voices to combat Period Poverty.

Topic: Period Poverty Service/Advocacy/Membership Event Tool Kit

Time: Jan 31, 2023 07:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88633143718?pwd=bklBZ0lQTENhUjJsek1SNDZEeVFTUT09>

## ZONTA International News and Events

### CONGRATULATIONS TO ZONTA CLUBS WITH MILESTONE JANUARY 2023

#### ANNIVERSARIES

*Posted on 1/1/2023*

Congratulations to the clubs celebrating special anniversaries this month.

### FIRSTS FOR WOMEN: DECEMBER 2022

*Posted on 1/3/2023*

Zonta International celebrates "firsts for women" in all different sectors in countries and communities around the world. Looking back on December 2022, we acknowledge the following women.

### REMARKABLE MEDIA EXECUTIVE AND FITNESS EXPERT SHARES HER POWERFUL STORY

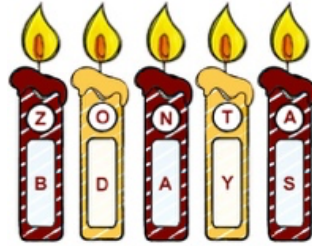
*Posted on 1/9/2023*

Jennifer Turner is the executive vice president at TriStar Television for Sony Pictures Television and the CEO and founder of MAD COOL FITNESS and MAD COOL COMMUNITY. Read her powerful story.

## ZONTA INTERNATIONAL COMMEMORATES INTERNATIONAL DAY OF EDUCATION 2023

*Posted on 1/24/2023*

Every year on 24 January, Zonta International observes International Day of Education and celebrates the role of education in peace and development.



### January

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ismatara Reena
- 9<sup>th</sup> Patsy Martin
- 12<sup>th</sup> Lisa LeBlanc
- 17<sup>th</sup> Aimee Bercier
- 27<sup>th</sup> Suzanne Daigle