



January 2017

Chair of Houston Ninety-Nines to speak at AE Meeting



Becky Nickell

Becky Nickell, Chair of the Houston Chapter of the Ninety-Nines, will speak at the January club meeting honoring the memory of Amelia Earhart. The Ninety-Nines is an international organization of female pilots that promotes advancement of aviation through education, scholarships, and mutual support while honoring their unique history and sharing their passion for flight. The organization was

established in 1929 by 99 women pilots. Ms. Nickell will discuss her experiences in obtaining her pilot's license.

In January, Zonta International and local Zonta clubs celebrate Amelia Earhart who was a member of Zonta International and the first president of the Ninety-Nines.



From left to right: Amelia at seven years, source unknown; Amelia as an adult, from "The Earhart Disappearance: The British Connection, 1987, by J.A. Donahue; Amelia as a nurse's aid volunteer for the Red Cross, source unknown.

with contributions from Lolis, Carolyn and www.ninety-nines.org

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CLUB NEWS

In Memoriam

David Moffatt, beloved brother of Carole
Moffatt, December 2016



Service Opportunities

Bay Area Turning Point

Saturday February 11

Saturday March 11

The Women's Home

Gift bag assembly January 28

Awards dinner January 31



Happy Birthday!

January

Suzanne Russell 1/9

Monica de la Cerda 1/10

Lolis Steinbeck 1/19

Carole Moffatt 1/24

Welcome to One of Our New ZCH Members!

Therese Hartwell has shared some information on her life experiences with us. Welcome, Therese, and we hope you will enjoy the service, fellowship and fun offered by membership in Zonta!

Therese Hartwell is a third-generation native Houstonian who recently returned to the US after ten years living in Saudi Arabia. Therese is active in organizations dedicated to women's human rights and serves as chair of the Human Rights Task Force for the Federation of American Women's Clubs Overseas (FAWCO) and the metro coordinator for Houston and regional rep for the SW Region for FAUSA, the alumni arm of FAWCO. She also serves on the board for Collateral Repair Project, a grass-roots non-profit in Amman, Jordan that supports refugees from various countries. Therese has a BA in Psychology and a law degree.

Save the Date!

- *The Women's Home Award Dinner*
Tuesday, January 31, 2017
- *ZCH Annual Sport Clay Shooting Fundraiser*
Saturday, February 18, 2017
- *District 10 Area 2 Meeting in Houston*
Saturday, May 6, 2017
- *ZI North American Summit in Washington*
DC June 2-4, 2017
- *District 10 Conference in Oklahoma City*
October 20-21, 2017

School Supplies for Refugee Students

Thanks to all who assisted with the collection of school supplies for refugee students conducted by the Alliance for Multicultural Community Services. The Alliance sent ZCH a thank you and described how the supplies have been allocated: "A family from Congo was in the office with their seven children. Because of the supplies you donated, we were able to provide the children with backpacks, socks and other school supplies they'll need for their first day of school in America. Purchasing school supplies for seven children would have been a huge financial burden for the family, who have very limited income since they just arrived last week, and they were so happy and relieved to receive these items."



Donated items filled the back of Therese's SUV!

LOCAL SERVICE PROJECT NEWS

January is National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month!

ZCH Sponsors a Performance of "The Johns" on Thursday, January 26th



The Johns

by Mary Bonnett

Directed by Jennifer Decker

January 19 – February 4, 2017, Thursdays, Fridays,

Saturdays at 8:00pm

Matinee Sunday, January 29 at 3:00pm

Pay What You Can Monday, January 30 at 8:00pm

\$25 general admission / \$15 students, seniors (65 and over), and arts industry

Studio 101, 1824 Spring Street, Houston, TX 77007

The Johns is produced in collaboration with The National Council of Jewish Women, Greater Houston Section and United Against Human Trafficking.

This play contains graphic subject matter and is suitable for mature audiences only.

ZCH is sponsoring the Thursday, January 26th performance of "The Johns", an awareness play on human trafficking. The play is about an upper middle-class family in a prominent Houston area suburb that finds itself ensnared in sex trafficking. This unflinching drama explores our values raising boys to men, instant sexual gratification, and its impact on women, the family and those purchased. Originally produced in 2014 for Her Story Theater, Bonnett's play was based on hundreds of interviews with people involved in sex trafficking in the Chicagoland area. For the Mildred's Umbrella production, the playwright has updated the script to set the action in The Woodlands, Texas. ZCH will display "Zonta Says No to Violence Against Women" banners at the January 26th performance. Please encourage your friends, family and neighbors to attend. For more information contact Therese Hartwell or Lolis Steinbeck. We hope to see you there!

Human Trafficking Statistics

Human Trafficking is Not Just an International Issue

According to Polaris Project, 41% of those sex trafficked were U.S. Citizens. A study by Covenant House, a service provider for homeless youth in New York, collected data on the relationships between traffickers and domestic minor sex trafficking victims. The most striking finding was that 36% of the children in this study were trafficked by their parents or immediate family members. While this study was specific to the youth of Covenant House, it reminds us of the need to be alert and aware in our communities.

Human Trafficking is Not Just a Women's Issue

According to the International Labor Organization, 45% of global trafficking victims are men. Demand for cheap products and labor fuels a cycle of exploitation all over the world. Men are trafficked for labor and/or sex in restaurants, construction sites, and even hotels

- from United Against Human Trafficking January Updates, contributed by Carole Moffatt

Upcoming Anti-Human Trafficking Activities

Advocacy Day—January 25, 2017

Location: South Steps of the Texas State Capitol, 114 E. 11th St., Austin, TX 78701. Time: 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM
Description: Children at Risk is hosting an Advocacy Day for human trafficking. Participants will be provided with informational packets about human trafficking advocacy. Cost: Free. Contact: Children at Risk, Phone: (713) 869-7740

Vulnerable: A Conference on the Issues of Gender, Race, Poverty and Human Trafficking –January 28

Location: South Main Baptist, 4100 Main St, Houston, TX 77002 . Time: 8 AM – 1 PM Description: Conference Organized by Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, South Main Baptist Church, In Our Backyard, Christ Church Cathedral, St. Paul's Methodist Church, Christians for Biblical Equality, Houston Chapter; and in association with the Houston Rescue & Restore Coalition.

At 1 PM In Our Backyard, a nationally recognized anti-human trafficking non-profit, is launching a new national program, Convenience Stores Against Trafficking. Join us for the launch and an exclusive opportunity for local

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LOCAL SERVICE PROJECT NEWS (cont.)

Upcoming Anti-Human Trafficking Activities, cont.

participation in an anti-human trafficking outreach. Conference cost: \$10 (includes registration and a light lunch). Contact: Visit the South Main Baptist website to register for the conference.

Convenience Stores Against Trafficking –January 28

Location: South Main Baptist, 4100 Main St, Houston, TX 77002 . Time: 1 PM – 5 PM Description: In Our Backyard, a nationally recognized anti-human trafficking nonprofit, is launching a new national program, Convenience Stores Against Trafficking (CSAT). Join the Houston Rescue & Restore Coalition for the launch and an exclusive opportunity for local participation in an anti-human trafficking outreach. Cost: free. Contact: Visit the In Our Backyard website to register for the outreach.

SOAP Up the Super Bowl –January 28

Location: Cypress Creek Christian Church, 6823 Cypresswood Dr, Spring, TX 77379 . Time: 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM

Description: Join the TraffickFree for a S.O.A.P. (Save Our Adolescents from Prostitution) Outreach. Help label soap with the National Human Trafficking Hotline and give them to hotels and motels around Houston prior to the Super Bowl. Contact: Register to volunteer on EventBrite.

Justice Rally –February 1-4

Location: Freedom Outpost Houston, 2800 Antoine Dr., Suite 2842, Houston, TX 77092 . **Time:** 10 AM – 5 PM **Description:** Elijah Rising invites you to join the Justice Rally, a one of a kind event filled with daily training and direct intervention into every part of the sex industry in Houston. Join us, along with local and national ministry partners, for 4 days of training, worship and survivor informed intervention. Together, we will learn from survivor leaders and abolitionist experts from across the nation. **Cost:** \$100-\$175 **Contact:** Visit the Elijah Rising website to register for the rally.

-contributed by Therese Hartwell

Commentary on Human Trafficking by TX Attorney General Ken Paxton

The Dallas News published a commentary by Texas State Attorney General Ken Paxton on his plans to equip every Texan with the tools needed to assist in combating human trafficking. His office will release a training film later in 2017 explaining what human trafficking is, and how to identify and report it. For more information see the following link: <http://www.dallasnews.com/opinion/commentary/2017/01/10/texas-can-end-human-trafficking-one-hero-time#/-/web/-/1484146798091-trackingCode-W4aWhrGEHWIcrAtNR4yNJNhWFm-MUay2Fg7itynZZ34PkwbnnLpHCF1Y3jzerAyEu-articleId-385748932-vv-2ff3b338-b406-48ce-af2c-382b2497e32b>

The Women's Home Award Dinner January 31

Zonta Club of Houston will be hosting the upcoming TWH award dinner to honor the achievements of the women and celebrate their successes in meeting various tasks and learning challenges. **On Tuesday, January 31st**, ZCH will host the award banquet at United Way by providing table decorations, cakes, door prizes and graduate gift bags. We meet at 5pm to decorate and the festivities begin at 6pm. The Zontians attending the dinners in the past often leave with a greater sense of appreciation for the clients who are working so hard to change their lives.

What can you do to make this event a success and a special evening for these women?

1. We would greatly appreciate it if you could please bring any of the items listed below for the gift bags and door prizes to: our January 18th monthly meeting or Suzan Miles' gathering listed under no.3 below or drop off at Suzan Miles' home at your convenience any time before January 31.

Examples of items for the gift bags:

Bath/body sets, gloves/scarves, cologne, journals, stationary, costume jewelry, gift cards, makeup items, etc.

2. Volunteer to attend the Award Dinner on January 31.

The award dinner will be held at the United Way Headquarters on 50 Waugh Drive, Houston 77007. We do need your help to help set up the room at about 5:00pm as the dinner starts at 6pm. Even if you can't help set up, you are invited to attend as you will find the evening extremely heart-warming and rewarding. Dinner will be provided to all attendees.

3. Help with putting together the gift bags/door prizes.

Volunteers are invited to Suzan Miles' home Saturday January 28th at 10:00 am for mid-morning goodies to help put together the gift bags. You wouldn't want to miss this day as it is always fun!

A sign-up sheet for both events under item nos.2 and 3 will be circulated at our January 18th meeting. You may also contact Suzan Miles directly to sign up.

- contributed by Linda Licarione and Suzan Miles

LOCAL SERVICE PROJECT NEWS (cont.)

Bay Area Turning Point (BAPT)



In Memory of
Anne Christine-Johnson

Bay Area Turning Point mourns the loss of yet another woman, Anne Christine-Johnson, murdered in a horrific way by the hands of her abuser. We share this candle in her memory and to shine a light on the plight of so many women across our nation who – like Anne Christine-Johnson - live in the shadows because of fear and violence every day.

This is the third woman that Bay Area Turning Point staff knew that was murdered in a domestic violence tragedy in 2016. It is the third time we are brought to our knees by the senseless loss of life – all because HE took out his own rage and insecurities on someone more vulnerable. As we celebrated the holidays, Anne Christine-Johnson was lying dead in the batterer's garage - wearing Christmas pajamas, beaten, stabbed and with a plastic bag over her head.

We ask that you pray for Anne's family, especially the two young children who now do not have their mother. Since 2014, Texas has seen a 20% increase in the number of women killed by male intimate partners. 72,000 people were served in Texas domestic violence programs last year alone.

We ask that you think about how we as a community can stand against violence and abuse. We ask that you examine deeply how you can be a part of standing against violence and helping those whose very lives are at stake. And I ask that if you need help – or know someone who may – please call.

281-286-2525 24 Hour Hotline

281.338.7600 Crisis Center

www.bayareaturningpoint.org

National Domestic Violence Hotline 800.799.SAFE

-contributed by Carolyn Phillips

National Women's March January 21, 2017

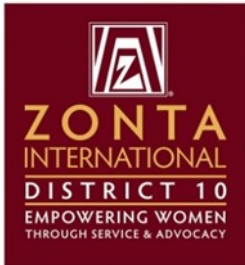
On January 21, 2017, people from all over the state of Texas will gather in Washington D.C and in a sister March on Austin to send a bold message to our new administration on their first day in office and to the world that Women's Rights are Human Rights. We stand together, recognizing that defending the most marginalized among us is defending all of us. Those groups include immigrants of all statuses, Muslims and those of diverse religious faiths, people who identify as LGBTQIA, Native people, Black and Brown people, people with disabilities, survivors of sexual assault and any others who may be negatively impacted by setbacks on the social justice front. This is not a protest but rather a declaration of support of the rights of all humans. The Women's March on Washington (WMW) is for any person, regardless of gender or gender identity, who believes women's rights are human rights.

Details can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/events/1822494244699112/permalink/1849225312026005/> and <https://marchonaustin.com/>.

- contributed by Therese

DISTRICT 10 NEWS

Reminder: District 10 STEM Scholarship Applications Being Accepted Through February 1



Applications for the District 10 \$1000 scholarship for women majoring in science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM) fields are now being accepted. The scholarship will be awarded to a US citizen or permanent resident who has

completed 30 college hours in a STEM field and who resides in one of the following District 10 states: Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma or Texas.

Application materials and more information on eligibility requirements are on the District 10 website www.zontadistrict10.org. The application deadline is February 1, 2017. The scholarship will be awarded for the fall of 2017. The District STEM committee has distributed information and applications to colleges and universities in the five state area of the district. District 10 members are encouraged to distribute applications to eligible students of their acquaintance. Questions may be directed to STEM Committee Chair, Jennifer Ehlers.

ZONTA INTERNATIONAL NEWS

From November 25 to December 10, 2016, the annual 16 Days of Activism campaign aimed to raise awareness of and increase actions to end violence against women and girls around the world. Each day a message was sent from Zonta International relating to this campaign. Selections from these messages are reproduced here.

On the Right to Education

Despite feminist struggles for sustainable and transformative development, education remains beyond the reach of millions of girls. Women constitute two-thirds of the world's illiterate people (493 million) and gender parity in education has not been reached. Violence against girls on their way to school or while they are in their school must end and, in order to find the solution, the human right to education for girls must be realized.

The UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) is one of the most widely ratified international human rights treaties. In line with CEDAW, education's promise of empowerment comes not merely from increased awareness of the rights of women and girls, but of the breakdown of powerful gender stereotypes and ideologies based on the notion that women should be subjugated and their human rights denied.

Many groups that oppose human rights for women and girls, including State and non-State actors, are using arguments in the cause of religion, culture, and tradition to justify the gender-based violence and discrimination to which girls are being subjected. These extreme views deny human rights of women and girls and often target dissent. Thus, girls that challenge fundamentalist ideologies by attempting to access education or simply express non-normative gender identities and sexualities are at risk of gender-based violence.

Violence and the fear of violence inflicted by extremist groups or individuals supporting their ideologies are among the prevailing reasons preventing girls from attending school and completing their education. In places where extremists are seeking to take over all public and private spaces, girls' risks to rape, sexual harassment, intimidation and threats have increased. Poverty, militarism, armed conflict, lack of sanitation and long journeys to school make the simple act of choosing to go to school an act of defiance and resistance by girls and their families, which often leave them even more vulnerable to violence.

ZONTA INTERNATIONAL NEWS (cont.)

Attacks on girls attempting to access education and attacks targeting girls in schools directly impact the lives of many – not only girls, but those who support them – families and teachers. Every attack on girls going to school or in school tells the collective community that there is no safe place for girls and families that do not conform to traditional or patriarchal sanctified practices and roles. This often leads to exclusion from education by families and State actors, where girls are kept out of school as a way to “protect” them. For example, after the attacks on schools in Pakistan and Nigeria in the last few years, schools for girls in “at risk areas” are often closed indefinitely. Even when they stay open, families do not allow girls to go to school for fear of new attacks. In this way, most of measures taken by families and State actors in response to attacks on girls going to school or in those in school targeted by extremist groups often lead to further violations of the human right to education.

States must investigate attacks against girls claiming their right to education and must prevent future attacks by taking all necessary actions. However, in most cases, attacks on groups of girls in schools are followed by closing schools and violations of girls’ rights to education. Gender-based violence against girls is not being investigated and documented, and perpetrators of violence against girls are not being held accountable. At another level, regardless of the motivations for attacks against girls, States must continue to address underlying structural discrimination and negative gender stereotyping. Education policies and systems must address the root causes and consequences of attacks against girls accessing education and for this to be possible, ongoing gender-equality training, systematic research and improved data collection is required.

Advocacy efforts must be adapted as new challenges emerge. It is important to understand the ways girls are subjected to violence when trying to access their right to education. Similarly, once in school, girls often experience violence in schools and through the education system, for example corporal punishment. Since discrimination and inequality are dynamic and change over time, on-going tracking and documenting discrimination and barriers to substantive equality is important.

Engage with girls, boys, teachers and their families who are willing to listen and raise awareness about the importance of the right to education and the right to a life free from violence. Continue to build their skills and set up girls’ clubs and gender equality groups in your community and in schools. Rally support for girls that are willing to take risks to exercise and enjoy their human right to education.

It has increasingly been recognized that girls play a critical role in solving the most persistent development problems facing the world today. Access to quality education and freedom from violence in childhood and adolescence can transform the access to opportunities and equality over a woman’s life. Integrating girls’ rights to education and addressing gender-based violence can have multiplying results in intimate relationships: preventing and addressing rape and sexual harassment; preventing child marriage and teen pregnancy; preventing trafficking in girls. In the long term, these ideas help to promote equality in the family and in the work place between men and women.

International Women Human Rights Defenders Day, November 29th

Defending Women Defending Rights is an international campaign launched in 2004 for the recognition and protection of women human rights defenders who are activists advocating for the realization of all human rights for all people. The campaign asserts that women fighting for human rights and all activists defending women’s rights face specific violations as a result of their advocacy or their gender. November 29th is a day of recognition for women human rights defenders, and it is a day to commemorate activism, advocacy and courageous acts of resistance. The campaign focuses on defense of rights and the impact of abuses by state and non-state actors (including family and community members), the rise in militarism and fundamentalisms, and the many ways defenders are targeted because of sexuality, including the perception of being lesbian or gay. *For more information, check the women human rights defender campaign website at <http://www.defendingwomen-defendingrights.org/> .*

- information submitted by Carole Moffatt



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ZONTA SAYS NO
TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

The next general meeting
of the Zonta Club of Houston
is

Wednesday, January 18, 2017

at Kenny & Ziggy's

2327 Post Oak Blvd., Houston 77056

5:30 pm (social hour)

6:00 pm (dinner & program)

Speaker: Ms. Becky Nickell,
Chair of the Houston Ninety-Nines

WANTED!
Photos & Articles for the February Issue
of the ZCH Newsletter

Zonta Club of Houston Educational & Charitable Fund (ZCHECF)



5th Annual Charity Clay Sport Shooting Event

Saturday - February 18, 2017

Registration: 9:00am

Event Start Time: 10:00am

Location: American Shooting Center

16500 Westheimer Parkway, Houston, TX 77082

Cost is \$125 per person or \$600 for a team of 5 and includes 50 targets at a reserved private 10 station course (shooter shoots alternate 6/4 targets at each of the 10 stations). Non-shooter Lunch is \$25.00

Holiday Party Photos

photos by Susan Gallivan

Zontians and Friends

Attend the



Party Hosted by

Mary Quinn

