A message from Zonta International President Sonja Hönig Schough

Dear Zontians and friends,

As we approach the end of the biennium, I want to thank you for your commitment to Zonta International throughout the past two years.

Each month, it has been uplifting to read about the impact of Zonta worldwide, the work clubs continue to do to support women and girls, updates from the international projects and much more.

The changes we have made, the women we have encouraged and the girls we have empowered are because of dedication, creativity and passion from all of you.

This is simply the closure of the latest chapter in our long history and I believe we are on a hopeful path to creating a better world for women and girls. I look forward to seeing what we can accomplish next.

While this is the last newsletter of the 2016-2018 Biennium and my final as International President, our Zonta International Headquarters team will continue to send updates from Yokohama, Japan during the 2018 Zonta International Convention.

My warmest regards,

Sonja Hönig Schough
President
Zonta International
2016-2018

Zonta helps more than 1,500 obstetric fistula survivors in Liberia

A new report on the Liberia Fistula Project from the period of January - December 2017 is now available.

Since the Liberia Fistula Project began, many women have been given life-changing opportunities.

About 1,530 women have benefited from surgical repairs and 384 were rehabilitated and re-integrated into their communities.
Mamie Noah, a 43-year-old fistula survivor, says her life has changed because of the Liberia Fistula Project.

Read her story here.

Hawa Kerkula (above) and Maima Molubah are enrolled in the Fistula Rehabilitation and Reintegration Program, part of the Liberia Fistula Project.

Read their stories here.

Read a report on the Zonta International and Council of Europe Gender Equality Strategy

The Council of Europe Gender Equality Strategy provides a framework for action for gender equality through focused objectives. The strategy also aims to increase the impact and visibility of gender equality instruments and their implementation in Council of Europe member states.

More information

Follow Zonta International's social media pages for suggestions on how you can renew your dedication to empowering women this membership year.

Zonta International 64th Convention

The 2018 Convention is almost here!

Read the top 5 reasons why International President Sonja Höning Schough is looking forward to joining Zontians from around the world in Yokohama.

Read online
Review the 2018 Club Mailing to gather all the information you will need before you attend the 64th Zonta International Convention.

Club presidents, remember to bring the booklet of proposed bylaws amendments with you for the business session on this topic.

Please reach out to Experient, Zonta International's event management company for the 2018 Convention, with questions regarding the registration process, tours and ticketed events. Experient can be reached at zonta@experient-inc.com.

**Zontians in Action**

Every month, we highlight the service and advocacy actions of Zonta clubs around the world. Has your club impacted your community through its actions? Share Your Story through our website and tag your social media posts with #ZontiansInAction.

**Zonta Club of Wellington, New Zealand**

Every two years, the Zonta Club of Wellington, District 16, awards a deserving member of their community with a Science Award to recognize valuable work in science and to support women scientists in New Zealand. This year's awardee is a plant systematist.

Read more.

**Zonta Club of Olean, USA**

The Zonta Club of Olean, NY, District 4, celebrated their 90-year club anniversary this month. Current and former club members, as well as community members, recognized the milestone with an event where they discussed the work the club had done over the past nine decades.

Read more.

**Zonta Club of Kauai, USA**

The Zonta Club of Kauai, HI, District 9, awarded three local scholarships to recent high school graduates. Funds for the awards were raised...
From the President's Corner:

- International Day to End Obstetric Fistula: Together, we can end fistula
- Top 5 reasons I am looking forward to Yokohama Convention

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