January 2019 e-newsletter

Message from President Susanne von Bassewitz to start the new year, in which Zonta will celebrate its Centennial Anniversary.

Watch video

Two former Amelia Earhart Fellows are reaching new horizons in their careers

When Aline Zimmer and Farah Alibay were named Zonta International Amelia Earhart Fellows, they both had dreams of one day working at NASA.

Today, Aline (a 2011 Fellow) and Farah (a 2012 and 2013 Fellow) work at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory and contributed to successfully landing a spacecraft on the surface of Mars only a few weeks ago.

Aline is now a Systems Engineer for the Entry, Descent and Landing team and Farah is a Payload Systems Engineer at NASA-JPL for the InSight Mission.

Both Fellows spoke with Zonta International about their experiences on this team and what has changed in their lives since they were named AE Fellows.

Read online

Remembering Simone Ovart

With great sadness, Zonta International shares that Simone Ovart, Past Zonta International Director, Past District 30 Governor and long-time member of the Zonta International United Nations Committee, passed away on Wednesday, 9 January 2019.
Simone joined the Zonta Club of Pinerolo, Italy in 1989. She quickly became an active member, serving as club president from 1992-1994, and later as area director, lt. governor and governor of District 30. As District 30 Governor, Simone oversaw the chartering of 12 new Zonta clubs and the addition of one new country with the chartering of the first Zonta club in Macedonia.

Read more about Simone’s contributions to Zonta [here.](#)

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**Who inspires you?**

Tell us which friend, family member or hero has motivated, encouraged or supported you to achieve more in your life.

Send an email to [webmaster@zonta.org](mailto:webmaster@zonta.org) with your first and last name, club information, a short explanation of who inspired you in 2018 and why as well as a photo of you, if possible.

Responses will be shared on Zonta's social media pages.

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**Zontians in Action**

Every month, we highlight the incredible service, advocacy and membership initiatives of Zonta clubs around the world. [Share Your Story](#) through our website and tag your social media posts with #ZontiansInAction.

**2018 Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women campaign**

Watch the 2018 campaign recap video to learn about some of the inspiring action Zonta club members took during the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence.

[Watch the video](#)

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- [Learn about the outstanding 2018 international JMK Women in Business scholars](#)