

Dear Friend,

Happy New Year!

We kicked off 2022 with Amelia Earhart month, an event that is near and dear to my heart as an Amelia Earhart Fellow. As our longest-running program, the AE Fellowship strives to re-capture the innovative spirit of Zontian Amelia Earhart by empowering women to reach for the stars, take space in the male-dominated fields of aerospace engineering and space sciences and achieve the impossible. Our Fellows have gone on to become astronauts, aerospace engineers, astronomers, professors, geologists, business owners, heads of companies, even Secretary of the U.S. Air Force.



We are currently in [a second space race for the moon and Mars](#). Since the first space race in the 1950s, humanity has experienced many benefits of space exploration. Advances have been made not only in aerospace technology but also [in healthcare, protecting our planet and our environment, improving our overall lives](#) and so much more, all because of ever-expanding science. Despite these strides, only one in five space industry workers are women. Although the impact of our support for our Fellows cannot be understated, Zonta's continued support is essential to make space for women to take on leadership roles in this growing industry.

If you were unable to attend Tuesday's session of our AE Fellow panel, I encourage you to watch it today. Every single Fellow has made an impact in our world and these three women specifically highlighted how their work and research is changing our lives.

As Simonetta Di Pippo, director of the [United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs](#) [said](#), "Space for women means strengthened awareness, capacity, and skills, empowering young women and girls globally and promoting gender equality."

Thank you for your ongoing support and dedication. We accomplished so much in 2021 on both local and international levels, and I look forward to seeing the heights we will reach in 2022.

Warm regards,



Sharon Langenbeck, Ph.D.
President



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Amelia Earhart Fellowship Fund- Support the potential and dreams of our future Fellows

Did you know that Amelia Earhart was the 16th woman to receive her pilot's license and as of December 2021, only 72 women have been to space? A donation to the Amelia Earhart Fellowship Fund has a direct impact on the role of women in the space economy.





On Demand Now: The Space Economy: What it means for the aerospace sector and how it benefits us all

On Tuesday, 25 January, three of our Amelia Earhart Fellows discussed the booming space economy, its impact on science and research, and the innovations in aerospace that have the potential to benefit us all in a panel moderated by Zonta President Sharon Langenbeck, Ph.D. Click below to hear from **Makenzie Lystrup, Ph.D.**, Vice President and General Manager, Civil Space, Ball Aerospace; **Wendy Okolo, Ph.D.**, Associate Project Manager, NASA's System-Wide Safety Project and **Daniela Pedrini, Ph.D.**, Design Engineer, Electric Propulsion, Sitael.

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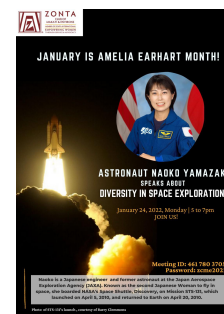
Making space for our Fellows in the Zonta community

Clubs and members have made great strides to further the Amelia Earhart Fellowship's impact by showcasing our Fellows in their community. Read the stories below that highlight their fantastic work.

[Zonta Club of Makati and Environs commemorates Amelia Earhart Month by celebrating women in space](#)

On 24 January, the Zonta Club of Makati and Environs, the Philippines, held their Amelia Earhart Day event. The event serves as a reminder to women that boundaries can be broken and not to be afraid of breaking into male-dominated fields.

The club's guest speaker was a Zonta International Honorary Member, Japanese engineer and former JAXA astronaut Naoko Yamazaki. Naoko is the second Japanese woman to fly in space (Chiaki Mukai, the first is also a Zonta International Honorary Member). Naoko is a 1994 Amelia Earhart Fellow and spoke at the 2018 Zonta International Convention in Yokohama.



[District 31 holds online biennial conference.](#)

Zontians from Taiwan and Mongolia attended the District 31 conference with special guest, Zonta International President Sharon Langenbeck.



President Sharon gave a speech to thank the Zontians' great support to improve women's status despite the difficult times. In honor of President Sharon, Governor Vivienne Shen and Foundation Ambassador Chen Ling Lien presented a US\$10,000 donation to the Amelia Earhart Fellowship Fund on behalf of District 31.

Remarkable Women, Powerful Stories: Laura Ballerini

Laura Ballerini developed a strong interest in economics and statistics while earning her bachelor's degree. She applied for a Master of Philosophy at the University of Oxford after an exchange semester in Shanghai, which further fueled her interest in development economics. She believes the program will further enrich her knowledge of economics and allow her to illuminate and unpack complex development and global health issues.

Laura also plans to continue cultivating her passion for statistics and advancing her qualitative and quantitative research skills by doing field research in Kenya.



Laura's goal is to bring her knowledge outside the university walls and put it to use in the business world. She aspires to enter a career in which she can combine her natural affinity for business with her talent for economics and her interest in development issues.

Click on the button below to hear Laura's story on-demand now.

[Hear Her Story](#)

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ZONTA
INTERNATIONAL
celebrates
this month's
club anniversaries!

Congratulations to the Zonta Club of Ashtabula Area, USA, District 5, who celebrated its 95th anniversary this month!

To see which other clubs are celebrating a milestone anniversary in January, please visit [Zonta News](#).

REGISTER



Convention registration is open! We cannot wait to see you all in Hamburg this June.

Register by 28 February to receive the Early Bird discounted rate at:

www.zonta.org/convention

WELCOME


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TO OUR NEW CLUBS!



Welcome to our newest clubs!

Zonta Club of Isabela,
Philippines, District 17
Chartered 20 December

Zonta Club of Nantou,
Republic of China
(Taiwan), District 31
Chartered 7 January

**Zonta e-Club of the
Philippines2,**
Philippines, District 17
Chartered 22 December





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