



Zonta Club of Howard County
June 2017- May 2018

Service

[STEM and Zonta Amelia Earhart Fellows Event](#)

In January 2018, the club held its annual STEM event featuring three Ph.D. candidates and career aerospace science and engineering women. Two were ZI Amelia Earhart Fellows (a 2015 AE recipient and an AE recipient from 25+ years ago now an established university professor), and one was a Ph.D. candidate, all from the University of Maryland aerospace and engineering program in College Park. They presented their doctoral and career work during an open program aimed at middle school and high school female STEM students, and students interested in math and science. We advertised the event to 105 Howard County middle school and high school guidance counselors, and placed community announcements in the Baltimore Sun and Columbia Flier. Twenty students and parents attended the event held at donated space by the Howard County Library System. Feedback forms yielded positive comments that the event was helpful in helping the audience understand aerospace science and engineering. Five Club members were on hand to welcome participants and attend to them before and after the event. The Club served a light supper buffet. (Photos included)



Elaine Petro, 2015 ZI Amelia Earhart Fellow, presented her doctoral work at the Third Annual Zonta STEM and AE Fellows Event hosted by the Zonta Club of Howard County in January 2018



Dr. Mary Bowden Acting Director, Women in Engineering Program at the University of Maryland in College Park was a ZI Amelia Earhart Fellow over 25 years ago. She talked about her work on the Space Station solar panels and how the AE Fellowship directed her career into aerospace science and engineering. Here she presents at our Third Zonta Annual STEM and AE Fellows Event in January 2018.

[Service Donations](#)

- Our Club supported the Howard County Advocacy Group Against Slavery and Trafficking (Ho Co AGAST) donating 14 holiday gift bags for trafficked clients. Ho Co AGAST distributed about 200 gift bags to six organizations in our area that serve victims and survivors of human trafficking, including street advocates and vice police officers in Baltimore.
- ZHoCo members donated \$350 of beddings (twin sheets, blankets and pillows), feminine products, and clothes detergent to the Grass Roots Crisis Intervention Center in Columbia, MD (December 2017). Grassroots is a 24-hour resource to individuals and

families in need of immediate assistance with a personal, mental health, family, or shelter crisis.

- Twice donated professional clothing to “Success In Style,” which provides job interview business attire and accessories to women survivors of domestic abuse and trafficking. “Success in Style” also provides these women with coaching and role play interview preparation. “Success in Style” is located at The Savage Mill in Savage, MD (May 2017 and August 2017).
- April 2018 ZHo Co member donations to Area 3 & Area 4 Spring Workshop service projects. Donations of feminine products, non-perishable food and business attire (for STAND UP, a nationwide non-profit dedicated to helping homeless female veterans).

Advocacy

[United Nations](#)

Mary Lou Shippe serves as a coordinator serving the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women. She has attended multiple meetings in New York City in conjunction with addressing Strategic Development Goals (SDGs). Mary Lou participated in official meetings and ZI events at the 62nd Session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women in New York City, March 2018. Mary Lou Shippe went on Capitol Hill, Washington, DC, with other Zontians and visited Maryland U.S. Senators offices. She spoke with their Aides, advocating for gender parity and justice for women and girls.

[Membership Drive and JMK Scholarship Event](#)

November 2017 Membership Drive and Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship presentation event with donated space from the American Institute of Architects Baltimore Chapter. Karen Jarvis information presentation on Zonta International and Zonta Club of Howard County. Joanne Gallos gave remarks on ZI and local organization structure and collaboration. Bonnie Robeson presented the 2017 JMK Women in Business Scholarship to Shelby Schemerhorn, a Johns Hopkins University Carey School of Business MBA candidate. (Photos included)



Joanne Gallos, then District 3 Governor-elect, presented to attendees of the Zonta Club of Howard County Membership Drive in Baltimore, MD, in November 2017.

Zonta Club of Howard County 2017 JMK Scholarship recipient Shelby Schemerhorn, then-MBA candidate from Johns Hopkins University. We presented her scholarship at a special event in November 2017.



[Meeting Speakers](#)

April 2018 Meeting speaker team of Linda Odum and Courtney Odum-Duncan, licensed Realtors in mid-Maryland, discussed the vision, history, and reality of the planned community of Columbia, MD, and its role in demonstrating the establishment and continued development of Columbia’s racial, educational, economic, and social diversity.