



# District 9 Newsletter

## 2018 – 2020

### November 2018 — Issue 2



ZONTA DISTRICT 9  
HONOR AND EMPOWER

### Zonta’s 99th Birthday

8 November 2018

Happy 99th Birthday to Zonta International! Nearly 100 years ago, on November 8, 1919, founding member Marian de Forest dreamed of an organization that would bring together women in executive positions and help them reach their rightful places in the professions that rarely had women leaders.

On 8 November 1919, delegates from the first Zonta clubs met to form the "Confederation of Zonta Clubs."

Since the creation of Zonta International, our members have dedicated the last century to empowering women, both in and outside of Zonta.

### District 9 Members—You have been invited to “Join in for Zonta Talk”

Your voice and passion are essential and Zonta International wants to discuss what is most important to you. If you missed the first session held on October 20, 2018, the recording will be made available on the ZI Website. Please watch for future topics and be sure to pre-register for the topic that most interest you.

### District 9 2018-2020 Leadership Team

#### District 9 Board

Governor	Ann Banks
Lt. Governor	Brittany Vaughan
Treasurer	Janis Cotton
Secretary	Wendy Weeks
Parliamentarian	Gwen Black
Area 1 Director	Edie Ignacio
Area 2 Director	Deb Blackmore
Area 3 Director	Laura Gordon
Area 4 Director	Cris Peterson
Area 5 Director	Debbie Angwood

#### District 9 Committee Chairs

Advocacy	Gloria Salas
Amelia Earhart	Ella Sciamma-O’Brien
Bylaws	Cindy Kittle
CAEC/Historian	Nickie Bonner
Conference	Carroll Gerow
Finance	Janis Cotton
JMK	Jackie Carley
L & D Coordinator	Linda Weiland
Membership	Brittany Vaughan
Nominating	Mele Spencer
Public Relations	Lori Montigel
Service	Becky Cutler-Gunn
United Nations	Ela Pandya
Webmaster	Alice Rebecchi
WIT	Jackie Carley
YWPA	Melissa Figge
Z & Golden Z	Jennifer Teske

#### Foundation Ambassadors

Area 1	Open
Area 2	Barbara White
Area 3 & 4	Nickie Bonner

*Thank You* For your service

# *Centennial Anniversary Celebration*

## *Nickie Bonner*

Honor and Empower



Calling all history buffs!

As we look forward to celebrating our Centennial Anniversary, I am forming a committee to help brainstorm and execute ideas for District 9 celebrations. If you've got creative ideas, curiosity and passion for Zonta past, present and future and would like to serve then send me an email: [nbonner1@yahoo.com](mailto:nbonner1@yahoo.com). Would like at least one representative from each area. What's involved? Most likely a monthly conference call. Possibly a bit of research and some other tasks around conference. I promise it won't be overwhelming. Thanks! Nickie Bonner, Past Governor, Chair, D9 Centennial Anniversary Committee.

## *2019 District Conference*

### *Carroll Gerow*



**Save the Date!**

**October 4—6, 2019**

At the beautiful Kauai Marriott Resort. Kauai, HI

District 9 Board held its board meeting and leadership development training at the 2019 conference venue in October 2018. The resort far exceeded their expectations.

**You don't want to miss it!**

# United Nations



**Our international president Susanne von Bassewitz was invited to speak at a high level Side event during the General Assembly.** She talked about our programs and answered questions asked by heads of states/Governments.

Zonta International was the only private sector partner of the Global Program to Accelerate Action to End Child Marriage at this high-level meeting.

Check it out at:

<https://membership.zonta.org/News/Details/from-the-presidents-desk-inside-the-un-general-assembly>

The 2018 Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to Ms. Nadia Murad. She is the Goodwill Ambassador to United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime (UNODC). Ms. Murad is the first ever human trafficking survivor ( she experienced it at the hands of ISIL terrorists) to serve in this position and has been a brave and powerful voice for survivors of human trafficking, sexual violence when used as a weapon in regional conflicts, and for justice for the Yazidi people. Her soul and her goals are very much in line with Zonta's mission. Pl click at this link for more about her story:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T3k5cO6qA2w>

## **Let's Go To New York City.....**

Commission on Status of Women will hold its annual consultation week during March 11 and March 22 of 2019. During the ten days, Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs), from all over the world will gather to give their input to UN's Economic and Social Council for its policies regarding the issues and plans about women's equality.

Zonta International, being one of the larger NGOs, will be there to participate to give advise and to get information and visibility.

Any member of Zonta Internaitonal can attend this event. For further information on this contact me at [elapandya@gmail.com](mailto:elapandya@gmail.com).

# Advocacy

*“All persons within the United States shall have the right to be free from crimes of violence motivated by gender.”* Sec. 40302 Violence Against Women Act of 1994.

As the District Advocacy Chair, I was asked to write a paragraph for the newsletter on any advocacy issue. I could write on a host of advocacy topics including human trafficking, labor slavery, child marriage, 16 Days of Activism projects, etc. But I’m going to write more than a paragraph. I’m going to tell you why the reauthorization of the **Violence against Women Act** must be reauthorized and not allowed to lapse.

My only child lives in another state recently became a victim of stalking. While there’s more to the story, it was the fear, anxiety, helplessness and uncertainty that my daughter’s voice conveyed. The police and victim’s advocate recognized this as a crime of stalking and not malicious mischief. The police advised her to move out of the building and helped her through the reporting process and did a lot of handholding.

Most of us know the history of the Violence Against Women and how it finally came into being in 1994. But some may not know that it wasn’t until VAWA 2013 that *the crime of stalking was included in the definition of violence against women*. Had stalking not been included in VAWA 2013 would the police have been as sympathetic and kind and quick to assist my daughter? I don’t know.

Protections under the original VAWA of 1994 have progressively improved in each of the Reauthorizations of 2000, 2005 and 2013.

Unfortunately, the Violence Against Women Act expired September 30. VAWA has been continually reauthorized on a bipartisan basis. So why was it allowed to expire this year and only granted a temporary extension until December 7, 2018? **Please ACT NOW and contact your U.S. representative asking for their “aye” vote on VAWA.** VAWA 1994’s aim was to end violence against women – what will be the consequences if VAWA 2018 is allowed to lapse?

## Zonta USA Caucus



### **What is this?**

The Zonta USA Caucus is the Zonta clubs and districts in the USA united to support Zonta International’s mission to empower women and girls through service and advocacy. Working under the direction of the International Advocacy Committee, the Zonta USA Caucus will be used as a platform for advocacy actions within the United States. The caucus will ensure that all advocacy actions are in accordance with the Zonta International Advocacy Policy and strategic plan.

### **Major issues being addressed:**

- ERA Equal Rights Amendment and time extension
- CEDAW Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women.
- Ending Child Marriage

Presently, each district has a representative on this caucus. You will hear more through our D9 Advocacy committee.

## 3 actions you can take to prepare for the 16 Days of Activism

25 NOVEMBER - 10 DECEMBER

1

Follow Zonta International on social media: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram - and **like, comment and share** the messages already being posted.

2

Visit and bookmark [www.ZontaSaysNO.com](http://www.ZontaSaysNO.com)

3

Focus on **ending child marriage**, the 2018 campaign issue for Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women

#ZontaSaysNo  
#EndChildMarriage  
#16Days



In 2018, the Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women campaign will focus on child marriage, one of the worst obstacles girls are facing globally and a severe human right's violation. Zonta clubs around the world are called upon to create awareness of this harmful practice among their members and the public. Here are two key ways you can participate in the Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women campaign:

- Be a part of making ZI important message going viral. Each day, starting 24 November, Zonta International will release a new graphic that highlights important facts that illustrate the need to end child marriage. When you like, comment and share these original posts, the message of Zonta says NO to violence against women and child marriage will be seen as highly engaging content and will stay relevant on social news feeds. The longer the posts stay on the news feeds, the larger our audience will be throughout the campaign.

Share how you are saying NO. Share with the rest of the world what your club are doing this campaign year to end child marriage through your local service and advocacy actions by filling out the Share Your Story form on [zonta.org](http://zonta.org). These actions will be shared on [zontasaysno.com](http://zontasaysno.com) and on our Twitter network.

If you need more details or if you have questions regarding the Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women campaign and how you and your club can get involved, visit the [FAQs page](#) or email [pr@zonta.org](mailto:pr@zonta.org). Together, we can make a difference in the lives of women and girls in our local communities and around the world!



**2018 Emma L. Conlon Service Award winners**

4 October 2018

Projects from four Z clubs and four Golden Z clubs were recognized this year by the Emma L. Conlon Service Award.

The Emma L. Conlon Service Award recognizes Z and Golden Z clubs whose projects and programs best express the ideals of Zonta International to empower women through local and international service and advocacy. First, second and third place awards are given to both Z and Golden Z clubs. This year, an additional award was awarded to one Z club and one Golden Z club that have been chartered for less than two years. The award money is to be used for the clubs' service projects.

*Congratulations to the Emma L. Conlon Service Award winners!*

*Our future leaders!*

[Click here](#) to read about the projects the winners implemented in their schools, communities and beyond.

**WELCOME**

## Welcome to District 9

We extend a heartfelt welcome to our newest District 9 members.

**Name**

Mary Maul  
Robert Rebecchi

**Club**

Greater Reno  
Casa Grande

Upcoming Events:

**November 2018**

11/8 Zonta's Birthday  
11/15 2018 AE application due to ZI  
11/25 16 Days of Activism begins  
11/25 Int'l Day for the elimination of  
Violence Against Women

**December 2018**

12/10 Human Rights Day

January 2019

1/5 District Board & Committee Chairs meeting



**Does your club follow parliamentary procedures in your club meetings? Do you understand parliamentary procedures? This is the first of several articles provided by our District Parliamentarian, Gwen Black.**

## **Parliamentary Point**

Zonta International is governed by three sets of documents: bylaws, rules of procedure, and parliamentary procedures. You can find the ZI bylaws and rules of procedure (ROPs) on the the ZI website ([www.zonta.org](http://www.zonta.org)). Just log in as a member and select **Governance Documents** on the **Governance** drop-down menu. You can download the *2018 Governance Documents* pdf, which includes the ZI and ZI Foundation bylaws, as well as ZI rules of procedure, resolutions, biennium goals, and much more.

Zonta International bylaws state that each district and club “shall adopt a recognized parliamentary authority used in the country,” or countries, in the case of districts, in which the club(s) reside (ZI Bylaws, Article XIII, Section 16 and Article XIV, Section 13). The parliamentary authority, or procedures, are followed, as long as they are not inconsistent with the Zonta bylaws and ROPs. Zonta International is governed by, in order of priority, the ZI bylaws, followed by the ZI Rules of Procedure, and finally, by the parliamentary procedures outlined in Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised (ZI Bylaws, Article XVIII). Similarly, District 9 follows ZI bylaws, District 9 ROPs, and Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised (District 9 ROP, A.17).

Check each issue of the district newsletter for a Parliamentary Point to be covered that helps explain aspects of the procedures that govern Zonta meetings. This will help you be better prepared as a delegate and in understanding the importance of such formal meeting proceedings, which are designed to foster civil debate and to give equal opportunity for members to be heard. Understanding and using parliamentary procedures will also empower you to be effective in other settings, such as local government or work meetings and other volunteer or corporate boards.

If you have a specific question about parliamentary procedures, send it to

[parliamentarian@zontadistrict9.org](mailto:parliamentarian@zontadistrict9.org) and you may see the answer in the next Zonta District 9 newsletter.