



(ceremonies at Atchison, Kans. May 18)

STRAIGHT TELEGRAM

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Mrs. Gladys Shockey, Chairman District VII, Amelia Earhart Marker 3999 East Roseberry Wichita 10, Kansas

Please give my greetings to those attending the dedication cere nonies at the Amelia Earhart memorial.

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A pioneer in the finest American tradition, Miss Earhart opened new areas to the view and vision of her fellow citizens. Her soaring spirit continues to lead the way to endless opportunities in the adventure of life.

and to all others who have taken part in this fine project. Zonta International

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ZONTA INTERNATIONAL

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF EXECUTIVE WOMEN



ZONTA CLUB OF WICHITA, KANSAS

3999 East Roseberry May 7, 1958

Mr. Frederic Fox Special Assistant in the White House

Dear Mr. Fox:

We were pleased to hear that the President may send us a message concerning the Amelia Earhart Marker. It would certainly contribute to the occasion which has grown into national interest, which you can see from the enclosed fact sheet.

Cordially yours,

Gladys Shockey, Chairman Amelia Earhart Marker

May 16, 1958

Requested by:

Chairman, Amelia Earhart Marker ceremonies in Atchison, Kansas

Coord. with General Quesada

Due:

May 18 (dedication of Amelia Earhart Marker at her birthplace on May 18)

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Frederic Fox

FACT SHEET

If you wish to be represented at this event of worldwide interest, you should not delay. We are reserving a special table for press, radio and television representatives.

Zonta International, service organization of executive women, was Amelia Earhart's only non-professional affiliation, and Zonta maintains a graduate scholarship for women in aeronautical engineering in her honor. Zontians wish to promote Amelia as a woman, and feel that, since there is no marker in her birth place, their's may become a loving tribute.

The beautiful eight foot pedestal will carry a circular aluminum plaque inscribed with Amelia's "firsts". Her short span of life was not really measured by years or days, but by accomplishments. Sculptress Ida Prokop Lee has contributed a plaque featuring Amelia's soaring of the seas with outstretched arms symbolizing an airplane propeller.

The dedication ceremonies will open with overhead flight formation by Kansas National Air Guard. Lillian Pettigrew of Winnipeg, Canada, Governor of Zonta District VII, will present the marker to Atchison. Blanche Noyes, Air Route Marking specialist of Washington, D. C., and close friend of Amelia's will dedicate the marker, followed by a military band, gun salute, and overhead flight formation.

President Emma Conlon of Zonta International will bring greetings and tell of Amelia's affiliation with Zonta. Luncheon speaker will be Dean Helen B. Schleman of Purdue University, Captain of Spars during last war, noted authoress, prominent in many fields. She worked with Amelia personally at Purdue in 1936, and will be introduced by a Lockheed representative who will tell a little about the famous Lockheed Electra that Purdue furnished Amelia for her historic and tragic flight.

Mrs. Muriel Morrissey, of Medford, Mass., sister of Amelia Earhart, is flying in for the dedication.

John Falter, Saturday Evening Post artist and native of Atchison, will attend and cover the dedication for the Post. Look Magazine is featuring the affair in "Look Applauds". Cosmopolitan is planning to use the event in July issue. (Amelia was aviation editor in 1928-30). Time is recognizing us, and Life is doing picture coverage. The State of Kansas will be represented, and President Eisenhower is sending us a special message.

The idea for a marker in memory of Amelia Earhart, the great aviatrix, was initiated by members of the Zonta Club of Wichita, Kansas. Local members of the newly organized Atchison Zonta Club joined in sponsorship of the project and won approval from the municipality for the site of the marker in the city's re-named Amelia Earhart airport. Support of Zonta District VII under Governor Lillian Pettigrew of Winnipeg, Canada, was won at the District Convention held in Winnipeg, last October.

Breakfast will be furnished at the airport for the Ninety Niners and other private pilots who fly in for the ceremonies.

For transportation on Sunday, May 18, from Kansas City, Kansas to Atchison contact Mrs. Mary Jane Joyce, 527 No. Washington Blvd., Kansas City, Kansas. Telephone Fairfax 1-3040

TENTATIVE PROGRAM ** AMELIA EARHART MARKER DEDICATION May 18, 1958 - Atchison, Kansas

Luncheon - 12:30 P.M......American Legion Hall, Atchison, Kansas

Presiding...... District VII Zonta Internat.

Amelia Earhart Marker

Invocation.....(Atchison Minister)

Welcome.......Mayor Alfred Mangelsdorf, Atchison, Kansas

Greetings from Zonta International.....Mrs. Emma Conlon, President Zonta International

Recognition of Atchison Essay
Contest Winners......Mrs. Elsie Parr, President, Zonta Club of Atchison

Introductions of Dignitaries......Mrs. Opal Hulen, Lt. Governor, District VII

Address: "The Contribution that......Miss Helen B. Schleman, Dean of Women, Purdue Univ. Amelia Earhart Made to the World, and to Women in Particular"

Presentation of Door Prize......Velma Knearl, Past President Zonta Club of Wichita Autographed copy of Dean Schleman's book, "Your Best Foot Forward"

Presentation Zonta Emblem Story,
Jupiter Marionettes, Wichita, Kansas....Miss Birdie Wendel, Zonta Club of St. Louis,
Organizer of Zonta Club of Wichita, Kansas

Amelia Earhart Marker Dedication - 4:00 P.M.

Presiding...... District VII Zonta Internat. Amelia Earhart Marker

Invocation...... Episcopal Church,

Atchison, Kansas

A Young Girl's Admiration for Amelia Earhart...... Miss Dean Spiller, Atchison, Kansas

Mrs. Ida Prokop Lee, Valley Center, N. D.

Response......Mrs. Ida Prokop Lee

to City of Atchison Governor Zonta District VII Acceptance by Mayor Alfred Mangelsdorf, Atchison, Kansas

Congratulations from the State..........Joseph W. Henkle, Sr., Lieutenant Governor of Kansas

Dedication..... Mrs. Blanche Noyes, Chief, Air Marking Staff, Civil Aeronautics Administration, Washington, D. C.

Gun Salute.....Overhead Flight Formation

"Star Spangled Banner"......Atchison High School Band

April 24, 1958

Dear Mrs. Shockey:

Thank you for your letter of April 11th informing the President of the presentation of the Amelia Earhart marker to the City of Atchison.

I am pleased to advise you that the President hopes to send a message for this occasion; this should reach you before May 18th.

Sincerely,

Frederic Fox
Special Assistant
in the White House

Mrs. Gladys Shockey, Chairman District VII, Amelia Earhart Marker 3999 East Roseberry Wichita 10, Kansas

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Re: Amelia Earhart.

With your approval

I'd like to recommend

the President Send a mag

to the dedication of the

"Amelia Earhart Airport"

at Atchison, Kans, May 18.

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THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

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ZONTA is a women's service club composed of business, professional & social welfare leaders.

Mrs. Emma Loehwing Conlon, Pres. 165 Derrom Ave. Paterson, N.J.

Hq is at 59 E. Van Buren St., Chicago 5

Approx. 12,000 members

Holding international convention in NY June 23-26 at Waldorf Astoria.

They grant graduate scholarships in aeronatuical engineg in name of Amelia Earheart.

HEW finds nothing the matter with it.



ZONTA WICHITA,

ZONTAGRAM



April 11, 1958

Dear President:

Zonta International was the only service club to which amelia Earhart belonged, and we maintain an advanced aeronautical scholarship in her honor. To day, as man is attempting to have new moon's in the sky, we are promoting interest in accordanting. We feel that promoting interest in a cholarship. We feel that promoting interest in a E as a woman comes first. She does not have a marker in her birthplace and we are proud to be giving one to her city. He would duply appreciate a comment from you that we might publish. Sincerely, I had Shockey

Wichita Group Initiated Project

Sculptress Designs Plaque Honoring Amelia Earhart

HEBRON, N.D., April 7 (P)— the first woman to fly the At-Mrs. Ida Prokop Lee, North Da-kota sculptress, has fashioned a decorative plaque for the monu-ment to be dedicated at Atchi-son, Kan., May 18 to the Atchison school teacher who made flying woman She and two companions school teacher who made flying woman. She and two companions

Gov. George Docking of Kan-sas has proclaimed it Amelia flight around the world.

a foot square, molded of Hebron

a seven-foot limestone monument and below them will be an
aluminum plaque inscribed with
Miss Earhart's accomplishment:
First Woman Ocean Flier
In 1928 she became the first
woman to fly an airplane across
the Atlantic. In 1932, she became
in for the Rins in the Rins at the Hebron Brick Co.
Mrs. Lee is a pilot and plans to fly her plane to Atchison for the Minety-Nines, an organization of women to fly an airplane across the Atlantic. In 1932, she became in for the ceremonies.

disappeared in the southwest Pa-

home town will rename its air-port in her honor.

The Wichita chapter of Zonta International initiated the idea of building an Farkant of building an Earhart memorial Mrs. Lee's symbolic bas-relief at Atchison and won support of is executed on four bricks, each other chapters at a convention in Winnipeg last October

a foot square, molded of Hebron clay.

She carved into them the figure of a woman astride the oceans, her arms outstretched to form an airplane's propeller.

The bricks will be embedded in a seven-foot limestone monu-





DISTRICT VII ZONTA INTERNATIONAL EXTENDS TO YOU CORDIAL INVITATION TO ATTEND PRESENTATION BEAUTIFUL AMELIA EARHART MARKER TO CITY OF ATCHISON HER BIRTHPLACE MAY 18, 1958.

MORNING FLY-IN FOR PRIVATE PILOTS - LUNCHEON 12:30 P.M. ST. BENEDICTS PAROCHIAL SCHOOL - SPEAKER FROM AMELIA'S OWN PURDUE UNIVERSITY. PUBLIC DEDICATION AND UNVEILING OF MARKER AMELIA EARHART AIRPORT & OF 105 4:00 P.M. SPACE LIMITS LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS. URGE YOUR RESERVATION CHECK FOR \$3.50 BE RECEIVED BY MAY 10TH.

> MRS. GLADYS SHOCKEY AMELIA EARHART MARKER, CHAIRMAN DISTRICT VII, WICHITA, KANSAS

LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS: MRS. LULA CAMPBELL, CHAIRMAN 533 HAMPTON ROAD WICHITA 6, KANSAS

FLY-IN INFORMATION: MRS. MARJORIE PARIS, CHAIRMAN 514 NORTH 8TH ATCHISON, KANSAS



September 25, 1958

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Dear Mrs. Sluhan:

The President has asked me to thank you for your letter of September nineteenth. It is good to learn of the activity of Zonta's major service effort in the field of scholarships in the name of Amelia Earhart.

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As the President described her last spring, Miss parhart was a "pioneer in the finest American tradition... who opened new areas to the view and vision of her fellow citizens. Her soaring spirit continues to lead the way to endless opportunities in the adventure of life."

As for proclaiming a national Amelia Earhart Scholarship Week, however, this must first be endorsed by the Congress. Therefore, may I suggest you write to your Representative about this matter?

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

Frederic Fox Special Assistant in the White House

Mrs. Clyde A. Sluhan

X Amelia Earhart Scholarship Committee

X Zonta Club of Toledo

P. O. Box 673 M. O.

Toledo, Ohio

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

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(To Remain With Correspondence)

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FROM THE STAFF	Date September 22, 1958
ACTION:	Comment Draft reply For direct reply For your information For necessary action For appropriate handling See below
Remarks:	
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	By direction of the President: A. J. GOODPASTER

Staff Secretary

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September 19, 1958

The Honorable Dwight D. Eisenhower President of the United States Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

We know that you are already aware of the work of Zonta International from your gracious greeting sent to our International Conference in New York last June.

Zonta's major service effort is a scholarship fund awarding grants to women graduate students for the purpose of further study in Aeronautical engineering and closely related fields. This fund is called the Amelia Earhart Scholarship after that famous Zontian, who pioneered many phases of aviation.

With today's urgent need for properly trained men and women in the fields of aeronautics, rocketry, astronautics, meteorology, etc., we believe that this scholarship can be of real value to our country. However, we know that most qualified women are not aware of this fund and we are stepping up our efforts to acquaint the general public with it.

Last year, governors of several states and numerous city mayors proclaimed Amelia Earhart Scholarship Week during the second week of January and the attendant publicity, we feel, was helpful. We know that you feel strongly the importance of scholarships and other aids to education and we are writing to you hoping that you will feel inclined to lend your personal and official prestige to this service and perhaps proclaim a NATIONAL Amelia Earhart Scholarship Week for the week in which January 11th falls in 1959.

We would also welcome any other suggestion you may have to bring this program into a place of greater value to our national preparedness effort, at this crucial period.

Enclosed is a pamphlet giving more details of the history of this scholarship, its present value (\$1800.00 each award) and other pertinent information.

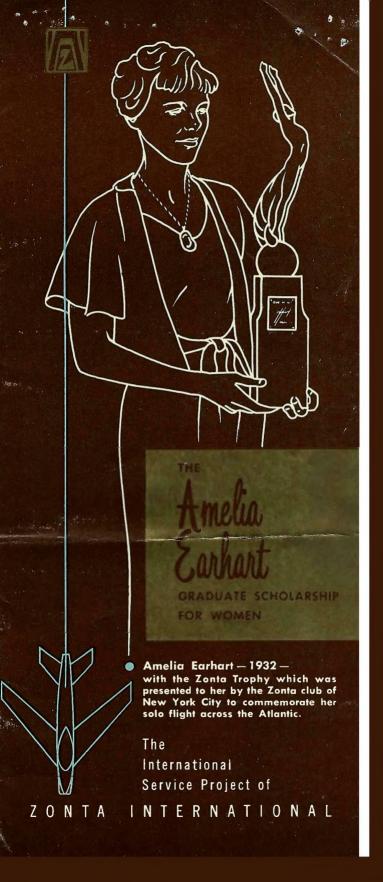
Your help in this matter will be truly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Marian E. Sluhan (Mrs. Clyde A.) Amelia Earhart Scholarship Committee

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Zonta Club of Toledo 13 North Huron Street P. O. Box 673 M. O. Toledo, Ohio





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Significance of ZONTA'S Amelia Earhart

Graduate Scholarship for Women

Aviation is the world's present day magic carpet. It has revolutionized transportation, exploration, and commerce. Its impact is world wide, and its importance increases daily.

Zontians, exemplified by pioneer aviators Amelia Earhart and Jacqueline Cochran, helped blaze the trail for women in aviation. Zonta International, through its Amelia Earhart Scholarships, contributes to the continuing development of the aviation field. The scholarships are grants given annually to highly qualified women engineers for graduate study in aeronautical engineering. The present value of each grant is \$1800.

The Amelia Earhart Scholarship was established in 1938 by action of the Zonta International Convention held in Banff, Alberta, Canada. The decision followed the recommendations of a special committee which was appointed to investigate a memorial project for the world famous flyer who disappeared July 2, 1937. The committee was composed of Dr. Helen Pearce, chairman; May Read; and Margaret Benoit. The Amelia Earhart Memorial committee, appointed in 1938 with Dorothy McSparran Arnold as chairman, worked out details of the scholarship plan, examined the first applications and selected the first winner. Other members of the committee were Katherine Maddux; Helen Pearce; and Muriel Manning. Dorothy Arnold served as chairman from 1938 until 1946, when J. Winifred Hughes accepted the chairmanship. In 1956, Dr. Helen Pearce became the chairman.

The Amelia Earhart Scholarship committee screens all applications and selects the winners. The applicants must be recommended for fine character and high ability, and each must hold a bachelor's degree. The awards may be used in any approved school where aeronautical work of a high order is offered on the graduate level.

Eighteen Amelia Earhart Scholarships have been given to date and Zonta is proud of every winner. Many of them are married to men in their own fields, and even while raising their families, husband and wife work as a team toward aeronautical advancement.

ZONTA'S Amelia Earhart Scholarship Winners

ROSE ELIZABETH LUNN – B.S., University of Washington at Seattle, aeronautical engineering; M.S., Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Used AE award to obtain doctorate, M.I.T. Joined Curtis-Wright Corp., Buffalo, 1941. Since 1942, chief engineer vibration and flutter department, North American Aviation Co., Los Angeles.

MILDRED BOYDEN OLIVER-B.S., Wellesley College, 1941. Used AE award toward M.S. in meteorology, University of Chicago. Did U.S. Army research, Southeast Asia and Alaska. Now collaborating with meteorologist husband, in research and writing. Has 4 children.

No qualified applicants; no award given.

GERTRUDE HILL FILA—B.S., Oklahoma Institute of Technology, Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College, mechanical engineering—aeronautical option. Used AE award at California Institute of Technology while working at Guggenheim Aeronautics Laboratory on airflow and wing design problems. M.S., Oklahoma A. & M. 1948. Joined faculty, also worked on U.S. Navy research project. Used second AE award—1953—toward Ph.D., University of Texas at Austin, where her aeronautical engineer husband was working toward his Ph.D. also.

SUZANNE WILSON ZARZECKI-B.S., Florida State College, 1941, physics. Illustrated textbooks on physics. Employed as weather observer, Miami, Florida. Used AE award toward M.S., meteorology, M.I.T. Now in Canal Zone with M.D. husband and 4 children.

No qualified applicants; no award given.

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HARRIET SCHMITT ZIMNEY-B.S., University of Minnesota College of Engineering, 1946. M.S., same school, 1947, using AE award. First woman to be granted master's degree in aeronautical engineering from the school. Joined mechanical engineering faculty, first woman on staff. Now with North American Aviation Co., Pasadena, working in aerophysics laboratory. Husband is also an aeronautical engineer.

CAMERON DONALDSON POSTLE — B.S., Purdue University, 1946, aeronautical engineering. Worked on U.S. Army Air Force research project while there. Used AE award toward M.S. at M.I.T. Thesis on helicopters. Joined Bell Aircraft, Buffalo, as aerodynamicist. Since 1952 project aerodynamicist on missile contracts. Husband in same field with same firm.

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ZONTA'S A. E. S. Winners cont.

1947 No qualified applicants; no award given.

MARILYN BROOM HARMON-B.S., University of Texas, 1944, aeronautical engineering. Remained as student assistant in engineering department. Joined Douglas Aircraft Co. as weight analyst and mathematician in 1945. Used AE award to complete work for M.S. degree at University of Texas, 1949. With her husband, a mechanical engineer, went to North American Aviation Co., Downey, California, in Aerophysics Laboratory. Worked as stress analyst in Preliminary Analysis section. Now at Aerophysics Development Corporation, Santa Monica, as a stress analyst on a part-time basis while her daughter is growing up.

LUCILLE LUCK STEFAN—B.S.. University of Minnesota, 1945, aeronautical engineering. Became a weight and balance engineer for TACA Airways, Miami, Florida, where she originated a method for weighing in airplanes that became standard practice for a number of airlines. Joined Strato Equipment Co. as sales engineer, 1946. Used AE award toward M.S. degree, University of Minnesota, while working as assistant scientist at Rosemount Aeronautical Laboratories. Did independent research in supersonic aerodynamics while two children were babies. Joined staff of Franklin Institute, Philadelphia, 1953, as research engineer. Husband—aeronautical engineer and jet pilot for U.S. Navy.

1949 BETTY STRASSER KIMMEL-B.S., Purdue University, 1947, aeronautical engineering. Joined Bell Aircraft Corporation as engineer, Rocket Research and Development Group. Used AE award toward M.S. degree, University of Michigan. Returned to Bell Aircraft as research engineer in Guided Missile Preliminary Design Group. On leave of absence while children are small.

MARTHA E. GRAHAM-B.S., University of Washington, 1943, mathematics. Worked as naval architect for Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Bremerton, Washington until 1946 when she went with Douglas Aircraft Co., Santa Monica, California, in aerodynamics research group. Used AE award to work toward M.S. at Cornell University. Received M.S., 1952; Ph.D., 1954; returned to Douglas Aircraft Co., aerodynamics research group.

ROSE MARIE PRATT LICHER-B.S., University of Oklahoma, 1950, mathematics. Began work toward M.S. degree, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, on Samuel Watson Reeves scholarship. AE award enabled her to complete work for M.S. degree and work toward Ph.D. Spent summer, 1952, at Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm, Sweden, on M.I.T. Overseas Fellowship. Returned to M.I.T. as full time aeronautical engineer in Aeroelastic Laboratory. Now

she and acronautical engineer husband are with Douglas Aircraft Co., Santa Monica, California. She is in aerodynamics research group.

CATERINA JOLE SAPPA—Degree in physics, University of Torino. Italy; degree in industrial engineering, University of Naples, Italy (thesis on helicopters); studied at Polytechnic School, Berlin, Germany. Taught in high schools at Milano and Torino, Italy; at Technical School, Montove, Italy. Published a book, "Industrialization of Argentina." Worked for Electric Common in Germany as prisoner of war. Used AE award to work toward M.S. degree at University of Minnesota. Returned to Italy.

MARY JO JACKSON-B.S., Northwestern University, Boston, Massachusetts, 1951, mechanical engineering. Joined Chance Vought Aircraft Division of United Aircraft Corporation, Dallas, Texas as engineer in aerodynamics section. Used scholarship to work toward M.S. degree in aerodynamics at University of Michigan, returning to Chance Vought at Boston.

GERTRUDE HILL-FILA-First woman to receive two AE awards. (see information under 1943 winners.)

HODA M. AFIFI—Bachelor's degree. Faculty of Engineering, University of Cairo, Cairo, Egypt, 1953, aeronautical department. Practical training during summer holidays included work in Main Government Workshops at Bulac, and in Government Aircraft Factory. Used AE award to obtain M.E. degree, Purdue University, Lafavette, Indiana—only Egyptian woman holding M.S. degree in aeronautical engineering. Now teaching at University of Cairo and employed as designing engineer at the Training Airplane Factory, Helliopolis.

BEVERLY JANE BEANE—B.S., Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1946—aged 19 years. Joined research department, United Aircraft Corporation, East Hartford, Connecticut as analytic engineer. First woman invited to read a paper at annual meeting of the Institute of Aeronautical Sciences—January, 1950. M.S. degree, M.I.T., 1951. Remained there for six months to work on experimental projects. Joined aerodynamics research group at Douglas Aircraft Co., Santa Monica, California. January, 1952. Used AE award to work toward Ph.D. at M. I. T.

CAROLINE SWIFT TEICHMANN°-B.S., Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1945, aeronautical engineering. Won the 1945 Student ranch Scholastic Award given by the Institute of Aeronautical Sciences for best scholastic record in aeronautical engineering at M.I.T. Was a flight test analyst at Lockheed Aircraft Corp., Burbank, California from July 1945 until

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ZONTA'S A. E. S. Winners cont.

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January 1947; design and development engineer for Aerojet Engineering Corporation, Azusa, California until December 1950; member of the technical staff—aerodynamics, automatic control of aircraft for Hughes Aircraft Co., Culver City, California until she enrolled at California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California as an AE award student to work toward her Ph.D. degree.

DARIA DOMENIGHETTI° — B.S., University of Washington, 1954, aeronautical engineering. Graduated from the Gymnasium at Chur, Switzerland, 1949, and spent two years in the Politeonice of Milano, Italy, before coming to U.S. as a Swiss Exchange Student. Began graduate work at Cornell University on a fellowship awarded by Cornell University Graduate School of Aeronautical Engineering on the basis of her outstanding scholastic record. Using her AE award to obtain M.S. degree at Cornell University.

The Link Foundation contributed to the 1955 AES fund.

YOU CAN SPARK GENIUS!

Faith, courage, enthusiasm, and vision are needed for success in any endeavor. Amelia Earhart had these qualities, and their achievements are evidence that each of Zonta's AES winners has them, too.

On January 11th each year—the anniversary of Amelia's flight from Hawaii to the United States mainland in 1935—Zonta clubs throughout the world celebrate "Amelia Earhart Day." They honor both women and men in the field of aviation through special programs and events. Many mayors of cities and governors of states have proclaimed the week in which January 11th falls "Amelia Earhart Week".

The Amelia Earhart Scholarship is supported by voluntary contributions from all Zonta Clubs. These contributions are sent to the treasurer of Zonta International, 59 East Van Buren St., Chicago 5, Illinois, specified for deposit in the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund account.

YOU can be a contributor to the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund—through your local Zonta club, or by sending your contribution to the international treasurer. You can be proud to lend your enthusiasm and financial support to Zonta's international service project—the AMELIA EARHART SCHOLARSHIP.

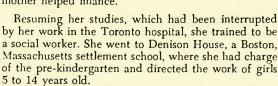
AMELIA EARHART

Throughout her childhood, which began in Atchison, Kansas on July 24, 1898, Amelia Earhart was encouraged by her parents to explore the unusual. She became interested in flying while serving as a nurse's aide in a Toronto, Ontario, hospital during World War I. She knew women had no place in aviation at that time, yet she arranged for flying lessons and took her first job to earn money to pay for them. Flying, to her, was a sport costing \$10 per hour of air time, so, for economy reasons, she bought a small plane, which her mother helped finance.

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Flying had continued to be her hobby. She had established a fine reputation as a pilot, a number of speed and altitude records for women, and she was a member of a Quincy, Massachusetts firm known as the Denison Airport Corporation. Then, in the spring of 1928, she was offered the opportunity to be the first woman to fly the Atlantic as a passenger—and she took it. Following this flight she resigned as a social worker to devote her energy to aviation.

It was on her return to Boston in 1928 that Amelia became a member of the Zonta club of Boston; and when New York City became her working headquarters in 1930, she joined the Zonta club there. Zonta is the only non-professional organization to which she belonged.



Amelia Earhart's Record

- First woman passenger to fly the Atlantic (July 17, 1928)
- First woman to fly solo across the Atlantic (May 20, 1932)
- First woman to fly from Honolulu to U.S. mainland (January 11, 1935)
- · First woman to fly to Mexico City and return
- First woman to receive the Distinguished Flying Cross
- First president of the "99" Club for women in aviation

She was lost to the world in 1937 while attempting to circle the globe at the equator, a hitherto untried course.



Zonta Award Wings Pin

In addition to her grant, every Amelia Earhart Scholarship winner receives the Wings Pin (shown above) and the Amelia Earhart Medal, front of which is shown at right.



Inscription on back of the medal reads: "Aviatrix Amelia Earhart. Born July 24, 1898, Atchison, Kansas. First woman to fly the Atlantic, 1928; The Pacific, 1935; and to receive the Distinguished Flying Cross. Lost on Pacific flight July, 1937."



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