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Boca Bulletin

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President's Message

Dear Boca Zontians and Friends,
Happy New Year 2022!

Reflecting on the last year, I am inspired by our Club's continued resilience and successes during COVID times. We closed the year off with our 9th Toys for Tots annual social in collaboration with Miller's Ale House, Boca Raton. Thanks to the generous support of our 40+ guests and members we filled 5 collection boxes of gifts for distribution to our local youth. We were joined by two USMC reservists and a Navy cadet. As always, Miller's management and staff did an outstanding job, and we appreciate them.

I am happy to announce that our new website is up; please visit it often as we transition into our new look. If you haven't already done so, please visit the site to purchase your seat for our annual fundraiser on Saturday, January 29, 2022. We have an abundance of raffle items lined up and a roaring good time planned with entertainment by It Takes Two's A Gatsby Swing Show. We will be honoring, Yogini Modi, Pilot and Chairman of the Florida Goldcoast Chapter of the 99's. See more about the 99's founding member, Ruth Nichols, fellow friend, pilot and competitor of Amelia Earhart during the 1929 Women's Flying Derby.

January brings us to Zonta's recognition of Amelia Earhart, famed pilot and Zonta club member. Her name embodies Zonta International's Amelia Earhart Fellowship program. Established in 1938 for women pursuing a Ph.D. doctoral degree conducting research applied to aerospace engineering or space sciences, women can apply for the Fellowship award of \$10,000 that may be used at any university or college offering accredited post-graduate courses and degrees. If you know a woman who could be an applicant, please refer her to our Club.

All are welcome to join us at any of our monthly dinner meetings or our Meet & Greet on February 8, 2022. Contact us for more information info@zontabocaraton.org

See you at the Luncheon,

Shirin

Be sure to check out our FB page for more fun and exciting events, projects, and information!


MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Jan 4—Zoom Board Meeting, 6:15 pm, email info will follow
- Jan 15—Basket Wrapping at Diane Sawchuk's, 10 am to Noon.
- Jan 19—Business Meeting, 5:30 social, 6 pm dinner, Pavilion Grille, speaker Joy Radford-Cole, SANE Manager
- Jan 29—Annual Luncheon and Fundraiser 11-3pm, pages 2&3
- Feb 1—Zoom Board Meeting, 6:15 pm, email info will follow; Money Tree Raffle tickets on sale
- Feb 8—Meet & Greet—potential new members, Pavilion Grille, 6-8 pm
- Feb 16—Business Meeting, 5:30 social, 6 pm dinner, Pavilion Grille
- Mar 1—Zoom Board Meeting, 6:15 pm, email info will follow
- March 16—Business Meeting, 5:30 social, 6 pm dinner, Money Tree Raffle Drawing, Pavilion Grille, see page 5
- Mar 18-19—Area 3 Workshop, Key West, see page 6
- Mar 20—New Florida Follies, mini-fundraiser (see page 5)

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President—**Shirin Weisman**
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*Zonta Club of Boca Raton Area — Boca Raton, Florida
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.*



THE GATSBY SWINGS SHOW
20's 30's And 40's
IT TAKES TWO

Zonta Club of Boca Raton Foundation, Inc.
Invites You To A Luncheon Featuring Entertainment
by
IT Takes Two

January 29, 2022
11:00 am to 3:00 pm

Pavilion Grille
301 Yamato Road, Boca Raton, FL

Ticket Price \$60.00

Honoring Pilot, Yogini Modi,
Chairman of the Florida Goldcoast Chapter of 99's

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

Lets make this the best year yet!
Keep selling tickets, asking for donations,
and getting
wine, liquor and scratch off tickets!

Community Friends

We are looking for donations of gift cards and items listed below for our raffle baskets.
If you can donate or are interested in sponsoring a basket, please contact Shirin Weisman
to arrange your donation recognition.

- ◇ Sign up for a basket theme and work on donations
- ◇ We're considering doing a swag bag for each guest which will include a spray hand sanitizer
- ◇ Table settings will include our memorabilia—like “Zonta Says No” bookmarks and our tri-fold Zonta flyer
- ◇ Forms are available on the web site—Save the Date, Donation Letter, Invitations, RSVP cards
- ◇ Don't forget our **wine, liquor and scratch off lottery ticket** baskets!
- ◇ Lots of **gift certificates for spas, salons and restaurants**
- ◇ **Other items needed for theme baskets**—beach, chocolate, car care, coffee, dog grooming and hurricane supplies!

Our Major Fundraiser Luncheon Recipients are:



HTCPB
THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING COALITION OF THE
PALM BEACHES

• National Human Trafficking Hotline:
1-888-373-7888

• Department of Children and Families
Hotline for children under 18 years old:
1-800-96-ABUSE (1-800-962-2873)



**BOCA
HELPING HANDS**

Boca Helping Hands is always in need of pantry items. Please bring food donations to any of our meetings. Diane Sawchuk will be happy to collect them and take them to the center. She is always happy to answer your questions about our work at BHH. If you can't get to a meeting, contact President Shirin Weisman for pick-up.

Contact Diane
at 561-477-0852,
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The Women's Circle

912 SE 4th Street
Boynton Beach, FL 33435

Email: info@womenscircle.org

I believe in being strong when everything seems to be going wrong. I believe that happy girls are the prettiest girls. I believe that tomorrow is another day, and I believe in miracles.

Audrey Hepburn

Scholarships at the local, district and International level:

Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship	Young Women in Public Affairs Award
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**PALM BEACH COUNTY
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**Serving Victims
of Violent Crime**

**Toll Free Hotline
1-866-891-7273**

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julie@notjustmefoundation.org



The Butterfly House
at Wellington Regional Medical Center
Victim Services & Rape Crisis Division
24/7 Hotline: (561) 833-7273

Butterfly House—Not Just Me Foundation
Unused small toiletries, grooming tools, blankets, and socks—for men and women.

Palm Beach Victim Services

Donations of children's books (ages 0-18), games, coloring books, crayons, markers, toys, etc., will be collected by Jane at all meetings.



December 9, 1930: Pilot Ruth Nichols poses with the Lockheed Vega airplane, the New Cincinnati, owned by Powel Crosley Jr. *Pacific & Atlantic Photos*

Ruth Nichols wasn't afraid.

Not since her first ride in a biplane in 1919, when the pilot did loop-de-loops to terrify her. She conquered her fear and began a career as an aviatrix with the singular purpose of being the best.

In the years following [Charles Lindbergh's](#) historic transatlantic flight in 1927, courageous female pilots were in a drive to out-fly one another in the race to be the first woman to repeat Lindbergh's feat.

Aviation was still in its infancy. Pilots were daredevils, flying by the seat of their pants, to go faster, further, higher than ever before using shockingly unsophisticated machinery.

Ruth Nichols didn't have a flight background

An airplane cockpit isn't where you'd expect to find someone like Nichols.

Groomed to be a New York socialite, she graduated from Wellesley College, then in 1924 became the first woman in New York to receive a pilot's license. The press called her "The Flying Debutante."

She eventually flew every type of aircraft developed during her lifetime, from dirigible and glider to biplane, seaplane and supersonic jet.

Nichols co-founded the Ninety-Nines, an organization of women pilots. In 1929, she competed in the Women's Flying Derby against Amelia Earhart, Louise Thaden and other aviatrix pioneers.

Her real goal was to be the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean. But she needed a fast plane and a sponsor – a difficult ask during the Great Depression.

In 1931, she became the first woman pilot to hold three international records, in altitude, speed and long distance.

On March 6, dressed like a well-padded Eskimo, Nichols flew the New Cincinnati through minus-40-degree temperatures 28,743 feet high – nearly 5.5 miles up. She sent a telegram: "WISH TO EXPRESS MY DEEPEST APPRECIATION TO MR POWEL CROSLY WHO MADE IT POSSIBLE."

On April 13, she flew at a sustained 210.704 miles per hour, besting Earhart's speed by nearly 30 mph.

"In the span of just five months, she had proven herself to be arguably the fastest, bravest, and strongest female flier in America, with the best plane," Keith O'Brien wrote in his book, "Fly Girls."

1931: Ruth Nichols, pilot of the famous Crosley Radio Plane, "The New Cincinnati," who recently established two remarkable transcontinental records for a woman aviator.



Story by:
Jeff Suess,
Cincinnati Enquirer
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9th Annual Toys for Tots event held at Miller’s Ale House, Glades Rd on December 8th. L to R: event coordinator Loretta Fink, President Shirin Weisman, Two Marine Reservists, not pictured one Navy Cadet. We donated 5 large boxes of toys.



Ron and Diane Sawchuk delivered 31 Thanksgiving boxed meals to BHH in November.

**Money Tree Raffle
Drawing March 16
At the meeting
\$500 Cash**



FROM BHH, we received the following thanks:
"I want to take this opportunity to thank you for the recent donation of 117#'s of non-perishable items. We truly appreciate the commitment of Zonta Club of Boca Raton toward easing the struggle of so many in our community. Our pantry program is expanding, now distributing over 6,000 bags of non-perishables per month, and we simply could not meet this need without the support of our community partners. On behalf of the Board, staff and volunteers of Boca Helping Hands, I thank you for your continued support!"

With appreciation, Bill Harper

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January Birthday
Pat Cox—30th

**THE
NEW FLORIDA FOLLIES**

A Not-For-Profit Organization Dedicated to Helping Children
We are the Older Generation taking care of the Younger Generation!

March 20, 2022, 2 pm,
Spanish River High
School.

This will be a **mini-fundraiser**,
so invite your friends and
family.

\$45 per ticket



Sign up for text alerts

To get our advocacy alerts via text message, text **ZONTA** to 50457. Follow the instructions you receive to complete registration.



**ZONTA
FOUNDATION
FOR WOMEN**

Since 1923, Zonta International has provided more than US\$46.3 million to empower women and girls and expand their access to education, health care, economic opportunities and safe living conditions. Through donations to the Zonta Foundation for Women, Zonta improves women's lives, their children's lives and the communities in which they live and work. Join us in making gender equality a reality for women and girls worldwide. 100 percent of all donations to the Zonta Foundation for Women go directly to program support. The administrative expenses of the Foundation are covered by a grant from Zonta International and interest income.



THINGS TO REMEMBER

Tomorrow is a new day

Making mistakes is part of life

Saying 'no' is okay

Not everyone has to like you

Beauty & strength come from within

SAVE THE DATES

Area 3 Workshop: March 18-19, 2022 in Key West, Fl.

**Zonta International Convention: June 25 - 28, 2022
Hamburg, Germany**

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Try a Facebook Fundraiser with Zonta Club of Boca Raton as the recipient of donations from friends. It's fast and easy.

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On your computer, login to [Facebook](#).

In the promotion in your News Feed:

Type into the search bar to find us ZONTA CLUB OF BOCA RATON

Under "Let's start with the basics," enter:

The name of the nonprofit you're raising money for

How much you want to raise

The currency you want the donations to be in

The date you want the fundraiser to end

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