

16 DAYS AROUND THE DISTRICT

From Awareness to Accountability

The 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence is an annual international campaign that kicks off on November 25, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, and runs until December 10, Human Rights Day. It was started by activists at the inaugural Women's Global Leadership Institute in 1991 and continues to be coordinated each year by the Center for Woman's Global Leadership. Zonta's ongoing advocacy impact is built around the "Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women" campaign, which was launched in 2012. This campaign has raised awareness of the global pandemic of women's rights violations and has united Zonta clubs worldwide in conducting impactful advocacy actions to fight violence against women and gender inequality. During the 16 Days of Activism, all Zonta clubs and districts are encouraged to take part in the Zonta Say NO to Violence Against Women campaign and to take local, national and international actions to influence the making and implementation of laws, as well as changing gender-based attitudes and behaviors to end violence against women. Read about how our districts' clubs commemorated 16 Days.

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Zonta Club of Santa Clarita Valley held a drive-in movie night for its presentation of Lunafest 2020. This was the only major fundraiser the club was able to produce this year, and proceeds from the event will support Zonta's projects to assist women and girls who are victims of domestic violence, human trafficking, a lack of educational and employment opportunities, and more. In addition, the club had displays all over their area advocating for Zonta Says NO.



Zonta International District 9

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The Zonta Club of Kauai partnered with the YWCA of Kauai, Catholic Charities, the Girl Scouts of Hawaii, the Friends of the Children’s Justice Center, and the Kukui Grove Center in providing resource tables to support the “Zonta Says No to Violence Against Women” campaign on Small Business Saturday.



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On December 5, the Zonta Club of Newport Harbor partnered with the UNA OC Chapter on a virtual UN Coffee Talk Series called VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN: How do we combat it? The guest speaker, Dr. Sandra Morgan, spoke about the abuse women and children suffer worldwide. More dates are scheduled for 2021, either via Zoom or, circumstances permitting, at Zonta’s Newport Harbor Facility. You can view a recording of the talk on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rqGzJVjNTIQ>.

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The Zonta Club of Burbank Area turned local buildings orange in recognition of 16 Days, including Nickelodeon, Burbank Airport, and Burbank City Hall, and received proclamations from the cities of both Burbank and Glendale.



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The Zonta Club of Greater Reno partnered with several local domestic violence service providers to host a Community Conversation on domestic violence on November 30. 10 agencies participated as panelists for a 90-minute Zoom session, discussing such topics as intimate partner violence, teen dating, immigrant women and cultural violence, economic repercussions of domestic violence, and surviving after leaving.

The annual display was set up in the lobby of the Domestic Violence Resource Center, and featured a mannequin draped with garlands of leaves, each leaf representing 100 victims of violence in the State of Nevada. In 2019 there were 37,669 reported cases. The event garnered media publicity from two television stations and promoted donations to participating organizations on Giving Tuesday.

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The Zonta Club of Berkeley/North Bay coordinated the purchase of orange umbrellas to foster camaraderie and help members spread the message of saying NO to violence against women in the community. Members Barbara Bridwell and Susan Clifford were instrumental in this effort. The Advocacy Committee led by members Sue Fischer and Susan A. Anthony also began work on a letter-writing project to end child marriage in California.



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The Zonta E-Club of Silicon Valley planned several events to raise awareness of gender-based violence, including the lighting of the San Jose City Hall Rotunda & Tower and San Francisco City Hall in Orange and the 2nd Annual Golden Gate Walk against Gender-Based Violence.

