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2015 Campaign Updates



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.

[Join us](#) this November and say NO to violence against women.

Preparing for the 2015 Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women campaign



We have updated the Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women campaign website to give our Zonta members the best opportunities to support the Zonta International vision that no woman lives in fear of violence.

This campaign year, look for refreshed graphics, new advocacy tools and great resources to support your club, area and district efforts. These files are located in a dropbox folder for ease of access. You will find advocacy resources [here](#) and image resources [here](#).

Together, we will create a world where no woman lives in fear of violence.

ZontaSaysNO.com

Empowering women worldwide

We have received updates from our [International Service Projects](#), and our [Zonta International Strategies to end Violence Against Women Projects](#). Please click the images below to view the pdfs of the updates.





HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW OUR SERVICE PROJECTS?

Quiz yourself to see what you know about our International Service Project:
*Towards Elimination of Obstetric Fistula and
 Reduction of Maternal and Newborn Mortality in Liberia*

[Take the quiz](#)

Stand out with the Service Recognition Award



Zonta clubs and districts will have the opportunity to show how they improve the lives of women in their communities in a Zonta Service Recognition Award exhibition that will showcase the best service projects at the 2016 Convention in Nice, France.

The Zonta Service Recognition Awards were established to recognize outstanding service projects undertaken by Zonta clubs or districts which benefit women in the local community. To view last biennium's winners, please click: [Zonta Service Recognition Award winners](#).

There are two categories of projects to be considered for the Awards:

1. Service projects that empower women and girls in general to achieve equal rights and to secure their access to all legal, political, economic, educational, health and professional resources; and
2. Service projects focusing on prevention of the root causes of violence against women and girls through education.

A complete description of the award, eligibility criteria and the nomination process are posted on Zonta's website: [Service Tools](#). Please, read the instructions and if you

have any questions, contact the ZI Service Committee.

Please remember the deadlines:

- Club service projects must be sent to the governor by email by **29 December 2015**.
- Winning club service projects judged by a district evaluating committee must be sent to the Zonta International Service Committee at Headquarters, by the governor, by email to zontaservice@zonta.org by **8 February 2016**.
- District project nominations must be sent directly to the Zonta International Service Committee at Headquarters by email to zontaservice@zonta.org by **8 February 2016**.

Gain knowledge of our partnerships with Council of Europe and Istanbul Convention resources

To help you better connect Zonta International to the Council of Europe and the Istanbul Convention, we have posted three PowerPoints on the [Council of Europe Tools page](#).



ACT NOW - Become a future Zonta leader



Nominations for the 2016-2018 ZI/ZIF Boards and International Nominating Committee close 31 August 2015 midnight CDT.

If you have the skills and attributes to ensure Zonta remains relevant and lives up to its mission, please submit your nomination soon.

For more information, go to:

www.zonta.org/MemberResources/InternationalNominations.aspx

Preserving Zonta's History: Centennial Anniversary Committee repairs silk screens donated by District 26

As part of its mission and biennial goals, the Centennial Anniversary Committee is dedicated to preserving Zonta's history. In February, the two silk screens that have been a fixture in the Headquarters' lobby were taken down and over the past four months, repaired by experts at the Chicago Conservation Center. The repaired screens are now back on display, showcasing their original luster and elegance.



From the desk of: The Membership Committee

A warm thank you for your hard work and dedication to recruiting and retaining members and to those districts that are in the process of chartering new clubs. We know how arduous the process can be, but we also know how rewarding it is to have and keep our Zonta members. Our mission is vital to women and girls around the world and without members we cannot be successful in our endeavors. As we look at the clubs around the world and see what each of you are doing to empower women, it simply amazes us and warms our hearts. Thank you for all you do to empower women and girls!

Please share your passion for Zonta and our mission with your friends, relatives, neighbors, co-workers, etc. If you have contacts somewhere else around the world, please share those details with us and we will match them up with the appropriate local governor to begin exploring membership opportunities in their part of the world. Remember, we also have six e-Clubs, which could be an option for membership.

Thank you and take care,

[The Zonta International Membership Committee](#)

Congratulations to the following clubs that have recently chartered!

Zonta e-Club of Finland1, D20, Finland
Zonta e-Club of the Philippines1, D17, Philippines
Zonta Club of Fukui Reinan, D26, Japan



Zonta Club of Fukuoka, D26, Japan
Zonta Club of Leuven, D27, Belgium
Zonta Club of Makati - Central Business District, D17, Philippines
Zonta Club of Matera, D28, Italy
Zonta Club of Palermo Triscele, D28, Italy
Zonta Club of Yamanashi, D26, Japan

Showing Conviction-Commitment-Courage



Embrace your **Conviction** of Zonta values, share your **Commitment** to empower women worldwide, and gain the **Courage** to ask peers to join our mission.

The new **Conviction-Commitment-Courage** Membership Recognition Program distinguishes members, clubs and districts that successfully recruit and maintain members.

Individual Zontians, clubs and districts who take on this challenge will be recognized and rewarded for their successful achievement of the 2014-2016 Zonta International membership goals at the 2016 Convention in Nice, France.

Learn more at: [Membership Recognition Program](#).

Have you read the new Marian de Forest Membership Manual?



During the North American Inter-District Meeting, governors and Lt. governors discussed the newly-redesigned Marian de Forest Membership Manual. Here's what they had to say:

"I found the event section most important - reminding clubs to have at least one annual event." - Karen Pati, Governor, District 11

"I really like the changes the the Marian de Forest Membership Manual, overall. Recruitment section is pretty standard. I like that it emphasizes using social media for recruitment and publicity." - Mary Reed, Lt. Governor, District 7

"Easy to read and follow, great sidebars with active links, everyone should check out the examples of the membership marketing materials...It would be helpful to have the timelines noted by bullets in an actual timeline in excel or Word. Then, members could download and insert their dates and it would be easy to track and share." - Leatta Dahlhoff, Lt. Governor, District 8

"Pleased with the presentation - it's informative and clear, but also leaves enough room

for the individual clubs to make decisions based on the club bylaws." - Donna Clark, Lt. Governor, District 3.

We also received feedback on wanting fresh material, quick links, and further details on social media options and will be incorporating them online in the near future. Please view the manual here: [Manuals webpage](#).

Headquarters announces staff updates



Allison
Summers

Dana
Brendecke-
Carrier

Mary
O'Neil

Luz
Gomez

Martina
Gamboa

Kate
Edrinn

Makeysha
Durham-
Diouf

Please join us in congratulating the following staff members for their recent accomplishments:

Executive Director **Allison Summers** received her credential of Certified Association Executive.

Dana Brendecke-Carrier has been appointed the Development Manager. Within her duties, she will oversee new full-time staff member, **Mary O'Neil**, Development Associate. Mary has been with Zonta International as a temporary employee since March 2015.

Luz Gomez, who has been a temporary employee since April, has also joined the staff as the full-time Accounting and Human Resources Senior Coordinator.

Both **Martina Gamboa** and **Kate Edrinn** have received promotions to Senior Programs Coordinator and Senior Communications Coordinator, respectively. **Makeysha Durham-Diouf** has also been promoted to Membership Coordinator.

Zontians in Action



**Zonta Club of
Wellington,
New Zealand**

The Zonta Club of



**Zonta Club of
Bangkok1, Thailand**

The Zonta Club of
Bangkok1, partnered with



**Zonta Club of
Cincinnati, USA**

Zonta Club of Cincinnati
members assembled 1,000

Wellington with Graduate Women and the National Council of Women organized an annual debate with representatives from all of the main political parties.

The topic was "the economic impact of domestic violence" and focused on the impact in the workplace.

[More on the web](#)

local organizations to present a seminar to adolescents on preventing teen pregnancies.

[More on the web](#)

birthing kits for women in Haiti in an effort to combat the problem of maternal mortality. The kits contain simple items like rubber gloves, razor blades, soap and plastic sheeting. [More in the news](#)

MEMBER MILESTONES

Congratulations to Peggy Look of the Zonta Club of Rochester, USA, for achieving 52 years of membership this month.

POST-2015 DEVELOPMENT AGENDA AND THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Learn about the SDGs and find out what you can do to take action! [More on the web](#)

CLUB OFFICER CONTACT INFORMATION FORMS

We appreciate the officers who have already submitted their [Club Officer Contact Information Form](#). All clubs must submit this form whether or not the club's officers will be changing. These forms were due to Headquarters on 1 May 2015.



IHM AS A LEGO FIGURE

2015 EMMA L CONLON SERVICE AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED

The Emma L. Conlon Service Award contest for Z and Golden Z clubs aims to recognize those clubs whose projects and programs best express the ideals of Zonta International and the Z and Golden Z Club Program through local and international service and advocacy to empower women worldwide. [More on the web.](#)

2015 YWPA AWARD RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED

The 32 district/region recipients and 10 international recipients for the 2015 Young Women in Public Affairs Awards have been announced. This year's recipients represent 20 countries. [More on the web.](#)

2016 AMELIA EARHART FELLOWSHIP UPDATED MATERIALS

The 2016 Brochure and application are now available online. You can also get to know the 2015 AE Fellows by reading their bios.



SAVE THE DATE

The 2016 Convention in Nice, France is less than a year away. Stay informed and Save the Date for 2-6 July 2016. [Read More](#)



SHARE YOUR STORY

Would you like to be featured in upcoming e-Newsletters, on the website, or via our social media pages? [Share Your Story](#) with us!



We want your high-quality photos of your members in service and advocacy action, or at your club meetings.

Zonta International
Honorary Member Sylvia
Earle is one of several
new additions to LEGO's
female scientist figures
that also include
aerospace engineers and
astronauts.

[Read more.](#)

Send your best pictures
to pr@zonta.org and you
could be featured on the
Zonta website!

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