



## January is Amelia Earhart Month How will your club celebrate?

Zontian. Record-breaking aviator. Women's rights advocate.

Zonta is proud to honor the extraordinary achievements and uncompromising spirit of Amelia Earhart throughout the month of January. **11 January is Amelia Earhart Day** - and in the months leading up to January, Zonta Clubs are encouraged to create annual events to:

- Celebrate the achievements of Amelia Earhart;
- Encourage women of various ages to follow in her footsteps;
- Generate contributions to the Amelia Earhart Fellowship Fund;
- Create visibility for the organization.

### Annual Events: Ideas That Work

**Women in Science and Engineering Luncheon:** The Zonta Club of Dallas hosted a luncheon to encourage young women in the community to explore careers in aerospace science and engineering. The event featured speeches by women with established careers in science and engineering.

**Motivational Performances and Speakers:** Many clubs host special events featuring historical accounts or costumed performances highlighting Amelia's accomplishments. Speakers and panels featuring women professionals from the fields of aviation, aerospace science and engineering are also popular.

**Connect with an Amelia Earhart Fellow:** E-mail Zonta International Headquarters to contact Fellows in your area. Fellows may be invited to events as guests or as speakers, sharing their experiences in the advanced sciences and as Amelia Earhart Fellows.

**Organize a Joint Event With Local Women's Professional Organizations in Science and Engineering:** Contact your local chapter of the Society of Women Engineers, Women in Science and Engineering or other similar organizations. By partnering with other organizations, you may be able to garner more media interest and event participants.

**Contact Science and Math Departments of Local Schools:** Clubs can get involved in local math and science competitions (general science fairs, model bridges, paper airplanes). From sponsorships in under-funded school districts, to prizes for winning entries, much can be done to encourage young women interested in these fields. It is also a perfect local interest story for the media in your area.

**Host a Silent Auction with Aerospace-related Items:** Telescopes, private sessions or memberships at a local planetarium, space-related movies, flying lessons, hot-air balloon rides, name-a-star gift certificates, "the sky is the limit" when it comes to ideas for a silent auction. A silent auction can easily be paired with a new or existing event to increase interest and generate more fundraising dollars.