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Dear Megan,

As Zontians, we envision a world in which women's rights are human rights and every woman is able to achieve her full potential. Zonta members and friends are empowered to create a better world through their leadership and dedication.



Change can happen at all levels in the world, from international events like CSW to direct support for women and girls in your local community. Zonta leaders play a vital role in these efforts.

The [International Institute of Management Development](#) identifies numerous skills that contribute to excellent leadership. As a Zontian, you:

- **Build relationships** within your club and community.
- **Become adaptable and flexible** as you meet the needs of others as you educate them about equality.
- **Take on innovative and creative approaches** as you make and promote opportunities and resources to those who need them.
- **Motivate** your fellow Zontians by [sharing your stories](#).
- **Make decisions** on how you will spend your time, finances and other resources.
- **Manage the conflict** that can arise naturally when change occurs.
- **Negotiate** for the best outcome for all involved or to get more resources allocated to your projects.
- **Think critically** about Zonta's mission and who, what, how, when and why you will make it part of your community.

As you read below, explore what other benefits await you for the rest of this biennium that can further develop your leadership skills. Thank you for being a role model to women everywhere and supporting Zonta's important work and future!

Warm regards,



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Ute'.

Ute Scholz
President 2022-2024
Zonta International and the Zonta Foundation for Women

How to expand your Zonta leadership skills:



1. **Join the Great Girls Meet Great Women Mentorship program.** This cross-mentoring program helps participants develop future mindsets, attitudes and skills, connectedness, ideas and solutions for concrete professional and/or private challenges. [Find out more and apply for the program before 30 June.](#)
2. **Take part in a forum via the Zonta International App** Connect with built-in communities of Zontians around the world. Here, you will find inspiration and motivation for your next project. [Share your own experiences of best practices and ideas.](#)
3. **Submit your nomination applications for the 2024-2026 Biennium.** If you or a fellow Zontian are ready to take on an international leadership role, [submit your nomination before 30 September.](#)
4. **Be inspired by the Remarkable Women, Powerful Stories sessions.** Each guest has shared what they have done to overcome their own challenges while offering advice and ideas for their fellow leaders. [All sessions have audio options that you can listen to on the go!](#)
5. **Explore the resources that Zonta International and your fellow Zontians have prepared.** My Zonta holds a wealth of tools, including [Leadership Development, Advocacy, Zonta Spirit, UN, Council of Europe and more!](#)

Zontians in Action

Zonta clubs are building a better world for women and girls in their local communities and beyond! Read the stories below that highlight how clubs are embracing the Zonta Spirit through their actions.

[Zonta Club of Wangaratta builds better men at breakfast](#)

Following the continued success of its annual IWD Girls' Breakfast, the Zonta Club of Wangaratta, Australia, held the inaugural Boys' Career Breakfast on 23 March at Gateway Quality Hotel. The breakfast event aims to bring boys and men into the conversation on gender equality.



[Zonta Club of Brampton-Caledon gives advocacy presentation to the Canadian House of Commons](#)

Zontian Kathleen Douglass was recently invited to appear as an expert witness to testify to the Canadian House of Commons Status of Women Committee on human trafficking of women, girls and gender-diverse individuals.



Kathleen's club, the Zonta Club of Brampton-Caledon, Canada, also had the opportunity to give a 5-minute presentation about Zonta's long history of tackling sexual exploitation, Zonta's alignment with SDGs 5.2 and 8.7, modern slavery and human trafficking and local initiatives and recommendations for the committee.

[Share Your Story](#)

How does your club make a difference in your community?

Congratulation to the 2023 Add Your Voice winners

Congratulations to our clubs who encouraged new members to “Add Your Voice” and expanded their clubs! Clubs were recognized on certain criteria and will receive prizes based on their ranking in each tier.



Tier I

(Large clubs of 30 or more members)

Zonta Club of Santa Clarita Valley,
District 09

Zonta Club of Metro Iloilo,
District 17

Zonta Club of Iloilo City,
District 17

Tier II

(Mid-size clubs of 16-29 members)

Zonta Club of Mount Isa Inc,
District 22

Zonta Club of Bundaberg Inc,
District 22

Zonta Club of Diksmuide,
District 27

Tier III

(Small-scale clubs of 15 or fewer members)

Zonta Club of Mankato,
District 07

Zonta Club of Rockhampton Inc,
District 22

Zonta Club of Tauranga Area,
District 16

Calling all Zonta's best friends!

Good friends make for a good life, and we want to hear your Zonta friendship story! Nominate your Zonta best friend(s) for International Best Friend Day on 30 July via the following instructions:

1. Email us at zontaintl@zonta.org and tell us your names, how you met and what your friendship means to you in 4-5 sentences.
2. Include a photo of you and your best friend(s) with a caption to tell us who is who.
3. **Follow us on social media** and see our friendship-fueled shoutout on 30 July!





Watch now on-demand: Meet Maame Afon, an internationally recognized thought leader and a passionate advocate for women, girls and leaders globally. By leveraging her vast experience, principles of intersectionality and passion for transformative leadership, philanthropy, facilitation and impact coaching, she supports many global organizations.

Hear Maame's story and learn why she is a remarkable woman!

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ZONTA
INTERNATIONAL
celebrates
this month's
club anniversaries!

WELCOME TO OUR
NEW ZONTA CLUBS

Congratulations to the Zonta Club of Olean, USA, District 4, and the Zonta Club of Pontiac-North Oakland, USA, District 15, on celebrating their 95th anniversaries this month. We applaud your efforts in advocating for the women and girls in your community and beyond!

To see which other clubs are celebrating a milestone anniversary in June, you can visit [Zonta News](#).



Find adventure in Brisbane with Zonta!



Zonta
IN BRISBANE



2. Check out the New Farm Park

Check out this heritage-listed location, which is Brisbane's grandest century-old park. Smell the roses and tens of thousands of flowers planted throughout the park.

Will you be joining us in Australia for the 2024 Zonta International Convention from 27-30 June 2024? To start your convention planning today, [check out the new convention website](#).



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