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Zonta News

Build a Better World for Women and Girls



Dear Megan,

This month, we celebrated Zonta International's 105th birthday, a day to reflect on our achievements and embrace the challenges ahead. While we have continued to be a beacon of hope for women's rights for more than a century, we are still many milestones away from a world where women's rights are human rights and where no woman lives in fear of violence.



According to the [World Health Organization's March 2024 report](#):

Zontians at the Zonta Says NO march at the 2024 Brisbane Convention.

- About 1 in 3 (30%) of women worldwide have been subjected to either physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence or non-partner sexual violence in their lifetime.
- Worldwide, almost one-third (27%) of women aged 15-49 years who have been in a relationship report that they have been subjected to some form of physical and/or sexual violence by their intimate partner.
- Violence can negatively affect women's physical, mental, sexual and reproductive health.

This is unacceptable.

To build a better world for women and girls, a world without violence, we must unite as a global community and take decisive action.

1. Bring the [Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women and Girls campaign](#) into your own communities and show your neighbors, friends and family the importance of speaking up against gender-based violence, the prevalence of it and how it impacts society overall.
2. [Share your actions](#). Let us show the world what we are doing and how our collective actions are building a better world for women and girls.
3. Take part in the [Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women Online Summit](#) on 10 December to exchange ideas and dialogue on how to break the silence with three remarkable speakers and Zontians worldwide. All purchases made during the summit will go toward [Every Member Every November](#).

As you read ahead, I urge you to speak up for those who cannot and join in the global effort of creating a world where no woman or girl lives in fear of violence. Together, we will make a difference.

Warm regards,



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

DONATE THIS NOVEMBER

Every November brings the opportunity for each of our members to celebrate our birthday month by giving a gift to the Zonta Foundation for Women.




ZONTA SAYS NO
TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN
ONLINE SUMMIT

10.DEC.24
BREAK THE SILENCE

REGISTER TODAY

www.zontasaysno.com/online-summit/

Break the silence at the Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women Online Summit

On 10 December, join Zonta International for an inspiring day featuring three remarkable speakers, each sharing their unique insights and expertise. Engage in a meaningful dialogue as participants can pose questions to deepen the conversation.

SUSANNE STRAND

A Psychological View of Violence Against Women

8:00 AM CST

Susanne is a professor of criminology. Her research focuses on risk assessment and management of intimate partner violence. Much of her work involves collaboration with the police and social services.



In her current research in Sweden, Susanne leads the research program RISKSAM (Risk Management and Collaboration). The aim is to develop an effective evidence-based working method together with practitioners for the police, social services, and other actors for intimate partner violence, stalking, and honor-related violence and oppression.

TONY PORTER

A Call to Men - Ending Violence Against Women

12:00 PM CST

Tony is an author, educator, and activist working to advance gender and racial justice and create a more equitable society. He is internationally recognized for his efforts to prevent violence against women while



promoting healthy, respectful manhood.

ELIZABETH FLOCK

A Conversation with Elizabeth Flock about Gender-Based Violence

4:00 PM CST

Elizabeth is an Emmy Award-winning journalist and author with a focus on stories about gender and justice. Her work has been featured in the *New Yorker*, the *New York Times*, *The Atlantic*, on *PBS News Hour* and *Netflix*, among other outlets. Her reporting is supported by the Pulitzer Center, PEN America, and the International Women’s Media Foundation.



Buy your tickets today

Express yourself at the Zonta Says NO Virtual Summit

We are inviting youth members to speak up during the Zonta Says NO to Summit. We are asking young members to give their perspective of violence against women in an artistic expression to lead off our three sessions on the 10 December summit. If you know a Z club or Golden Z club member who has an artistic piece they would like to share whether that be poetry, a short story, song, visual art or performing art piece, please respond to programs@zonta.org.



Space will be limited and we thank all in advance for their submissions.

Ending Gender-Based Violence: The Role of the Zonta Foundation for Women

Gender-based violence is a pervasive global issue that disproportionately affects women and girls. It takes many forms, including physical and sexual assault, domestic violence, child marriage and femicide. It knows no national or cultural barriers and affects millions in peacetime and in conflict. For 40 years, the Zonta Foundation for Women has invested in programs that address the underlying causes of child marriage and continues to break the cycle of violence and create a more equitable world for all.

Read the latest Inspiring Impact: Zonta Foundation for Women Quarterly Report and learn how you are inspiring impact and building a better world for women and girls everywhere through your donations to the Foundation.

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Inspiring Impact:
Zonta Foundation for Women Quarterly Report

Read Inspiring Impact

Zontians in Action

Zontians are taking action to create a better world for women and girls! Read the stories below highlighting how Zonta clubs and student clubs are already saying NO to gender-based violence in their communities and beyond.

Zonta Club of Cebu I hosts workshop on child abuse and online sexual exploitation

In response to rising cases of child abuse and online sexual exploitation (OSEC), the Zonta Club of Cebu I, Philippines, recently held a workshop, titled How to Spot and Deal with Child Abuse and OSEC. Bringing together 120 school counselors, teachers and student leaders from Cebu City, Lapu-Lapu City and Talisay City, the workshop focused on school-based interventions for combating violence against women and children.



This initiative was part of the club's Women Empowerment (WE) Hub Project and received funding support from the Women Raising Awareness and Advocacy Program (WRAAP). The workshop not only provided attendees with valuable knowledge but also reinforced the commitment of Cebu's community sectors to combat abuse and promote safer, more supportive environments for children.

I am RADA campaign launches to combat domestic violence

Zonta clubs across Bulgaria launched the I am RADA project to combat domestic violence, with initiatives across Sofia, Plovdiv, Burgas, Varna, Veliko Tarnovo, Ruse and Stara Zagora. The campaign features the Rada doll, a symbol of support for victims of domestic violence, positioned in public places alongside orange-painted benches illuminating parks and streets. Each doll carries a QR code linking to the "HELP ME" app, developed by the National Office for Legal Assistance, where victims can access resources and contacts for support.



As part of the campaign, Zonta encourages citizens to show their support by taking photos with the Rada dolls and sharing them on social media with the hashtag #АзСамРада. The project is supported by the Bulgarian Women's Fund and the European Union and aims to foster a culture of respect and safety for all.

Click on 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](#)

[Zonta Says NO](#)

[Share Your Story](#)



We proudly highlight our [#ZontiansinAction](#).

See the steps our members have taken to make a difference around the world.

[WATCH NOW](#)



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Download the Zonta app today

Zonta Essentials: Zonta's Role as NGO at the Council of Europe (CoE), Part 2

Zonta holds participatory status at the CoE, Europe's leading human rights organization. The Zonta International Council of Europe committee will provide regular updates to enhance members' understanding of Zonta's role with the CoE. Please pass on this information to your club members either in your next club meeting or newsletter.



Read or watch part 2 of a series focusing on the Council of Europe and its relevance for Zonta International.

Read

Watch the latest webinar

Spotlight on Zonta on The Leader U Podcast

President Salla Tuominen and Executive Director Megan Radavich recently shared their insights on The Leader U Podcast, highlighting Zonta International's transformative role in the quest for gender equality over the past 105 years. They focused on four pivotal areas: ending gender-based violence, championing climate justice, empowering women in leadership and advocating for equal access to education. This inspiring conversation reflects Zonta's impactful efforts, including a project aimed at ending child marriage and calls on listeners to engage with and support local Zonta clubs. It serves as a powerful reminder of how individual empowerment and leadership can propel meaningful global change.



[Click here](#) to be inspired by this uplifting conversation today!

Attending CSW69/ Beijing + 30?

The next Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) will take place from **10-21 March 2025**.



Are you interested in learning more? Visit the [CSW webpage](#) to access resources, materials and recordings. [Grounds pass applications](#) are also now available. Click to find out about how you can best participate in the next CSW.

Zonta UN Committee Chair Pamela Morgan for her next Conversation Circle [on 4 December](#). This series covers the 12 points of the Beijing Platform. Join other Zontians about these important topics before attending CSW69/Beijing +30 to be well-informed. Future Conversation Circles links will be posted on the [Zonta International Events page](#).

Zonta at CSW

Meet October's Remarkable Woman: Dr. Marilyn Waring



Dr. Marilyn Waring is an emeritus professor of public policy at the Auckland University of Technology in New Zealand. Internationally, she is known for her ground-breaking work in political economy, development assistance and human rights, and her classic work *Counting for Nothing: What Men Value and What Women are Worth*.



In 2020, Marilyn became a Dame Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit for her services to women and economics. She is also a Zonta International Honorary Member.

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

Look out for *The Zontian* magazine in your mailbox

The first issue of *The Zontian* magazine will be out soon! Be sure to check your mailboxes in the next few weeks and add the magazine to your reading list.



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club anniversaries!**

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Congratulations to our club anniversaries this month:

Zonta Club of Buffalo
USA, District 4
105th anniversary

Zonta Club of Rochester
USA, District 4
105th anniversary

Zonta Club of Detroit I
USA, District 15
105th anniversary

Zonta Club of Syracuse
USA, District 2
105th anniversary

Zonta Club of Elmira
USA, District 2
105th anniversary

Zonta Club of Utica
USA, District 2
105th anniversary

Zonta Club of Erie
USA, District 4
105th 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 November, visit [Zonta News](#).

SAVE THE DATE

16. JAN. 25

Celebrate the remarkable legacy of Amelia Earhart by joining inspiring Amelia Earhart Fellows in an engaging online webinar



Important Dates

- 1 November-3 December: [Every Member Every November](#)
- 21 November: [Zonta New Member Orientation](#)
- 25 November: [International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women](#)
- 25 November-10 December: [16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence](#)
- 30 November: Deadline to apply for CSW69 Grounds Pass and the Youth Observer application
- 10 December: [Human Rights Day](#)
- 10 December: [Zonta Says NO Virtual Summit](#)
- 1-31 January: Amelia Earhart Month
- 11 January: Amelia Earhart Day
- 12 January: [Zonta Says NOW Intercontinental Think Tank](#)
- 16 January: [New Member Orientation](#)
- 24 January: [International Day of Education](#)



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