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

This week, the Zonta International Foundation is celebrating International Women's Day along with Rose Day, an opportunity for Zontians to honor special women in their lives by donating to our Rose Fund in their honor. Thank you to all who made contributions. It is through your generosity that we are able to change the lives of women and girls worldwide.

We are currently at 66 percent of our US$5.3 million goal for the 2014-2016 Biennium. We appreciate your commitment to helping us achieve our mission of empowering women worldwide.

Recognizing special women with Rose Day

The Zonta International Foundation is celebrating Rose Day on Tuesday in honor of International Women's Day. The Foundation encourages Zontians to make a donation to the Rose Fund in honor of women who have inspired them and made a
difference in their lives. Donations to the Rose Fund are used to make sure that all project and programs become fully funded. The Foundation received 112 tributes and raised US$8,516 during the Rose Day campaign.

Take Action: Click here to read an International Women’s Day statement from President Maria Jose Landeira Oestergaard and click here to watch a video she created explaining how Zonta International supports gender equality in 2016.

Thank you for your continued support of the 2014-2016 Biennial Goals. Individual giving to the Zonta International Foundation is at 19.5 percent of our membership this biennium, compared to 15.5 percent this time last biennium. We appreciate the commitment and support from our members.

The Young Women in Public Affairs Award is on target to achieve its goal. Therefore, when making donations, please consider supporting the other funds: International Service, ZISVAW, Amelia Earhart or Jane M. Klausman.

Regarding the total amount donated, comparison with last biennium shows that donations in local currency are larger at this time in the biennium. However, the exchange rate has had a negative impact and the amount received in USD is approximately the same as this time last biennium. Please ensure that your clubs make their donations as soon as possible to help us reach the goal.
Generous Zontians make district conferences a fundraising success

The generosity of our members was very evident during the 2015 district conferences. The Foundation received 421 gifts totaling US$170,371. Every single donation counts; every single dollar makes a true difference in the lives of women worldwide. We express our most sincere and deep acknowledgement to all donors and to our foundation ambassadors for the great effort and generosity.

Final Voices against Violence workshop prepares trainers to combat violence against women
After three successful Training of Trainers workshops, in India in December 2014, Zambia in April 2015, and in the U.S. in October, the roll out of the Voices against Violence curriculum continued through the fourth and final Zonta-funded regional training workshop in January in Lomé, Togo, for Francophone African countries. The event was attended by 47 national trainers from nine countries: Benin, Burkina Faso, Central African Republic, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Madagascar, Rwanda, Togo and Tunisia.

The key outcome of the training workshop was increased knowledge and awareness of the issue and the curriculum and positive changes in attitudes of the participants undergoing the curriculum. The pre- and post-workshop surveys indicate that 100 percent of participants exhibited improved knowledge and awareness about violence against women as a human rights violation; 88 percent showed increased understanding of gender equality and equity issues; 94 percent showed improved awareness and attitude about harmful practices such as female genital mutilation; and 97 percent of participants showed improved attitude about gender roles and care work at home.

Zonta International was represented by District 18 Governor Hortense Chekete, who contributed actively to the workshop and made sure all participants were made aware of Zonta's contribution to the project, our mission, our vision and our work for a better world for women.

Be prepared: Upcoming educational awards and scholarship deadlines
The following deadlines are approaching for our educational programs:

- **1 April** - Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA) Award applications due to your district or region
- **1 July** - Jane M. Klausman (JMK) Women in Business Scholarship applications due to your district or region.

Take Action: [Click here](#) to download the new JMK Women in Business Scholarship poster and display it to encourage women to apply.

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Recognizing remarkable club and district gifts

The Foundation would like to recognize gifts of more than US$10,000 that were received between December 2015 and March 2016 from the following district and clubs:

- District 14
- Zonta Club of Denver, Colorado, USA, District 12
- Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva, Florida, USA, District 11
- Zonta Club of Santa Clarita Valley, California, USA, District 9

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Donor announcement

**Deadline for 2016 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.) Invitations for the Foundation reception will be sent out in May to qualifying individuals and clubs.

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