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Dear Megan,

As I reflect on the year 2023, I am inspired by our organization's remarkable accomplishments. Our unwavering commitment to building a better world for women and girls is unparalleled.

With great pride, I acknowledge the outstanding commitment of those who participated in the [Every Member Every November campaign](#) by making a recurring gift or one-time gift to the Zonta Foundation for Women. Additionally, the celebration of the [85th anniversary of the Amelia Earhart Fellowship](#) is a testament to the unwavering Zonta Spirit to ensure that future Fellows reach their full potential. Our dedication and generosity should serve as an inspiration to us all to continue our mission.

These actions give me the hope we need for the future. Right now, we are seeing atrocious crimes being committed against women and girls across the globe, and it goes to show that Zonta is needed now more than ever to protect the rights of women and girls everywhere. Only when we unite our voices can we truly build a better world where no woman or girl lives in fear of violence. Throughout the 16 Days of Activism, I was inspired by all the stories I saw about Zontians [saying NO to gender-based violence in their communities](#). We must never remain silent when it comes to this issue. Remember to [share your stories](#) so that more people know who we are and when they see Zonta, they see hope and a brighter future.

As we look ahead, let us embrace the endless possibilities that the upcoming year offers. Your dedication to Zonta's mission is truly inspiring and serves as a reminder that together, we can make a meaningful difference!

Warm regards,



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

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

**ZONTA SAYS NO**  
**TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN**  
SHARE YOUR ACTION TODAY!



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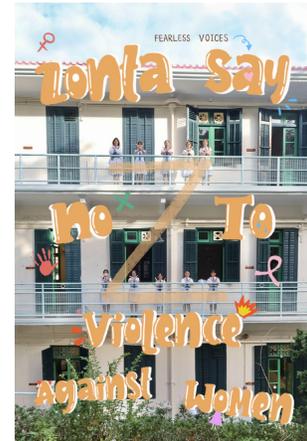
## Zontians in Action

Zonta members are building a better world for women and girls in their local communities and beyond! Read the stories below highlighting how Zonta clubs are taking action and saying NO to violence against women and girls.

### Z clubs in Hong Kong say NO to violence against women

Zonta Club of Hong Kong's six Z clubs said NO by creating and submitting digital posters that showcased a visual representation of the Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women and 16 Days of Activism campaigns.

The student clubs posted physical posters around their school, emailed them to fellow students and uploaded them to their respective educational platforms and Instagram accounts where students were encouraged to like and to share the post – all helping to inspire and spread the message.



Emphasis is placed on the severity of domestic violence as well as the urgency to spread awareness about this problem and protect women's rights. The digital poster was promoted to the whole school via the school's educational platform and is expected to reach at least 750 students and teachers.

### Zonta clubs of Ibadan I and II collaborate in 16 days of activism for the elimination of violence against women

The Zonta clubs of Ibadan I and II, Nigeria, invited the press to cover the unveiling of billboards and the beginning of the Zonta Says NO activities in the city.

The clubs also carried hand-held placards while parading in different locations. They encouraged reporting of gender-based violence (GBV) cases, which club members of the legal profession will handle pro bono.



## Share Your Story

We know how active all clubs have been, but only a few stories from the 2023 Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women campaign were shared.

Please [share your successful actions](#) by clicking the above button so that we can celebrate them all!

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## Take advantage of half-year dues!

Half-year dues are here, which is a great time to introduce a gender equity advocate in your life to join Zonta's mission. From now until 31 May, tell your friends, neighbors and colleagues about how they can truly build a better world for women and girls with Zonta!



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## A word from our awardees, scholars and fellows!

Zonta has been a catalyst for change in making strides toward gender equity in education and helping women and girls pursue studies and careers in fields that were traditionally male-dominated. Through scholarships, fellowships and awards, Zonta has empowered its programs' alumnae to break through the glass ceiling and reach their full potential.



*"As a recipient of this incredible award, I can only hope to continue my graduate studies with the same determination and curiosity as the women pioneers that have come before me and to contribute to their long-lasting legacy in the field."*

**Vanessa Awate**  
2022 Amelia Earhart Fellow



*"I am more than grateful for being awarded the scholarship as it will help me complete my degree without any financial constraints. Thus, I can focus more on my professional growth while uplifting women in our society."*

**Swikritee Neupane**  
2022 Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholar



*"Receiving this scholarship will help me continue pursuing this work and propel me to pursue greater opportunities and support me further in my journey towards university and beyond."*

**Cát "Nickie" Trần**  
2022 Young Women in Public Affairs Awardee



*"Being awarded this scholarship has given me the motivation I need to maintain my strong academic record, pursue my degree, and has given me the inspiration to work hard to ensure that I make my own contribution to the world."*

**Rubie Targema-Takema**  
2021 Women in Technology Scholar

To support the next class of fellows, awardees and scholars like Vanessa, Swikritee, Cát and Rubie, donate to the education funds by clicking below.

[Donate](#)

## Bring your ideas to the Intercontinental Think Tank

All members are welcome to join the Zonta Says NOW to Gender-Equal Climate Action Intercontinental Think Tank. Come share your ideas and gather inspiration on how we can address climate justice now!



Sunday, 21 January 2024 | 6:00 PM UTC | Find your time: [Meeting Planner](#)

[Register](#)

[Recordings from the Global Membership](#)

## Celebration

On behalf of the Membership Committee, Zonta International thanks the 250+ members who registered for the online celebration. Watch the recordings from the event below:

- Why Zonta? | [YouTube](#)
- New Club Celebration | [YouTube](#)
- Global Membership Celebration | [YouTube](#)



## Meet ElsaMarie, a Remarkable Woman!

ElsaMarie D'Silva is the founder of the Red Dot Foundation in India and the president of the Red Dot Foundation Global in the U.S. She created the technology platform Safecity, which crowdsources personal experiences of sexual violence and abuse in global public and private spaces. Since its launch in 2012, Safecity has become the largest crowd map on sexual violence and abuse in India and abroad.



[Hear ElsaMarie's story on demand](#) and learn why she is a remarkable woman!

## Welcome to our newest club!

Join Zonta International in welcoming our newest club, the Zonta Club of Brazzaville, District 18, Congo. We are thrilled to see how the new club will embrace Zonta's mission and values in building a better world for women and girls.

Follow us on social media to see more new Zonta clubs.



WELCOME TO OUR  
NEW ZONTA CLUBS



**Congratulations** to our club anniversaries this month:

**Zonta Club of Montreal**  
Canada, District 2  
**95th anniversary**

**Zonta Club of Stockholm III**  
Sweden, District 21  
**55th anniversary**

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 December, visit [Zonta News](#).

## Celebrating Zonta International Headquarters!

This month, we are welcoming one new staff member and celebrating the work anniversary of another at Zonta International Headquarters.



**Welcome to Shannon Reilly**  
Programs & Events Manager



**Congratulations to Martina Gamboa**  
Programs Senior Coordinator  
30 years

## Get ready for Brisbane, Australia

**Early Bird registration** starts mid-January 2024, so mark your calendars for the 2024 Zonta International Convention from 27-30 June 2024! Prepare for an unforgettable adventure as you explore the various **tours and activities** available on our **website**.

Book your tours before 1 January 2024 to take advantage of our special rate and embark on the journey of a lifetime. Join your fellow Zontians to explore Queensland and create unforgettable memories!



*Zonta's 2024 Convention is supported by the Queensland Government through Tourism and Events Queensland.*



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