Thank you for your support in the 2014-2016 Biennium

Dear Zontians and supporters of Zonta,

This will be my last message to you as the Development Chairman for the Zonta International Foundation. It has been a wonderful two years of working with an excellent committee of Cheryl Dorfman (District 1), PIP Olivia Ferry (District 17), Carita Rönnqvist (District 20) and Anne Walker (District 16), with unflinching support from President Maria Jose Landeira Oestergaard, President-Elect Sonja Hönig Schough and Board Liaison Sally Bean, as well as amazing administrative support from Zonta International Foundation Development Manager Dana Brendecke-Carrier and Executive Director Allison Summers. In addition, we had a dedicated group of 36 foundation ambassadors, who worked tirelessly and creatively, while always thinking outside of the box and motivating their constituencies to raise and donate funds.

I also wish to thank the extraordinary group of club presidents and every individual Zontian. Together, we have raised 93.5 percent of our goal of US$5.3 million to fund our International Service, ZISVAW and educational programs. This is an excellent achievement in the face of a volatile financial market and the exchange rates, which did not work in favor of the donors from the different Zonta countries. Each and every one of you should be proud of what you achieved this biennium.

Together you motivated 14,000 individuals to donate, of which 3,000 were new donors. Thirteen districts and 54 clubs had the record of 100 percent giving; 13 clubs donated US$20,000 or more, including two clubs (Sanibel-Captiva, USA, and Santa Clarita Valley, USA) that donated more than US$50,000. They will all be recognized at the Nice Convention.

This biennium, Zonta International distributed US$1.07 million for Zonta’s educational scholarships and awards around the globe. Additionally, 1,317 women and girls were treated by the Liberia Fistula project and 323 survivors were rehabilitated and reintegrated into their communities. Nearly 9,000 girls completed the delaying early marriage program in Niger.

Your donations helped fund these international projects and empowered women! My heartfelt thanks goes to each one
of you, named and not named, for all you have done this biennium.

Kind regards,
Dolly Dastoor, Ph.D.
Zonta International Foundation
Development Committee Chairman
2014-2016

2014-2016 Zonta International Foundation Giving Totals*

The amounts below represent the percentage each fund has received toward the 2014-2016 Biennial Goal.

- International Service Program: 76%
- ZISVAW Program: 62%
- Amelia Earhart Fellowship: 68%
- Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship: 70%
- Young Women in Public Affairs Award: 113%

- Rose Fund: 688% (With the contributions made to the Rose Fund, we have achieved 93.5% of our Biennial Goal.)

**This number was previously reported at 98%; the correct number is 93.5%.

Zonta International Awards 35 Amelia Earhart Fellowships
Zonta International is pleased to announce the 35 recipients of the 2016 Amelia Earhart (AE) Fellowships.

The AE Fellowship is highly sought by women from all around the world. This year, the AE Fellowship Committee received 121 applications. The Committee wishes it could have awarded more than 35 Fellowships, as there were many other very deserving applicants.

Take Action: Click here to view a list of the 2016 AE Fellows' names, citizenship, school and area of study. Click here to learn more about these amazing women and read their bios.

Zonta's impact seen in updates from International Service and ZISVAW projects

The World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS), in partnership with UN Women and with the support of Zonta International, is working to prevent and reduce gender discrimination and violence against women and girls through non-formal education and youth leadership engagement. At the third regional training in New York, USA, in October 2015, 45 participants were trained from 12 countries. Click here to learn more. At the fourth regional Voices Against Violence training in Lomé, Togo, in January, 47 participants were trained from nine French-speaking countries. Click here to learn more about the final training workshop.

In cooperation with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Zonta International began supporting the Niger project in the 2014-2016 Biennium. The program is designed to provide skills, health knowledge, and economic and social empowerment to teenage girls, as well as creating a favorable local and national environment for girls to exercise their rights. Click here to read a report on the project's progress.
In cooperation with the (UNFPA), Zonta International has supported the Liberia Fistula project since 2008. In that time, Zonta has contributed US$2.55 million to improve the health and socio-economic status of women and young girls in Liberia. Click here to read a report on the progress made in 2015.

In cooperation with the U.S. Fund for UNICEF, Zonta International has supported efforts to eliminate mother-to-child transmission (EMTCT) of HIV and gender-based violence in Rwanda since 2008. In that time, Zonta has provided more than US$2 million to this project, with US$800,000 allocated in the 2014-2016 Biennium. Click here to read a report on the progress from September 2015 - February 2016.

Visit us at Convention

If you are attending the Zonta International Convention in Nice, be sure to visit us at the Zonta International Foundation Booth, located on Agora 2 in the Acropolis Convention Center. Each district and region will get a sticker for every US$25 (or approximately 20 Euros) donated in a friendly competition. You also do not want to miss our slides of successful fundraising stories provided by your fellow Zonta clubs.

Recognizing remarkable gifts

The Foundation would like to recognize gifts of more than US$10,000 that were received between April and June from the following district, area and clubs (listed in order of contributions from largest to smallest):

- District 20
- Zonta Club of Coos Bay Area
- Zonta Club of Egersund Og Omegn
- Zonta Club of Heidelberg
- Zonta Club of Everett
- Zonta Club of St. Louis
- District 28, Area 2
- Zonta Club of Corvallis
- Zonta Club of Antwerpen
Announcements

Scholarship deadline approaching
Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship applications are due to your district or region by 1 July.

Zonta International Foundation is a Combined Federal Campaign Approved Charity
If you are a Federal civilian, postal or military employee in the United States, you can support the Zonta International Foundation via your local Combined Federal Campaign (CFC).

CFC is the world’s largest annual workplace giving campaign with almost 200 campaigns throughout the USA and overseas, raising millions of dollars every year. Federal civilian, postal and military employees can support CFC-approved charities, including the Zonta International Foundation, via their local CFC campaign 1 September through 15 December 2016.

Zonta International Foundation’s five-digit CFC code is 60825.

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