



# Zonta International®

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### **Dear Zontians,**

This Advocacy Newsletter is packed! Clubs and districts that never before ventured into advocacy are beginning to see how it relates to service, public relations, membership renewal, and making a real difference in our world. Clubs and districts who have 'always been doing advocacy' show us the way by petitioning their governments, partnering with like-minded organizations, and creating amazing projects that combine all aspects of Zonta.



This Zonta news is found below in the right column with important links to the real substance. I hope you caught the June 2013 issue of The Zontian, focusing on advocacy. 'Stay tuned' for the next issue on economic empowerment! (You might also look forward to these themes as workshop topics at the at 2014 Convention.) In the left column, you will find news of important agreements and news from the other international players in advocacy. We include everything from the 'CSW57 Agreed Conclusions' to the 'High Level Report on the Post-2015 Agenda'. You will see that there is beginning to be some amazing consensus regarding the most critical problems and the most glaring short-comings. Forming the way forward and then implementing the means to solve these problems will require all of us. Take part now by completing the brief 'My World' survey (see the link the left).

You will also see how the 'Zonta Says NO' to VAW is being realized around the globe -- in forums, marches, fund-raising, and other targeted projects to address differing facets of VAW.

Two esteemed 'global thought leaders' share with us their perspectives:

*From Carol Gilligan, Professor, New York University, and Visiting Professor, University of Cambridge:*

"While an ethic of justice proceeds from the premise of equality-that everyone should be treated the same; an ethic of care rests on the premise of nonviolence-that no one should be hurt. ...both perspectives converge in the realization that just as inequality adversely affects both parties in an

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unequal relationship, so too violence is destructive for everyone involved."

*From Louise Arbour, President, International Crisis Group, previously UN High Commissioner for Human Rights:*

"I think at the root of conflict is our inability to seriously address inequalities... the extremely inequitable and unequal distribution of the wealth of the planet. I think at the root it's this issue, which was, of course, at the core of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, & so on. I think we have still fallen short, considerably, of addressing that." "...we have achieved very high levels of universal norms enunciation, in legal instruments, in our literature. The disconnect is between the norms and their enforcement." "...If I had to choose one issue that I think would be profoundly transformative, again I would root it in the pursuit of equality, and particularly gender equality.

I hope that you are inspired and challenged by this 'little' newsletter!

--Kay

Kay Meyer, Chair, ZI Advocacy Committee  
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## REPORTS FROM DISTRICTS & CLUBS

### My World Survey



Looking ahead to the Post-2015 development agenda, the United Nations and its partners have initiated a global survey for citizens around the world to identify which six of sixteen possible issues they think would make the most difference in their lives. The sixteen issues cover the existing Millennium Development Goals, plus sustainability, security, governance and transparency.

<http://www.myworld2015.org/index.html>

Equality between men and women is one of the sixteen issues and is obviously key for Zonta; therefore, we ask that you members take the survey.

**NEW**  
[Millennium Development Goals Report 2013](#)

*From Diane Lindsley*  
**NEW ZI Advocacy Committee member**

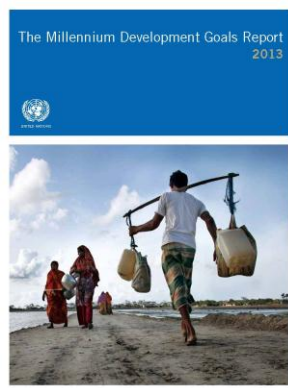
### **Advocacy news from North America**

A member of the Zonta Club of Milwaukee, Wisconsin since 1987, Diane has been active in various club and **District 6** positions, serving as club foundation treasurer and club president, and participating on various club committees such as membership, service, United Nations and fundraising. She helped her club present two VAW Forums and has advocated for the ratification of CEDAW since 1998. She also served her District on several district boards in long-term planning, environment, district secretary, legislative awareness & advocacy for Area 2, and as District 6 Advocacy Chair since 2010. Since early April 2013, she assumed the North American Regional Advocacy Representative position.



Diane is now retired from the position of Horticultural Director for the Milwaukee County Department of Parks. She continues to volunteer at the horticultural conservatory, the Greater Milwaukee Human Trafficking Task Force, and with the NAACP.

[Read Diane's full report](#) about advocacy successes and challenges in North American districts and clubs. Featured districts include **Districts 4, 6, 7, 10 and 12.**



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**Report  
of the High-Level Panel of  
Eminent Persons on the Post-2015  
Development Agenda**

[A New Global Partnership: Eradicate  
Poverty and Transform Economies  
through Sustainable Development](#)

**States Accountable for  
Investigating & Preventing  
Violence against Women**

GENEVA (10 June 2013) - States need to be held accountable not only for investigating all acts of violence against women but also for failing to prevent such violence, an independent United Nations human rights expert has said.

"The State has an obligation to investigate all acts of violence against women, including systemic failures to prevent violence against women," said Special Rapporteur on Violence against women, Rashida Manjoo.

She added, "There is a need to create a framework for discussing the responsibility of States to act with due diligence. States are required to hold accountable those who fail to protect and prevent, as well as those who perpetrate, violations of women's rights."

**Anniversary of the Vienna**

**From Jenny Brash  
Advocacy news from New Zealand  
and Australia**

**District 16** in New Zealand has focused recent advocacy efforts on CEDAW while **Districts 22 and 24** in Australia have focused much of their work on advocating for legislation to benefit women.



Read more specifics about their advocacy initiatives [here](#).

**From Sigrid Duden**

**Advocacy news from central-  
southern European Districts**

Most districts refrain from issuing their own advocacy newsletters as there are enough newsletters already also covering advocacy. The clubs are asked to make use of the available information on the ZI website, e-newsletter, advocacy newsletter and the websites of the different districts covering many advocacy activities of clubs in the different areas. Clubs are encouraged to use the ideas they learn about. Zontians may and ought to copy good ideas!



The advocacy committees in all districts stay in touch with the clubs; the appointing of advocacy representatives for the areas in most districts has led to better contacts to the clubs and encouraged them to turn to the committee members for information and support.

The advocacy chairmen are currently collecting information on the advocacy efforts in their clubs in order to write their reports for the district conferences. After the conference, there will be a lot of information.

National Zonta meetings this fall on a non-official Zonta level will offer opportunities to talk about common actions and better ways of communication within the countries whose areas are part of different districts. The results of the discussions will be shared.

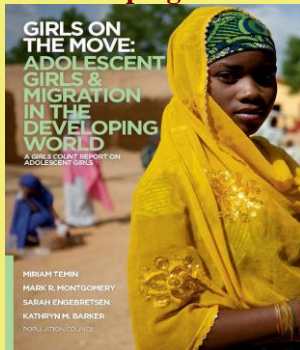
[Read more](#) about advocacy efforts in **Districts 14, 27, 29**

## Declaration



June 25th marked the 20th anniversary of the [Vienna Declaration](#), a common plan for the strengthening of human rights work around the world adopted by 171 states.

## Girls on the Move: Adolescent Girls & Migration in the Developing World



*Girls on the Move* is the first report of its kind to examine the social and economic drivers of internal migration for adolescent girls in developing countries, and the links between migration, risk, and opportunity.

Contrary to conventional wisdom, the report finds that rural-to-urban migration can-provided necessary safety nets and resources are in place-be largely a positive experience for girls, and present them with new opportunities unavailable in their hometowns. This Population Council-authored report was supported by the Nike Foundation and the United Nations Foundation. *Girls on the Move* is the sixth report in the *Girls Count* series published by the Coalition for Adolescent Girls.

[Full Report](#)

[Policy Brief with Recommendations](#)

## World Telecommunication and

and **30**, including [District 30's trip to the UN in Geneva](#).

## From Terttu Utrainen

### Advocacy news from District 20

**District 20** has continued its activities in paying attention to the little number of women in the top posts of the companies. As part of the biggest political summer happenings in Finland on 16.7.2013, **District 20** Zontians have organized a panel discussion under the theme "women on the top of business". TV programs are featured daily from the festival area.



Other activities which are going just now are the newest "Girl Houses" in many cities. These houses try to support socially girls, and Zontians are supporting these houses economically. The same aim has also "Super sisters" net service which has just started. Some clubs are supporting Helvi Sipilä Foundation. All of these projects do not have a specific advocacy character, but we stress that these service projects are to advance the status of women.

[Read more](#) about VAW in Finland.

### Advocacy news from District 21

Domestic violence legislation in Sweden has developed over many years so it can give women better protection. The sentence for domestic violence has also been sharpened. The government gives economic support to municipalities and is monitoring the local governments' grants to ensure efficient workings; however, there has been a lot of criticism regarding how they work.

In response, the clubs in **District 21** are working on the issue of domestic violence and are encouraged to inform themselves about how their own municipalities give shelter to victims of domestic violence.

The Clubs have also advocated the Minister of Justice to change or make a law clear about jurisdiction in cases about visitation rights for children after a separation to protect women or/and the children who have protected address.

There has been legislation against trafficking since 2000. Regarding violence in the military or during times of conflicts, there are special codes of ethical conduct adopted for employees working abroad.

For several years, **District 21** has followed the question and informed clubs about legislation. The District has

## Information Society Day

The UN marked World Telecommunication and Information Society Day by speaking to Bianca Miglioretto, Vice-President of the Women's International Network of the World Association of Community Radio Broadcasters, Asia Pacific Chapter, on her work and on introducing radio technologies to community radio producers.

[Q&A with Bianca Miglioretto](#)

worked with code of ethical conduct, which we think is applicable for work against trafficking as well as against violence in the military or during times of conflict.

### *From Pauline Ng*

#### ***Advocacy news from District 17***

The **Zonta Club of Hong Kong**, in collaboration with the five other Zonta clubs in Hong Kong, organized an advocacy forum on *Women in Public and Political Life*.



[Read more](#) about this successful advocacy initiative.

#### ***Advocacy news from District 25***

The **Zonta Club of Colombo I** is assisting women and children in the aftermath of Sri Lanka's 30-year civil war. Read more about the Club's initiatives in this report from **District 25** Governor Marlene Abeyewardene.

### *From Segilola Guobadia*

#### ***Zonta Club of Ibadan combines service and advocacy to prevent cervical cancer***

The **Zonta Club of Ibadan** in Nigeria (**District 18**) is screening 5,000 women for cervical cancer and referring those that test positive for further testing and treatment. At the same time, the Club is also advocating either for the inclusion of the vaccine against HPV in the national vaccination policy, at no cost to beneficiaries, or at the least to subsidize the cost of vaccinating young unexposed girls. It is also advocated that government should establish free screening centers or train at least two health officers in every community health center.



[Read more](#) about this successful project that combines service and advocacy.

*From Graciela Duce*

**Advocacy news from Region South America**



The Zonta Clubs of **Region South America** have been very active on issues affecting women.

- The **Zonta Club of Punta del Este** created an Advisory Center where victims of domestic violence and human trafficking can receive assistance in navigating through the legal process.
- **Zonta Club of Montevideo** participated in the Women in Black parade to remember victims of domestic violence.
- In Argentina, the **Zonta Club of Rio Gallegos** started a campaign to eradicate human trafficking, using posters and pamphlets in airports, trains and bus stations.
- The **Zonta Club of Santiago** in Chile started a campaign 'No Against Violence to Women, Yes for a Better Life Together.

[Read more](#) about advocacy and service efforts undertaken by Zonta clubs in **Region South America**.

*From Yoshiko Misumi*

**Advocacy news from District 26, Japan**



In **District 26**, advocacy information has been delivered to all the clubs via the club presidents, the board, and committee chairmen. There are 4 areas, and each area has a committee chair and members.

Four area meetings have been held and the district advocacy chair explained the steps to start a club advocacy committee in the workshops. The advocacy activities of each club will be submitted as the scorecard.

Setting the committee goals has not been fully done. Therefore, **D26** will have to consider them. We have a critical issue for what advocacy we shall take action on. Thus, to tackle the issue, we will try to share the information of support and policy proposals that have been done with various government bodies.

The major challenge in **District 26** is that increasing the awareness of advocacy and taking action for advocacy are

different, not easy to link mutually. However, **D26** has been approaching the ZI advocacy goals gradually.