



# District 9 Newsletter

## 2018 – 2020

### November 2019 — Issue 8



#### GLOBAL ANNIVERSARY GIVING



#### YOUR BIRTHDAY GIFT EMPOWERS WOMEN AND GIRLS

On 8 November, the centennial anniversary will begin at the stroke of midnight in New Zealand and close 47 hours later when the day concludes in Hawaii. To honor Zonta's 100th birthday, the International Board is inviting members to give US\$100 to our Foundation. Please join District 9 in celebrating Zonta's 100th Anniversary by donating \$100 on November 8, to demonstrate our support of our major initiative to end child marriage. Or, the Endowment Fund to strengthen the Foundation.



**Mark your calendar** now for the global anniversary



**Make your donation** in the 47-hour window (11 a.m. GMT 7 November – 9:59 a.m. 9 November).



If making a tribute, **choose an e-card**.

Please note, any gift in support of this uniform call to action is appreciated!

<https://zonta100.org/join-the-celebration/anniversary-giving/>

#### 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

##### International Director/Liaison

Judy Gorton

##### District 9 Committee Chairs

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

##### Foundation Ambassadors

Area 1	Open
Area 2	Barbara White
Area 3,4,5	Nickie Bonner

*Thank you for your service*

# CELEBRATING 100 YEARS

## Girl Power: Zonta International celebrating 100 years, Porterville Club celebrating 70

The Zonta Club of Porterville Centennial Celebration was at Nuckles Ranch, the weather was perfect. Attention to detail was not spared for this special event, from the huge ZXZ sign with 100 years above it that Adonnas Nuckles constructed, to the huge amount of such interested memorabilia that members displayed. The candy kisses with "100 year" labels to the cupcakes the members baked and decorated, the 1948 Harley Davidson and the 1919 truck as you entered the venue was an added extra for sure. The Bar Theater Players that did a skit on the history of our club "Zonta History In the Making" was so much fun. District 5 Supervisor Dennis Townsend presented a proclamation and so did Mayor Martha Flores for our city, recognizing our club and Zonta International. It was so special to have Zonta International President elect Sharon Langenbeck speak along with our governor Ann Banks. Members from other clubs attended and they told us how they were very impressed.



Honored guests Dianne Curtis (past International President), Sharon Langenbeck (Zonta International President Elect), Centennial Committee members Denise Marchant, Lynn Trice, Teresa Fisher Hardt and District 9 Governor, Ann Banks.



Denise Marchant being honored with the Zonta Champion Award for her 41 years of service and dedication to Porterville Zonta. Denise was also in a Z Club in high school.



Zonta Club of Newport Harbor members Bonny Schumacher, Sheila Cook-Cohen, Christi Matthews and Lisa Cain.



Norma Ruff also receiving the Zonta Champion Award for her 58 years of service and dedication to Porterville Zonta



# LEADERSHIP

*By Linda  
Vee Weiland*



**Where does  
your path lead?**

Learn more in the Zonta Leadership Program, a new e-learning program exclusively for Zonta members.

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<https://membership.zonta.org/>  
Dashboard/e-Learning

Aloha, Good day and Hello from South Africa,

As your Leadership Development Coordinator, I am sorry I was not able to attend our District Conference. Thank you for thinking of me and sharing many posts. I felt connected. Also A big thank you for sending me completion information from the e-learning portion of the Zonta web page. I too have started doing the modules. There has been a large update with information and training modules. There is also a FAQ and a link to send an email in the organization.

As of now there is not a way to push information to me or for me to go in and gather reports. I would like to see that done however in the meantime if any of you want to send information on completed training so I may track it I would really be indebted. Again thank you to those that have sent me information.

My goal is to build a list of completed training and continue to work with Zonta to see if there is a way to generate reports. I will be sending PDF's to the Area Directors and below you will find links to the training pages. Please continue to send me completion reports with a cc to your Area Director. In the Subject line please put **Zonta training completed**. That will help me find the email quickly. This month I have received emails confirming completion of 9 modules by various members. I would like to challenge all of us to complete at least one Module of eLearning a month. I am challenging myself to do the same. Also if you have a question or comment you would like me to look into and answer in the Newsletter please email and in that subject line put **Zonta question/Comment on eLearning**.

**Here are the links, start with the first one by entering your user ID and password it will take you into membership area.**

<https://membership.zonta.org/>

<https://membership.zonta.org/Dashboard/e-Learning/UserId/49523>

<https://membership.zonta.org/dashboard/e-learning/faqs>

**Again thank you and hope to see you all at Convention!**

# ADVOCACY

*By Gloria  
Salas*



JOIN US IN MAKING GENDER EQUALITY A  
REALITY FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS WORLDWIDE

I've been mulling some of the conversations I had "on and off campus" during our D9 conference in Kauai - most especially the conversations touching on advocacy. Some of you voiced your frustration with your elected representatives and with the process of trying to make change "within the system". I said and I say again, persistence is key regardless of the obstacles. You get knocked down? Get up again. Knocked down a second time? Try a left jab.

If the community knows us for our tenacity, the newspapers will pick up on our determination and the legislators eventually accept that we are not going away - especially during re-election! The following quote has been attributed to Ancient Roman poet, Publius Ovidius Naso (aka Ovid): "Dripping water hollows out stone, not through force but through persistence." We don't have to refer to ancient times, but refer to 2017's nation-wide attention to Sen. Mitch McConnell's response in his silencing Sen. Elizabeth Warren during her speech: "...nevertheless she persisted".



**Zontians persist!**

## 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



# 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM

For 100 years, Zonta International has contributed to help achieve a world free of violence against women and girls through service and advocacy.

**Violence against women and girls is one of the most pervasive human rights violations and a global epidemic.** It knows no national or cultural barriers; it takes place at home, in the workplace and in open spaces, and affects millions of women and girls in peacetime and conflict.

Our ongoing **service** efforts are demonstrated through numerous local projects and programs, through the Zonta International Strategies to End Violence against Women (ZISVAW) program and through Zonta's partnerships with the United Nations and its agencies.

Our ongoing **advocacy** impact is built around the advocacy campaign "Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women." Launched in 2012, the 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.

**All Zonta clubs and districts are encouraged to take advocacy actions throughout the year:**

- To promote the human rights of women
- To promote Sustainable Development Goal No. 5 "Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls"
- To end violence against women and girls

During the **16 Days of Activism, 25 November-10 December**, all Zonta clubs and districts are encouraged to take part in the Zonta Says 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.

**In 2019, 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 rights 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 our 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, area and district 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.

# FOUNDATION AMBASSADORS

Thank You D9 Zontians!

The spirit of Aloha was infectious at this year's conference. In just three days we raised \$11,345 for the Zonta International Foundation. This included donations for service, ZISVAW and scholarship programs as well as the Centennial Anniversary Endowment.

On behalf of foundation ambassadors, Nickie Bonner and Barbara White, Centennial Endowment Committee member, Glenne Harding and ZI Development Committee chair, Joy Orlich, a heartfelt thank you. We set fundraising goals and you smashed right through them, proving once again that D9 Zontians are among the most generous in the Zonta world. The lives of countless women will be made better because of your support.

As we look ahead to year-end tax planning, don't **forget the November 8 campaign to raise \$100,000 on Zonta's birthday. If you have the capacity, consider another \$100 gift.** It would be a lovely way to honor or memorialize a Zontian who has made a positive impact on your life or perhaps someone who also celebrates a November birthday.

Mahalo and thank you.

Foundation Ambassador  
Nickie Bonner and Barbara  
White



## EVENTS AROUND THE DISTRICT

Long time Zonta Club of Kauai members Dimples Kano & Betty Bell are recognized by Governor Ann Banks & Members of the Zonta Club of Kauai & Zonta Club of Hanalei members at the District 9 Conference at the Kauai Marriott Report October 3-6, 2019 for their length of service Dimples (47 years of service) and Betty (52 years of service).



Preparing baskets for the Zonta Club's annual fashion show and luncheon at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 23, at the Redlands Country Club are, from left, Beth Allevato, Shelley Bodnar, Donna McIntosh, Sandy Arsenault, Linda Derebery, Kathy Hanson, Rene Hall and Londa Carter.



District 9 2020-2022 Board

L-R Area 2 Director Tracy Loftiness, Treasurer Pat Dearing, Area 1 Director Dee Sawyer, Area 4 Director Christi Matthews, Governor Brittany Vaughan, Lt. Governor Debbie Angwood, Area 3 Director Gloria Salas, Area 5 Director Alice Rebecchi, Nominating

## EVENTS AROUND THE DISTRICT

Zonta Club of Riverside fundraiser, Zontoberfest was a success. Money raised goes for local scholarship, and backpacks and supplies for the homeless children.



Zonta Club of Antelope Valley annual “Walk a Mile in Her Shoes” Assemblyman Lackey and Palmdale Mayor Steve Haufbauer came out for this event.



Zonta Club of Kauai's Halloween Fellowship held Thursday, October 31st at Lilikoi's Bar & Grill on Kauai. Costume contest winners included Zonta members Dimples Kano & Marge Akana, and soon to be inducted new members: Layne Beck and Jill Faye. All winners received prizes.

## 16 Days of Activism

25 November	International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women
1 December	World Aids Day
10 December	Human Rights Days

### 64<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW64)

9-20 March 2020



#### Priority theme:

The main focus of the session will be a review of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcomes of the 23rd special session of the General Assembly. The review will include an assessment of current challenges that affect the implementation of the Platform for Action and the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of women and its contribution towards the full realization of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

#### About the CSW

Of the 5,508 non-governmental organizations (NGOs) with consultative status at the United Nations, only 141 have General Consultative Status, the highest status an NGO can have at the UN. Zonta International was granted General Consultative Status in 1969.

As an **NGO with General Consultative Status**, Zonta International is invited to participate in the annual Commission on the Status of Women in New York. The Commission on the Status of Women is:

- A functional commission of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).
- The principal global intergovernmental body exclusively dedicated to the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women.
- Established by resolution on 21 June 1946 to monitor and promote women's rights and develop global standards on gender equality and the empowerment of women; mandate expanded in 1996 to include monitoring and reviewing progress made in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action.

# ***International Convention July 4 - 8, 2020***



**Registration for the 2020 Convention is now open.**

**Be part of the District 9 crowd who cheer on President-elect,   
Sharon Langenbeck,   
as she is installed as Zonta International President.**



**Sign up now and take advantage of these special events & activities.**

## **Summer Splash Mixer – Friday, 3 July**

All first-time attendees are encouraged to attend this event to mix and mingle with fellow Zontians before the official opening of convention. We also invite our seasoned convention goers to welcome them and offer a friendly Zonta smile..

## **Friendship Dinners – Saturday, 4 July & Monday, 6 July**

Are you looking to experience the diversity of Chicago's restaurants? Relax and enjoy the company of fellow Zontians and we will take care of the reservations. Friendship Dinners are secured restaurant spaces chosen by your preferred fare. Select your choice for these ticketed dinners during registration.

## **Celebrate on the Lake – Sunday, 5 July**

Nothing could be finer than dining on a cruise ship on Lake Michigan on a summer night. Enjoy views of the best skyline in the world while enjoying dinner, a DJ and fireworks on a multi-story luxury ship with an open rooftop deck. Seats are available for 1,200 guests. This event will sell out so register early to reserve your spot.

## **Meet Chicago Women – Monday, 6 July & Tuesday, 7 July**

Meet Chicago Women is your opportunity to visit with women leaders of Chicago in various realms of work. Enjoy an evening of networking while learning about these outstanding organizations. A final list of participating organizations will be issued closer to convention so indicate on your registration if you are interested in reserving a spot. Light food and transportation will be included for all locations.

## **Memorial Service – Tuesday, 7 July**

This solemn ceremony pays tribute to the Zontians who have passed during the biennium. Governors can learn how to submit the names of all Zontians in good standing who are to be recognized on this website. All members are welcome to attend.

## **Centennial Anniversary Closing Dinner – Wednesday, 8 July**

Celebrate the closing of the Centennial Biennium with a memorable evening at the jewel of Chicago – the Aon Grand Ballroom at Navy Pier. This venue offers unique views of Lake Michigan and the city. After dinner, stay for the entertainment and fireworks and make memories. Seating is limited to 1,400 and will be based on first-come, first served.