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**Above:** District 18 Governor Ore Renner (front, center left), recently traveled throughout her district to visit with club members. She was able to take a trip to Togo, a stop she has long awaited.

**Cover:** Children play and learn at a child-friendly space of Fada, in the East of Burkina Faso, one of the 12 countries who are provided support through Zonta International's support of the UNFPA-UNICEF Global Programme to End Child Marriage. UNICEF has set up these spaces to provide psycho-social support to children from displaced families.



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## A MESSAGE FROM INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT SHARON LANGENBECK

Dear Zontians,

I can hardly believe I am writing this letter for the last time. While the world has faced many daunting challenges over the last two years, it truly feels like it has been no time since I was installed as your president.

Since July 2020, we have presented nearly 200 women with fellowships, scholarships and awards so they can pursue education and careers in fields such as aerospace, business, technology and public affairs. Additionally, through our four international service projects, we have expanded education and health care for thousands of women and girls and worked to eliminate child marriage.

In the world of advocacy, Zonta International has released two statements—one on climate change and one on trafficking in persons—declaring our stance on these important issues and making our voice heard publicly while calling for tangible actions from governments and our members. Zontians from around the world participated in two virtual sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) and hosted countless activities and initiatives in support of our Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women campaign. In the United States, advocates from across the nation amplified Zonta's voice by contacting their lawmakers about issues such as equal pay, gender-based violence, the effects of climate change on women, child marriage and more. We have a long way to go, but I am proud to say that in my home country, two more states ratified laws regarding age of consent for marriage and I know Zontians were behind this change.

In the last two years, we had the chance to meet many extraordinary women through our Remarkable Women, Powerful Stories series. We also welcomed 2020 Nobel Prize winner and 1987 Amelia Earhart Fellow Andrea Ghez and Maria Teresa, Grand Duchess of Luxembourg, to the organization as international honorary members.

Looking at our collective actions, it has been an incredible and successful biennium, and I have been honored to serve as your president. As we get closer to June, I grow more excited to celebrate our successes together at the Zonta International Convention. I have visited Hamburg and the Congress Center Hamburg twice in preparation for hosting our 65th convention, and I am confident that it will be an unforgettable event. For those who cannot travel, I am looking forward to welcoming you virtually to our first-ever hybrid convention.

Finally, I want to thank each of you for your support of my vision for this biennium while leading Zonta International and the Zonta Foundation for Women. None of our success would be possible without you, and I am truly grateful for your contributions to ensuring we achieve our mission.

Warm regards,

*Sharon Langenbeck*

Sharon Langenbeck, Ph.D.  
President  
Zonta International and  
Zonta Foundation for Women

President Sharon stands in front of the Congress Center Hamburg, venue for the 65th convention during a site visit.





# AMELIA EARHART MONTH

Every January, Zonta International celebrates Amelia Earhart, the famed aviator, Zontian and inspiration for Zonta's longest-running program, the Amelia Earhart Fellowship. Earhart's trailblazing spirit and drive for innovation live on in Zonta International's Amelia Earhart Fellows today. These fellows are breaking down barriers in aerospace engineering and space sciences as they conduct cutting-edge research to explore the mysteries of space and solve everyday issues here on earth. Here are a few of the highlights from this year's Amelia Earhart Month.

## The Space Economy: What it means for the aerospace sector and how it benefits us all

Zonta International President Sharon Langenbeck, Ph.D., 1977 and 1978 Amelia Earhart Fellow, was joined by three other Amelia Earhart Fellows for a conversation on the booming space economy, its impact on science and research, and the innovations in aerospace that have the potential to benefit everyone.



"We don't even think of what the impact of space economy is in everyday life. For example, the space economy can build efficiency in sustainable buildings and other examples are agriculture and space weather, so there are a lot of fields in which the space economy, I think, can bring us innovation in the future."

Daniela Pedrini, Ph.D., Design Engineer, Electric Propulsion, SITAEL, 2013 and 2014 Amelia Earhart Fellow

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"We're looking at a fluorescent light in our system that would globally map ocean plastics, not just at the surface, but at the subsurface levels, being able to distinguish between different types of plastics and different sizes that need different mitigation and cleanup methods; so these space-based global measurements are really important and again as we drive down the price, as we open up access to space, we have more innovation."

Makenzie Lystrup, Ph.D., Vice President and General Manager, Civil Space, Ball Aerospace, 2007 Amelia Earhart Fellow



"There's a lot of low-hanging fruit when people think about aerospace and think about space technology that can benefit them. People are working on the ground, using something as small as a drone, and then we can scale up to looking at satellites. Satellite technology has been used to help farmers in Uganda figure out what time is best to water their crops—mind-blowing, right? Aerospace technology is able to reduce spending and enable farmers to increase crop yield so they can fit the villages and feed their people. This is all aerospace technology."

Wendy Okolo, Ph.D., Associate Project Manager, NASA's System-Wide Safety Project, 2012 Amelia Earhart Fellow

## **University of Stuttgart celebrates 35th Amelia Earhart Fellow**

The University of Stuttgart in Germany held a special celebration honoring Maren Scheel, the 35th Amelia Earhart Fellow from the university. In 1979, Monika Auweter Kurtz, Ph.D., a Zontian and long-time member of the Amelia Earhart Fellowship Committee, was the first student at the University of Stuttgart to receive the Amelia Earhart Fellowship. President Sharon sent a special video message in commemoration of the occasion.

## **Supporting future women leaders in aerospace engineering and space sciences**

Giving back to Zonta International has always been important to President Sharon.

"I am a two-time winner of the Amelia Earhart Fellowship, which helped me become the first woman to be awarded a Ph.D. in mechanical and aerospace engineering at the University of Missouri-Columbia," said Sharon. "The AE Fellowship was also my introduction to Zonta International, of which I have been a member for more than 40 years. Today, I am proud to serve as president of Zonta International and the Zonta Foundation for Women."

In the spirit of giving back, President Sharon issued a special fundraising challenge to all Amelia Earhart Fellows as part of the Amelia Earhart Month activities, offering to match all donations made by Fellows to the Zonta Foundation for Women Amelia Earhart Fellowship Fund up to US \$10,000. Thirty-one Fellows donated US\$15,111, with one donation of US \$10,000 given by a 1946 AE Fellow who voiced how appreciative she was to receive the AE Scholarship (the original name of the education award). Their donations, along with the generous match by President Sharon, altogether totaled more than US\$25,000—enough to fund two and a half Fellowships.

Throughout Amelia Earhart Month, the Amelia Earhart Fellowship Fund received US\$30,760. As Zontians and past Fellows continue to support the program, it is clear that encouraging women researchers in aerospace and space sciences is as vitally important today as it was 84



Two-time Amelia Earhart Fellow Monika Auweter Kurtz works at the University of Stuttgart while earning her Ph.D.

years ago. Though much has changed since the award was initiated, the space economy impacts each of our lives in ways we may not even realize. As the sector continues to grow, it is essential that women achieve equal representation in research labs and key leadership positions, and Zonta International is proud to contribute through the Amelia Earhart Fellowship.

To learn more about the Amelia Earhart Fellowship and our most recent class of AE Fellows, please visit [www.zonta.org/AEFellowship](http://www.zonta.org/AEFellowship).

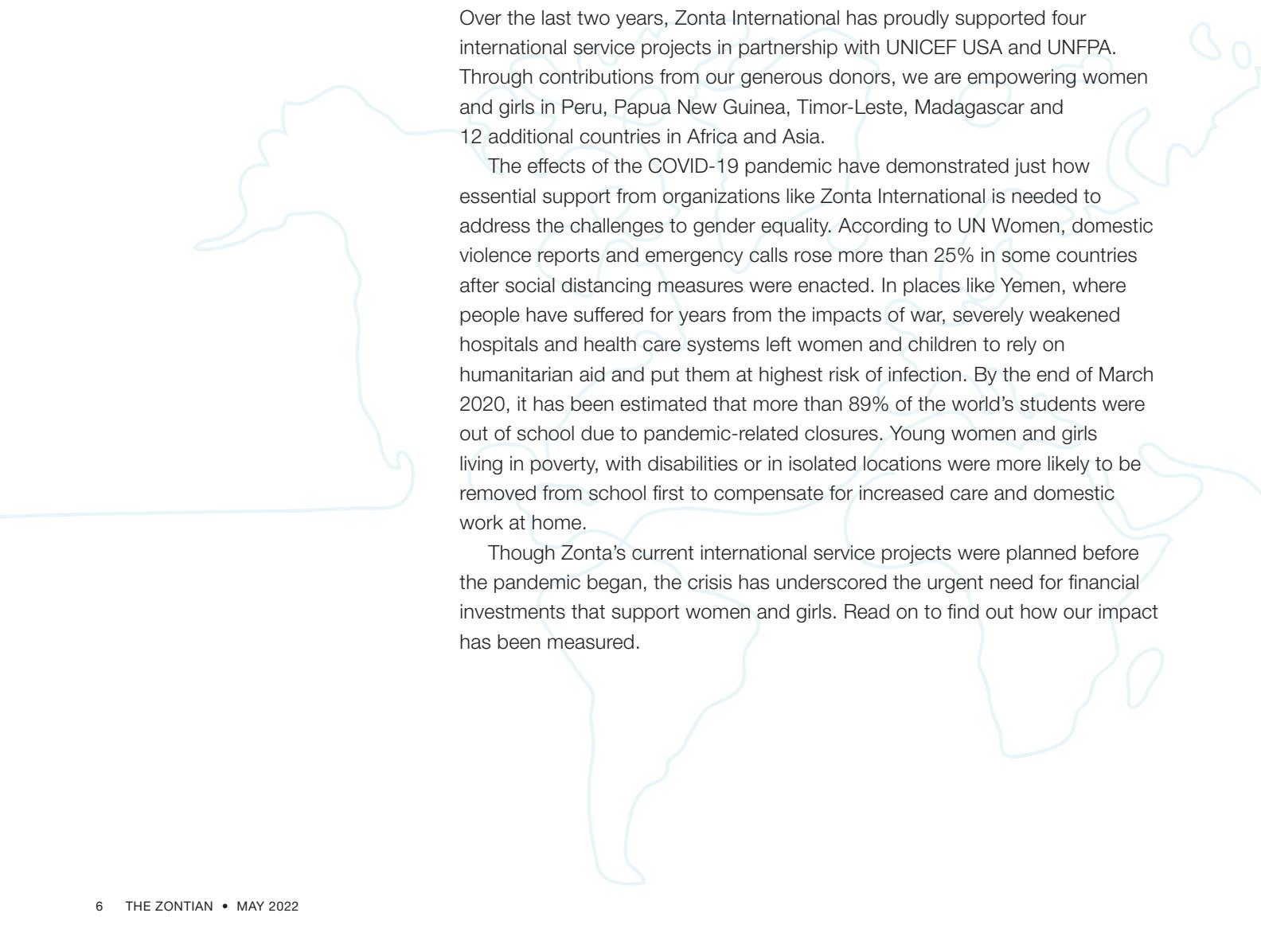
### **Amelia Earhart Fellow Zoom Meet-Up**

More than 20 Amelia Earhart Fellows, from the 1960s to today, joined President Sharon for a casual Zoom meetup in January. The diverse group shared what they have been doing since receiving the Amelia Earhart Fellowship, made connections with others in similar fields and discussed plans for future networking opportunities.



# Global Update

## Zonta projects support women and girls through challenging times for gender equality



Over the last two years, Zonta International has proudly supported four international service projects in partnership with UNICEF USA and UNFPA. Through contributions from our generous donors, we are empowering women and girls in Peru, Papua New Guinea, Timor-Leste, Madagascar and 12 additional countries in Africa and Asia.

The effects of the COVID-19 pandemic have demonstrated just how essential support from organizations like Zonta International is needed to address the challenges to gender equality. According to UN Women, domestic violence reports and emergency calls rose more than 25% in some countries after social distancing measures were enacted. In places like Yemen, where people have suffered for years from the impacts of war, severely weakened hospitals and health care systems left women and children to rely on humanitarian aid and put them at highest risk of infection. By the end of March 2020, it has been estimated that more than 89% of the world's students were out of school due to pandemic-related closures. Young women and girls living in poverty, with disabilities or in isolated locations were more likely to be removed from school first to compensate for increased care and domestic work at home.

Though Zonta's current international service projects were planned before the pandemic began, the crisis has underscored the urgent need for financial investments that support women and girls. Read on to find out how our impact has been measured.



## Empowering girls through health care in Peru

Above: An adolescent receives health care services at a health center in Acoria District, one of 19 districts in the Huancavelica Province in Peru.

With Zonta International's support of the **Adolescent Girls' Health and Protection in Peru** project, UNICEF and partners have worked tirelessly throughout the pandemic to ensure adolescents, especially girls, in Ucayali and Huancavelica can access critical health care services that support healthy growth and development.

Thanks to our efforts, the health sector is better able to provide quality, comprehensive and differentiated adolescent care with an emphasis on mental health care and violence prevention. Highlights of successes include:

- Strengthened critical adolescent health care services impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, which enabled them to reach 8,319 adolescents (5,814 girls and 2,505 boys).
- Launched the virtual phase of an in-service training program for health personnel in July 2021.
- 270 individuals from Huancavelica received health personnel training on the technical guidelines for comprehensive adolescent healthcare in the context of COVID-19.
- Completed and disseminated a technical document outlining rules and procedures to recognize cases of violence that can occur in a health facility.



An adolescent student attends class in Pucallpa, Peru, which is located in Masisea District in the Ucayali Region.

**President Sharon Langenbeck, Zontians Barby Crabtree, Mari McKenzie and Adriana Otero, and Assistant Executive Director Megan Radavich participated in a site visit to the Adolescent Girls' Health and Protection project in Peru. Watch the website and future publications for updates and news about this visit.**

UNICEF and partners have also made great strides in improving the protection and education sectors' response to violence in schools. Teachers and school administrators are better equipped to promote health and prevent and address all types of violence in schools, especially gender-based violence, in a timely manner. Key outcomes in this area include:

- 19 principals and teachers expanded their knowledge and skills on health promotion in secondary schools.
- 86 school principals and teachers enhanced their knowledge on and awareness of violence prevention strategies and response protocols for in-school violence.
- A health promotion toolkit has been integrated into the comprehensive adolescent development model based on secondary schools.
- A school violence prevention model was strengthened with the design of an instrument that schools can use to monitor progress on improvements in school coexistence and the reduction of violence.
- UNICEF and partners are continuing a communication campaign that was designed to disseminate information about the violence reporting mechanisms that are currently available.
- Participants in the diploma course were assessed on their baseline knowledge of course material. The course will bring together service operators, officials and managers of education, health, protection and justice services from a range of institutions, as well as public officials from provincial, local and regional governments, and civil society representatives. It aims to improve professionals' abilities to implement and manage adolescent services in a coordinated manner, providing adolescents with improved care.

# Empowering girls through education in Madagascar

In the last two years, Madagascar faced three emergencies: flooding in the north, prolonged drought in the south and disease outbreaks—including COVID-19—in all 22 regions. A 2020 assessment reported that more than 75% of school children either dropped out or had difficulty attending school because of drought.

Through the **Let Us Learn** program, UNICEF works to remove barriers to girls' education and promote gender equality in education in Madagascar's most challenging regions. Zonta International is supporting the program in the regions of Androy and Atsimo Andrefana, where children are at risk of missing school due to inadequate school infrastructure, lack of water, sanitation facilities and learning equipment, and minimal financial resources. The program supports children and their families, helping them enroll and stay in school and access the skills they will need for future success.

The following results were achieved in the six months prior to February 2022:

- Construction was completed on two classrooms at Mitsinjo Betanimenta Lower Secondary School in Toliara II District, Atsimo Andrefana, which will benefit at least 80 children per year.
- 1,200 out-of-school children (684 girls) benefitted from catch-up classes and school supplies.
- 800 children and their families received cash transfers to mitigate the risks of girls being taken out of school.
- 64 children's clubs were created or strengthened.
- 23 regional trainers and 122 lower-secondary school principals were trained to improve the capacity of science programs in schools.

Natalia, a student at a middle school in Mahajanga, Madagascar, is a member of the off-peak hour program.



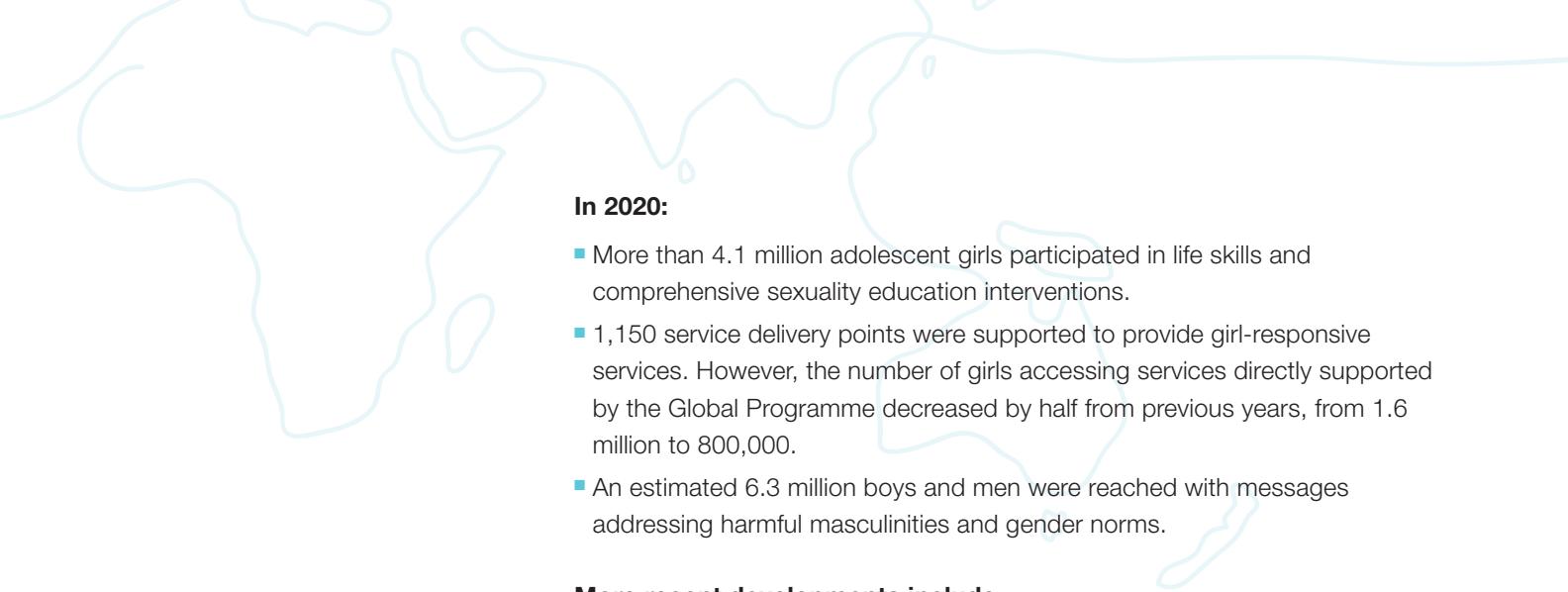
# Empowering girls to say no to marriage

In the last decade, child marriage has declined globally, with around 25 million girls avoiding marriage. However, the pandemic has jeopardized further progress. An additional 10 million girls are at risk of becoming child brides by 2030—child marriages that otherwise might have been averted. The pandemic is increasing the risk of marriage through interrupted education, economic and food insecurity, disruptions to programs and services, adolescent pregnancy, and the death of a parent or primary caretaker.

With support from Zonta International, the **Global Programme to End Child Marriage** adapted to address challenges presented by the COVID-19 crisis, pivoting toward digital solutions. The program is engaging adolescent girls as key agents of change in the following 12 countries with high prevalence of child marriage: Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Ghana, India, Mozambique, Nepal, Niger, Sierra Leone, Uganda, Yemen and Zambia.

Yakoura Yande El H Madou, 15, with her young sisters in Diffa, which is in the extreme southeast of Niger. They have lived there for three years after fleeing their village because of the danger of Boko Haram.





#### In 2020:

- More than 4.1 million adolescent girls participated in life skills and comprehensive sexuality education interventions.
- 1,150 service delivery points were supported to provide girl-responsive services. However, the number of girls accessing services directly supported by the Global Programme decreased by half from previous years, from 1.6 million to 800,000.
- An estimated 6.3 million boys and men were reached with messages addressing harmful masculinities and gender norms.

#### More recent developments include:

- Technical guidance was developed for service providers and counselors to equip them with the tools and knowledge needed to provide support.
- A reference handbook, "Youth Friendly Services for Sexual and Reproductive Health: A handbook for service providers," was developed in India. The handbook aims at sensitizing and equipping service providers with the perspectives, adequate knowledge and skills required to provide stigma-free, non-judgmental, and comprehensive sexual and reproductive health services to young people.
- A learning manual, encompassing counseling for adolescents, was developed to provide counselors with a comprehensive, practical guide to address six sensitive adolescent health concerns, namely: relationship concerns, academic concerns, violence, substance abuse, sexual and reproductive health and suicide. These protocols are intended to help counselors in their therapeutic work with clients, specifically the adolescent population.

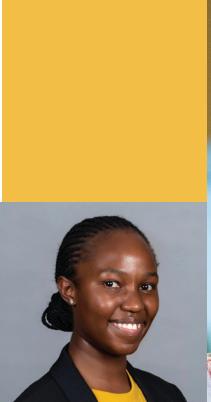
### Empowering gender-based violence survivors in Papua New Guinea and Timor-Leste

#### The Her Health and Dignity, Our Priority

project, supported by Zonta International, is strengthening services for survivors of gender-based violence in Papua New Guinea and Timor-Leste, especially within the health sector. In the November 2021 issue of *The Zontian*, we featured how the program is giving survivors easier access to health care, additional options and impactful support in line with international standards.

While there is still work to be done, Zonta International is encouraged by the results of these programs. Without our members, none of it would be possible. We are grateful to each and every donor who helps us empower women and girls worldwide.

To contribute to projects like these, before the biennium is over, please consider a donation to our International Service Fund at [zonta.org/donate](https://zonta.org/donate).



## Help a woman realize her business potential

Applications now open for the  
Jane M. Klausman Women in  
Business Scholarship

### **YOU have the power to change someone's life**

with Zonta International. We have often heard how one of Zonta's fellowships, scholarships or awards has been the catalyst for a recipient's success; however, until more women know about these programs, a deserving applicant might miss her opportunity. You can help right now by spreading the word about the Jane M. Klausman (JKM) Women in Business Scholarship.

To promote the JMK Scholarship, you do not need to live near a college or university. Publicize the scholarship on your club website and social media pages, encourage club members to share the information on their personal pages, send a press release when applications open to local media and look for other local opportunities to spread the word.

Who is eligible? The JMK Scholarship is open to women of any age pursuing an undergraduate or master's business program with the major field of specialization in accounting, economics, finance, business management, business technology, information technology, marketing, operations management, human resources management, international business or entrepreneurship.

**NEW IN 2022:** Zonta International will award 37 international scholarships of US\$5,000 each with one scholarship for a qualified nominee from each of Zonta's 31 districts and Region South America. The five largest Zonta districts in terms of membership will each be allowed to select a second nominee for an international scholarship. The 2022 application is now available online and scholars will be announced in December.

**Learn more at [www.zonta.org/JMKScholarship](http://www.zonta.org/JMKScholarship).**

# Zonta International names **Maria Teresa, Grand Duchess of Luxembourg**, an honorary member

"Zonta International is greatly honored and privileged to welcome **Grand Duchess Maria Teresa** to honorary membership in recognition of her efforts to elevate women and girls and support survivors of gender-based violence," said Zonta International President Sharon Langenbeck.

Her Royal Highness (H.R.H) Grand Duchess Maria Teresa of Luxembourg is joining more than 40 women who have been recognized as Zonta International Honorary Members for their significant contributions to advancing the status of women worldwide.

**"I am very honored to receive the title of Honorary Member of Zonta International and to stand by your side,"** the Grand Duchess said. **"As you know, I have always been defending rights for women and girls because I am convinced that their place in our society will strongly determine our common future. Equality in law and in fact, education for young girls, economic independence for women, and the fight for the elimination of violence against girls and women are major issues but also the only way to a peaceful world and a more equitable future."**

She continued: "Women hold the key to change the world for the better and we must support them in achieving their goals. It is a battle that will be won project by project, village by village, but it is essential to achieve gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls, because beyond a fundamental right, it is the foundation of a more just and sustainable world!"

Because of her work to promote education, women's rights and microfinance initiatives, Grand Duchess Maria Teresa was appointed a goodwill ambassador for the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in 1997. In her role, she works to give women the means to be autonomous and defend their rights.

The Grand Duchess is the president of the *Fondation du Grand-Duc et de la Grande-Duchesse* (Grand Duke Henri and the Grand Duchess Maria Teresa Foundation), which was created in 2004 by the merger of two previous organizations. The Foundation focuses on helping children with learning disabilities and supporting single moms and survivors of domestic abuse, also helping people in situations of vulnerability.

In 2019, the Grand Duchess organized the "Stand, Speak, Rise Up" conference, which raised awareness of

the atrocities experienced by sexual violence survivors, marking an important step in the international awareness of the tragedy of rape as a weapon of war. This international conference was the first to give a voice to nearly 50 survivors, who were able to speak about the atrocities they suffered, thereby putting an end to this attitude of rejection and exclusion, in the presence of many international experts and three Nobel Prize winners.

In recognition of her commitments, H.R.H. was awarded the title of "Champion of the Fight against Conflict-Related Sexual Violence in Support of United Nations Advocacy" by the United Nations in 2021.

The Grand Duchess is chairwoman of the international jury of the European Microfinance Award, which annually awards holders of microfinance and inclusive finance initiatives in developing countries and honorary president of the Luxembourg Fund Labeling Agency, the first agency to label responsible microfinance investment funds around the world.

As a UNICEF eminent advocate for children since 2007, a title only held worldwide by Queen Rania and the Grand Duchess of Luxembourg, she focused on the issues of children impacted by conflict and more particularly for children incarcerated in Burundi, for common crimes. Thanks to her action, the Grand Duchess has succeeded in freeing 600 minors detained in inhumane conditions. After that, these children benefited from psychological, legal, medical, social and educational assistance.

To date, Her Royal Highness the Grand Duchess is the only one to hold three United Nations titles: Goodwill Ambassador (UNESCO), Eminent Advocate for Children (UNICEF) and Champion of the Fight against Conflict-Related Sexual Violence (UN). But she is also the Patron of Luxembourg Committee for UNICEF and supports UNESCO's Breaking the Poverty Cycle of Women project, which improves the lives of women, girls and their families in Bangladesh, India, Nepal and Pakistan.





# Trafficking in Persons: A human rights issue

Trafficking in persons, or human trafficking as it is sometimes referred to, is commonly defined as the use of violence, deception or coercion to transport, recruit or harbor people in order to exploit them for purposes such as sexual exploitation, forced prostitution, forced labor, criminal activity, marriage or organ removal. According to the 2020 Global Report on Trafficking in Persons from the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), approximately 50,000 human trafficking victims were detected and reported by 148 countries in 2018. The actual number of victims, however, is far greater due to the hidden nature of this heinous crime.

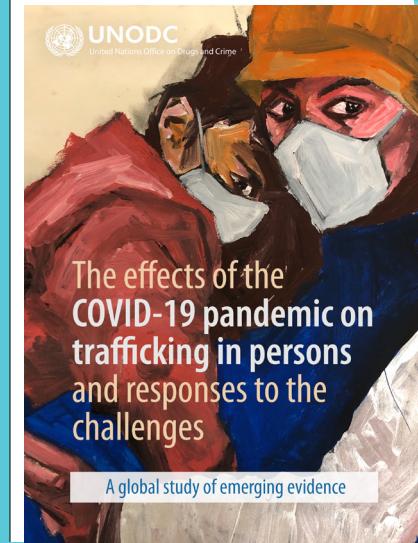
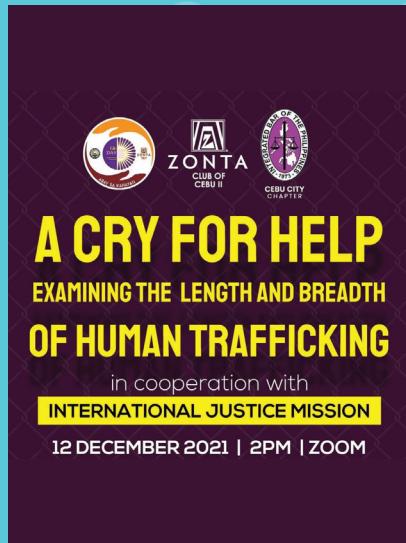
While men and boys are trafficked, women and girls continue to be the population most affected by trafficking in persons. In 2018, for every 10 trafficking victims globally, around five were adult women and two were girls. More than 70% of trafficked women and girls are trafficked for sexual exploitation; however, some are trafficked for forced labor or other forms of exploitation.

Many factors put women and girls at risk of being trafficked. Gender inequality, poverty, vulnerability online, racism and instability as the result of war, conflict and natural disasters all create conditions in which women and girls are more vulnerable to trafficking. Over the last two years, as governments, communities and families grappled with the ongoing challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, traffickers took advantage of the economic hardships many people were facing and the increased time everyone

spent online, using social media and other online platforms to identify and recruit new victims. The UNODC's report, *The effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on trafficking in persons and responses to these challenges: A global study of emerging evidence*, looks at the trafficking impacts of COVID-19 in depth.

The pandemic is not the only thing that is increasing trafficking numbers globally. Political instability, war and conflict often lead to forced migration and increased risk of trafficking too. As people flee their homes in search of safety, they may end up in even more precarious situations that traffickers are quick to take advantage of. As this article is being written, millions of women and children are fleeing Ukraine in search of safety. No matter if they stay or leave, the women and girls of Ukraine are at an increased risk of trafficking, sexual exploitation and gender-based violence.

In the face of these enormous and seemingly insurmountable challenges, Zonta International remains a steadfast advocate for the rights and safety of women and girls. In September 2021, Zonta International issued its new Statement on Trafficking in Persons: A Human Rights Issue, calling on governments to take all appropriate measures, including legislation, to suppress all forms of trafficking in women and girls (within or across borders) and to prevent exploitation of women and girls, including:



- Adopt and adhere to all relevant United Nations and Council of Europe protocols and conventions, including:
  - UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons.
  - UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), Article 6.
  - UN Convention on the Right of the Child.
  - Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (CETS No. 197).
  - Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (Istanbul Convention, CETS No. 210).
  - Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse Lanzarote Convention, (CETS No. 201).
- Monitor and involve like-minded NGOs and civil society actors in monitoring both efforts and results to effectively implement the relevant requirements and measures.
- Take all appropriate measures, including legislation, to suppress all forms of trafficking in women and girls (within or across borders) and to prevent exploitation of women and girls in accordance with Sustainable Development Goals 5.2 and 8.7.
- Support a stronger role for women in leadership and decision-making roles, which will contribute to better and more peaceful societies that are less prone to the threats posed by trafficking in persons and exploitation and shift the paradigm from women as victims, to women as powerful agents of change.
- Train police and criminal justice personnel on the proper procedures to guarantee the safety of victims, protect their privacy and make it safe for them to testify.
- Establish specialized national anti-trafficking agencies with multidisciplinary expertise to address the multifaceted crime of trafficking in persons and focus on crime prevention as a key pillar of anti-trafficking strategies, and to ensure that women's rights are recognized as human rights.
- Involve civil society, businesses and trafficked persons in the development of national plans of action.
- Support business to develop initiatives to address supply chain risks.
- Address the risk of trafficking in persons facilitated by the use of the internet.
- Ensure victims are protected and not punished for acts they commit because of human trafficking but that the perpetrators are punished.
- Engage with local communities and grass-root organizations to raise awareness and prevent trafficking in persons in local communities.



Zonta International's actions on climate change extend from national-level advocacy down to the local level with numerous Zonta clubs undertaking activities to raise awareness of trafficking in their communities and support local survivors.

During the Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women Summit featuring club advocacy actions, Zonta Club of Santa Clarita Valley Club President, Nicole Miller shared what her club has been doing to advocate and support survivors of sex trafficking.

"The Santa Clarita Valley is located along the Interstate 5 corridor, stretching from Mexico in the south to Canada in the north," said Nicole. "Through resources we have learned that Interstate 5 is a pivotal route used in carrying out sex trafficking."

As an ongoing service project, the club began filling backpacks with comfort items such as clothing, personal care items, a small stuffed animal, a journal and more to be given to survivors of human trafficking. These backpacks were given to Saving Innocence, an organization covering Los Angeles County that partners with local law enforcement to provide crisis response and emergency aftercare to child victims of domestic minor sex trafficking. Children receive the backpacks during the crisis response process.

To further their initiative, the club has hosted an "Empower Hour" to discuss the Interstate 5 corridor and the human trafficking issues they are working against.

The Zonta Club of Birmingham, Alabama, USA, also faces a "superhighway" of human trafficking within their community.

Club members, concerned that The World Games set to take place in their hometown in July 2022 could increase the demand for sexual trafficking, have installed a billboard (pictured above) near a main highway exit with the message, "See Something. Say Something." They hope to encourage residents and the estimated 100,000 global visitors expected to come to the city to take a stand against human trafficking.

Across the globe, the Zonta Club of Cebu II, Philippines, hosted a human trafficking webinar, which was attended by more than 450 community members. The webinar focused on identifying child trafficking, learning how to prevent it and understanding how it affects families and local communities. Guest speakers shared how to engage and raise awareness among youth, what the root causes are of human trafficking and the challenges that agencies face in the apprehension and prosecution of the perpetrators.

To protect the most vulnerable and put an end to trafficking in persons, the global community must come together to take action. As an organization pledged to empower women and girls and promote justice and universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, Zonta International is adding its voice and the voices of the 27,000 Zontians across the globe to the call for action to prevent trafficking in persons.

The conversation continued in the fifth and final installment of the Zonta Advocacy Series with a session on human trafficking on 4 May. Watch a replay of the session on the Zonta International YouTube channel.

# Zontians in the United States continue to fight for gender equality in the Constitution

Despite the advancements that women have made, they are still not protected from gender discrimination in the United States Constitution.

The Equal Rights Amendment (ERA), which makes it illegal to discriminate based on sex, was originally written in 1923. It took decades for it to gain momentum and was passed in the U.S. Congress in 1972. However, Congress set a deadline of March 1979 for ratification, which in 1978 was extended to 30 June 1982. When the deadline arrived in 1982, only 35 states had passed the amendment—just three states short of the three-quarters majority required by the Constitution.

On 27 January 2020, Virginia became the 38th state to ratify the ERA. Though the deadline had passed 28 years before, it was not part of the ERA and the U.S. Constitution does not set deadlines for amendments.

The Zonta USA Caucus has been a staunch supporter of the ERA. In 2021, U.S. advocates used the Zonta USA Advocacy Action Center to write their members of Congress and ask them to remove the deadline. The House of Representatives passed the resolution in March 2021 but it has still not been passed in the Senate.

According to Section 3 of the ERA, it should go into effect two years from the date of ratification. However, it has still not been published by the archivist. The archivist of the U.S. is the chief administrator of the National Archives and Records Administration of the United States. It is his job to certify new amendments to the Constitution. In September 2021, the Zonta USA Caucus partnered with the ERA Coalition on a petition to Attorney General Merrick Garland that asked him to withdraw an opinion issued by the previous administration's Office of Legal Counsel that is blocking the ERA from moving forward.

In January 2022, the Zonta USA Caucus then joined the ERA Coalition and 49 other organizations fighting for women's rights in the United States in filing an amicus brief arguing for formal recognition of the Equal Rights Amendment. The brief asserted that a district court was wrong in dismissing a suit brought by the attorneys general of the last three ratifying states—Nevada, Illinois and Virginia—and in concluding that a seven-year time limit adopted by Congress in 1972 stands in the way of the ERA. The suit asked the court to compel the archivist to comply with his statutory duty to publish and certify the ERA as the 28th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

President Joe Biden released a statement on 27 January 2022, affirming his support for the ERA. The Zonta USA Caucus signed on to an ERA Coalition letter requesting that President Biden push for the ERA being published during his March 2022 State of the Union address.

Women have been fighting for equality in the Constitution for nearly 100 years and the work continues today. With more than 80% of people in the country supporting equality for women and girls, U.S. Zontians remain committed to ensuring that the Equal Rights Amendment is published so that gender equality is finally secured in the U.S. Constitution.

Jennifer Foy, former Virginia delegate (left) and current Zonta USA Caucus Co-Convenor Bobbee Cardillo (right) stand in front of the ERA tour bus. The tour's goal was to educate Virginians about the absence of gender equality in the U.S. Constitution and highlight the unequivocal, bipartisan statewide support for ratification of the ERA, which Virginia ratified in 2020.





## Zontians on the forefront of advocacy on climate change and Ukraine during CSW

“Women belong in all the places decisions are being made.” —U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg



With the pandemic again preventing the in-person Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), Zontians and gender advocates from around the world lived the words of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg and connected virtually for the second year in a row to ensure their voices were heard. While the CSW has always been a great opportunity for Zonta members to get together in person, learn about the most pressing issues facing women and girls globally and become stronger advocates, the virtual format also has its benefits. Zonta members from around the world, many of whom were not able to attend the CSW in person before, joined tens of thousands of champions for gender equality online for the two-week session. The Zonta voice was heard loud and clear at this year's CSW, thanks to the collective participation of hundreds of Zonta club and individual members and events featuring Zonta International and Zonta districts from Australia, Taiwan and the United States.

## The Climate Connection

Zonta International President Sharon Langenbeck was invited to be a panelist at a High-Level Side Event, "No Time to Lose: Child Marriage & the Triple Crisis," hosted by the Permanent Missions of the Republic of Zambia and Canada to the United Nations and the UNFPA-UNICEF Global Programme to End Child Marriage. The informative and inspiring event informed participants about the linkages between child marriage, climate change, conflict and COVID-19. President Sharon spoke specifically to the role that education plays in preventing child, early and forced marriage and the importance of ensuring girls' access to education as climate change puts additional pressures on families and communities.



"Climate change is a significant threat to education—thus, a driver for child marriage. We must ensure urgency is given to the issue of climate change and ensure it does not limit girls from accessing education."

—Sharon Langenbeck

UNICEF USA and Zonta International partnered on an event to highlight the unequal gendered impacts of climate change and call for a holistic approach to ensuring that women and girls are at the forefront of efforts to combat climate change. The event specifically addressed how gender inequality and social inequalities, such as age, race, ethnicity, economic status and education level, are exacerbated by climate change and natural disasters. President Sharon was joined on the panel by Emmanuelle Compingt, Eastern Southern African Regional Advisor for Gender Equity for UNICEF, and E Wen Wong, 2020 Zonta International Young Women in Public Affairs Awardee and founder of P.S. Our Beaches.

Left: E Wen Wong, 2020 Zonta International Young Women in Public Affairs Awardee and founder of P.S. Our Beaches (Plastic Solutions for Our Beaches), an organization that aims to raise awareness around single-use plastics, works on her climate-focused project.



"In many places in the world, women are working in informal sectors or are primary caregivers so they earn less money, but, most importantly, they have no social safety nets. So, whenever there is a shock, they have no assets to face the shock. In the regions I'm working in and in most of the continent and because of the drought, because of the displacement that they're facing as a result of the climate-related disaster, women and girls, they are forced to travel further away from their homes for longer hours to bring back water, food, firewood to their family and they are exposing themselves even more to risk of violence." —Emmanuelle Compingt



"I think that what is driving youth activists to stand up and demand change from our leaders on climate action is recognition that there is a need for systemic change which, in turn, enables further individual change. Individual action alone is insufficient, given the immense scale of the issue. It's apparent that individuals are not the sole perpetrators of climate change, and they therefore do not have the entire body of solutions.

The change to our systems and the status quo whether political, economic or educational, with the backing of government is what we need to be saying, and we need our leaders to be championing that. And I think that the youth climate movement has been important also in that it has raised public awareness of climate change and shifted the conversation from a purely technical one to one that acknowledges the humanity of the issue and its moral considerations, so, in a sense, it's a democratization of knowledge around climate change impacts and the importance of climate change action. And that allows more people to join the movement and drive that political will for action." —E Wen Wong

There are many more valuable takeaways from these two sessions. Access recordings of both of these events, as well as events organized by Zonta districts, on the UN Tools page of the Zonta International website.

## War in Ukraine in Focus

While the main focus of this year's CSW was on climate change and its impacts on women and girls, the war in Ukraine was also top of mind for Zontians and their fellow gender equality advocates.

On 25 March, Zonta International and Zonta District 27 welcomed more than 300 participants for a webinar, "Women in Ukrainian War and UN Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security." Zonta International Committee Chairman Pamela Morgan provided an overview of Resolution 1325 followed by an interview with Zontian Luba Maksymovych from the Zonta Club of Lviv-Zamok in Ukraine.

Luba is the founder of Women's Perspectives, a Ukrainian NGO working to implement gender policy, combat violence against women and domestic violence, increase the competitiveness of women in the labor

**Resolution 1325** reaffirms the important role of women in the prevention and resolution of conflicts, peace negotiations, peace-building, peacekeeping, humanitarian response and in post-conflict reconstruction and stresses the importance of their equal participation and full involvement in all efforts for the maintenance and promotion of peace and security. Resolution 1325 urges all actors to increase the participation of women and incorporate gender perspectives in all United Nations peace and security efforts. It also calls on all parties to conflict to take special measures to protect women and girls from gender-based violence, particularly rape and other forms of sexual abuse, in situations of armed conflict.

[www.un.org](http://www.un.org)

Luba Maksymovych (left), president of the Zonta Club of Lviv-Zamok, along with other members of her club, work together with the Women's Perspectives Centre at a Ukraine refugee support point.



market and promote women's participation in decision-making processes in Ukraine. According to Luba, Ukraine has made significant progress in terms of gender equality in recent years. The Ukrainian Parliament is 20% women, and there is a large network of women's organizations, and organizations like the Women's Perspectives centre, working to help advance women in decision-making roles in Ukraine.

After Russia's invasion of Ukraine on 24 February, Luba and the Women's Perspectives Centre began assisting women and girls who come to Lviv in search of safety or stop in Lviv on their way to refuge in Poland. At the time the event took place, more than 400 women and children had been supported through the centre. Luba shared heartbreaking videos and firsthand testimony from the women and children that she has met and called on her fellow Zontians and friends to raise awareness of the situation in Ukraine and advocate for the Ukrainian people.

Luba's immediate concern now is that many of the women and children who are fleeing Ukraine are at increased risk of trafficking, as they only speak one language. When asked for practical tools and resources that Zontians in neighboring countries might provide, Luba suggested that a Ukrainian or Russian language handout with safety precautions and contact information for trusted local organizations could be given to women as they are leaving Ukraine to help mitigate the risks of trafficking or exploitation. A flyer (right) was created by the German Council of Women and is now being circulated by Zontians in Germany and beyond.

Watch the full conversation with Luba on Zonta International's YouTube channel.

# Zonta condemns aggression and acts of war and stands with our members in Ukraine



## WARNING!

- Women, mothers with children from Ukraine, who are seeking asylum abroad, **please be very CAREFUL** when you come to the train stations and look for help, support and especially private housing
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- ① Fraudsters also want to take advantage of the situation in Ukraine. Among them could be business owners of the sex industry or human trafficking.
  - ② These people (both men and women) offer help, shelter and food **under the guise of volunteers**. Consequently, women and children from Ukraine are being taken away in an unknown and dangerous direction.
  - ③ Please contact **ONLY the official help services**, volunteers, organisations and pay attention to their badges, ask about documents, sites of the organisation.
  - ④ **DO NOT accept help from private individuals** unless you have been contacted by an official volunteer organisation.
  - ⑤ **DO NOT give your passport to anyone**. If you are going somewhere with a person you do not know, send his/her address and preferably a photo of this person's passport to a third party.
  - ⑥ We understand your plight and difficult situation and moral state. But **please remember** that it is very important to take care of your **SAFETY**, even in such difficult times. Take care of yourself!

## Make plans to join your fellow Zontians for CSW67

The 67th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women will take place in March 2023. Watch the Zonta International website and other communications for more information later this year.

# THE POWER OF STORIES

Throughout the 2020-2022 Biennium, 16 women shared their stories of resistance and resilience, impossibilities and hope, challenges and opportunities, and exclusion and mentorship through the Remarkable Women, Powerful Stories series. Each guest reflected on moments within their lives that put them at a crossroads within their work, families, career and education—moments where everything after would then be a new path for themselves and others, forged by their own tenacity.

By the time author and activist **Nahid Shahalimi** was 12 years old, she was already a refugee from Afghanistan living in Pakistan.

"I remember on top of those mountains were the pivotal junctures of my life. I knew exactly what I wanted to do; ever since I knew I was going to come back to Afghanistan one day. I knew that the injustices that I endured and had seen, was something that I know now in my 40s that you don't even get to see sometimes in your 40s and 50s and



I had seen it already by the time I was 11," Nahid said. "I've made something constructive out of all these traumatic experiences. There's one side where you can go and sit down in a corner and whine about it and do nothing. The other thing is that you can actually make it into something constructive."



**Helen Clark's** story of being the first woman elected as prime minister of New Zealand was punctuated by the noticeably low representation of women within her political career.

"There was basic pushback against the notion that a woman could represent an electorate. You never forget these things. ... I took that lived experience into my life and never accept that any door is closed to a woman. And what I say to a young woman is, 'See that empty space at the decision-making table? It's got your name on it. Go for it; don't ever accept that that's not for you.'"

“The only way we’re going to [close the gender gap] is people like you and all of the members of [Zonta International] leaning into it, using our voice. All of these voices... collectively can send a resounding message that enough is enough.” —V. Renée Cutting



**Lindsey Tulloch**,  
a 2019 Zonta  
International Women  
in Technology Scholar,  
has seen within her  
work the opportunities  
and challenges  
of representation.

“When you’re building something like AI (artificial intelligence) that’s going to be used

widely, it’s important to have a lot of input and oversight from people from all different areas of the world and all different kinds of thinking—men and women, people in LGBTQ spaces and people that are culturally diverse. These things can affect people in different ways and if you only have a small minority of people that are building the systems and that are working on them, their bias comes into play ... and there may not be any oversight or any thought to who is going to be most negatively impacted by these systems.”



**V. Renée Cutting**,  
chief philanthropy  
officer for UNICEF USA,  
voiced her hope for the  
future of women and  
gender equity advocates  
everywhere: “The only  
way we’re going to  
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Whether working for new opportunities or finding the courage to say no, all of our remarkable women guests have power within their voices and stories that is influential for all to hear. Watch, read or listen to their stories today at [www.zonta.org/remarkablewomenpowerfulstories](http://www.zonta.org/remarkablewomenpowerfulstories).



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# MAKING HISTORY IN HAMBURG



Hamburg is ready to welcome all to the first Zonta convention of its second century and the first-ever hybrid convention. Cross the bridge to the next biennium and see what awaits you!

Look forward to the memories to be made, the knowledge to be gained and the fellowship to be strengthened at the 65th Zonta International Convention! Learn more about the keynote and education speakers, 10 things all attendees can see or do and how the convention app will enrich the experience.

## Meet our Speakers Keynote speakers



**Marissa Conway** is a feminist activist, foreign policy analyst, and CEO of United Nations Association UK. Previously, she was the Co-Founder and UK Executive Director of the Centre for Feminist Foreign Policy. Her work and insight have been featured in outlets like the BBC, the New York Times, Foreign Policy, and Marie Claire. She has received numerous accolades for her work and in

2019 was named on the Forbes 30 Under 30 List.

Originally from Silicon Valley in California, Marissa began her advocacy career in human trafficking prevention. She has a BA in Political Science and a BA in Music from Chapman University in California, as well as an MA in Gender Studies from SOAS University of London.



**Wanjiku "Wawa" Gatheru** is an environmental justice advocate, writer and current graduate student at the University of Oxford. She is a first-generation American of Kenyan descent and the first Black person in history

to receive the Rhodes, Truman and Udall scholarships. She is also the founder of the organization Black Girl Environmentalist.



**Nankali Maksud** is the senior advisor focusing on prevention of harmful practices (female genital mutilation and child marriage) for UNICEF Headquarters, Programme Division. Having more than 20 years of experience

in managing child protection programmes in Eastern and Southern Africa with UNICEF, Nankali has played a lead role in coordinating UNICEF's efforts with the local governments. She is a national of Tanzania and holds a Master of Arts in International Law from the United Kingdom.

*We had previously announced that International Honorary Member Andrea Ghez would be a keynote speaker at the 2022 Convention. Due to personal reasons, Andrea will not be able to attend the Hamburg Convention but we look forward to a future event where members can meet her.*

## Education speakers



**Stefanie Düssler**

**2021 Amelia Earhart Fellow**

Stefanie Düssler is pursuing a doctorate in aeronautical engineering at Imperial College London. Her research focuses on aeroelastic simulations to explore new potential gust load alleviation (GLA) strategies for future commercial aircraft. GLA

systems intend to directly alleviate loads that are induced by gust encounters during flight on the aircraft structure. By directly reducing these loads, the aircraft structure must withstand smaller loads, enabling structural weight savings. These weight savings offer the potential to significantly improve the overall efficiency of the aircraft, thus meeting the goals that anthropogenic climate change has brought to commercial aviation. Stefanie's research work aligns with her future career goal to contribute to a greener future.



**Laura Ufer**

**2021 Jane M. Klausman  
Women in Business Scholar**

Laura Ufer is in her first year of pursuing her master's degree in entrepreneurship. During her time in the program, she hopes to improve on three core competencies as a female founder: knowledge in the areas

of international business and software development; deeper insights into the funding process of venture capital firms; and developing a close network of like-minded business students.

After graduation, Laura wants to not only develop a successful startup but also mentor women entering underrepresented fields like entrepreneurship. Laura plans to eventually become a business professor and play a part in realizing Jane M. Klausman's goal to overcome gender barriers from the classroom to the boardroom.



**Emma Lehbib**

**2020 Young Women  
in Public Affairs  
Awardee**

With a desire to initiate a project at her school that would also affect the world

outside school, Emma Lehbib—with the group HBG for Human Rights—organized a charity run and raised funds for an orphanage in South Africa. The money allowed the orphanage to finish building an educational establishment and still have a budget for future projects or the ability to care for more children.

Currently, Emma studies international and European law at the University of Groningen. She works for a non-governmental organization and is part of the Sahrawi Diaspora in Germany. Together with her colleagues, she organizes demonstrations, moderates events and plans campaigns to liberate Western Sahara from the Moroccan occupying power. In the future, she wants to pursue a career in academia and politics.



## 10 Things Everyone Can Do at Convention

- 1 Be part of history at the first convention of the new Zonta century and the first hybrid event.
- 2 Make new friends in the convention lobby or in the speed networking sessions.
- 3 Hear from speakers, in-person or virtually, as they connect the Zonta mission to action.
- 4 Discuss women's rights and advance initiatives with your knowledge in community discussions.
- 5 Bring home new ideas from workshops.
- 6 Participate in fun challenges on the Hamburg Convention App for a chance to win a prize from the Zonta Store.
- 7 Visit the Zonta Foundation for Women in-person or virtual booth to donate to the Foundation and help your district win the sticker board challenge.
- 8 Watch the always enchanting opening ceremony and flag parade.
- 9 Take part in your district meetings in the weeks leading up to convention.
- 10 Make plans for Convention 2024 with a visit to the Brisbane Booth.



## What's hAPPening on the Hamburg Convention App

All attendees will gain the most out of convention when they download the Hamburg Convention App. This app, on the Whova platform, is included in your registration and maps your convention experience from the moment you add it to your device. Both virtual and in-person attendees can immediately start communicating with the other members who have already connected into the app. Plan your workshops and dinner choices. Read about the proposed projects or delve into the business of bylaws. Network now or connect later. There are endless ways for you to utilize the app.

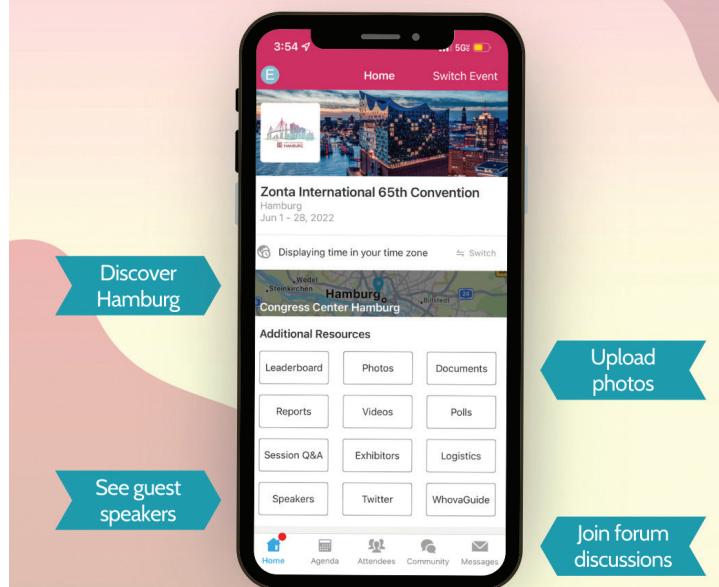
While we look forward to June—we can't wait to connect now!

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# Celebrating the dedication of long-term members



Each year members recommit themselves to the mission and fellowship of Zonta International. We honor members that have dedicated 50 or more years of their lives to making the world of equality we envision for women and girls around the globe a reality. Join us in celebrating the following members!

## 72 YEARS

**Renie Federighi**, Zonta Club of Schenectady, District 02, USA

## 66 YEARS

**Norma Clark**, Zonta Club of Cincinnati, District 05, USA

## 64 YEARS

**Regula Wildberger**, Zonta Club of Schaffhausen, District 28, Switzerland

## 63 YEARS

**Juliette Schlup**, Zonta Club of Bern, District 28, Switzerland

**Selma Starns**, Zonta Club of Corvallis, District 08, USA

## 62 YEARS

**Joan Heels**, Zonta Club of Hamilton 1, District 04, Canada

**Senta-Maria Kromat**, Zonta Club of Bad Homburg, District 28, Germany

## 61 YEARS

**Toy Kay**, Zonta Club of Olympia, District 08, USA

**Maureen Lober**, Zonta Club of Springfield, IL, District 06, USA

**Norma Ruf**, Zonta Club of Porterville, District 09, USA

## 59 YEARS

**Vreni Betz**, Zonta Club of Schaffhausen, District 28, Switzerland

**Bettina von Falkenhausen**, Zonta Club of Essen I, District 29, Germany

**Annemarie Goebel**, Zonta Club of Garmisch-Partenkirchen E.V.,  
District 14, Germany

**Emiko Ohga**, Zonta Club of Tokyo I, District 26, Japan

## 57 YEARS

**Joyce Abraham**, Zonta Club of Johnson County, Kansas,  
District 07, USA

**Elda Bonzon-Delvecchio**, Zonta Club of Lausanne,  
District 30, Switzerland

**Anne Gambrill**, Zonta Club of Auckland Inc, District 16, New Zealand

**Tuula Koski**, Zonta Club of Lappeenranta, District 20, Finland

**Joan-Mary Longcroft**, Zonta Club of Auckland Inc, District 16,  
New Zealand

**Else Moench**, Zonta Club of Bad Homburg, District 28, Germany

## 56 YEARS

**Selina Chow**, Zonta Club of Hong Kong, District 17, Hong Kong

**Margaret Lin**, Zonta Club of Taipei I, District 31, Republic Of China (Taiwan)

**Ulla Ljungh-Hoff**, Zonta Club of Stockholm II, District 21, Sweden

**Vivian Rettig**, Zonta Club of Defiance, District 05, USA

**Vera Waters**, Zonta Club of Hong Kong, District 17, Hong Kong

## 55 YEARS

**Betty Bell**, Zonta Club of Kauai, District 09, USA

**Frances Goldman**, Zonta Club of Akron, Barberton & Cuyahoga Falls,  
District 05, USA

**Alice Nelson**, Zonta Club of Belvidere Area, District 06, USA

**Rosemary Nies**, Zonta Club of Atchison Area, District 07, USA

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**Elizabeth Athanasakos**, Zonta Club of Greater Deerfield Beach,  
District 11, USA

**Elizabeth Drake**, Zonta Club of Elmira, District 02, USA

**Ann-Marie Falck**, Zonta Club of Gallivare, District 21, Sweden

**Janet Fujioka**, Zonta Club of Hilo, District 09, USA

**Ingrid Giertz-Martenson**, Zonta Club of Stockholm III, District 21, Sweden

**Anwari Kabir**, Zonta Club of Dhaka II, District 25, Bangladesh

**Pat Martin-Bates**, Zonta Club of Victoria, Canada, District 08, Canada

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District 30, Germany

**Sarwari Rahman**, Zonta Club of Dhaka II, District 25, Bangladesh

**Maija Rautaoja**, Zonta Club of Pori I, District 20, Finland

**Gertrud Taunton**, Zonta Club of Hamilton 1, District 04, Canada

**Anke Tietgen**, Zonta Club of Luebeck, District 27, Germany

**Lois Wilson**, Zonta Club of Albany, District 02, USA

**Keiko Yamashina**, Zonta Club of Tokyo I, District 26, Japan

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**Beverley Shore Bennett**, Zonta Club of Wellington, District 16, New Zealand  
**Shirlyn Chaffin**, Zonta Club of Columbus, OH, District 05, USA  
**Andree Chapuis**, Zonta Club of Delemont, District 30, Switzerland  
**Kyunying Charungcharoenvejj**, Zonta Club of Bangkok I, District 17, Thailand  
**Kate Coolahan**, Zonta Club of Wellington, District 16, New Zealand  
**Monica Dyhre**, Zonta Club of Gothenburg I, District 21, Sweden  
**Edeltraud Engelbertz**, Zonta Club of Wuppertal, District 29, Germany  
**Karin Framling**, Zonta Club of Nykoping-Oxelosund, District 21, Sweden  
**Francis Fuller**, Zonta Club of Longview, District 10, USA  
**Ulla Hartman**, Zonta Club of Gavle, District 21, Sweden  
**Amy Iwamoto**, Zonta Club of Hilo, District 09, USA  
**Susanne Klein**, Zonta Club of Mainz, District 28, Germany  
**Louise Morden**, Zonta Club of Niagara Falls, NY, District 04, USA  
**Erlinda Panlilio**, Zonta Club of Makati & Environs, District 17, Philippines  
**Subhaporn Peters**, Zonta Club of Bangkok I, District 17, Thailand  
**Barbara White**, Zonta Club of Salt Lake Area, District 09, USA  
**Dolores Zimmerman**, Zonta Club of Northwest Cook Co Area,  
District 06, USA

## 52 YEARS

**Barbara Baeta Bentsi-Enchill**, Zonta Club of Accra, District 18, Ghana  
**Else-Maj Bostrom**, Zonta Club of Jakobstad, District 20, Finland  
**Jacqueline Crawford**, Zonta Club of Mineral Wells, District 10, USA  
**Uta Falter-Baumgarten**, Zonta Club of Hamburg, District 27, Germany  
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**Joon Ja Jun**, Zonta Club of Busan I, District 32, South Korea  
**Titilola Mabogunje**, Zonta Club of Ibadan, District 18, Nigeria  
**Ingrid Meuren-Liebmann**, Zonta Club of Mainz, District 28, Germany  
**A.O. Omotayo Morgan**, Zonta Club of Ibadan, District 18, Nigeria  
**Lupetta Tessitore Mormile**, Zonta Club of Sanremo, District 30, Italy  
**Helen Neurauter**, Zonta Club of Innsbruck I, District 14, Austria  
**Princess Josephine Odedina**, Zonta Club of Lagos I, District 18, Nigeria  
**Rachel Olatunbosun**, Zonta Club of Ibadan, District 18, Nigeria  
**Oyinade Olurin**, Zonta Club of Ibadan, District 18, Nigeria  
**Rachel Phillips**, Zonta Club of Accra, District 18, Ghana  
**Donna Poulton**, Zonta Club of Myrtle Beach, District 11, USA  
**Margaret Ricci**, Zonta Club of Cumberland CT, District 03, USA  
**Karin Saeger**, Zonta Club of Pforzheim, District 30, Germany  
**Birgitta Stjernvall-Jarvi**, Zonta Club of Lappeenranta, District 20, Finland  
**Keiko Ueda**, Zonta Club of Osaka, District 26, Japan

## 51 YEARS

**Anna-Liisa Anttila**, Zonta Club of Lappeenranta, District 20, Finland  
**Judy Awe**, Zonta Club of Lincoln, District 06, USA  
**Havovi Dotivala**, Zonta Club of Bombay III, District 25, India  
**Mary Hoe-Tan**, Zonta Club of Singapore, District 17, Singapore  
**Yen-Yao Hsiao Chen**, Zonta Club of Taipei II, District 31,  
Republic Of China (Taiwan)  
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District 17, Philippines  
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## 50 YEARS

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Republic Of China (Taiwan)  
**Betty Cox**, Zonta Club of Foothills Club Of Boulder Co, District 12, USA  
**Catherine Day**, Zonta Club of Austin, TX, District 10, USA  
**Germaine Gibian**, Zonta Club of Cleveland, District 05, USA  
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**Donna Mae Schlueter**, Zonta Club of Mascoutah Area, District 06, USA  
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Republic Of China (Taiwan)

**JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THESE DEDICATED MEMBERS!**

# Forming the future of Zonta



Membership recruitment and retention are critical to the livelihood of Zonta. We proudly acknowledge the below Sponsoring, Organizing and Mentoring chairs who have gone above and beyond to charter new clubs this biennium. These leaders have shown true dedication and perseverance to ensure the next generation of Zonta and we are honored to have them as members.

## Congratulations to the below districts for chartering two or more clubs this biennium:

District 17—Chartered **SIX** new clubs

District 31—Chartered **FIVE** new clubs

District 30—Chartered **TWO** new clubs

<b>Terry Apistar</b> , Zonta Club of Iloilo City, District 17, Area 3, Philippines.....	Chartered: Zonta Club of General Santos City
<b>Mila Catabay-Lauigan</b> , Zonta Club of Central Tuguegarao, District 17, Area 4, Philippines .....	Chartered: Zonta Club of Isabela
<b>Lily Chien</b> , Zonta Club of Chia-Yi, District 31, Area 2, Republic of China (Taiwan).....	Chartered: Zonta Club of Penghu
<b>Li-Chuan Chiang</b> , Zonta Club of Taichung III, District 31, Area 2, Republic of China (Taiwan).....	Chartered: Zonta Club of Nantou
<b>Miranda Greenstreet</b> , Zonta Club of Accra, District 18, Area 2, Ghana .....	Chartered: Zonta Club of Accra Jubilee
<b>Asa Grubb-Weinberg</b> , Zonta Club of Stockholm I, District 21, Area 2, Sweden .....	Chartered: Zonta e-Club of Sweden I
<b>Sharon R. Hebert</b> , Zonta e-Club of USA2, District 6, Area 2, USA .....	Chartered: Zonta e-Club of USA3
<b>Ya-Ping Kuo</b> , Zonta Club of Taipei I, District 31, Area 1, Republic of China (Taiwan).....	Chartered: Zonta Club of Keelung Ocean
<b>Divina Lupe M. Lazaro</b> , Zonta Club of Greater Rizal II, District 17, Area 1, Philippines .....	Chartered: Zonta e-Club of the Philippines2
<b>Carolina O. Llanillo</b> , Zonta Club of Makati & Environs, District 17, Area 5 Philippines .....	Chartered: Zonta Club of Samar
<b>Bridget Mather</b> , Zonta Club of Gladstone Inc, District 22, Area 2, Australia.....	Chartered: Zonta Club of Biloela
<b>Irene Orton</b> , Zonta Club of Glens Falls, District 2, Area 1, USA.....	Chartered: Zonta e-Club of New York I
<b>Soipetch Resanond</b> , Zonta Club of Bangkok V, District 17, Area 6, Thailand .....	Chartered: Zonta Club of Bangkok XII
<b>Adriana Otero</b> , Zonta Club of Punta Del Este-Maldonado, Region South America, Area 1, Argentina.....	Chartered: Zonta Club of Buenos Aires
<b>Sabine Roessler</b> , Zonta Club of Krefeld & Dusseldorf I, District 29, Area 2, Germany .....	Chartered: Zonta Club of Krefeld am Rhein
<b>Pattaraporn Santathadaporn</b> , Zonta Club of Bangkok III, District 17, Area 6, Thailand .....	Chartered: Zonta Club of Maehongson
<b>Ivana Sarotto</b> , Zonta Club of Alba Langue Roero, District 30, Area 3, Italy .....	Chartered: Zonta e-Club of Italia
<b>Firuza Sena</b> , Zonta Club of Bombay III, District 25, Area 1, India .....	Chartered: Zonta Club of Bhopal
<b>Yoshiko Shimizu</b> , Zonta Club of Kanagawa, District 26, Area 2, Japan .....	Chartered: Zonta Club of Tokyo Grace
<b>Rossina Todorova</b> , Zonta Club of Saint Sofia, District 30, Area 5, Macedonia .....	Chartered: Zonta Club of Macedonia - Skopje
<b>Kuei-Ying Yang</b> , Zonta Club of Taoyuan, District 31, Area 1, Republic of China (Taiwan) .....	Chartered: Zonta Club of Taoyuan Peony
<b>Chen Hsiang Yi</b> , Zonta Club of Taichung II, District 31, Area 2, Republic of China (Taiwan) .....	Chartered: Zonta Club of Yunlin

# Setting the Foundation

The amazing generosity and loyal support of the Zonta Foundation for Women was a true highpoint of the 2020-2022 Biennium. Even with the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the percentage of members donating increased 3% as compared to the 2018-2020 Biennium. Also, 2,599 people felt so moved by the work of Zonta that they donated for the first time! We appreciate every donor from every country. Without you, our mission would be impossible.



## Welcome to the following 15 new members of the Mary E. Jenkins 1919 Society:

Jane Adornetto  
R. Jean Beard Trust  
Maria Calibo-Sales  
Joyce A. Combs  
Donna K. Conant  
Lotta Lind  
Diane S. Lindsley  
Mari McKenzie  
Donna J. Neal  
Dorte Olesen  
Mele U. Spencer  
Eleanor L. Taylor  
Carole and David Theobald  
Brittany Vaughan  
Gail Zalewski

## Zontians in Bloom: Rose Day 2022

Each year on 8 March, the global community celebrates International Women's Day, recognizing women for their achievements regardless of national, ethnic, linguistic, economic or political divisions. On the same day, the Zonta International community also celebrates Zonta Rose Day, a time to reflect and give tribute to the women who have empowered us.

In 2022, Zontians raised more than US\$75,000 through the Zonta Foundation for Women's Rose Day campaign.

US\$77,356

397 donors

593 gifts

34 first-time donors

Donations received from all

31 districts and Region South America

Average gift amount = US\$130.45



Thank you to each of you who have continued to support Zonta's mission through your time, resources and contributions. Zonta would not be able to make the impact it has if it were not for you and your membership in this amazing organization.

**D**id you know that anyone can be a part of the Mary E. Jenkins 1919 Society? By joining, your life's work will continue long into the future, supporting the efforts for gender equality for decades to come. Membership benefits include exclusive partner events, invitations to Foundation gatherings and more! Learn more and join at [www.zonta.org/PlannedGiving](http://www.zonta.org/PlannedGiving).





# Zonta clubs expand educational opportunities across the globe

It has been proven time and again that when a girl has the opportunity to continue her education, she is at a lower risk for human trafficking, gender-based violence, child marriage and poverty, and is empowered to make her own choices for her life. Globally, Zonta has an opportunity to reach approximately 100 women and girls a year through its international educational programs. The actions taken on the club and district levels show that our influence and impact goes much further. Read how clubs have changed the lives of countless students in their communities by extending their opportunities for education.



"Each action taken to advance the education and opportunities of girls and women worldwide brings us closer to fulfilling our mission."

## Extending opportunities

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many low-income families in Taiwan have suffered economic hardships. To meet this challenge, the Zonta Club of Chang-Hua, Taiwan, increased their scholarships, bonuses and awards, which were presented to 17 recipients during their annual Zonta Scholarship Award ceremony.

Club President Su-Er Huang made a speech to introduce Zonta's mission and spirit, highlight the recipients' outstanding performances and encourage the students to think positively and know their value.

In the Philippines, the Zonta Club of Ilocos Norte had an opportunity to provide cash donations for 32 disadvantaged students at the Ilocos Norte National High School. The assistance will help support students' school needs, especially for their online classes.

The Zonta Club of Palermo Triscele, Italy, (left) awarded a scholarship to an 18-year-old student at the Liceo Alberghiero Pietro Pizza Di Palermo. The scholarship will allow the student to continue her studies in the tourism section.



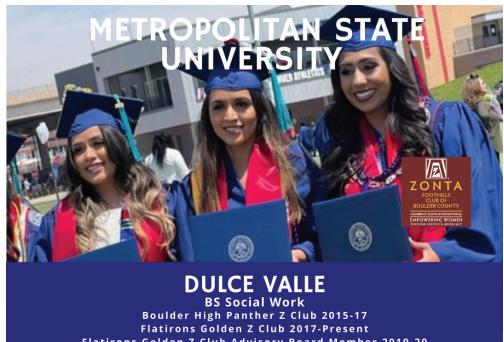
## Bringing the future to Zonta

The Zonta Club of Taipei II, Taiwan, (above) also awarded scholarships to students within their community. During its fifth annual Lu Soong You-Tze Scholarship award ceremony in December, the club recognized 15 female university students for achieving outstanding academic performance and volunteer work despite the challenges in their lives. This year's recipients are studying medicine, music, social work, foreign languages, mass communication, machinery, commerce, hospitality, and urban planning and disaster management.

The club, which celebrated its 50th anniversary in April this year, offers the scholarship to recognize outstanding students from underprivileged families while nurturing potential future Zonta members through sponsorship of the Golden Z Club of New Dawn. Most of the Golden Z club's members are scholarship recipients and three of this year's recipients joined the club.

This biennium the club also established a youth educational development fund, intending to extend the scholarship project and help other young people in need of financial aid for their study or research programs.





**ZONTA CLUB OF BOULDER COUNTY COLORADO EMPOWERING WOMEN**

**ELEMENTARY EDUCATION**

**ETHNIC STUDIES MINOR**

**PENNY SANCHES**  
**UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOULDER**

Boulder High Panther Z Club 2015-17  
Flatirons Golden Z Club 2017-Present  
Boulder High Panther Z Club Intern 2019-20  
Flatirons Golden Z Club Advisory Board Member 2019-20

**METROPOLITAN STATE UNIVERSITY**

**Maria Martinez-Nava**  
**Summa Cum Laude**

BS Social Work  
Boulder High Panther Z Club 2016-17  
Flatirons Golden Z Club 2017-Present  
Flatirons Golden Z Club Advisory Board Member 2020-present

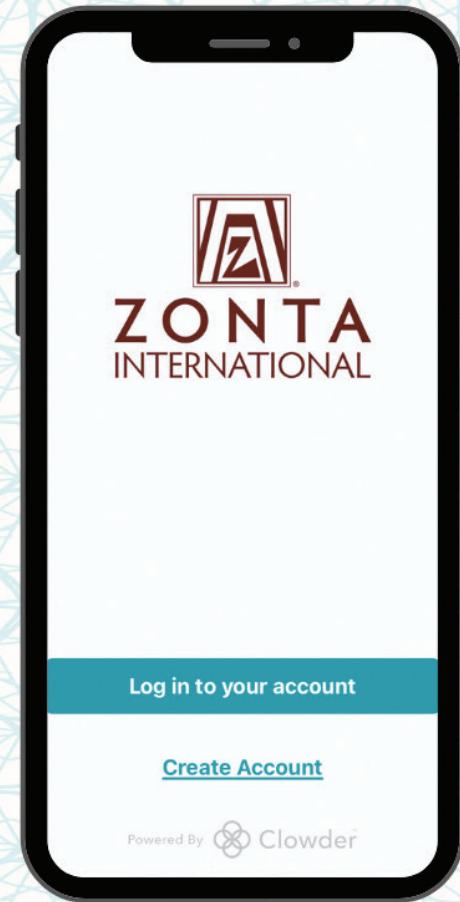
Other Golden Z students are getting opportunities through their sponsoring club. Three years ago, the Zonta Foothills Club of Boulder Co, USA, (above) launched the Flatirons Golden Z Club Education Fund to help members of their college leadership club complete a college education. This fund is available to members of the Flatirons Golden Z Club who are attending a college or professional school and need support for books, internships, testing, transportation or other education-related expenses. The fund also provides mentorship, leadership training and opportunities for advocacy and service to women in the community. Many members are first generation students and most of them have remained proud Zonta members after college graduation. Through the fund, the club has found the community to be very responsive to campaigns that change women's lives through education.

Each action taken to advance the education and opportunities of girls and women worldwide brings us closer to fulfilling our mission. To share your member, club or district action, please visit [www.zonta.org/shareyourstory](http://www.zonta.org/shareyourstory).

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# Ready to connect?

Search  
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**Let the Zonta Connect app be your guide to**

- ▶ Advocating for gender equality individually or with other Zontians.
- ▶ Sharing your gender equity ideas with Zonta's global membership.
- ▶ Gaining knowledge on how education and climate change affect equality for women and girls.
- ▶ Expanding your circle of friendship beyond your Zonta club or district.

**The Zonta Connect App is free as a benefit to all members of Zonta.**

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# WELCOME

## TO THE ZONTA INTERNATIONAL FAMILY!

The Zonta Club of Naples stands with members of their Z Club.

### ZONTA CLUBS

**Zonta Club of Baltimore Metropolitan**  
District 3, Area 3

**Zonta e-Club of the Philippines2**  
District 17, Area 1

**Zonta Club of Isabela**  
District 17, Area 4

**Zonta Club of Bangkok XII**  
District 17, Area 6

**Zonta Club of Maehongson**  
District 17, Area 6

**Zonta Club of Bhopal**  
District 25, Area 1

**Zonta Club of Keelung Ocean**  
District 31, Area 1

**Zonta Club of Nantou**  
District 31, Area 2

### GOLDEN Z CLUBS

**Cornell University Golden Z Club**  
District 2, Area 3

**S.A.G.E. of the Illinois Valley**  
District 6, Area 5

**Hong Kong Nang Yan College of Higher Education Golden Z Club**  
District 17, Area 2

### USC Moreton Bay Golden Z Club

District 22, Area 1

**Marburg (Lahn) Golden Z Club**  
District 28, Area 2

**Parma Network Golden Z Club**  
District 28, Area 3

**Penghu University Golden Z Club**  
District 31, Area 2

**Tainan Technology University Golden Z Club**  
District 31, Area 2

### Z CLUBS

**Hudson High School Z Club**  
District 5, Area 3

**Canyon High School Z Club**  
District 9, Area 3

**Golden Gate High School Titans Z Club**  
District 11, Area 6

**Pace Center for Girls—Collier at Immokalee Z Club**  
District 11, Area 6

**Palmetto Ridge High School Bears Z Club**  
District 11, Area 6

### Prowers Z Club

District 12, Area 4

**Hurons—Rogers City High School Z Club**  
District 15, Area 1

**New Plymouth Girls' High School Z Club**  
District 16, Area 2

**Immaculate Heart of Mary College Z Club**  
District 17, Area 2

**Lakeview Integrated School Z Club**  
District 17, Area 5

**Nemesio I. Yabut High School Makati Z Club**  
District 17, Area 5

**Poblacion National HS Z Club**  
District 17, Area 5

**SSG Higher School of the University of Makati Z Club**  
District 17, Area 5

**Hérault-Zarifa Z Club**  
District 30, Area 1

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District 31, Area 2

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