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# Zonta News

Build a Better World for Women and Girls



Greetings!

Being a member of Zonta is more than simply joining an organization. It is becoming part of a ripple effect that stretches across borders and generations. One action inspires another. One initiative grows into a larger movement. One member invites another, and together we build something stronger than any one of us could accomplish alone.



Throughout our history, we have seen this ripple effect again and again. When women and girls are displaced by conflict and crisis, Zontians are there. When women and girls face barriers to professional or educational advancement, Zontians are there. Our members continue to step forward whenever women and girls need us most.



This is the true strength of membership. Growth is measured not only in numbers but also in action. It is measured in the projects we lead, the voices we amplify, the scholarships we provide, the advocacy we champion and the lives we change together.



Every Zontian carries the spirit of our mission forward. We pass the torch from one generation to the next, ensuring that our commitment to gender equality, education, ending violence against women and girls, climate justice and women's leadership continues to grow stronger.




There are people in our communities searching for purpose, connection and a way to create meaningful change. When we invite others to join Zonta, we are not simply growing our membership. We are strengthening our ability to build a better world for women and girls, today and for generations to come.



Thank you for continuing to carry the Zonta Spirit forward.

Kind regards,



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



The 2026 Club Mailing is now available!

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## Celebrate the Zonta Spirit in Vancouver, Canada!

Get ready to experience the impact, milestones and unforgettable moments of the 2024-2026 Biennium. We are excited to reunite with Zonta members worldwide once again in Vancouver, Canada, and celebrate the Zonta Spirit.



If you cannot attend the 2026 Convention in person, consider attending as a virtual attendee, where you will have access to an online profile, networking opportunities and events including all main stage sessions and on-demand recordings to watch from anywhere in the world.

Don't forget, the Zonta International [Convention Virtual Program](#) begins already in June! The Whova Convention app will launch on **1 June 2026**. Be sure to download it to guarantee the best Convention experience.

[Register](#)

## Zontians in Action

Zontians are taking action to build a better world for women and girls! Read how Zonta clubs are continuing to make an impact in their communities and beyond.

**Zonta Club of Toronto, Canada**, partnered with the Museum of Toronto for an Earth Week panel discussion featuring women environmental activists. [Read more.](#)



**Golden Z Club of the University of Makati** hosted "Lifeline: Donating Blood, Saving Lives and Caring for Community Health," which brought together students and community members for a blood donation drive and health seminars. [Read more.](#)



## Zontians in the News

Zontians are making headlines in their local news by recognizing remarkable leaders. Learn how they are inspiring their communities and beyond.


**ZONTA CLUB OF MARQUETTE AREA, USA**, held their annual "Honor a Woman" event, where community members were invited to recognize impactful women in their lives. [Read the full coverage.](#)

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!

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Share Your Story Today



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

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## News and Events

### Only five days left to Add Your Voice through the 2026 Membership Campaign

All membership matters! Every effort toward recruitment and retention makes a difference. Be sure to submit all [member recruitment forms](#) and [recruitment event grant proposals](#) by **31 May 2026**.



Please visit the [Add Your Voice webpage](#) for more details

### Club Dues Update

Congratulations to the districts with the top percentage of paid clubs for international dues:

- District 21 - 53% paid
- District 29 - 40% paid
- District 30 - 40% paid



Thank you to all clubs that have already completed their payments. Friendly reminder that the deadline for international dues is **1 June 2026**.

### Congratulations to the 2026-2028 leadership team!

Thank you to all who participated in the election of the 2026-2028 Zonta International and Zonta Foundation for Women Boards and International Nominating Committee. [The final elections and voting results can be viewed on the website.](#)



### Inspiring Impact Vol VIII out now

Discover how your support is building a better world for women and girls around the world through the latest Zonta Foundation for Women Quarterly Report.

Learn more about the recent Zonta International delegation visits to Ecuador and Mozambique, where members observed firsthand the impact of two International Service Projects: Laaha: A Digital Safe Space and Climate Empower.

**Inspiring Impact:**  
Zonta Foundation for Women Quarterly Report

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**2026-2028 Leadership Election Results**

**2026-2028 International Board**

**2026-2028 Zonta Foundation for Women Board**

**2026-2028 International Nominating Committee**

**2026-2028 Zonta Foundation for Women Nominating Committee**

**2026-2028 Zonta Foundation for Women Executive Committee**

**2026-2028 Zonta Foundation for Women Regional Committees**

**2026-2028 Zonta Foundation for Women Districts**

**2026-2028 Zonta Foundation for Women Chapters**

**2026-2028 Zonta Foundation for Women Clubs**

**2026-2028 Zonta Foundation for Women Members**

**2026-2028 Zonta Foundation for Women Volunteers**

**2026-2028 Zonta Foundation for Women Donors**

**2026-2028 Zonta Foundation for Women Supporters**

**2026-2028 Zonta Foundation for Women Allies**

**2026-2028 Zonta Foundation for Women Friends**

**2026-2028 Zonta Foundation for Women Family**

**2026-2028 Zonta Foundation for Women Community**

**2026-2028 Zonta Foundation for Women World**

The report also highlights the achievement of our Foundation's biennial goal and shares more information on the recipients of the 2026 Zonta Women in STEM Award. Read the full report [here](#).

## Meet this month's Remarkable Woman: Indai Sajor



**Indai Sajor** is the convener of the internationally acclaimed Women's International War Crimes Tribunal on Japan's Military Sexual Slavery in the case of comfort women. Through this pioneering initiative, she helped establish sexual slavery as a crime against humanity, advancing justice and recognition for survivors.



Indai met with Lynne Foley OAM, host of the Remarkable Women, Powerful Stories podcast, to discuss more than three decades of her work advancing gender justice, truth-telling and building survivor-centered dignity.

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

## Congratulations to our club anniversaries this month!



**Zonta Club of Minneapolis St. Paul Area**  
United States, District 7  
**100th anniversary**

**Zonta Club of Burbank Area**  
United States, District 9  
**90th anniversary**

**Zonta Club of Kankakee**  
United States, District 6  
**Zonta Club of Vanersborg**  
Sweden, District 21  
**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 May, visit [Zonta News](#).

## Celebrating Zonta International Headquarters

This month, we celebrate the work anniversary of one staff member here at Zonta International Headquarters. Please help us in congratulating:



**Amy Park**  
Communications Coordinator  
2 years

## Important Dates and Events

- 1 April-31 May: [Add Your Voice Campaign](#)
- 11-14 July: [2026 Zonta International Convention](#) in Vancouver, Canada
- 16 July: [New Member Orientation](#)
- 30 July: World Day Against Trafficking in Persons
- 17 September: [New Member Orientation](#)

- 18 September: International Equal Pay Day



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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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