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Dear Megan,

I wish you a [warm welcome to the 2022-2024 Biennium!](#)

First of all, I would like to thank you all for the support and positive feedback I have received for the new tagline, "**Build a Better World for Women and Girls.**" My vision for this tagline is to use a phrase that everyone can effortlessly understand, and that is easy to translate. Of course, we will continue to empower women and girls through service and advocacy, but with the new tagline, we can elevate Zonta's presence and participation in the global conversation on women's rights to a broader audience and show more visibility.



Here is a little video from President Ute Scholz on a beautiful day in Germany.

Zonta is needed now more than ever. According to the [July 2022 Global Gender Gap Report](#), the progress towards gender parity is stalling, and it will take another 132 years to close the global gender gap. We are facing a changing world with political challenges in many countries, war, COVID-19 and economic crises, all of which contribute to a rollback of women's rights. As crises are compounding, women's workforce outcomes are suffering, and the risk of global gender parity backsliding further intensifies. However, I see this as an opportunity to change that narrative, an opportunity for our Zonta members to show the world that we will not rest until women's rights are recognized as human rights and every woman can reach her full potential.

From reading your [local service and advocacy actions](#), I know our Zonta members are already being the architects needed to build that better world. This is why I challenge you all to continue to summon that Zonta spirit and show the world why Zonta continues to be the shining light of leadership and action for gender parity.

Our Zonta members are the heart, soul and hands of our organization, and I am deeply thankful for your continuous dedication and support. Only together can we close the global gender gap and build a better world for women and girls.

Warm regards,

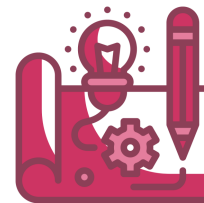


A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ute".

Ute Scholz
President 2022-2024
Zonta International and the Zonta Foundation for Women

How Zonta will Build a Better World

Architects cannot build without their blueprints; the same goes for our Zonta members! Start paving the road to a better world for women and girls by reading the [2022-2024 Biennial Goals](#). The biennial goals remain aligned with Zonta's mission and vision and are centered under five pillars:



1. Stand Out for Gender Equity

Zonta International envisions a world in which women's rights are recognized as human rights; and, as a result, advocacy and action have moved to the forefront of much of what we do.



2. Represent Global Citizenship

Zontians have always reflected the principles of global citizenship as they have worked for the advancement of understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of clubs and individuals with the charge to serve their communities, their nations and the world.



3. Develop Future Leaders

Zonta International, clubs and individual members strive to ensure every woman has access to education and resources and that more women are represented in decision-making positions.



4. Celebrate Ourselves

Zontians are the heart and hands of our organization. Without members we are nothing.



5. Position Zonta International for the Future

In spite of rapid societal shifts, advancing technology, a global pandemic, economic uncertainties, and unprecedented natural disasters, Zonta stands strong as it prepares to enter the next two years; however, Zonta's long-range sustainability is not guaranteed if thoughtful and insightful action is not taken.

[Read the Biennial Goals](#)

Making a difference through our projects

At the 2022 Zonta International Convention, we announced the 2022-2024 International Service Projects. We will continue to partner with organizations across the globe to make a difference in the lives of women and girls through initiatives that focus on education, climate change and prevention of violence. Read about our four projects below.

[Adolescent Girls' Health and Protection in Peru](#)

[Engaging Girls on Climate Change in Madagascar](#)



Our goal is to improve the capacity of services to promptly respond to the health needs of adolescents, particularly adolescent girls, and prevent all forms of violence in schools and other services.

Adolescents, especially girls, must have opportunities to empower themselves so they can speak up for their rights and develop the self-confidence and autonomy needed to take control of their lives and bodies.

[Project Description PDF](#)

[Ending Child Marriage](#)



Our goal for this biennium is to scale up the Global Programme's activities to protect and empower girls and ultimately help end the practice of child marriage.

Our continued support will help advance the Global Programme's realization of its vision in which girls everywhere experience healthier, safer and more empowered life transitions while they maintain control of their own destiny by making informed choices and decisions about their education, sexuality, marriage and childbearing.

[Project Description PDF](#)



Our goal is to support girls and a generation of children and adolescents by providing environmental education in Madagascar through child-friendly schools.

This project will help UNICEF enable children, particularly girls, to learn in a safe and inclusive environment and empower them to take actions to change and to build climate-resilient communities.

[Project Description PDF](#)

[Her Health and Dignity, Our Priority](#)



Our goal continues to be to ensure that all women and girls in Papua New Guinea and Timor-Leste live a life free from gender-based violence (GBV).

Building on Phase I of the initiative, Phase II will expand and strengthen the skills, knowledge and capacities of GBV responders, including health care providers in additional geographic areas in Papua New Guinea and Timor-Leste, and institutionalize the interventions within government systems for sustainability.

[Project Description PDF](#)

Two resources on how to translate PDFs: [Adobe](#) | [Google](#)

Updates to our Education Programs

We want to expand our scope in developing future leaders and so we have made some exciting updates to our education programs this biennium.



An update on the Women In Technology Scholarship will be provided after the August Zonta International Board meeting.

Two resources on how to translate PDFs: [Adobe](#) | [Google](#)



SHARE YOUR STORY TODAY

Clubs continue to be shining examples in their communities in how they serve women and girls. In this biennium, we aim to see at least 75% of our clubs submit at least one example of their local service or charitable efforts to the [Share Your Story platform](#). Not only will your story be featured on our website and social media, but your club will also have the chance to be highlighted in our newsletters, magazine and even at the 2024 Convention in Brisbane, Australia.

Tell us how you are changing the world by sharing your story with us today!

[Share Your Story](#)

Zontians in Action

Clubs and members have made great strides to build a better world for women and girls in their communities. Read the stories below that highlight their fantastic work.

[Zonta Club of Alytus sponsors summer camp for Lithuanian and Ukrainian children](#)

This summer, the Zonta Club of Alytus, Lithuania, partnered with the Alytus Youth Center and Tarškutis, a dance group, to sponsor a camp for Lithuanian and Ukrainian children to have a fun and meaningful time.



To make the camp possible, the club held a fundraising evening featuring Antanas Saulynas, a Lithuanian poet, and invited the residents of Alytus. The locals united to raise more than 2,000 euros, which helped pay for the transportation costs and the educational activities.

One of the beneficiaries was 5-year-old Olivia from Ukraine. Accompanied by her mother, Olivia participated in all the activities and performances the camp offered, sang Ukrainian folk songs and got acquainted with Ukrainian traditions. Olivia and the other campers thanked the club for a fun and special summer program.

[Zonta Clubs of Melton Inc and Melbourne West Inc helps farmers after local flood](#)

The Zonta Clubs of Melton Inc and Melbourne West

Inc, Australia, recently donated bedding, children's books and pamper packs for women through the Aussie Hay Runners. The donations were made in support of local producers and farmers affected by the unprecedented flooding in Northern New South Wales earlier this year.



"It's so sad to see the devastation the flooding has caused," said Zontian Bianca Heaney, who helped transport the goods. "I had to console one gentleman who got very emotional and was so grateful for the supplies."

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club anniversaries!**

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Congratulations to the Zonta Club of Denver, USA, District 12, on celebrating its 95th anniversary this month!

To see which other clubs are celebrating a milestone anniversary in August, please visit [Zonta News](#).

Watch Sara Diana Faraj's Powerful Story



Meet July's Remarkable Women, Sara Diana Faraj, chair of the 2022-2024 International Committee for Young Talents. She is currently studying political science at the University of Queensland and is the Youth Mayor for the Fraser Coast Youth Advisory Council.

[Watch now on-demand.](#)



WELCOME
TO OUR NEW CLUBS!



Zonta Club of Seoul VIII
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