

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Updates from the District Committees

Our districts' committees have been keeping busy! Read on to hear the latest updates.

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Z & Golden Z Club Committee

Chair: Ann Banks

In November, the Zonta Club of Santa Clarita Valley chartered a Z Club at Golden Valley High School. Z clubs are formed on high school campuses and are designed to provide opportunities for young adults to develop communication and leadership skills, explore career alternatives, and increase their international awareness and understanding through service. Zonta clubs sponsor Z clubs and provide students with resources, information and guidance they need to improve the world around them.

The Z Club at Golden Valley High School's first fundraiser and service project was helping families enjoy Thanksgiving by assisting to "Give a Turkey – providing delicious meals to families for the holiday. The members of the Santa Clarita club look forward to mentoring these students and providing them with guidance and the knowledge to improve the world and the community. Welcome to District 9, Z Club of Golden Valley High School!

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Advocacy Committee

Chair: Sheila Cook-Cohen

The Zonta USA Caucus Group includes 15 women from the US who meet monthly to address issues impacting women in the US, including the recent Child Marriage campaign. The caucus is divided into six sub-committees focusing on Child Marriage, Equal Rights Amendment (ERA), Violence Against Women, Professional (i.e., equal pay, EEOC), Education Title IX, and Health (Female Genital Mutilation). District 9 is represented in the USA Caucus by our Advocacy Chair, Sheila Cook-Cohen.

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Foundation

Ambassadors: Nickie Bonner, Karen Foissotte, and Barbara White

The District 9 Foundation Ambassadors would like to say a heartfelt thank you to all who donated to



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ZI's "Every Member, Every November," fundraising campaign.

We reached our goal to be among the top ten districts, raising \$8,507 for ninth place! Gifts came from all of our areas. Thank you to Governor Brittany, the board and club presidents who worked so hard to get the word out and to encourage members. Fundraising is a team sport and everyone played their part.

In 2021, keep Zonta in mind for further gift-giving. A tribute gift is always touching to the recipient whether they are a Zontian, family member, work colleague, friend or even someone in the community you admire or wish to recognize. And it doesn't expose anyone to COVID or need to be delivered by a truck! Pandemic or not, the work of improving the lives of women and girls goes on and we are at the forefront. Thank you for everything you do.

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Young Women in Public Affairs Award Committee

Chair: Joy Orlich

The 2021 Young Women in Public Affairs Award (YWPA) process is now open! Now is the time to start recruiting applicants for the Young Women in Public Affairs Award. Zonta believes that young women are the key to women's advancement in the field of public service, and encourages them to participate in civic causes and public and political life.

- Eligibility: Women, aged 16-19 on 1 April 2021, living in a Zonta district, with demonstrable evidence of
 - Active commitment to volunteerism
 - Experience in local government, student government, or workplace leadership
 - Volunteer leadership achievements
 - Knowledge of Zonta International and its programs
 - Support of Zonta's mission
- Awards
 - Club Level – at club discretion
 - District level – top applicant from each district, US \$1,500
 - International level – top 10 district winners, US \$5,000
- Deadline – Top Club applicant due to District Chair, Joy Orlich – joyorlich@sbcglobal.net by 1 April 2021

Please review the 2021 YWPA Application for additional details. Before sending out to your contacts and potential applicants, remember to complete the Club contact and deadline information on pages 4, 8, 9, and 10 of the application and re-save as a PDF.



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Please also note there are potential tax implications for the winner, depending on how the award is to be used. It's a good idea to familiarize yourself with the information on p. 3 of the Application Form ahead of time.

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Bylaws Committee

Chairs: Mele Spencer and Beth Heiserman

Every biennium following the International Convention, ZI issues updates to Club Bylaws by way of a template. Updating your bylaws ensures that you club rules are consistent with international.

View the new template here:

https://www.zonta.org/Web/My_Zonta/Forms/Web/My_Zonta/Forms_Home.aspx?hkey=39fb1dbo-253f-4203-bceb-1566ec367431

Club Bylaws committees should start to review, update, and submit the revisions to the board. For any questions or assistance, contact the Bylaws Committee Chairs.

