



Zonta International is a leading organization of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy. Zonta International envisions a world in which women's rights are human rights and every woman is able to achieve her full potential.

July 18th is Nelson Mandela International Day

In November 2009, Resolution A/RES/64/13 was passed by the UN General Assembly to declare the 18 of July "Nelson Mandela International Day" in recognition of the former South African President's contributions to peace and freedom. The resolution recognizes his service to humanity in the areas of conflict resolution; race relations; promotion and protection of human rights; reconciliation; gender equality and the rights of children and other vulnerable groups; the fight against poverty; and the promotion of social justice. His noteworthy contributions to the struggle for democratic ideals on an international scale are also recognized in this UN resolution.

As we face the pandemic ravages of COVID-19 and racial prejudice this newsletter editor reflects on the life and words of Nelson Mandela. "It is easy to break down and destroy. The heroes are those who make peace and build." Mandela's words are those of a man who spent 27 years incarcerated between Victor Verster Prison, Pollsmoor Prison and Robbed Island. In the midst of the injustices of apartheid this human rights Lawyer and prisoner of conscience emerged from shackles to become the first democratically elected president of a free South Africa.

On this day that remembers Mandela's achievements let us take action and inspire change in our communities. Let us make a new friend from a different cultural background or read to someone who has lost his/her vision. Are we in a position to provide a smartphone for those recovering in hospitals to visit face to face with their loved ones? Have we been tested for COVID-19 or taken someone to be tested? Have we encouraged testing for HIV? Can we donate a wheelchair or sponsor a guide dog?

Zonta Club of Sacramento is concerned with woman suffrage through the registration of women to vote in the upcoming election. Did you know that seventeen-year-old girls who will be eighteen by election day may register to vote now? Did you know that you must register to vote if you have changed your name, your address or want to change your political party affiliation? We invite you to encourage eligible girls and others who are eligible to register and vote! We continue to be the hands that bring a positive change to our community.

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Upcoming Dates
ZI 2020 Voting and Elections
Online, July 3-8, 2020
Zonta Meeting Via Zoom
July 14, 2020 1:00 pm
North American Inter-District
Meeting, Cincinnati
June 25-27, 2021



By 1854 Sacramento began to address education for its 1,500 or so white children. The school consisted of two rooms, one for boys and one for girls at 5th and K Streets. Sadly Sacramento's black children were given no thought by the white community but Elizabeth Thorn Scott, an African American woman opened a private school and remarked to her daughter on May 29, 1854 "I knew we could not wait". The African American Methodist Church took over the funding for Scott's school and turned it into a free public school for African American, Chinese and Indian children, individuals the city had ignored.

In the 1870s Sacramento boasted several outstanding women who were shining examples of community involvement. Many were single women who taught school. Among the private schools in Sacramento were the Perry Seminary, Sacramento Seminary, Young Ladies Seminary, the Catholic owned St. Joseph's Academy and the Methodist owned Sacramento Subject School. There were also ten public primary schools all of which had female principals and one high school with a male principal. In 1876 a female teacher earned \$67 a month and her male counterpart earned \$90 a month.

In 1885 Margaret Crocker created a public art museum in Sacramento, California by donating the E.B. Crocker Art Gallery and its collection to the City of Sacramento and the California Museum Association. At the time the contents were valued at more than \$500,000. In 2010 a museum addition was opened to accommodate the burgeoning collection.

Capital Women by Elaine Connolly and Dian Self chronicles 185 pages of contributions women have made in the Sacramento Metropolitan area. They tell the lives of women who lived through floods, pandemics and racial intolerance but rose to fight for a better day and in so doing have left us the kinds of lasting legacies Nelson Mandela International Day exemplifies.

Zonta Cares: Education Continues in Madagascar Webinar

Caitlin McCurn - our UNICEF "Let Us Learn Madagascar" partner - and others shared the progress this project is making during the Zonta International June 12th webinar. Families are paid roughly \$3.40 per child bimonthly to let their daughters participate in Let Us Learn. Due to an absence of internet capabilities in Madagascar the girls in turn use radio programs and announcements to educate their communities. This makes them leaders that are recognizable by name and they are sometimes asked to conduct local training classes in their communities. UNICEF contributes text books that cover the materials taught. The photograph to the right shows a typical classroom setting. Voting delegates will have the opportunity to continue this project or select another at our upcoming convention.

