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Dear Greetings!

At the beginning of my presidency, we set forth our [Biennial Goals](#) to elevate Zonta as a leading organization for women and girls, built on four powerful pillars:

 <p>CREDIBLE & VISIBLE VOICE</p>	 <p>CLUB SUCCESS</p>
 <p>LEADERSHIP & SUSTAINABILITY</p>	 <p>ENGAGEMENT OF AUDIENCE & ALLIES</p>

Since then, we have achieved incredible milestones in each area. We launched the [Inspiring Impact: Zonta Foundation for Women Quarterly Report](#), established our [Core Values](#) and [Code of Conduct](#), [surpassed \\$10 million in endowment funds](#), amplified the visibility of our work at the Council of Europe and more. These accomplishments reflect how Zontians are not only building a better world for women and girls but also fortifying our fellowship. [Click here](#) to celebrate our achievements so far.

These triumphs would not be possible without the unwavering commitment and dedication of our global Zonta community. [Every action by a Zontian](#) is a crucial step toward a future where women's and girls' rights are recognized as human rights.

As we embrace this holiday season, I wish you and your families joy and a healthy, vibrant start to the new year. In this season of giving, consider making a [gift to the Zonta Foundation for Women](#), knowing that even the smallest gesture can have a profound impact on the beneficiaries of our initiatives.

Thank you once again for your hard work, dedication and support. Let us look forward to all we will achieve together in 2026.

Kind regards,



Salla Tuominen
President 2024-2026
Zonta International and Zonta Foundation for Women

Announcement: Zonta Board Transition

After thoughtful consideration, International Director Unna Huh has decided to step down from the Zonta International and Zonta Foundation for Women Boards for personal reasons. The Zonta International and Zonta Foundation for Women Boards are deeply grateful for Unna's dedication, leadership, and unwavering commitment to Zonta's mission throughout her time on the boards. Her contributions have supported Zonta's mission, and the International Boards extend their sincere thanks and best wishes for the future.



To fill this vacancy, per the Zonta International Bylaws Article VII, Section 2d, "A vacancy in the office of Zonta International director shall be filled from the nominees not elected for the term in question at the immediately preceding election in descending order of votes received." The Zonta International and Zonta Foundation for Women Boards are, therefore, pleased to announce that Past District 25 Governor Errick Elavia will fill the vacant seat as the candidate for International Director.

Please join the Zonta International and Zonta Foundation for Women Boards in thanking Unna for her exceptional service and in welcoming Errick to the team.

[Read more](#)

Highlights of the Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women Summit

This year, Zontians invited male allies to unite globally in preventing and addressing gender-based violence. Read more below!



Victor Rivas Rivers - National Network to End Domestic Violence

As the National Spokesperson for the National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV), actor and activist Victor Rivas Rivers works to raise awareness that domestic violence is not solely a women's issue—it is everyone's issue.



"I take great pride in my roles as an athlete, an actor, an author and an activist. However, my most important role is being a father to my son, Eli. In high school, he founded a club called Teens Against Domestic Violence and actively participated in Harvard Against Rape. This is how we redefine manhood.

When Eli was five years old, we had the opportunity to meet then-U.S. President Bill Clinton. Among all the things he could have said to the president, he chose to say, 'You need to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act.'"

Victor Rivas Rivers

2025 Zonta Says NO Virtual Summit

Men Against the Tide film and discussion with filmmaker Priyali Sur

As the filmmaker of the *Men Against the Tide* documentary, Priyali Sur spotlights activism, personal risk and the ripple effect of male allies standing up for change from the



perspective of seven men from rural and urban India.



"We decided to create a film that shows men who are allies. While they may be in the minority, they do exist. Our message is that we should be angry about violence against women and have conversations about it. However, we also need to acknowledge the men and boys who stand up for women and girls. By sharing their stories, we can inspire other men and boys to become allies as well."

Priyali Sur

2025 Zonta Says NO Virtual Summit



Ending Gender-Based Violence with Male Allyship Panel

The last session of the Summit featured a panel discussion on the importance of engaging men and boys as allies to end gender-based violence and how to amplify practical strategies that accelerate progress toward a world free from gender-based violence with: **Dr. Margaret Greene**, Executive Director of GreeneWorks; **Vesna Jaric**,

Global Head of UN Women's HeforShe Campaign; **Joe Vess**, Senior Programs Fellow for Equipumundo; and **Bob Vines**, Violence Prevention Coordinator at the University of Wyoming and a partner with Futures Without Violence.



"I have always connected with the male engagement philosophy, which leans towards inviting young men into these spaces and not automatically indicting them as abusers. We want to leverage their social capital in being the catalyst for change to end violence against women."

Bob Vines

2025 Zonta Says NO Virtual Summit

[Click here](#) to view additional video highlights from the 2025 Zonta Says NO Virtual Summit.

Continue to say NO with two actions



Sign and share the Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women Pledge

Almost 1,300 people have already taken the Zonta Says NO pledge. Check out the current pledge count by region:

- Europe - 539
- North America - 451
- Oceania - 131



Take action and Share Your Story now

More than 140 actions have already been shared for the 2025 campaign. How did you say NO this year in your community? Each action Zontians take inspires the world to speak out and say NO. Without your stories, we cannot show the true impact of our global campaign.

- Asia - 90
- Africa - 77
- South America - 9

Say NO and renew your commitment to ending gender-based violence by taking the pledge and sharing it with friends, family, community members, business leaders and owners, local leaders and political representatives.

Take the pledge

Share Your Story of your #ZontaSaysNO action.

Share Your Story

A special conversation with President Salla and Pete Bober

Violence against women is not a women's issue; it is a human issue, and men must lead alongside women to end it. To explore more about male allyship, Zonta International President Salla Tuominen sits down with Peter Bober, a member of the Zonta International Advocacy Committee and a long-term supporter and activist for women's rights, during the 16 Days of Activism. [Watch the video.](#)



Zontians in Action

Zontians are taking action to build a better world for women and girls! Read how Zonta clubs and student clubs are saying NO to violence against women in their communities and beyond.

ZONTA CLUBS OF KAUAI AND HANAIEI, USA, introduced a "10 Things Men Can Do to Prevent Violence" presentation because when men choose to listen, speak up and model respect at home and in their communities, they create a ripple of safety and compassion, letting real change take root. [Read more.](#)



ZONTA CLUB OF ULAANBAATAR, MONGOLIA, united the community by collecting signatures in support of the [Zonta Says NO pledge](#) at bustling shopping centers. They also raised vital funding for young girls and children impacted by violence at the National Center Against Violence in Mongolia. [Read more.](#)



Zontians in the News

Zontians are making headlines in their local news. Learn how their Zonta Says NO initiatives are inspiring their communities and beyond.

ZONTA CLUB OF ACCRA, GHANA, calls for an end to digital abuse against women and girls, one of the fastest-growing forms of gender-based violence. Digital abuse includes non-consensual sharing of real or AI-generated sexual images of women, cyberbullying, trolling, online threats, online harassment and sexual harassment. Read their coverage here: [16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence: AWLN, Zonta Accra II call for end to GBV.](#)

ZONTA CLUBS OF MELBOURNE ON YARRA INC AND MELBOURNE WEST INC, AUSTRALIA, saw a record turnout of men and families at the Walk Against Violence march, signaling a growing societal recognition that violence against women is

unacceptable. Learn how the clubs are rallying men and other allies to create a world free from gender-based society: [Freedom from gender-based violence](#).

Click the buttons below to be inspired by Zontians taking action within their own communities. Then, tell us how you are changing the world by sharing your story!

Local Service & Advocacy

Local Zonta Says NO Actions

Submit a Share Your Story



We proudly highlight our [#ZontiansinAction](#). See the steps our members have taken to make a difference around the world.

WATCH NOW



Plan your next adventure in Vancouver, Canada, now!

We are excited to invite all Zontians, awardee alumnae and Golden Z club members to the 2026 Zonta International Convention in Vancouver, Canada. We look forward to experiencing the wonderful views and hospitality of Canada while reconnecting with old friends and making new ones. We hope you will join us 11-14 July 2026 and register today for the [67th Zonta International Convention](#).



Register Today!

2024-2025 Annual Report is now available!

The 2024-2025 Zonta Foundation for Women Annual Report is now available! Read the Annual Report to learn about the impact of your support and Zonta's global initiatives.

Read the Annual Report



Take gender-equal climate action NOW



Join the Think Tank

Come share your ideas and gather inspiration on how we can address Gender-Equal Climate Action NOW at the next Zonta Says NOW Intercontinental Think Tank on [11 January](#) 2026.



Virtual Art Gallery submissions

Art and story connect us to the issue and each other. [Submit your art](#) to the virtual gallery to express your support for gender-equal climate action. The gallery launch date is 22 April 2026. Please [click here](#) for a promo video.

Expand your horizons this January with Zonta International Amelia Earhart Month

Join Zonta International as we hear from three past Amelia Earhart fellows about their journeys since receiving the prestigious fellowship.



Monday, 26 January
11:00 AM CST | [Find your time](#)

[Register now](#)

Coffee chat with International Advocacy Chair Helen Bowie

Join Zonta International on 28 January, Global Community Engagement Day, for an open discussion on how we can engage in advocacy for change at the community level led by Advocacy Chair Helen Bowie.



Wednesday, 28 January
1:00 PM CST | [Find your time](#)

[Register now](#)

Join the Conversation Circles for CSW70 in March 2026

Prepare for CSW70 and join UN Chair Pamela Morgan for Conversation Circles, constructive discussions based on the CSW Priority Theme: Ensuring and strengthening access to justice for all women and girls, including by promoting inclusive and equitable legal systems, eliminating discriminatory laws, policies, and practices, and addressing structural barriers. [Register on our event page](#).

Please note that sessions will not be recorded.



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MARCH 2026

Official slate for the 2026-2028 Biennium

The 2026 Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the [official slate of candidates](#) for election to the 2026-2028 Zonta International and Zonta Foundation for Women Boards and Nominating Committee.



[2026-2028 Official Slate of Candidates](#)

Advocacy Essentials



November UN Essentials Video

Get the latest updates on Zonta's engagement with the UN. In the November "UN Essentials" video, UN Committee Chair Pamela Morgan shares a recap of her participation in the Second World Summit for Social Development 2025 in Qatar, while Vienna UN Committee Member Sabine Peters highlights ongoing initiatives and advocacy efforts in Vienna.

[Click here](#) to watch the video.

Zonta Essentials: The Council of Europe's (CoE) cooperation with the European Union (EU) and the United Nations (UN) – valuable partnerships

Continue to learn more about Zonta's participatory status at the CoE, Europe's leading human rights organization, brought to you by Zonta's Council of Europe Committee. [Click here](#) to read Part 9.

- [Watch the latest webinar](#) on "Being a women's rights activist: What you should know about the Council of Europe, the continent's leading human rights organization."

Important announcements you should know!



Upcoming deadlines

Add these dates to your calendar:

- 15 JAN: [Zonta Women in STEM Award application due](#)
- 28 FEB: [Zonta Excellence in Service and Advocacy Awards application due](#)



Updates to the Advocacy Tools

New tools are now available with translations on our [Advocacy Tools webpage!](#) Access the Advocacy Training Module in Chinese, English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean and Spanish.



Update your MyZonta account

As we are nearing the end of the year, please log in to your [My Zonta account](#) and ensure that all your contact information is up to date.

Meet this month's Remarkable Woman: Dr. Chay Brown



Dr. Chay Brown met with Lynne Foley OAM, host of the Remarkable Women, Powerful Stories podcast, to share her journey of bringing a voice to those who are silenced by violence and light to the systems that shadow victims.



Listen to Chay's story on the go | [Spotify](#) | [YouTube](#)

Celebrating Zonta International Headquarters

This month, we celebrate the work anniversaries of two staff members here at Zonta International Headquarters. Please help us in congratulating:



Martina Gamboa
Programs Senior Coordinator
32 years

Shannon Reilly
Programs & Events Manager
2 years

Congratulations to our club anniversaries this month!



Zonta Club of Kenmore
USA, District 4
100th anniversary

Zonta Club of St. Cloud
USA, District 7
75th anniversary

Zonta Club of Mineral Wells
USA, District 10
70th anniversary

We applaud your efforts in advocating for the women and girls in your community and beyond. To see which other clubs are celebrating a milestone anniversary in December, visit [Zonta News](#).

Important Dates and Events

- 24-25 December: Zonta International Headquarters office closed for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day
- 1 January: Zonta International Headquarters office closed for New Year's Day
- 1-31 January: Amelia Earhart Month
- 11 January: Amelia Earhart Day
- 11 January: [Zonta Says NOW Intercontinental Think Tank](#)
- 15 January: [Zonta Women in STEM Award application deadline](#)
- 19 January: Zonta International Headquarters office closed in observation of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 21 January: CSW Conversation Circles - Ensuring and Strengthening Access to Justice for All Women and Girls | [9:00 AM CST](#) | [4:00 PM CST](#)
- 24 January: [International Day of Education](#)
- 26 January: Amelia Earhart Month
- 28 January: Coffee chat with Advocacy Chair Helen Bowie - Global Community Engagement Day | [1:00 PM CST](#)
- 4 February: CSW Conversation Circles - Promoting inclusive and equitable legal systems | [9:00 AM CST](#) | [4:00 PM CST](#)
- 11 February: CSW Conversation Circles - Eliminating discriminatory laws, policies and practices | [9:00 AM CST](#) | [4:00 PM CST](#)
- 16 February: Zonta International Headquarters office closed in observation of Presidents' Day
- 18 February 2026: CSW Conversation Circles - Addressing structural barriers | [9:00 AM CST](#) | [4:00 PM CST](#)
- 20 February: [World Day of Social Justice](#)
- 28 February: [Zonta Excellence in Service and Advocacy deadline](#)



BUILD A BETTER WORLD FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS



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Zonta International is a global organization based in 65 countries building a better world for women and girls. Zonta International envisions a world in which women's rights are recognized as human rights and every woman is able to achieve her full potential. In such a world, women have access to all resources and are represented in decision-making positions on an equal basis with men. In such a world, no woman lives in fear of violence.

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