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Dear Megan,

Can you believe that 2022 is coming to an end? While we started our biennium halfway through the year, I have to say that the work we have already put in has been amazing. I ask that you take this time to reflect on what has been most meaningful to you and see how your time, energy and commitment truly makes a difference for women and girls in your local communities and around the world.



President Ute (left) with Executive Director Allison Summers (center) and members of the 2024 Convention Committee in Brisbane, Australia.

One of my highlights this biennium is rekindling the Zonta Spirit. The feeling of fellowship I felt at the 2022 Zonta International Convention has carried me through this year. It was also further fueled during my recent visit to Australia where I met with the 2024 Convention Committee. I cannot wait to share beautiful Brisbane with you and encourage you all to mark your calendars for our next convention, 27-30 June 2024.

Another highlight was seeing how much influence our clubs have within their communities. Every single person who has come in contact with a Zonta club and member comes away being better educated and aware of the issues women and girls face around this world. Below you will see how your impact [makes a difference through the Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women campaign](#) and your generosity during the [Every Member Every November campaign](#).

As we close out 2022, I want to thank you for all the work you do for Zonta and for women and girls worldwide. I wish you and your families a meaningful holiday season and a wonderful, healthy start to this upcoming year. As you think about those around you, I encourage each of you to be [present in this season of giving](#). Simple gifts could make a world of difference for the beneficiaries of our projects. I look forward to seeing us continue to work together to build a better world for women and girls in 2023.

Warm regards,



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

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

Season of Giving

In this season of giving, we hope you will consider a gift to our Zonta Foundation for

Women International Service Fund. Below are examples of the support your gift could provide.



GIFT OF HEALTH

US\$15


could provide an antenatal care kit to one pregnant adolescent girl in Niger, promoting better health, including preventing anemia and low birth weight of newborns, frequent health threats for girls who are married at a young age and their children.



GIFT OF EMPOWERMENT

US\$50


could provide one adolescent in Peru with access to a program that promotes critical reflection about social norms related to manhood and masculinity for boys and promotes equitable gender roles, empowerment in interpersonal relationships, and sexual and reproductive health and rights in girls.



GIFT OF EDUCATION

US\$100

could support the development of communication materials in Ghana to ensure that 1,000 people have an improved understanding of issues affecting girls and women.



GIFT OF MENTAL HEALTH

US\$250

could provide three adolescent girls in Peru with access to quality, comprehensive and gender-sensitive adolescent health care, with an emphasis on mental health and violence prevention, and who will attend schools that can address all types of violence.



GIFT OF COMMUNITY

US\$500

could mobilize 500 community members in Mozambique around the prevention of child marriage.



This November, every member made a difference

Together, we raised:

US\$155,341



US\$153

Average Gift



1,131

Unique donors



139

First-Time Donors



100%

Districts



69

Clubs

Zontians in Action

Clubs and members have made great strides in [saying NO to violence against women and girls in their communities](#) during the 16 Days of Activism. Read the stories below that highlight their work in ensuring no woman or girl shall live in fear of violence.

[President Ute Scholz joins District 10 Zontians in spreading awareness of gender-based violence during 16 Days of Activism](#)

The Zonta Club of Central Oklahoma, USA, were joined by President Ute Scholz and Executive Director Allison Summers for the club's annual Skydance Bridge Lighting while they were in town. The event also included a proclamation by Midwest City Mayor Matt Dukes.



[Zonta Club of Hong Kong partners with a crisis center for peer counselor program to help gender-based violence survivors](#)

The Zonta Club of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, joined with the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals Cease Crisis Center to kick off "V4V Survivor-mentors Endorsement Ceremony." Fifteen women were appointed as peer counselors to encourage and support women who are facing domestic violence and crisis.



The V4V (Victim for Victim) project's objective is to provide shelter and care for women who are experiencing domestic violence and support them after they have left the center so that they can adapt to the changes in their lives, rebuild their confidence and reestablish themselves in society.

[Share Your Story](#)

How did your club say NO to violence against women this year?
Share your story with us by clicking the button above!

Will we see you in Brisbane?



President Ute and Executive Director Allison met up with the 2024 Convention Committee in the host city of Brisbane this month. Ute is excited to see what the city has to offer and shared a photo (left) of beautiful gardens and a video (bottom) of what to look forward to in June 2024.



We cannot wait to see the adventure that awaits us in Australia!



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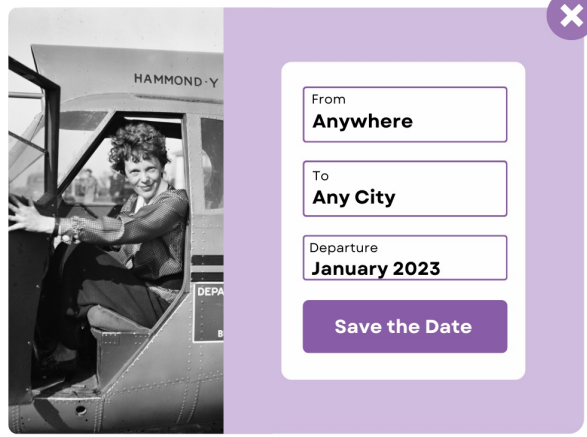
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**celebrates this month's
club anniversaries!**

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Congratulations to the Zonta Club of Rome, NY, USA, District 2, and the Zonta Club of Aalborg, Denmark, District 13, on celebrating their 100th and 85th 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 December, please visit [Zonta News](#).



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