

Zonta Club of Washington County has the following on their webpage...

The Zonta Club of Washington County, Pennsylvania, was chartered in 1985. Since its inception, our group of dedicated, professional women has been committed to making a meaningful impact in our community through service.

We have contributed financially to local organizations and have shared our time and talent through local organizations and professional networks. Through our participation with Zonta International, our efforts to support women around the world are ongoing.

Locally, we have provided service to Domestic Violence Services of SWPA (formerly the Washington's Women Shelter), the Interfaith Hospitality Network, Washington Christian Outreach, and our local branch of Dress for Success.

Internationally, we partnered with Habitat for Humanity of Washington County to help victims of the Tsunami disaster in Sri Lanka, and we created 1,000 birthing kits for distribution in undeveloped countries where women often die in childbirth due to unsanitary conditions.

We have a rich tradition of celebrating the achievements of women in Washington County, demonstrated by two of our annual recognition programs. At our **Amelia Earhart Awards** dinner program, we recognize a young lady at the junior level from each high school in Washington County for her community service. And at our annual **Rose Day Celebration**, we honor the achievements of adult women throughout the county who have excelled in the non-profit sector and in the areas of business, government, health care, education and the arts.

Zonta Club of Washington County helps women in the community and internationally through service and financial support. We encourage women to advance in their careers and to excel in all of their endeavors. Additionally, through the Zonta Club of Washington County Foundation, a 501(c)(3) charity, we support the good work of local charities and program that are helping the women in our community.

Area Director Charlene wrote the following in a 2011 Report...

Zonta Club of Washington County: - Autumn Kline, President

This club with many young members (25 total) grew this year by 3 new members. They held a purse auction and membership event in July and hope to add some more members through this effort. They also have created Zonta Happy Hours where they invite potential new members to learn about Zonta on an informal basis. They held their annual Rose Day Brunch in May where they honored 7 women from the area.

Our Foundation

The Zonta Club of Washington is a 501(c)(3) charity (Federal Tax ID #80-0651570) that serves the Washington County community.

Our mission is to promote improving the status of women locally and internationally through service activities and recognition programs.

Our programs include collecting jogging suits for rape victims (so that they may leave the hospital with dignity) and collecting and distributing stuffed bears for children who are the victims of abuse (in hopes of providing some comfort to them). We also support local agencies that help women such as Domestic Violence Services of SWPA, Dress for Success and Washington Christian Outreach.

Additionally, our Foundation has received generous support from the [Women of Southwestern PA](#) and [Washington Financial Bank](#).

2015 EVENTS...

Events

Purse Auction - July

Our fun-filled Membership Event/Purse Auction for prospective new members and friends offers an opportunity for community members to learn more about Zonta and the work that we do.

Paint & Sip Fundraiser - January

You won't want to miss our Paint & Sip event on **Friday, January 16**. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and painting will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. This event will be held at 899 E. Maiden St., Washington (by the Washington Park entrance). As wine will be served, ladies over 21 are welcome to attend. Advance registration is required since space is limited. Please call 724-255-0451 to make a reservation. The cost is \$40. Proceeds benefit the Zonta Club of Washington County.

Amelia Earhart Dinner - February

Our annual Amelia Earhart Dinner is held in February. This year's dinner will be held on **Wednesday, February 4**. At this event we honor one outstanding young lady in her junior year of high school for her commitment to community service. A student from all 15 high schools in Washington County is recognized. Each honoree receives a \$100 scholarship, and one is awarded the Exemplary Service Award and a \$1,000 scholarship. We are glad to recognize the accomplishments of young women in Washington County and hope these wonderful young ladies will go on to become Zontians in the future.

Rose Day - May

In May we hold our Rose Day Celebration, where we honor deserving women from Washington County for their outstanding achievements in the following categories:

- Health Care
- Education
- Government
- Community Service
- Non-Profit
- Business
- Fine Arts

We also honor a non-traditional nursing student, who receives a \$1,000 scholarship.

This is a news article in the Observer – Reporter in Jan 2014
Zonta Club to honor young volunteers
January 26, 2014

The Zonta Club of Washington County will hold its 25th annual Amelia Earhart awards dinner at 6 p.m. Feb. 5 at the Doubletree, Meadow Lands.

Fifteen high school juniors will be recognized for their volunteer work and leadership in community service.

Each year, counselors from every Washington County high school are asked to select one girl as an Amelia Earhart honoree. The girls are nominated based on their overall spirit of volunteerism, time commitment with documented hours of service, the variety of programs they support and their ability to lead and inspire other students to participate.

The 2014 Amelia Earhart honorees are Briana Pyeritz of Avella; Lindsay Heinz, Bentworth; Taylor Green, Bethlehem-Center; Jamie Lynn Egan, Bishop Canevin; Olivia Gerace, Burgettstown; Rachel Wilkinson, California Area; Natalie Burchesky, Canon-McMillan; Lyssa Current, Charleroi; Jordan Cavallo, Chartiers-Houston; Amelie Motte, Fort Cherry; Megan Gottschalk, McGuffey; Angela Krak, Peters Township; Alexandra Liston, Ringgold; Alexis Hornickel, Trinity; and Jenna Shallcross, Washington.

Each girl will receive a certificate, a \$100 scholarship and an "Amelia Bear." In addition, one of the girls will be selected for the exemplary service award.

Earhart, who disappeared in 1937 on an around-the-world flight, was a member of the Zonta Club of Boston and a role model for young women aspiring to reach their potential and achieve positions of leadership in whatever field they choose.

The following is an article date Feb 2015 in the MVH Newsletter

Monongahela Valley Hospital Receives Donations for Trauma Patients

(February 13, 2015 - Carroll Township, Pa.)

For a second year in a row, the Zonta Club of Washington County donated sweat suits and stuffed animals to help comfort trauma patients brought to Monongahela Valley Hospital's Emergency Department (ED). From left, ED Nurse Jen McMullen accepted the donations of sweat suits and stuffed animals from Zonta members Vickie DeMarco, who is also the telecommunications manager at MVH, and Tina DeJulius, a business application specialist at MVH. Ms. McMullen said that trauma patients sometimes need clothes to return home and the ED staff is grateful to have something to comfort small children when they're scared. Ms. DeMarco said a grant provided the money for the sweat suits and the club raised money to purchase the fluffy stuffed animals as a local service project. The 20 members of the Washington County club are a local chapter of Zonta International, a worldwide service organization focused on making a difference in the lives of women.



From left, Jen McMullen, Vickie DeMarco, and Tina DeJulius.