

## Zontians Celebrate Success of “A Campaign for Sharon”

Members of The Zonta Club of Santa Clarita and all District 9 Zontians are justifiably proud of Dr. Sharon Langenbeck being named President of Zonta International. Nowhere is that fact more evident than in the successful fundraising campaign, “A Campaign for Sharon”, through the raising of \$10,000 in private donations to fund a special Amelia Earhart Fellowship in Dr. Langenbeck’s honor and name.

Throughout the 8 weeks beginning June 15, 2020 and ending August 10, 2020, Zonta SCV and the Zonta clubs of District 9 answered the call of The Zonta Club of Santa Clarita Foundation to donate to this innovative way for a club and a District to come together to show our individual and collective appreciation for the achievements of Dr. Langenbeck.

The stipulation for the contributions to fund an AE Fellowship was developed because of Sharon’s lifetime dedication to Zonta’s Amelia Earhart program. She was a two-time Amelia Earhart Fellow prior to becoming a member of Zonta. Her fellowships assisted her in completing her doctoral program and in being established in her engineering career in the aerospace industry for the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, a traditionally male-dominated career. She understands how important it is for women to support other women to achieve professional levels in the various careers normally dominated by men. Her devotion to the AE Fellowships was the inspiration for the campaign itself.

Highlights of the campaign were:

- The lead gift of \$1,000 given by Barbara Cochran of the Santa Clarita Club to get the ball rolling
- A \$1,000 donation from the Porterville Club
- 61 individual members made donations to the campaign
- 24 clubs were represented in gifts to the campaign
- Residents of 6 states were represented in gifts to the campaign

A full accounting of the donors and their contributions will be sent to Zonta International by the end of August, 2020. It is gratifying that because of this effort, an extra AE Fellow can be funded for her important work. We thank everyone who contributed to the campaign.

All Zontians in Santa Clarita Valley and throughout District 9 are looking forward to supporting our global organization’s newest President in her goals and her service projects, and they will be led by her theme of “Transitions, Changes and New Opportunities.”