



## e-NEWSLETTER

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Dear Zontians,

Later this month, I will be joining a delegation of Zontians attending the 56th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) in New York. The theme of the Session is "the empowerment of rural women and their role in poverty and hunger eradication, development and current challenges." The CSW is an opportunity for Zonta International to engage with UN agencies and other NGOs working to ensure gender equality and the advancement of women, and I look forward to reporting back to you on Zonta's participation in next month's newsletter and on the Zonta International website and social media pages.



Many of you may already be making plans for club and district celebrations to commemorate International Women's Day and Zonta Rose Day on 8 March. I have prepared a [message](#) for you to use in conjunction with your events and look forward to hearing more about celebrations throughout the Zonta world. Please don't forget to share your story on the Zonta International website.

Please also read on for important information about the Club Achievement Checklist, which will be used to recognize Zonta clubs at the 2012 Zonta International Convention in Torino.

As always, thank you for your commitment to Zonta International and the Zonta International Foundation and our mission to advance the status of women worldwide.

Warm regards,

Dianne K. Curtis  
Zonta International President  
Zonta International Foundation President

### Club Achievement Checklist

Evaluate your club's activities and accomplishments during the 2012-Biennium using the Club Achievement Checklist. There are 50 questions distributed into eight categories. The form is not mandatory; however those clubs who do choose to participate and answer yes to the minimum number of questions required will be recognized at the 2012 convention in Torino. Forms can be completed [online](#) or can be [downloaded](#) and returned to Margaret Ingram at [mingram@zonta.org](mailto:mingram@zonta.org). The deadline for submission is 1 May 2012 - make sure your club is recognized!

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### Reminders

If you do not specify which fund you would like your contribution to go to, it is designated to the [Rose Fund](#).

Half year dues began on

1 December 2011. A chart of international dues and fees can be found on the [website](#).

### Membership Goal

2010-2012 Goal: 33,000

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## ZIF Chicago Marathon Team

As Zontians, you have the opportunity to change the lives of women worldwide again. To increase funds for our service projects and raise awareness of the organization, the Zonta International Foundation Marathon Team will compete for the second time in the 2012 Bank of America Chicago Marathon on 7 October. Through your efforts surrounding this race, you have the potential to make a lasting impact in the lives of women worldwide.

Last year, our six team members raised US\$5,851 to fund projects that improve the lives of women around the world, including working to establish the first HIV/AIDS-free generation in Rwanda, empowering women afflicted by acid burns in Nepal, Cambodia and Uganda and increasing safety for women in Guatemala City, Guatemala and San Salvador, El Salvador, among others.

This year, we hope to grow our efforts in both number of team members and dollars raised. We hope to improve upon last year's efforts by having 15 runners race with a goal of raising US\$10,000. We need help from each and every one of you to meet and surpass these goals.

Registration for the 2012 Bank of America Chicago Marathon has already reached capacity; however, if you are already registered or know someone who is registered, please consider running on behalf of the Zonta International Foundation and encourage other participants to do the same. If you are interested in running or donating to the ZIF Marathon Team, please visit the [team's website](#).

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## Membership

Retaining current members and recruiting new members continues to be a priority for every district of Zonta International. Bonnie Crogan-Mazur, District 4 Governor, shared some insights into the issues facing her district and likely other districts as well. Please [read more](#) for Bonnie's thoughts on membership.

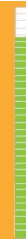
### Reminders

- Dues invoices will be emailed to club presidents and treasurers in March. Please watch your email inbox and submit your dues before 1 June.
- Delegate Registration Forms will be available in mid-March. Please note that the number of delegates your club is entitled to will be determined by membership numbers as of 1 March; therefore, if you have any new members for whom you have not yet submitted membership dues and a Member Report Form for, you should do so before 1 March if you want them to be included in your membership numbers for convention.

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## Zonta International Convention

Have you registered for the 2012 Zonta International Convention? The Convention Committee has planned what promises to be a truly memorable experience, including exciting pre- and post-convention travel tours and daily tours in and around Torino to experience the best the region has to offer. If you haven't been to convention before, you won't want to miss the flag ceremony, displaying



30,155 Members  
(as of 31 December 2011)

### 2012 Calendar

10-11 February - ZI  
Nominating Committee  
meeting

20 February - President's  
Day (US) HQ Closed

22-29 February - CSW

25-26 February - AE  
Fellowship Committee meeting

8 March - International  
Women's Day/Zonta Rose Day

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### Latest News

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the flags of each Zonta country with flag bearers in the country's native dress, updates on Zonta's international service and educational award programs, and the closing banquet and installation ceremony for Zonta's new leaders.



Most importantly, you will have the opportunity to meet members from around the globe who share your passion and commitment to improving the lives of women worldwide. Members who have attended Convention in the past will tell you that they have made lasting friendships at Convention while learning more about Zonta International and its efforts to advance the status of women worldwide.

Discounted registration is available until 1 April. [Register online today!](#)

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## Introducing...our 100th Anniversary Logo!



We are delighted to share with you the design for the 100th Anniversary logo, created by Lance Janssen of the ZI HQ Staff. This logo will be used initially by the Centennial Anniversary Committee. It will be available for wider use when your district and club request it to publicize the special events you are planning to celebrate during our centennial year, in 2019.

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## Women in the News

Zonta International celebrates the achievements and accomplishments, big and small, of women around the world every day. Here are a few items featured in the news recently.

- [\*\*\*Why the Global Economy Needs Businesses to Invest in Women\*\*\*](#)
- Josefina Vázquez Mota won the presidential candidate nomination of her National Action Party (PAN), making her the first woman candidate to run on a major political party ticket in Mexico. The presidential election will be held on 1 July.
- [\*\*\*Michelle Bachelet Outlines Action Agenda to Advance Equality as UN Women Completes One Year\*\*\*](#)

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## New on the Zonta International Website

See what's new on the Zonta International website:

- [Safe Cities Site Visit report, reflection and presentation](#)
- [2012 Zonta International Foundation Marathon team](#)

If you have problems or questions related to the Zonta International website, please contact [webmaster@zonta.org](mailto:webmaster@zonta.org).

Do you have a club success story that you'd like to share with

the Zonta International community? [Submit your club success stories on the website.](#) Please note, you must log in to share your story.

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## Member Profile

H.E. The Countess Alexandra Christina of Frederiksborg  
Zonta Club of Copenhagen I, Denmark



H.E. The Countess Alexandra Christina has been a member of the Zonta Club of Copenhagen I in Denmark since 1996. After receiving the invitation to join and studying Zonta's values and mission statement, The Countess found Zonta's diverse membership of highly educated professionals from many different sectors of society appealing. Zonta's work to advance the status of women at the local and international levels, especially long-term planning and collaboration with governments and other decision makers, spoke to the leadership and management skills of which Zonta is capable of and was another factor in The Countess' decision to join her local Zonta club.

For The Countess, Zonta is a network with a strong will to make a difference for other women around the world, but Zonta is also an organization with interesting meetings and great potential. "With the world changing extremely fast, Zonta could be a platform for the development of the skills and competencies of many young members. I have noticed the opening of Zonta to public media like Facebook, Twitter and others and more work needs to be done in this area. I look forward to witnessing the development towards a younger, more dynamic organization with a courageous course," said The Countess. [Read more...](#)

*If you would like to nominate a Zontian to be profiled in a future e-newsletter, please send the member's name and a brief reason why they should be profiled to [pr@zonta.org](mailto:pr@zonta.org). Please note that depending upon the volume of submissions received, not all members may be profiled.*

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