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Dear Megan,

Happy May!

I am filled with pride for all we have accomplished together during the 2022-2024 Biennium. Although there were setbacks for gender equity from the COVID-19 pandemic, we embodied the Zonta Spirit by pushing forward with unwavering determination and [taking bold actions across the globe](#) to overcome these challenges.

Within [my goals for the biennium](#), I challenged each and every Zonta member, club and district to go above and beyond, to elevate their advocacy efforts to new heights, and to become true champions for gender equity in their communities. And, as Zontians, we rose to that challenge – leading the way for change and encouraging others to follow in our footsteps. We made monumental progress in forming and chartering new clubs, while inspiring others to add their voices to our mission, cementing Zonta International's position as a global leader on gender equity.

As we head into our next adventure in the new biennium, I invite you all to reflect on your successes. We have accomplished so much in the last two years, and we should be proud of our achievements. I am excited to see all of you in [Brisbane, Australia](#), and I invite all who cannot attend in person to [join us as virtual attendees](#). Please note that convention sessions have already started, so register now to not miss anything.

Thank you for all your work in building a better world for women and girls during the 2022-2024 Biennium. Your passion, time, wonderful ideas and [generous donations to the Zonta Foundation for Women](#) have been instrumental in our success, and I am confident that with your continued commitment, we will achieve even greater things in the future.

Warm regards,



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

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

VIRTUAL PRE-CONVENTION SESSIONS HAVE BEGUN!

Convention is just an app away.
Start your convention experience today!



Brisbane Convention App
www.zontabrisbane2024.events.whova.com/

Virtual Pres-Convention Session: Funny is my business

Sunday, 2 June | 9 AM CDT
Meeting Planner: [Find your meeting time](#)



Vivek Mahubani is a Hong Kong-bred bilingual stand-up comedian performing in both English and Cantonese. As Hong Kong's first male Zontian, he will joke in English about all the funny quirks of being an Indian in a predominantly Chinese community, how he loves virtual comedy performances and why he still hasn't successfully learned yoga.

[Register for convention today](#) to enjoy a laughter-filled session with Vivek.

Zontians in Action

Zonta members are taking action to create a better world for women and girls! Read the stories below highlighting how Zonta clubs are empowering their communities to strive for gender equity.

Zonta Club of Accra sponsors teachers for STEM training

Knowing that STEM curriculum is essential for improving education in Ghana, the Zonta Club of Accra is sponsoring 10 teachers per year for the next three years for STEM training at the Practical Education Network (PEN).



This training has helped the teachers impart their knowledge to the students using basic tools that are easily accessible and affordable. They can also capture the students' attention because of the interesting tools they use. The club hopes that by supporting the schools with STEM training, they will be sowing seeds of innovation, curiosity and discovery into the minds of the next generation. The training for the next batch of 10 teachers will begin in June 2024.

Zonta Club of Zagreb forms bibliotherapy forum on International Women's Day

In celebration of International Women's Day, The Zonta Club of Zagreb, Croatia, organized a bibliotherapy forum to encourage women to open up, process their emotions and better understand themselves.



During the forum, the club discussed different bibliotherapeutic techniques. Reading books, participating in bibliotherapy workshops and writing a diary are recommended techniques for girls and women of all ages to help them cope with stressful situations and overcome difficult life periods.

Share Your Story

Tell us how you are changing the world through service and advocacy by clicking on the button above to [share your story!](#)

Reflect on our biennial success with the International Board!

As we approach the end of the 2022-2024 Biennium, the Zonta International and Zonta Foundation for Women Board members are filled with gratitude for the unwavering support and dedication of all Zonta members and supporters. Watch the videos below to hear their reflections on the highlights and achievements we have made together!



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Annika Bränström**
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Celebrate the Zonta Spirit in Brisbane, Australia!

Are you ready to celebrate our achievements in the 2022-2024 Biennium? We are excited to reunite with Zonta members worldwide once again in Brisbane, Australia, and celebrate the Zonta Spirit.

If you cannot attend the 2024 Brisbane Convention in person, consider attending the celebration as a virtual attendee. [Register today](#) and join in all our pre-convention sessions and conversations happening now!



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



Meet our Remarkable Women!

Meet March's guest:
Abigail Dogbe

Meet our next remarkable woman:
Anna Segall



Abigail is an open-source community builder and programs manager. She loves



Anna is the chief executive of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts

the power technology can put in people's hands and wants to help create more awareness through community building, research and advocacy.

(WAGGGS). She has also worked with the UN, the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and other international development NGOs.

[Watch](#) | [Hear](#) | [Learn more](#)

Listen on demand 30 May | [Bio](#)

Zonta Foundation for Women 2022-2024 Giving Totals*



Amelia Earhart Fellowship

53%

US\$294,524.88
US\$560,000.00



Women in Business Scholarship

39%

US\$142,971.09
US\$370,000.00



Young Women in Public Affairs Award

78%

US\$221,404.87
US\$283,000.00



International Service Program

64%

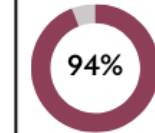
US\$2,037,974.68
US\$3,200,000.00



Rose Fund

997%

US\$1,595,777.01
US\$160,000.00



Biennial Goal

94%

US\$4,292,652.53
US\$4,573,000.00

*As of 30 April 2024

As of 30 April, we are currently at 94% of our Biennial Fundraising Goal. If every Zontian donates US\$10, we will reach our goal by our deadline of 31 May!

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Celebrating our Zonta clubs around the world!

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ZONTA
INTERNATIONAL
celebrates this month's
club anniversaries!

Congratulations to our club anniversaries this month:

Zonta Club of Dallas
USA, District 10
100th anniversary

Zonta Club of Niagara Falls, NY
USA, District 4
100th anniversary

Zonta Club of Oneida Area
USA, District 2
100th 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 May, visit [Zonta News](#).

WELCOME TO OUR
NEW ZONTA CLUBS



Join Zonta International in welcoming our newest clubs:

**Zonta e-Club Cross Border
(Canada-USA)**
District 4, Canada & USA

Zonta Club of Kasthamandap
District 25, Nepal

We look forward to seeing how the new clubs will embrace Zonta's mission and values in building a better world for women and girls.

Celebrating Zonta International Headquarters!

This month, we welcome a new staff member to Zonta International Headquarters!



Welcome to Amy Park
Communications Associate



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