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Dear Greetings!

Each January, Zonta International shines a spotlight on the inspiring women making noteworthy strides in the historically male-dominated fields of aerospace engineering and space sciences.

Inspired by the groundbreaking spirit of Amelia Earhart—the iconic pilot and esteemed member of Zonta—our Zonta International Amelia Earhart Fellows exemplify determination and resilience. Their journeys are a testament to overcoming obstacles, challenging stereotypes and pursuing excellence in fields where women's representation has long been lacking.

The impactful work of our Fellows underscores the need for a more inclusive future in these industries. Their achievements serve as a powerful beacon of inspiration for young girls and women everywhere, showing them that they, too, can dream big and break through barriers.

These remarkable accomplishments would not be possible without the steadfast support of our dedicated Zonta members. Their commitment to empowering women and girls around the globe through [education](#), [mentorship](#) and [action](#) is truly invaluable. Together, we are creating a nurturing environment where every woman and girl can unlock her full potential and help shape a more equitable world.

Thank you for your unwavering dedication to the Amelia Earhart Fellowship and our educational initiatives. Let us keep making space and building a better world for women and girls.

Kind regards,



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

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## Zonta International responds to U.S. withdrawal from multilateral institutions

As an organization with General Consultative Status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council and a long and successful history of partnership with the United

Nations and its agencies, Zonta International expresses its deep concern and profound disappointment in the decision by the Government of the United States to withdraw from, or disengage with, a number of key international organizations, conventions, and treaties established under the auspices of the United Nations and the broader multilateral system.



[Read our full statement here](#)

### Something is Blooming this March!

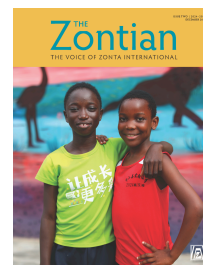
We are expanding our celebration of Zonta Rose Day to encompass the entire month of March. International Women's Day will remain a key focal point for our global causes and visibility efforts, but now the entire month will serve as a time to honor Zonta and the remarkable women who deserve recognition.



Essentially, nothing will change. We celebrate **8 March** as International Women's Day and all of the month for Zonta. More information is coming soon!

### The Zontian magazine: Coming to your mailbox soon!

The newest edition of *The Zontian* magazine is set to arrive in your mailbox shortly. Make sure to keep an eye out for it to learn how our shared commitment to advocating and leading positive change is making a difference in the lives of women and girls.



[Read The Zontian today](#)

### Zontians in Action

Zontians are taking action to build a better world for women and girls! Read how Zonta clubs and student clubs are taking action for women and girls in their communities and beyond through education.

**ZONTA DISTRICT 31, TAIWAN AND MONGOLIA**, demonstrated their commitment to education and service by donating NT\$300,000 to the Taitung Kids' Bookhouse. [Read more.](#)



**ZONTA CLUB OF HILO, USA**, opened registration for its 10th Annual Amelia Earhart Girls in Engineering Day, offering free hands-on STEM activities, robotics projects, and mentorship to girls in grades 4–8 on Hawai'i Island. [Read more.](#)



### Zontians in the News

Zontians and alumnae of Zonta's education programs are making headlines in their local news. Learn how they are inspiring their communities and beyond.

**2023 AMELIA EARHART FELLOW MINDULI WIJAYATUNGA** was named one of Forbes' 2026 30 Under 30 in the science category. [Click here to read more from Forbes.](#)

**2025 AMELIA EARHART FELLOW LYNN PICKERING** was recently interviewed about her work on how the aerospace industry is turning to trustworthy AI through the Ohio Federal Research Network. [Click here to read more from the University of Cincinnati.](#)

**ZONTA CLUB OF MELBOURNE, USA**, invited Eileen Collins as its headline speaker at its second annual Reaching New Heights: Women in Space symposium. Eileen is the first woman to pilot the space shuttle and to command a space shuttle mission. Read the club's symposium: [Click here to read more from Florida Today.](#)

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

**REMINDER:** Be sure to [share your Zonta Says NO actions](#) with your Governor or Zonta International so that the Zonta Says NO Working Committee can have an accurate representation of club participation in the 2025 Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women campaign.



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

WATCH NOW



## Don't be a silly goose and miss early bird registration: Plan your next adventure in Vancouver, Canada, now!

Take advantage of early bird registration before it **ends on 15 March!** If you have not booked your accommodations, we encourage you to do so soon. We have a very limited number of rooms left in the original, lower-priced room block at the Hyatt Regency Vancouver on 14 July only. There are plenty of rooms on the other nights, but they are at the higher rate. We also still have rooms available at the Delta. Check out our [accommodation webpage](#) for more information.



While you are on our site, reserve your spot for [Zonta-exclusive Vancouver experiences](#) on Saturday and Monday evenings. These events at Grouse Mountain, the Vancouver Aquarium, Brewhall and Top of Vancouver include food, drinks and live entertainment. Roundtrip transportation is also included for Grouse Mountain and the Vancouver Aquarium. If you have already completed your registration, it's not too late. Log back in and add one or two of these exciting Vancouver experiences!. And check out how you can get a discounted flight from Air Canada, our Preferred Airline Partner. Learn more at [Air Canada](#).

We hope you will join us 11-14 July 2026 and register today for the [67th Zonta International Convention](#).

Register Today!

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 [10 May](#) 2026.



### Virtual Art Gallery coming soon

Before the Virtual Art Gallery launches on 22 April, [submit your art](#) to the virtual gallery to express your support for gender-equal climate action. [Watch](#) the Zonta Says NOW promo video or [view](#) the flyer.

## Happening today: 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

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 practice and addressing structural barriers. [Register on our event page](#).

Please note that sessions will not be recorded.



## Important items you should know!



**Zonta Excellence in Service and Advocacy**



**Zonta Essentials: A historic event at the Council of Europe (CoE) - The Summit in Reykjavik 16-17 May 2023**

Don't forget to apply for the 2024-2026 Zonta Excellence

in Service and Advocacy Awards. These awards recognize outstanding service and advocacy projects undertaken by Zonta clubs or districts that benefit women and girls. [Click here](#) for the complete award guidelines. The deadline for applications is **28 February 2026**.

Through Zonta's CoE Committee, Zonta holds participatory status at the Council of Europe, Europe's leading human rights organization. The committee is providing regular updates to enhance members' understanding of Zonta's role. [Click here](#) to read Part 10.

[Watch the latest webinar.](#)

## UNICEF Appreciation Video

In a year that asked for more from all of us, thank you from everyone at UNICEF USA to Zonta members and friends for making a positive difference in the lives of the world's children. [Click here](#) to watch the video.



## Meet this month's Remarkable Woman: Thilmeeza Hussain



**Thilmeeza Hussain** met with Lynne Foley OAM, host of the Remarkable Women, Powerful Stories podcast, to share how she pushed through the doubts she faced as one of the youngest UN representatives and the first female U.S. ambassador to the Maldives with perseverance and resilience.



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

We want to hear from you! Please [click on the button below](#) and take a moment to answer some questions about the Remarkable Women Powerful Stories Podcast:

[Take our survey](#)

## Congratulations to our club anniversaries this month!



**Zonta Club of Milwaukee**  
USA, District 6  
**100th anniversary**

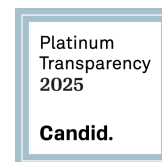
**Zonta Club of St. Louis**  
USA, District 7  
**100th anniversary**

**Zonta Club of Hamburg**  
Germany, District 27  
**95th 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 January, visit [Zonta News](#).

## Important Dates and Events

- 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](#)
- 1-31 March: Zonta Rose Month
- 8 March: International Women's Day
- 15 March: [Last day for Early Bird Registration Rates for Convention](#)
- 23 April: Coffee Chats with Salla - Volunteer Appreciation Week
- 27 April-1 May: [International elections open](#)
- 7 May: International election results announced
- 10 May: [Zonta Says NOW Intercontinental Think Tank](#)
- 26 May: [Zonta Advocacy Series - Cybersecurity 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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