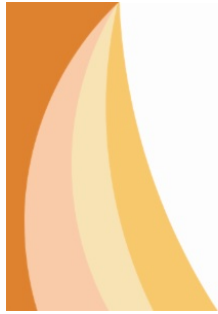


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# Zonta News

Build a Better World for Women and Girls



Dear Greetings!

This month, we celebrated our 106th birthday with Zonta Spirit and [Core Values](#). These five values of global community, friendship, equity and inclusion, respect and integrity guide us as we build a better world for women and girls – a world we envision without violence.

Today, we find ourselves at a pivotal moment where gender-based violence is a painful reality, and child marriage statistics have worsened in the post-pandemic era. Yet, as Zontians, we stand resolute.



As one of our [four main causes](#), our unwavering commitment to end gender-based violence ignites our passion. Through the Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women campaign, Zonta members and clubs worldwide are [already showing their dedication to building a society free from gender-based violence](#). Through diverse programs and advocacy efforts, they champion policies that protect and empower those affected by violence, emphasizing the essential role organizations like Zonta play in promoting gender equality and fostering safer environments for everyone.

Any individual can take action in saying NO. As we unite to influence laws and transform attitudes to end violence against women and girls on local, national, and international levels, I invite you to join us on 10 December for the [Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women Online Summit](#). This pivotal event will highlight the essential role of male allies in the fight against gender-based violence, inspiring men to challenge harmful social norms and promote cultural change while empowering women to engage men in this vital struggle. Participants will gain insights from global experts through three sessions focused on innovative allyship approaches, including partnerships with local organizations and strategies for engaging youth.

I also encourage everyone to sign the [Zonta Says NO pledge](#) to reaffirm your own commitment to ending gender-based violence and encourage everyone in your networks to do the same. The more people, especially men, who get involved in saying NO, the more we can do to create the world we envision.

In this issue, we also bring you the first-ever UN Essentials video, offering an inside look at Zonta's engagement at the United Nations. You'll find inspiring stories of Zontians in action worldwide, updates on our 40th anniversary celebration of the Zonta Foundation for Women, and details on upcoming opportunities from the 2026 Convention in Vancouver to our next Zonta Says NOW Think Tank on gender-equal climate action. Plus, don't miss this month's Remarkable Woman feature with Dr. Tanya Harrison, whose work bridges Earth and Mars to advance science.

Thank you for all that you do in making the world we envision a reality.

Kind regards,



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

## Three ways to Say NO during the 16 Days of Activism



Violence against women and girls is a widespread human rights violation. During the 16 Days of Activism, from 25 November to 10 December, we encourage all Zontians to join the **Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women campaign**. Take action locally and globally to influence laws and promote change. Learn how you can change gender-based attitudes and behaviors to end violence against women below.



### Sign and share the Zonta Says NO Pledge

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

Take the  
Pledge



### Attend the Virtual Summit

**Wednesday, 10 December**

Join Zonta International for three engaging and inspiring sessions throughout the day to discuss male allyship and be inspired to take action, challenge norms and build a violence-free world.

- **Session 1:** Victor Rivas Rivers- National Network to End Domestic Violence
- **Session 2:** Men Against the Tide film and discussion with filmmaker Priyali Sur
- **Session 3:** Ending Gender-Based Violence with Male Allyship Panel

Register  
Today



### Share Your Story

Submit stories and photos of your Zonta Says NO actions around the world to illustrate our community's global reach and impact.

Share Your  
Story



# ZONTA SAYS NO

## TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

2025 VIRTUAL SUMMIT

10 December 2025

US\$25: General

US\$20: Member

US\$10: Student

All proceeds go to the  
Zonta Foundation for Women  
International Service Fund.



REGISTER TODAY

[www.ZontaSaysNO.com](http://www.ZontaSaysNO.com)

## Celebrating 40 years of global impact through the Zonta Foundation for Women

This November, join Zontians around the world as we celebrate 40 years of generosity and global impact through the **Zonta Foundation for Women**. As we conclude our 40th anniversary celebration, we invite you to join us in this historic moment. During the **Every Member Every November** campaign, your donation, of any size, helps sustain Zonta's global projects and programs, reaffirming our shared commitment to building a better world for women and girls. And, if we meet our anniversary goal, we also meet our biennial goal!



Give Now

## Zontians in Action

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

**ZONTA CLUB OF DHAKA III, BANGLADESH**, launched a new project to empower Garo women in Modhupur through sustainable craft training. The initiative not only promotes financial independence and stability, but also respect, empowerment and freedom from violence. [Read more.](#)



**ZONTA CLUB OF LAUNCESTON INC, AUSTRALIA**, brought a bold new domestic violence awareness campaign to the streets by funding a message on a Metro bus that reads, "Prevent the violence, stop the hidden abuse." [Read more.](#)



## Zontians in the News

Zontians are making headlines in their local news. Learn how their initiatives are inspiring their communities and beyond.

**ZONTA CLUB OF OLEAN, USA**, partnered with the local Rotary club and the Operation Warm Hearts of Olean to launch a community-wide food drive. Read their coverage here: [Three Olean Organizations Launch Community Food Drive.](#)

**ZONTA INTERNATIONAL AND UNFPA** empower women and girls in the face of climate challenges through ClimateEmpower. This project empowers women and girls to tackle climate challenges through locally led solutions, trains young leaders and shares effective strategies. Learn how COP30 is a chance to expand this transformative initiative: [When the River Rises, Clinics Must Stay Open: A gender test for COP30.](#)

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!

## 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.

## UN Essentials Video

Join the Zonta International United Nations Committee for their periodic updates on actions taken with the UN on behalf of Zonta. In this first "UN Essentials" video, join Zonta UN Committee Chair Pamela Morgan and Geneva UN Committee Member Marinette

Kellenberger as they discuss the Zonta event held at the United Nations General Assembly in New York City this September and the events the UN Committee in Geneva participates in.

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



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## Meet this month's Remarkable Woman: Dr. Tanya Harrison



**Dr. Tanya Harrison** met with Lynne Foley OAM, host of the Remarkable Women, Powerful Stories podcast, to share how her studies of Earth have drawn her closer to Mars. Now, as a science strategist, she teams up with top space industries to bridge the gap between our planet and the cosmos. With groundbreaking technologies in play, Tanya is not just advancing life on Earth but also pushing the boundaries of what is possible in outer space.



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

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## Congratulations to our club anniversaries this month!



**Zonta Club of Lockport**  
USA, District 4  
**105th anniversary**

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

**Zonta Club of Long Island**  
USA, District 3  
**90th 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](#).

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## Important Dates and Events

- 25 November: International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women
  - 25 November - 10 December: [Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women/ 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence](#)
  - 10 December: [Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women Virtual Summit](#)
  - 1-31 January: Amelia Earhart Month
  - 11 January: Amelia Earhart Day
  - 11 January: [Zonta Says NOW Intercontinental Think Tank](#)
  - 24 January: [International Day of Education](#)
  - 20 February: World Day of Social Justice
  - 28 February: [Zonta Excellence in Service and Advocacy deadline](#)
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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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