

Centennial Celebration Wrap-Up

It was a beautiful fall evening at The Great Lakes Science Center on the shores of Lake Erie in Downtown Cleveland on Friday, November 5, 2021, as the Zonta Club of Cleveland celebrated its Centennial Anniversary. Women and Space were very much themes of the evening.

The evening began with a reception hour where guests were invited to tour the exhibits in the NASA Glenn Visitor Center as well as meet and mingle with Zonta International President, Sharon Langenbeck. Seven Zonta Clubs from throughout District 5 were in attendance to welcome President Sharon. Everyone enjoyed ample bar offerings, including Bees Knees and Manhattans, as well as a selection of passed hors 'd'oeuvres.

Dinner and the program followed. Zonta Club of Cleveland President, Melinda Smith, welcomed everyone and made the introductions for the evening. Zonta Club of Cleveland Vice President, Sue Dybowski, led everyone in a toast remembering past members, celebrating current members, and looking ahead to future members of the Zonta Club of Cleveland all doing their part in moving the mission and spirit of Zonta ever forward. Highlights of the after-dinner Program included long-time Zonta Club of Cleveland member, Germaine Gibian, going over highlights of her time in the Club with remembrances of past notable members and events throughout the last 50 years, Zonta International President, Sharon Langenbeck's (past Amelia Earhart Fellowship Recipient) presentation entitled "100 Years and Counting: Zonta Empowers Women and Girls", and NASA John H. Glenn Research Center's Acting Director of Space Flight Systems Directorate, Kathleen Schubert's presentation on "NASA: For the Benefit of All, Now and in the Future". The evening concluded with a recitation of poet, Maya Angelou's "Phenomenal Woman" done by Camilya Williams, a graduate student and a charter member of the Golden Z-Club at Cleveland State University as well as a multiple recipient of the Zonta Club of Cleveland's annual scholarships.

All guests received a commemorative Program Booklet containing a history of the Zonta Club of Cleveland compiled by event Chairperson, Sonia "Sunny" Shellito.

An enjoyable time was had by all, and it was truly an historic and great night for the Zonta Club of Cleveland.