Remember the Foundation in your year-end giving

A message from Dolly Dastoor, Ph.D., Zonta International Foundation Development Committee Chairman

Thank you for your continued support of Zonta International Foundation and our programs. Without your generosity, we would not be able to fund the projects and educational awards that help us change lives. Together, we empower women by making lasting impact through service, advocacy and education.

This biennium, Zonta International has committed US$5.3 million to projects and programs focusing on the prevention of the root causes of inequality and violence against women through education in partnership with several UN agencies, as well as the Amelia Earhart Fellowship, the Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship and the Young Women in Public Affairs Award. We are currently at 60 percent of our goal.

With your support, every woman is able to achieve her full potential. As you prepare to make your end-of-year gifts, please consider making a contribution to the Foundation.

Wishing you a wonderful 2016 full of opportunity and success.
Gifts received at District Conferences

District conferences have wrapped up, and the Foundation thanks everyone for their donations. Gifts are still being processed, but as of 16 December, we have received more than US$157,000. We will report our finalized numbers in the next Foundation Update.

Results: Every Member Every November
Zonta International celebrated its 96th birthday on 8 November 2015. In honor of this important milestone, we received 323 gifts totaling US$141,482. The most remarkable part of the 2015 Every Member Every November campaign is that we had 245 new donors who made their first gifts to the Foundation.

Thank you to everyone who honored Zonta’s anniversary this year.

Creating an HIV-free nation and preventing gender-based violence in Rwanda

In cooperation with the US Fund for UNICEF, Zonta International has supported efforts to eliminate mother-to-child transmission of HIV and gender-based violence in Rwanda since 2008. In that time, Zonta has provided more than US$92 million to this project, with US$89.9 million allocated in the 2014-2016 Biennium.

Rwanda has set an ambitious target to achieve an HIV-free generation, and has maintained a low HIV prevalence at about 3 percent of the adult population. Still, throughout the country, adolescents, especially girls, remain at increased risk of contracting HIV. At the same time, providing protection for the country’s 130,000 orphans is another critical factor in further reducing the prevalence of HIV and curbing issues of violence and abuse.

Take Action: Click here to learn about achievements, results and next steps for the project. To read about Agnes, head of the Matyazo Health Center’s Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission program, click here.

Celebrate Amelia Earhart next month
Zonta International is proud to honor the extraordinary achievements and uncompromising spirit of Amelia Earhart throughout the month of January. Amelia Earhart Day is 11 January, and clubs are encouraged to create annual events throughout January to:

- Celebrate the achievements of Amelia Earhart
- Encourage women of various ages to follow in her footsteps
- Generate contributions to the Amelia Earhart Fellowship Fund
- Create visibility for the organization

Take Action: Visit our Fellowship Tools webpage for ideas on how you can celebrate Amelia Earhart Month in January and contribute to the Amelia Earhart Fellowship Fund.

Zontian gives generous donation for AE Fellowship

Kaleta A. Doolin, of the Zonta Club of Dallas, District 10, USA, donated US$10,000 to the Dallas Women's Foundation designated as a grant to the Zonta International Foundation Amelia Earhart Fellowship Fund.

Established in 1938 in honor of famed pilot and Zontian Amelia Earhart, 35 fellowships are awarded annually to women pursuing Ph.D./doctoral degrees in aerospace-related sciences or aerospace-related engineering. This $US10,000 grant will fund one full Fellowship.

The Foundation thanks Kaleta not only for this generous contribution, but for introducing Zonta's Amelia Earhart Fund to the Dallas Women's Foundation network.

Take Action: Click here to read about the 2015 Amelia Earhart Fellows.
Donor Announcements

Year-end tax letters
Year-end tax letters will be sent to donors in the U.S. and Canada at the end of January. To be included in the 2015 calendar year, gifts must be received and processed by 31 December.

Deadline for Nice Convention gift recognition
For your gift to be recognized at the 2016 Convention in Nice, France, your donation must be received and processed by 30 April 2016. (Please note that no exceptions can be made.) We hope you will make plans to join us at the Foundation's reception.

Cash gifts
As a security precaution, we ask that you please do not send the Foundation cash in the mail. You may instead mail checks or money orders, or donate online.

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