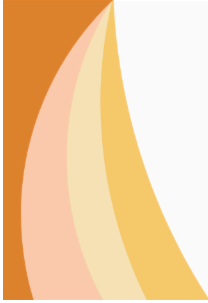


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# Zonta News

Build a Better World for Women and Girls



Dear Greetings!

The world needs Zontians like you. When Zontians see the rights of women and girls in jeopardy, we do not put a temporary fix in place and walk away. We work to build a better world for now and for the future.

Each day, our members and clubs share how they are champions for change through their advocacy efforts. **[Each of these actions](#)** represents another building block for that better world.

However, we know we are not and cannot do this alone. Our impact is deeper and our voices are louder when we unite our efforts by rallying our community, like-minded partners and decision-makers.

I encourage you all to take on a challenge: for every meeting or activity you attend, invite someone along. Whether it's a friend, neighbor, colleague, a member of another organization you belong to or an elected official, every invitation offers a chance to collaborate and amplify our voices, giving strength to women and girls. You can find tips and tools to connect to these potential members and allies in our **[Add Your Voice campaign toolkit](#)**.

As you continue reading, you will see opportunities to help you advance our advocacy on local, national and international levels. I encourage you to take advantage of these upcoming events and pre-recorded webinars.

Thank you for adding your own voice and for your ongoing support as we harness the power of advocacy to build a better world.

Kind regards,

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The Zonta clubs of Central Tuguegarao and Isabela partnered with Philippine government agencies to deliver a high-impact legal aid mission for Filipino migrant workers in Hong Kong.



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

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## Take your advocacy further with collaboration

By uniting with others, you can ignite sustainable, systemic change for women and girls. Learn more with these examples below:

- **Two is better than one.** Combine your resources and talent with those from a like-minded organization or fellow Zonta club to take your next activity to a higher level.
- **Engage with Z and Golden Z clubs.** Bring intergenerational perspectives to your advocacy. Don't have a student club? Start sponsoring one now.
- **Reach out to your local leaders.** Invite leaders to a meeting, or attend an open event. Use data to inform policymakers of the issues and ensure they hear directly from the affected community members.
- **Join a Zonta national-level advocacy group.** Zonta clubs within the same country have joined together to form coalitions, unions and causes. If you want to form one, email us at [programs@zonta.org](mailto:programs@zonta.org) to get started.
- **Register for Zonta events.** Join our global community at events, such as the upcoming **70th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW70)** and the **2026 Zonta International Convention**. Watch our **advocacy training sessions** to learn and partake in ideas.

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## Zonta Yellow Rose Campaign

The Zonta Foundation for Women is expanding its Zonta Rose Day celebration into the **Zonta Yellow Rose Campaign** honoring women and girls throughout the month of March. While International Women's Day on 8 March remains a key advocacy focus, the entire month is dedicated to celebrating Zonta and its mission.



"Recognize the Remarkable" by celebrating the women and girls who honor, inspire and support you, and those you believe deserve recognition. Check out [the campaign toolkit](#) to learn more.

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## International Women's Day and advice on advocacy actions in Zonta's name

As noted in the **2024-2026 Biennial Goals**, International Women's Day is the day to discuss Zonta's aim to reach for gender equality, advocate for women in decision-making positions and emphasize Zonta's commitment and activity in the United Nations, African Union and Council of Europe – feel free to focus on one of the topics and plan communications and events around it!



**This International Women's Day**, there are a number of activities planned, including marches, protests and a Global Women's General Strike on 9 March 2026. As a global

advocacy organization, Zonta International encourages members to use their voices to speak up for the rights of women and girls whenever and wherever possible.

**Participating while representing Zonta:** If you as a Zontian participate in these activities, either on International Women's Day or at any other time, in Zonta-branded apparel or accessories and/or carry Zonta-branded signage, please remember your participation and messaging reflect Zonta International and must remain nonpartisan.

Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women, Zonta Says NOW to Gender-Equal Climate Action, End Child Marriage and Equal Pay for Equal Work are good examples of nonpartisan and Zonta-aligned messaging.

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## CSW70 starts in two weeks!

Join your fellow Zontians and thousands of other like-minded gender advocates 9-20 March at the 70th session of the [Commission on the Status of Women](#). Network and be part of history at the largest gathering on women's rights worldwide.



This year's priority theme is: Ensuring and strengthening access to justice for all women and girls, including by promoting inclusive and equitable legal systems, eliminating discriminatory laws, policies, and practices and addressing structural barriers.

Prepare for the gathering at the [Pre-CSW Orientation Zonta Webinar](#) on **25 February at 1:30 PM CST**. This session will be recorded and shared on the CSW webpage. *Please note that grounds pass holders have an exclusive session starting at 1:00 PM CST - please check your emails for more information.*

[Register for CSW70 today](#)



## STAY CONNECTED ABOUT CSW!



[JOIN THE MAILING LIST](#)



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## Zontians in Action

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

**ZONTA CLUB OF COLOMBO I, SRI LANKA**, collaborated with local organizations to deliver a menstrual health and climate awareness workshop in rural Sri Lanka, providing students with education and tools. [Read more.](#)



**ZONTA CLUB OF KANKAKEE, USA**, hosted a free two-hour community event held on Amelia Earhart Day. Pilots and community members come together to create an inspiring space for connection and conversation. [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.

**ZONTA CLUB OF HILO, USA**, presented its 2026 Rose Award of Excellence to Elena Cabatu and Breeani Kobayashi-Kuali'i at a gala fundraiser supporting programs and scholarships for women and girls. Read the full coverage on the [Zonta International website](#).

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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Zonta Says NO Actions

Share Your Story Today



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!

The **Call to Convention** is live! **Read it today** to get the best tips and info for your stay in Vancouver.



We can't believe how quickly time has flown, so flock over to the convention website and register before the **Early Bird rate ends on 15 March**.

You can still book your full stay at the Hyatt Regency Vancouver at the CAD\$599/night rate, and limited rooms are available on 14 July at the original lower rate. Simply make two reservations and email [resv@hyatt.com](mailto:resv@hyatt.com) to combine them. Rooms are also available at the Delta. Check out our [accommodations page](#).

We hope you will join us 11-14 July 2026. Learn more at [www.zontaconvention.com](http://www.zontaconvention.com).

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.

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## Important items you should know!



### Zonta Excellence in Service and Advocacy

Don't forget 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 more information and the complete award guidelines. The deadline for applications is **28 February 2026**.



### Updates to the Advocacy Tools

[Watch the new Zonta International Advocacy Training module: 202](#) Zonta Says NOW to Gender-Equal Climate Action, now available.



### Zonta UN Committee Essentials Update

Join International UN Committee Chair, Pamela Morgan, in a discussion with Zonta UN Committee member, Margueritte Akossi, about the ongoing UN deliberations related to gender equality and human rights, and how the committee is preparing for CSW70 in March 2026. [Watch the discussion here](#).

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## Meet this month's Remarkable Woman: Marinel Ubaldo



**Marinel Ubaldo** met with Lynne Foley OAM, host of the Remarkable Women, Powerful Stories podcast, to share how surviving a super typhoon and its aftermath in her fishing village shaped her journey. Drawing on her personal experiences and education, Marinel addresses environmental crises while advocating for those who contribute the least yet are most affected by climate change.



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

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## 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:



**Kate Edrinn**  
Communications Manager  
13 years

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## Congratulations to our club anniversaries this month!



**Zonta Club of Torino**  
Italy, District 30  
**55th anniversary**

**Zonta Club of Devonport Inc.**  
Australia, District 23  
**30th anniversary**

**Zonta Club of Liestal**  
Switzerland, District 28  
**30th 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 February, visit [Zonta News](#).

## Important Dates and Events

- 28 February: [Zonta Excellence in Service and Advocacy Award deadline](#)
- 1-31 March: [Zonta Rose Month](#)
- 9-20 March: [70th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women](#)
- 8 March: International Women's Day
- 15 March: [Last day for Early Bird Registration Rates for Convention](#)
- 13 April: Meet the Candidate sessions (week of)
- 22 April: [Zonta Step Forward for Equality on Earth Day](#)
- 23 April: Coffee Chats with Salla - Volunteer Appreciation Week
- 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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