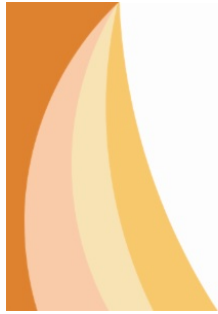


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Zonta News

Build a Better World for Women and Girls



Dear Greetings!

Engaging the next generation is about more than just providing a platform and a voice; it is also about listening to and valuing their ideas and thoughts and connecting with them. When we hear and support young women and girls, it encourages them to pursue their dreams with confidence, knowing that their voices matter and can ignite change. Numerous studies support this idea:



The Zonta Club of Bunbury Inc, Australia, chartered a new Z Club at Manea Senior College, a powerful example of how Zontians are already investing in the future.

- **Gives them agency:** By actively listening to adolescent girls and young women, we give them a voice and agency, allowing them to **lead and take responsibility for influencing decisions that affect them.**
- **Builds inter-generational trust:** Young people often feel that adults don't fully listen to them, even when they are **knowledgeable about important issues.** Listening bridges that gap.
- **Creates positive changes:** By understanding the unique challenges they face, we can support their growth and help them become **a generation that creates positive change.**

I envision Zonta as a dynamic forward-looking community that embraces and enables the next generation. Many Zontians are already taking action through the **Zonta International Mentorship Program**, collaborating with Z clubs, Golden Z clubs and other youth groups on **local service and advocacy projects** and engaging in this year's **Audit the World campaign**. These efforts are more than programs or projects; they are relationships that nurture resilience and open doors. It is through our ongoing efforts and the relationships we cultivate that we help young women and girls to overcome challenges while fostering growth and resilience.

As we build a better future for women and girls, let us inspire the next generation to recognize that Zonta stands with them, not just in words but in action. Our newly launched core values, Global Community, Friendship, Equality and Inclusion, Respect, and Integrity, are not just words on paper. They are also the foundation of how we engage with young people. We build a global community by connecting across generations and cultures. We foster friendship through mentorship and shared purpose. We uphold equality and inclusion by ensuring every voice is heard. We show respect by listening deeply and valuing diverse perspectives. And we act with integrity by staying true to our mission and promises.

Thank you for your unwavering dedication to our mission and for helping Zonta remain a beacon of hope and possibility.

Kind regards,



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

Zonta International celebrates International Day of the Girl



On 11 October, Zonta International joined the global community in celebrating International Day of the Girl, one of Zonta's four dedicated annual days of advocacy, aimed at highlighting the rights of girls and addressing the unique challenges they encounter.

This year's celebration underscored our unwavering dedication to build a better world for girls by amplifying girls' voices and advocating fiercely for their rights to a quality education, access to environments safe from gender-based violence and climate inequalities and to be heard and respected as full-fledged members of their communities.

[Read Zonta International's statement for International Day of the Girl](#)

Zontians "Audit the World"

On International Day of the Girl, Zontians globally teamed up with Z and Golden Z clubs and young people to raise awareness about the challenges girls face, including limited education, unequal opportunities and harmful stereotypes. This effort supports girls in their communities and holds leaders accountable for their actions. Thank you to all who participated in this year's campaign!

[See how our members took action!](#)

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 with the updated Zonta Says NO Toolkit. See other ways how you can Take Action on our updated Zonta Says NO webpage and save the date for the 2025 Virtual Summit.



[Read more](#)



10.DEC.25
SAVE THE DATE

www.zontasaysno.com

ZONTA SAYS NO
TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN
VIRTUAL SUMMIT

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 E-CLUB OF LATVIA partnered with the new Golden Z Club Amber Land to launch the Zonta e-Academy to promote education as a powerful tool for empowering women and girls. The monthly online lectures and seminars are designed to strengthen women emotionally, raise awareness of their rights and opportunities and encourage them to utilize their talents in building a more just and equal world. [Read more.](#)



ZONTA INTERNATIONAL hosted a side event on 22 September 2025 during the UN General Assembly (UNGA) for the first time, focusing on two key areas of the Beijing Platform for Action: ending violence against women and girls and achieving gender equality in education. [Read more.](#)



Zontians in the News

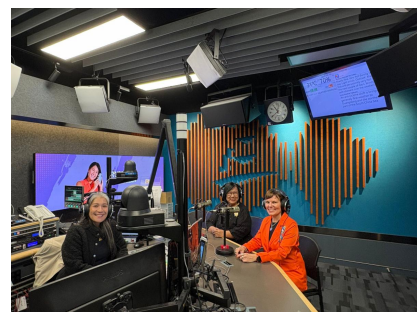
Zontians are making headlines in their local news. Learn how their initiatives are inspiring their communities and beyond.

Z CLUB OF MACLEANS COLLEGE, NEW ZEALAND, celebrated 10 years of championing causes intended to improve the fortunes of women and girls in East Auckland. Read their coverage here: [Z club recognised for decade of service.](#)

ZONTA CLUB OF FENTON AREA, USA, gained local recognition for their efforts in providing comfort pillows for mastectomy patients, supporting survivors of domestic and sexual assault and more. Read their coverage here: [Zonta Club of Fenton seeks to improve lives of women and girls.](#)

PRESIDENT SALLA TUOMINEN met with local media while attending the District 17 Conference in Hong Kong. She shared her views on Zonta's impact on TBV News and was joined by Governor Winnie Wong on the radio show Brunch with Noreen.

- [TVB News Straight Talk](#)
- [TVB News](#)
- [Brunch with Noreen at Radio Television Hong Kong](#)



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



BUILDING A BETTER WORLD STARTS WITH YOUR SUPPORT

This November, celebrate the Zonta Foundation for Women's 40th anniversary by donating US\$40

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Convention 2026: Call for Breakout Session Proposals

As part of the 2026 Vancouver Convention program, Zonta will host breakout sessions focused on the theme of **Sustainability, Spirit and Speaking Up for Human Rights**. The purpose of these sessions is to provide attendees with insights and actionable ideas that they can take back to their advocacy and service programs at the club level and/or utilize in their personal lives. Submit a breakout session proposal by **1 November 2025**.



Submit a breakout session

ZONTA ADVOCACY SERIES



Women in Decision-Making Insights on navigating leadership journeys

12 PM CST | Tuesday, 18 November
Register at www.zonta.org/events



[Click here to register](#) | Find your time: [Meeting Planner](#)

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 **9 November 2025**.



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.

Zonta Excellence in Service and Advocacy

Zonta districts and clubs are invited to apply for the 2024-2026 Zonta Excellence in Service and Advocacy Awards. The 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**.



Zonta Essentials: The Council of Europe's Global Cooperation

Continue to learn more about Zonta's participatory status at the Council of Europe (CoE), Europe's leading human rights organization, brought to you by Zonta's Council of Europe Committee. [Click here](#) to read part 8—the Council of Europe's Global Cooperation.



[Click here](#) to read all the previous parts of the series. [Watch the latest CoE webinar](#) on "Being a women's rights activist: What you should know about the Council of Europe, the continent's leading human rights organization."

Meet this month's Remarkable Woman: Maria Butler



Maria Butler met with Lynne Foley OAM, host of the Remarkable Women, Powerful Stories podcast, to illuminate the often-overlooked and underfunded contributions of women to their communities during times of peace, war and reconstruction. Through the National Women's Initiative (NWI), Maria partners with Nobel Peace Prize laureates to promote nonviolent solutions, justice and equality.



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

Congratulations to our club anniversaries this month!



Zonta Club of Vienna I
Austria, District 14
95th anniversary

Zonta Club of Corvallis
USA, District 8
85th anniversary

Zonta Club of Black Hills
USA, District 12
75th 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 October, visit [Zonta News](#).

Celebrating Zonta International Headquarters!

This month, we celebrate the work anniversaries of three staff members at Zonta International Headquarters!



Jennifer Cruz
 Membership Senior
 Associate
 3 years

Mariah Callis Goodwin
 Membership Manager
 9 years

Jaime Little Harris
 Executive Operations
 Coordinator
 3 years

Important Dates and Events

- 15 October: Zonta Women in Business Leadership Award International Deadline
- 24 October: [UN Day](#)
- 8 November: Happy 106th Birthday, Zonta!
- 9 November: [Zonta Says NOW Intercontinental Think Tank](#)
- 15 November: Amelia Earhart Fellowship application deadline
- 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 Online Summit](#)
- 1-13 January: Amelia Earhart Month
- 11 January: Amelia Earhart Day
- 24 January: [International Day of Education](#)



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[Zonta International](#) is a global organization based in 64 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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