

ZONTA
CLUB OF
BOCA RATON FOUNDATION
MEMBER OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL
EMPOWERING WOMEN
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

Boca Bulletin

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President's Message

Dear Boca Zontians and Friends,

I wish you all a Happy and Healthy 4th of July!

We are proud to announce that Lena Kalandjian, Zonta Club of Boca Raton's 2022 YWPA Scholarship winner is also the YWPA District 11 and an International Scholarship recipient! Lena is highlighted on pg. 2.

Three of our members attended the Zonta International Convention in Hamberg Germany. Some of the highlights of their attendance are on pages 4 and 5.

With your help, the Zonta Club of Brooklyn announced that to date \$30,000 was collected by fellow Zontians and friends and sent to Zonta clubs in Ukraine. Fortunately, there were 12 Ukrainian members in attendance at the International Convention. They were given a table in the Convention Marketplace to continue their efforts of raising funds to help people escape the conflict. Donated funds are being used to set up and maintain several shelters.

Also a winner is our very own District 11! We are one of the recipients of the 2020-2022 Zonta Service Recognition Award for its success with the "Free the Girls" bra drive, see pg 3. Please help us to continue the good work by supporting them in their Summer of Inheritance Project, visit them at www.freethegirls.org

Our club will be hosting various service projects in our community in the coming months. All are welcome to come out and give service to those in need.

Please help us spread the word ZONTA, Building a Better World for Women and Girls through service and advocacy.

Sincerely,

Shirin

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

- July 5—Zoom Board Meeting, 6-8 pm, email info to follow
- July 20—Business Meeting, 5:30 social, 6 pm dinner, Pavilion Grille
- Aug 2—Zoom Board Meeting, 6-8 pm, email info to follow
- Aug 17—Business Meeting, 5:30-8 pm, Place TBA

September is **CAMPUS SEXUAL AWARENESS MONTH**

- Sept 6—Zoom Board Meeting, 6-7 pm, email info to follow
- Sept 21—Business Meeting, 5:30-8 pm, Place TBA

Oct. is **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

- Oct 4—Zoom Board Meeting, 6-7 pm, email info to follow
- Oct 19—Business Meeting, 5:30-8 pm, Place TBA
- Nov 25 International Day of the Elimination of Violence Against Women
- Nov 25—Dec 10: 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence

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Zonta Club of Boca Raton Area — Boca Raton, Florida
District XI - Club No. 765
- Chartered - March 3, 1975

A Member of Zonta International: 30,000 members in 66 countries
working together to improve the lives of women and girls.



2022 Young Women In Public Affairs Recipient

Lena Kalandjian is an Armenian-American from Parkland, Florida who has a passion for fostering anti-violent communities. After co-founding her school's Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE) Promise Club in 2018, Lena implemented community-wide violence prevention and diversity education programs that impacted thousands of local students every year. Her club has been nationally recognized 8 times and awarded several stipends and grants to continue its work. Lena also served two years on the National Youth Advisory Board of the non-profit gun violence prevention organization Sandy Hook Promise. Not only did she help organize and lead the Sandy Hook Promise's National Youth Summit, but she also worked with the Biden-Harris Presidential Transition Team, the National Center for School Safety, and TIME Magazine to elevate youth perspectives and spark positive community action.

In high school, Lena was Executive President of Student Government, Concertmaster of the Chamber Orchestra, a Varsity Track & Field and Basketball athlete, a Student Coalition Leader of the Cultural Intelligence Team, and Team Lead of the All-Women's Underwater Robotics team. Next year, Lena will be attending Vanderbilt University as Chancellor's Scholar to major in Human Organizational Development. She seeks to channel her experiences into building better institutions wherever her path takes her.

Zonta International Young Women in Public Affairs Award 2022 District and International Recipients

10 International Recipients

| DISTRICT/ REGION | NAME OF RECIPIENT | COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP | NOMINATING ZONTA CLUB AND COUNTRY |
|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| District 1 | Sruthi Kurada | United States | Quaboag Valley, United States |
| District 6 | Khadijah Dhoondia | United States | Milwaukee, United States |
| District 8 | Shae Dolan | United States | Olympia, United States |
| District 9 | Catherine Xu | United States | Conejo Valley Area, United States |
| District 11 | Lena Kalandjian | United States | Boca Raton Area, United States |
| District 17 | Supipa Sirikul | Thailand | Bangkok I, Thailand |
| District 18 | Maisy Baer | Ghana | Accra, Ghana |
| District 20 | Kertu Birgit Anton | Estonia | Tartu, Estonia |
| District 24 | Cat Tran | Vietnam | Macarthur Inc., Australia |
| District 31 | Sophia Zuo | United States | Hsin Chu, Republic of China, Taiwan |

From the past and into the future!



Please remember to bring items for our charities—*Butterfly House* accepts toiletries and cash donations; *Women’s Circle* accepts coloring books and crayons for the children’s area and toiletries for the clients; *Boca Helping Hands* accepts all non-perishable foods for the pantry.

All items are accepted at dinner meetings and if you can’t make it, contact Shirin and she will make arrangements to pick them up.

Not Just Me Foundation

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The Women’s Circle

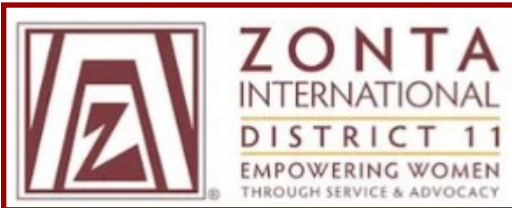


BOCA HELPING HANDS



“Do your little bit of good where you are; it’s those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.”

- Desmond Tutu



ZONTA INTERNATIONAL RECOGNIZES DISTRICT 11: District Service Award

Announcing the 2020-2022 Zonta Service Recognition Awardees

The Zonta International Service Committee is pleased to announce the winners of the 2020-2022 Zonta Service Recognition Awards, which recognize outstanding service projects undertaken by Zonta clubs and districts/region which benefit women in the local community.

These service projects empower women and girls to achieve equal rights and to secure their access to all legal, political, economic, educational, health and professional resources or focus on the prevention of violence against women and girls.

The following three districts are recipients of the 2020-2022 Zonta Service Recognition Awards:

- District 11: “Free the Girls Bra Drive”
- District 17: “Zontians Rise to the COVID Threat”
- District 31: “Zonta Gives Love to Taiwan’s New Immigrants & Cross Border Service”



“In the end, it is important to remember that we cannot become what we need to be by remaining what we are.”

**– Max de Pree
American Business Man and Writer**

We want to welcome and congratulate our incoming Area 3 Director and Vice Area 3 Director, LaToya Johnson and Marva Titley-Smith! Now that convention is over, we will experience new goals, new roles and new accomplishments for our clubs and Zonta around the world.



65th Convention in Hamburg

2022-2024 Election Results Direct from Hamburg

Zonta International & Zonta Foundation for Women Boards

The officers and directors will serve alongside **2022-2024 Zonta International President Ute Scholz** who was elected in 2020 as president-elect and will assume the role of president at the installation ceremony on Tuesday, 28 June

Salla Tuominen
President-Elect

Anne-Marie French Cudjoe
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Fernanda Gallo-Freschi
Vice President

Monika Geise
Director

Souella Cumming
Treasurer/Secretary

Teresa Lin
Director

Annika Bränström
Director

Brittany Vaughan
Director

Reneé Coppock
Director

Sandra Venn-Brown
Director



International Nominating Committee

Margot Hoffman
North, Central and South America

Mari McKenzie
At-Large

Brigitte Leferink
Europe

Ann Naets
At-Large

Ore Awoonor Renner
Africa

Olivia Sarah-Le Lacheur
At-Large

Ansmarie Van Erp
Australia and New Zealand

Ina Waesserling
At-Large

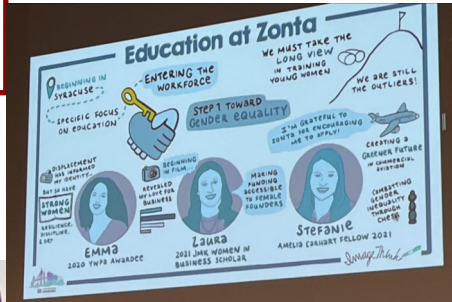
Akiko Kinoshita
Asia





65th Convention in Hamburg

**Keynote Speaker
Marissa K Conway**



Zonta International's 6 major points



- Climate change is an issue of rights
- Women's involvement is needed
- Girls' education is key
- Equal economic opportunities needed
- Climate change has a detrimental effect on health and safety
- Raising awareness is critical

My experience at the 65th International Convention of Zonta in Hamburg, Germany – by Cindy Felsten

Getting to Hamburg was a breeze until the train that stops directly at the convention center refused to go because it is electric & there was a possibility of a thunderstorm! That gave me the opportunity to talk with a Z-Club member (from Sri Lanka) who currently lives in MA attending a university there. We all ended up making our way there by Uber to the CCH.

About 2,200 members were in attendance. Many never got their luggage & when leaving many of us had our flights canceled. Europe flight travel is a mess from being severely understaffed.

President Sharon ran an excellent convention. Registration & credentials were easy to get through. I attended an excellent workshop Saturday morning, unfortunately, the afternoon one was not so good as I was hoping to gain some valuable info.

We heard from good speakers and as always met women from all over the world. I especially appreciated learning how impactful we are with the international projects – a highlight!

Our District 11 members were able to take photos together, I look forward to seeing it soon. The marketplace was smaller than usual. The Zonta store was loaded with items. The closing banquet was very nice. I thought the convention was very well organized & people were thoughtful.

There were 12 Ukrainian members in attendance. They gave a presentation, and it was a real tear-jerker. Brisbane will host in 2024 and 2026 back to North America!



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Zonta International Statement on the U.S. Supreme Court’s overturning of Roe v. Wade

News of the U.S. Supreme Court’s decision to overturn Roe v. Wade this week reached Zonta International as its members gathered from around the globe in Hamburg, Germany, to discuss the continued fight for the rights of women and girls globally.

As an organization that has been working towards gender equality for more than 100 years, Zonta International is committed to upholding and improving the legal and health status of women at the global and local levels through service and advocacy. This decision by the U.S. Supreme Court takes away the rights of women in the United States to legally access critical reproductive healthcare, including safe abortion services, even as the U.S. has the highest maternal mortality rate among industrialized countries. The impact of this action will be severe, especially for poor, rural, Black, Indigenous and LGBTQIA+ women.

In accordance with the [Zonta International Statement on Women’s Sexual and Reproductive Health](#), we urge our members in 62 countries around the world to advocate at the national level to ensure that all women and girls have access to the full range of reproductive health services. We cannot achieve gender equality for all women and girls if they do not have the basic rights to bodily autonomy.

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2020-2022 Biennium Recap

The 2020-2022 Biennium has been an incredible display of what we can do as a group to make our world a better place. When Zontians work together, we can truly make the impossible possible. Thank you so much for all your hard work!

MEMBERSHIP

PROGRAMS

EXPANDING OUR ZONTA FELLOWSHIP

YOUR IMPACT ON EDUCATION

SERVICE PROJECTS

25

Clubs Chartered



1,095

Clubs Retained



3,798

New Members



2,043

Members celebrated 5 years of membership



248

Awards, Scholarships and Fellowships Distributed



More than US\$1.2 M

Total Amount Given



16

Countries where women and girls have benefited from Zonta International's partnerships with UNFPA and UNICEF USA

