



## DISTRICT 27 NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2023

Dear all,

Today starts the sixth week of the Year 2023. I hope you are all save and sound!

To all of us associated with Zonta in various contexts, I would like to use this newsletter to remind you that there is a particular matter of importance that unite us as Zontians.

The coming month (March 2023) is a milestone for that purpose.

### Stand out for Gender Equity

ZI envisions a world in which women's rights are recognized as human rights, as a result, advocacy and action have moved to the forefront of much of what we do.

Translated in action this means:

### Take on advocacy initiatives

#### Local

That implies: to focus on to impact laws and regulations on behalf of women and girls.

You can do that with your local or federal government authority to impact laws and regulations on behalf of women and girls.

You can do that to focus on women in the workplace, including initiatives around **equal pay day** or **women in boardrooms** or **women`s leadership in underrepresented industries**.

Or you can participate at

### “The International Women`s Day”

**The International Women`s Day the 08 of March 2023 and the week around this day (starting the 05 of March) could be promoted as a global week of action.**

This is a wonderful possibility to gain attention and if most (or all) of the clubs of our District (74 clubs) will participate there could be generated awareness and buzz.

### It`s a possibility to be visible!

It is also in the best case a possibility to attract more members or to develop a loyal following and last but not least it's also an opportunity to support the fundraising goals of the Zonta Foundation for Women!

Our Zonta International Membership Chair Theresa Harris has created a special message for you to provide ideas and inspiration.

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**And:**

**Don't forget it's also essential to send a short text and to attach pictures to our Greater Visibility Chair Liesbet van Landegem!**

**Unfortunately only Area 05 and Area 06 sent a report from their ZSN actions to Liesbet, despite my request.**

**Please share them on the Zonta International website too under the heading "Share your Story"!**

Besides taking part in the Zonta says No action in November/ December, the participation of most of all Zontians in this action (International Women's Day and the week around it) is one of the main goals which ZI president Ute Scholz mentioned in her first speeches.

### **Global**

#### **CEDAW and CSW**

CEDAW (The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women) was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on December 18, 1979 is the most important human rights instrument for women under international law.

In this context and in the global view we have to see the participation of Zonta International on the women's rights. Zonta collaborates with UN agencies.

The Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), a functional commission of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), is a global policy-making body dedicated exclusively to promoting gender equality and the empowerment of women.



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The Commission was established by ECOSOC resolution 11 (II) of 21 June 1946 with a mandate to prepare recommendations on promoting women's rights in political, economic, civil, social and educational fields.

You know, since 1969, Zonta has held consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

**This year the 67<sup>th</sup> session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) take place from 06-17 March in New York.**

The focus for this year is:

- **Priority theme:** Innovation and technological change, and education in the digital age for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls
- **Review theme:** Challenges and opportunities in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls (agreed conclusions of the sixty-second session)
- **Many Side Events outside the formal program of the session**

Cause of the Covid Pandemic in the last three years it was impossible to take part in person in this session.

This year it is possible to join the event whether in person or virtually.

**“I would like you to make full use of it. It's really inspiring!”**

This is the link to register for CSW67

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This is the link to join the Zonta CSW mailing list

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Here are some dates and events for March and April:

### March

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(starting the 05 of March)

**The 67<sup>th</sup> session of the Commission on the Status of Women  
(CSW)** from 06-17 March in New York

### April

Add your voice membership campaign  
Annual dues invoices created

**April 1**, New members can be added for the following membership  
year

**April 1**, YWPA club applications due to district

**April 28-30 2023**, European Interdistrict Seminar (EIDS) Frankfurt  
am Main, Germany.

**Theme: Women in Finance - between challenges and chances.**

Join fellow Zontians for this great event!

[Register here.](#)

**Save the Date**  
**District 27 Conference**

**September 22.-24.09.2023, Luxembourg**

More information will follow.

**In the coming months don't forget to practice the Zonta Spirit.**

**It is the heart and soul of clubs and it supports clubs to create a  
strong culture of community, fun, friendship and an inclusive  
approach**

Good to know:

*Peacebuilding is not only about stopping violence, it is also about the  
prevention of violence (Hajer Sharief, Arabia)*

I wish you health, success and delight in what you are doing!

All the best!

Warm regards

Yours

