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

Thank you for your donations to the Zonta International Foundation. We are halfway through the 2014-2016 Biennium, and as of 31 May, the Foundation has received US$2.1 million, which is 39.6 percent of the biennial goal. The North American Inter-District Meeting, held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA, 12-14 June, provided a great opportunity to showcase to Zontians the good work being carried out through our International Service and ZISVAW programs. The Foundation raised US$17,611 that weekend from our many generous donors. A special thank you goes to six women who tied for our largest gifts received over the weekend—representing District 3, District 6, District 9 and District 10. We would like to congratulate District 10 for 100 percent contribution at the end of the first year of two consecutive bienniums. Zontians, your continued support is heartwarming, and we are grateful to all of you.

Thank you for a successful Zonta Rose Day

The 2015 Zonta Rose Day, which coincided with International Women's Day on 8 March, was a success. The Foundation received 240 gifts through the Rose Day campaign, totaling US$22,552 for the Rose Fund. This fund has achieved its goals in accordance with the 2014-2016 Biennial Goals. The Foundation is grateful for your help in making this year's campaign successful.
Zonta clubs around the world celebrated International Women's Day and Zonta Rose Day in March. Above, members of the Zonta Club of Dhaka III, Bangladesh, during their celebration.

Empowering women through international service and advocacy

This biennium, Zonta has committed US$4.03 million to projects to prevent the root causes of gender inequality and violence against women internationally, in addition to more than US$1 million for educational scholarships and awards. These projects and programs are making a difference in the lives of women and girls, empowering them to recognize their rights and realize their full potential.

In Liberia, Zonta's support continues to provide free surgical treatment to repair obstetric fistulas and empower women with the skills and resources to return to their communities to live healthy and productive lives. Last year alone, 150 women received treatment, despite the Ebola outbreak in Liberia. Read more about this project and click here to read about Sarah, a fistula survivor and one of the women whose dignity and health have been restored through the project.

Zonta's support to eliminate mother-to-child transmission of HIV in Rwanda also continues this biennium. Additional training for health care workers to use the "finger prick" method for HIV testing eliminates the need for blood withdrawal, reducing wait time and improving patient satisfaction. An estimated 8,800 pregnant women and 13,000 participants in the Family Package program were reached during the first year of the biennium.

The first report from the Gender Responsive Schools Pilot Model in Vietnam is forthcoming in the next month. For now, read more about gender-based violence women face in Vietnam.

Through the Voices against Violence project, Zonta International will fund four regional training workshops. Two of the four workshops were already held--the first in December in India and
the second in April in Zambia. The third workshop will be held in New York, USA, in October. These workshops train Girl Guides and Girl Scouts to deliver the Voices against Violence curriculum; the trainees will in turn train 3,000 more girl guides and girl scouts in their home countries. By the end of this biennium, the project estimates the curriculum will reach 800,000 Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.

Due to Zonta International's support for efforts to delay early marriage and early pregnancy in Niger, during the first year of the biennium, five regional workshops were organized to launch the project, recruit mentors, provide training and recruit program staff. Then, through door-to-door contact, more than 10,000 adolescent girls enrolled in the program. Activities already underway with the girls include a literacy program and support for obtaining birth certificates and other identification documents. A Zonta site visit to Niger is planned for July 2015. Watch [www.zonta.org](http://www.zonta.org) and Zonta's social media for updates from the field.

Questions about any of Zonta International's projects or programs? Please email [programs@zonta.org](mailto:programs@zonta.org).

### Recognizing Remarkable Club Gifts

From left to right: Zonta Club of the Black Hills, Zonta Club of Locarno, Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva

The Foundation would like to recognize clubs that have given extraordinary gifts in the final quarter of the 2014-2015 fiscal year. The following clubs have donated more than US$15,000:

- Zonta Club of Denver, USA, District 12
- Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva, USA, District 11
- Zonta Club of Santa Clarita Valley, USA, District 9

And these clubs donated between US$10,000-US$15,000:

- Zonta Club of the Black Hills, USA, District 12
- Zonta Club of Locarno, Switzerland, District 30
Thank you to these clubs and to all donors who are helping the Foundation reach its biennial goals.

Announcements

Donor Recognition Pin Program Updates
The Zonta International Foundation Board has reviewed the Donor Recognition Pin Program and made changes, effective for gifts given after 1 July 2015. For details, please see a letter from International President Maria Jose Landeira Oestergaard explaining the changes. You may find the updated Donor Recognition Pin Program poster on our Foundation Tools webpage.

Take Action: Click here to view the updated Donor Recognition Pin Program poster.

Zonta International Foundation is a Combined Federal Campaign Approved Charity
Are you a Federal civilian, postal or military employee in the United States? If so, 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 between 1 September and 15 December 2015.

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

For more information about the Combined Federal Campaign, please click here.

Zonta International Foundation PowerPoint
The Zonta International Foundation PowerPoint has been updated and is now available in two different versions on the Foundation Tools webpage.

Take Action: Download the Zonta International Foundation PowerPoint.
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