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Dear Megan,

We cannot describe the current world as safe. Across the globe, we are scared as we face undesirable political development in some countries, war against Ukraine, economic instability, climate change and an energy crisis. Actions such as this have not only contributed to the decline of gender parity but also detrimentally **enabled more acts of gender-based violence around the world.** It has been proven many times that when we address these global issues while taking into account women's rights and protection, we find solutions and lessen gender-based violence.



President Ute Scholz and Executive Director Allison Summers met up with Zonta clubs in Oklahoma last week for the Orange Walk during the 2022 Zonta Says NO campaign. Ute joined Elaine Dockray, president of the Zonta Club of Central Oklahoma in meeting with Midwest City Mayor Matt Dukes.

This is why, my dear Zontians and friends, it is more important than ever for us to continue to say NO to violence against women. I encourage you all to renew your commitment to ensuring the safety and protection of women and girls during the **Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women** campaign. When we take our efforts to our community and galvanize our neighbors to take action, the energy of so many people speaking out can be the catalyst for a change in policies, and institutions are forced to respond.

Many of you are already taking action to end violence against women, and it has been motivating to see how you are ensuring no woman shall live in fear of violence. To see these actions, visit www.ZontaSaysNO.com and follow the campaign on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn using #ZontaSaysNO. I know that when Zonta members unite, we are truly an unstoppable force.

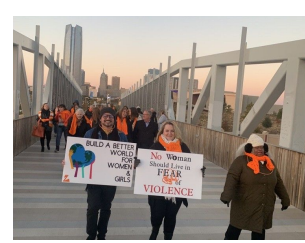
Warm regards,



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

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





Last week, while attending the 2022 Service Club Leaders Conference, President Ute kicked off the 16 Days of Activism and the Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women with the Zonta Clubs of Oklahoma. Zonta Club of Central Oklahoma President Elaine Dockray met with Midwest City Mayor Matt Dukes.

**ZONTA SAYS NO
TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN**

ONLINE SUMMIT

**GIVING TUESDAY
29 NOVEMBER
US\$10***

REGISTER TODAY

*Not including fees.
All proceeds go to the Zonta Foundation for Women International Service Fund to support global initiatives to address gender-based violence.

This Giving Tuesday, 29 November, Zonta International is hosting a one-day online summit to share how we as a society can come together and say NO to violence against women and girls. Join us to hear our Keynote speaker **Meera Vijayann** (right), and our Young Voices for Change panel consisting of three Zonta awardees (below). Participate in two interactive workshops featuring clubs from every Zonta region and leave with life-changing actions you can take. Together, we can make the world safer for women and girls now and in future generations.



Meera Vijayann
Keynote Speaker



Lena Kalandjian
2022 Young Women in
Public Affairs Awardee



Rachel Lim
2021 Young Women in
Public Affairs Awardee



Liliana Savage Pinto
2021 Women in
Technology Scholar

Admission is US\$10 per person, with all net proceeds going to the Zonta Foundation for Women International Service Fund to support global initiatives to address gender-based violence. Members participating in the Zonta Says NO Summit will have their ticket

price count toward their Every Member Every November Zonta Foundation for Women giving total.

All Zonta members and friends are invited, so this event is a great opportunity to introduce your friends and family to Zonta. Purchase an extra ticket for a guest.

[Reserve your spot today](#)

Your ticket includes attendance at all sessions. You will receive an email with links to each session prior to the event.

Every Member Every November

This year we once again ask each member and club to recognize the critical work of our organization with a donation to the Zonta Foundation for Women to build a better world – a world without violence. Every donation to the Foundation gives a woman or girl a chance, an opportunity and a voice toward her own empowerment.



[Make your gift](#)

To learn more about how your donation can impact the lives of our beneficiaries, visit www.zonta.org/ISP.

Zontians in Action

Clubs and members have made great strides in saying NO to violence against women and girls in their communities. Read the stories below that highlight their fantastic work in ensuring no woman or girl shall live in fear of violence .

[Zonta Club of Porterville and Z Club at Granite Hills High School hosts Lisa Project](#)

In coordination with the Tulare County Office of Education, the Zonta Club of Porterville and the Z Club at Granite Hills High School, USA, hosted the Lisa Project, a unique multi-sensory exhibit experience allowing visitors to hear, see and experience the reality of the world of child abuse.



Through audio narration from a child's perspective, visitors are guided room by room through scenarios depicting abuse. This experience immerses each guest into the world these children face daily. The clubs hope that guests will gain an understanding of the various forms of child abuse, including sexual abuse, and can use that knowledge to help recognize the signs and save a child someday.

[Zonta Club of Beaune Cote d'Or inaugurates Red Bench in honor of local gender-based violence victims](#)

The Zonta Club of Beaune Cote d'Or, France, held an inauguration of a Red Bench in the lobby of the local hospital in memory of Audrey Clément and her daughter Albane, who were both murdered on 8 May due to gender-based violence.



"The bench must be a memorial, and it is a way to remember collectively!" said Zontian Marion Leuba. "Everything must be said about this barbaric act. This femicide took place on 8 May by a man who was both the companion, father and colleague of his victims. ... We are here to remember once again and stop time. This bench that becomes a monument will be responsible for transmitting this history, reactivating this emotion so that no one forgets what happened that day. These femicides have particularly upset us Zonta members, and they convinced us that more than ever, we had to fight violence against women and girls around the world."

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celebrates this month's
club anniversaries!

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Congratulations to the Zonta Club of Ft Worth, USA, District 1, and Zonta Club of Toronto, Canada, District 4, on celebrating their 95th anniversary this month. We applaud your efforts of working to build a better world for women and girls in your community and beyond!

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



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