

ZONTA CLUB OF BOCA RATON AREA



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Boca Bulletin

President's Message

Dear Boca Zontians,

Hope you all have had a wonderful holiday season and are looking forward to a Happy, Healthy 2019!!

Our Toys For Tots/Holiday Celebration event on December 13th was very successful again this year, providing large numbers of toys for children in need, while also enjoying an evening of camaraderie. The Marines were on hand to accept the toys. It was a totally enjoyable evening. Thank you, Loretta for all your work in making the arrangements.

Our Holiday Service Adopt a Family Funds were used to assist a client of Victim Services and her daughter, who have a need to establish a new life here in Florida following a sexual assault. The funds helped them have a more pleasant holiday. The assistance we have been able to provide is very much appreciated by the family, as well as the staff at Victim Services.

While we had a successful 2018, we are well on our way to a productive, yet enjoyable 2019!

We are in the final stage of preparation for our Major Fundraiser to be held on January 26, 2019. We are pleased to be able to honor Myra Bugbee, a pilot and a current board member of the Florida Goldcoast Chapter of the 99's, and immediate past Governor of the 99's SE Section, for mentoring young women and influencing them to consider aviation as a viable and enjoyable career choice. We will also enjoy the entertainment of Donna Shelly and the Rhythm Chicks. Our luncheon will be an afternoon of good food, fellowship and entertainment.

Women's Circle is holding their 15th Annual Circle of Hope Gala on March 24, 2019 at Benvenutos in Boynton Beach from 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM. The theme this year is "Fly Me to the Moon". Tickets are \$125.00 for those wishing to attend. This Gala is the major fundraising event for Women's Circle and will be an evening of fun, dinner and dancing to raise funds for the Women's Circle programs. There will be live and silent auctions as well as a 50/50 raffle.

The Women's Breast & Heart Health Initiative will hold its outreach in West Palm Beach & Hialeah, Miami Gardens, Pompano & Deerfield Beach. The dates for West Palm Beach/Hialeah are February 2nd, 9th, and 16th. The Miami Gardens dates are March 2nd, 9th, and 16th, while the Pompano Beach/Deerfield Beach are April 6th, 13th, and 20th. Several of us have volunteered for that outreach in past years both in West Palm Beach and Pompano Beach and have enjoyed the opportunity to discuss with local women the need for mammograms and circulate information regarding Breast and Heart Health.

Victim Services "Field of Hope" is scheduled for April 2, 2019 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. During that event survivors are invited to write personal messages in the Fields of Hope as a symbol of reclaiming their power and providing hope to others. Several of us usually volunteer and serve food at that event.

Please remember that our club has the responsibility to host the Area 3 meeting in May. Further information will be forthcoming.

Jane

JANUARY — 2019

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

2019

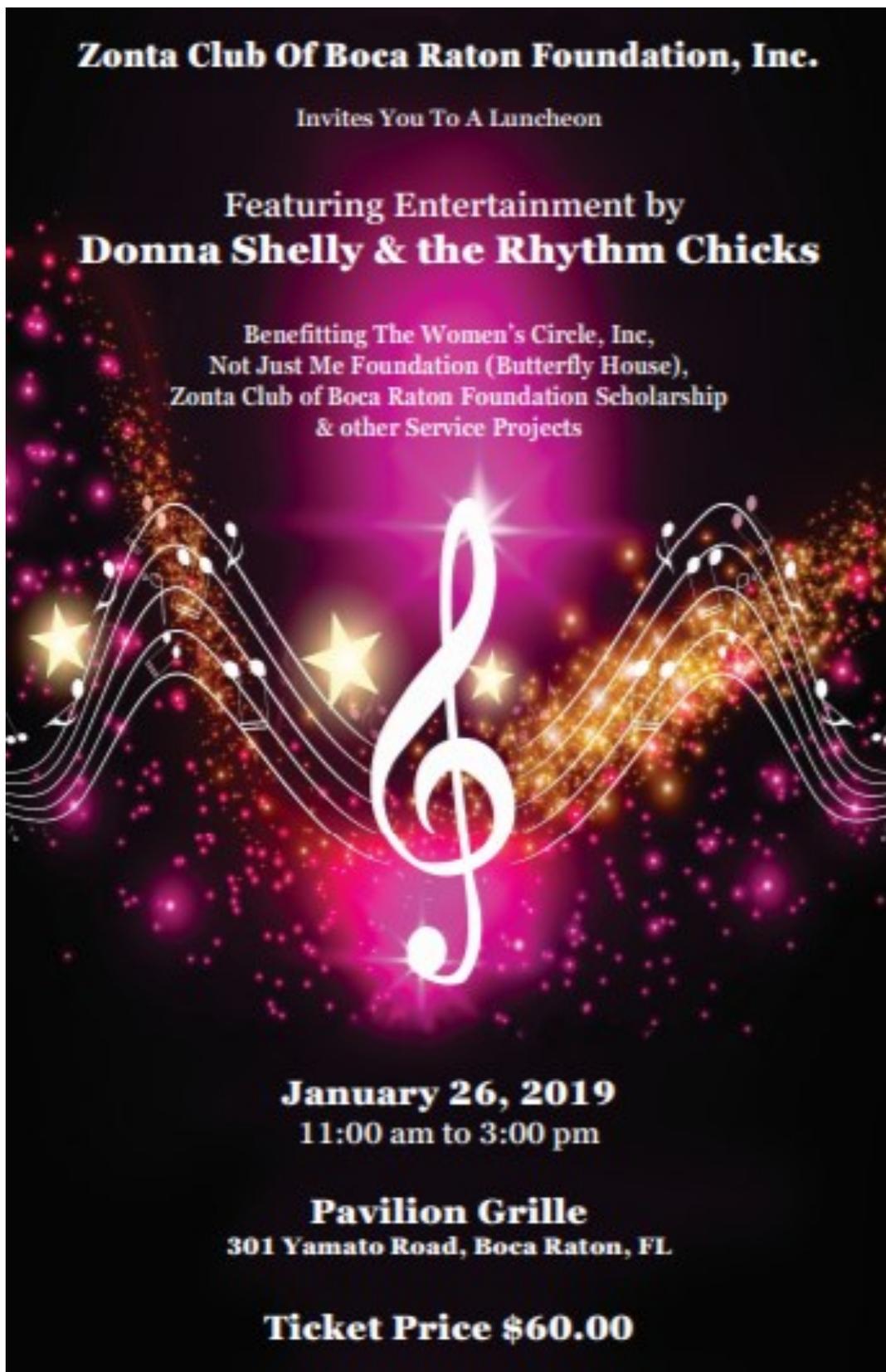
- Jan 8— Board Meeting Boca West Library, 5:30 pm
- Jan 12—Basket wrapping at Diane Sawchuk's home, 10 am
- Jan 16—Business Meeting 5:30 pm at Pavilion Grille
- **Jan 26—Luncheon and Entertainment, Pavilion Grille, 11 am to 3 pm (flyer page 2)**
- Feb/Mar/Apr—Women's Breast & Heart Health Initiative
- Feb 5—Board Meeting, Boca West Library, 5:30 pm
- Feb 20—Business Meeting 5:30 pm at Pavilion Grille
- Mar 24—Women's Circle Hope Gala, Benvenuto's at 5 pm
- Mar 31, 2019—Florida Follies, 2pm at Spanish River H.S.
- Apr 2—Field of Hope Survivor Speakout, Palm Beach Victims Services, 5-7 pm (see pg 3)

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District XI - Club No. 765 - Chartered - March 3, 1975

A Member of Zonta International: 30,000 members in 66 countries working together to improve the lives of women and girls.



Zonta Club Of Boca Raton Foundation, Inc.
Invites You To A Luncheon

Featuring Entertainment by
Donna Shelly & the Rhythm Chicks

Benefitting The Women's Circle, Inc,
Not Just Me Foundation (Butterfly House),
Zonta Club of Boca Raton Foundation Scholarship
& other Service Projects

January 26, 2019
11:00 am to 3:00 pm

Pavilion Grille
301 Yamato Road, Boca Raton, FL

Ticket Price \$60.00

To print the RSVP card and for more information about menu choices, click the link below and then “January 26, 2019” in the left margin: <http://www.zontabocaraton.org>



JANUARY

Pat Cox—30th

The marines who attended our very successful Toys for Tots Holiday Celebration Dec 13th at Miller’s Ale House in Boca Raton.



3rd Annual

Field OF Hope

I Ask: Consent is Everything

Survivors are invited to write personal messages in the Field of Hope as a symbol of reclaiming their power and providing hope to others.

Music • Food • Activities

 Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners
Mack Bernard, Mayor; Dave Kerner, Vice Mayor
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Mary Lou Berger, Melissa McKinlay
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SAVE THE DATE!

4.2.19
5-7PM



To:
Survivors of Sexual Assault and their supporters

Address:
4210 North Australian Avenue
West Palm Beach, FL 33407

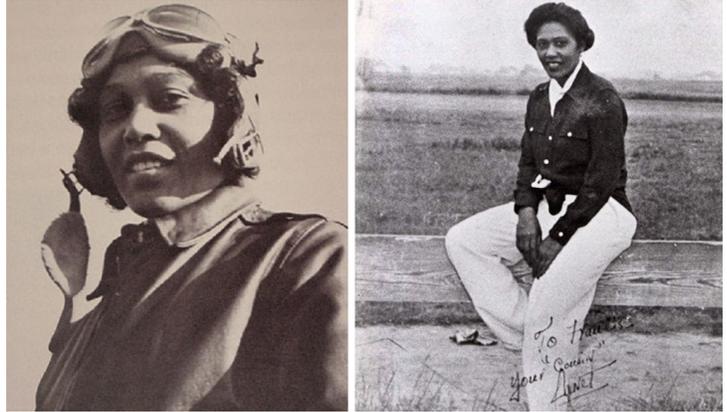
When:
Tuesday, April 2 • 5pm–7pm

Any questions:
Sharon Daugherty
sdaughter@pbcgov.org or (561)625-2568

Please register at:
www.SurveyMonkey.com/r/FOH2019

January is Amelia Earhart Month!

Female Aviation Pioneer Fought for Pilots of Color



In addition to flying, Janet Bragg was a registered nurse, business entrepreneur and active in civic orgs.

While Amelia Earhart is known as a pioneer among female pilots, African American women were also breaking ground in the early days of aviation, often overcoming great adversity and discrimination to do so. Air show pilot Bessie Coleman was the first African American woman to receive a pilot's license and Janet Bragg was the first to earn a commercial pilot's license. Additionally, Bragg's leadership in black pilot organizations paved the way for other aviators of color.

Born in 1907, Bragg enrolled in the Curtiss Wright Aeronautical School in 1933, where she was the only woman in the aircraft mechanics class. The school could not afford an actual plane for flight instruction, so while simultaneously doing postgraduate work and working as a registered nurse, Bragg saved enough money to buy her first plane, which she rented out to fellow aviators.

"That little plane ... it just seemed like you could talk to it, or it would talk to you. You merge right into the plane, it's the feeling you get. I knew that little old plane was doing everything for me," Bragg said in [an interview](#) with the Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum in 1989.

But the challenges [did not end there](#). African American pilots were not allowed to fly out of airports used by whites. So Bragg and her class at the ground school formed the Challenger Aero Club and purchased land to build an airfield in the African American town of Robbins, Ill.

Bragg, who was also of Cherokee descent, would continue to encounter discrimination due to her race and gender. At the Tuskegee training school for black pilots, she passed the flight test for her commercial license but was denied it because she was a woman. She eventually received the license in 1943 at the Pal-Waukee Airport near Chicago, becoming the first black woman to do so. During World War II, Bragg attempted to join the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASPs), but was turned down because she was African American.

Not only a pioneer in the air, Bragg also started her own business, purchasing property for a health care facility for patients on welfare, which eventually grew into a nursing home business housing 60 patients that she ran with her husband, Sumner Bragg. Later in life she would travel widely throughout Africa giving tours and was active in civic organizations. She continued to fly for pleasure into the 1970s. Bragg died in Blue Island, Ill., on April 11, 1993, at age 86.