



Dear Friend,

On every 8th of March, we have the opportunity to reflect on those who have empowered us for Rose Day and International Women's Day. Thinking now, how many women have gone before you in your career, paving the way by breaking through obstacles and inequalities? Who is in your life that has offered you support, encouragement, mentorship, fellowship and friendship? As Zontians, many of these women are right in our own clubs, but we have the great advantage of having a global network to give even stronger support to those who share our values and passion of our mission.

Read about the events and initiatives that our clubs have organized and taken around the globe to honor and recognize the women making a difference in their own communities and lives. Then, become inspired by the story of Tressa Lacy, a Zonta International Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholar and member of the Zonta Club of Puget Sound. Every woman has a story to tell and can make a difference in the world.

Thank you for all the great work you do, but, more importantly, thank you for being there for your fellow Zontians.

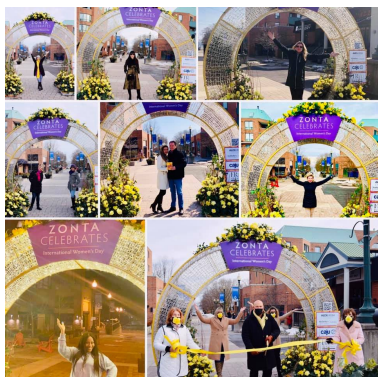
With warm regards,

Sharon

Sharon Langenbeck, Ph.D.
President



Zonta Club of Oakville has everything coming up roses in local campaign and fundraiser for Rose Day



The Zonta Club of Oakville in Ontario, Canada, could not host their usual gala for Zonta

Rose Day and International Women's Day on 8 March and instead focused on having everything coming up yellow roses in their town. The club's "Zonta Celebrates IWD 2021" campaign encouraged everyone to celebrate the wonderful women in their lives—mothers, grandmothers, daughters, sisters, bosses, friends, neighbors, teachers, coaches, anyone. The club organized a wildly creative COVID–friendly campaign, including a social media campaign, designing and printing greeting cards, a shop local campaign, and a town square rose display.

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Zonta Club of Bowen engages the community while spotlighting challenges for women

The Zonta Club of Bowen Inc, Australia, hosted guest speakers at their Choose to Challenge event on Rose Day. The club also recognized local women for their volunteer work in the community promoting and protecting the rights, interests and well-being of women and girls.

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Local women honored during Zonta Bazaar commemorating Rose Day

The Zonta Club Of Pokhara, Nepal, organized Zonta Bazaar to commemorate Rose Day and International Women's Day. In an effort to expand opportunities for women entrepreneurs and uplift them during the COVID-19 pandemic, the event supported businesses led and founded by women across the country. The event also felicitated and honored local inspiring women.

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Zonta Club of Abidjan distributes roses for International Women's Day

In celebration of International Women's Day this year, the Zonta Club of Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, decided to take action through a local service and advocacy initiative. To fundraise, club members sold and distributed roses to honor the inspirational women in their community. The funds collected will be donated to the Zonta Foundation for Women in honor of Rose Day.

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The impact of your Rose Day donations



Over 500 Zonta members and supporters made a donation to the Zonta Foundation for Women on behalf of someone who has made a difference in their life or the lives of others this Rose Day.

The Foundation received US\$85,371, an increase of US\$14,386, or 20% over last year. From promoting equal access to education, health care and equal economic opportunity, to safeguarding legal rights and freedom from violence, these donations enable Zonta International to make a difference in the lives of women and girls everywhere.

Celebrating Women's History Month with these notable members



[Read more about how Zontians have paved the way for the future of women's equality](#)

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