

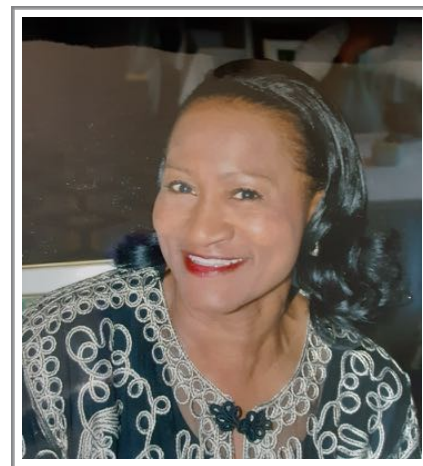
ZONTA ZEST

Zonta Club of St. Louis

President's Message to the Club

Greetings Zontians,

Thanksgiving is over and we are already deep into winter and holiday planning. It is a time of gratitude and thankfulness for family, friends, and the blessing of the year's harvest. Thanksgiving is only observed by United States, Canada, Brazil, Grenada, Liberia and Saint Lucia. Long before the 1621 Festival, Native Americans sought to insure good harvest with dances and rituals such as the Green Corn Dance of the Cherokees. The British colonist held several Thanksgiving services in America before the Pilgrims celebration in 1621.



According to AAA more people traveled this Thanksgiving than ever, ready to celebrate and share the beloved Turkey dinner with family and friends. Some will take in the many parades and ongoing football games, and others will compete in the black Friday shopping marathon exhilarated by the competition.

Reminders- The Kendra Scott fundraiser on Dec 12th from 4:00-6:00pm and the Zonta Club Holiday Get-Together is Dec. 14th @ 11:00am at the Missouri History Museum in Forrest Park.

Congratulations to our new and prospective members. We look forward to visiting with you at the Holiday Get-Together!

Thank You Zontians for all you do to BUILD A BETTER WORLD FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS!!

Sincerely,

Laura Burton
President





December Board Meeting Updates:

The Kendra Scott FUNdraiser is scheduled for December 12th 4:00-6:00pm

- We can't "solicit" for new members due to mall's no solicitation policy
- We can have "Z" cookies
- We can wear our badges
- Our contact with Kendra Scott is checking into whether we can have a pull-up sign
- For those interested, we can have dinner at the Canyon Cafe following the event

The Zonta Holiday Get-Together

- December 14th at 11:00
- Missouri History Museum at Forrest Park - Key Bistro
- No official tours offered but suggested that participants visit the World's Fair exhibit
- Those interested in an ornament exchange to bring a wrapped ornament
- Participants encouraged to bring a diaper or period supplies donation
- 20 have signed up for the event

New member applicant, Nova Scott, will be at the Zonta Holiday Get-Together

Sharon Hales and Membership Committee complimented for following through on some of the suggestions made at the August retreat.

Position descriptions are almost done with the goal of being presented at the January Membership meeting

Women's Another Chance - we need mentors! Debbie Redmond will be working with Malaika to assume committee chair position in June.



Zonta Holiday Get Together and Ornament Exchange

Saturday, December 14th at 11:00

**Missouri History Museum
(upstairs in the Key Bistro)**

5700 Lindell Blvd - St Louis - 63112

19 club members have signed up... will you join us?

<https://www.easy-rsvp.com/eEuW86-december-zonta-holiday-party>

or contact Ellen Embry at 202-697-1704



**Bring a donation for the St. Louis
Area Diaper Bank!**

Diapers - Pullups - Period Supplies

Welcome to our new club member...

Sue Ellbogen

Sue is an experienced resume writer, career coach and author of young adult books. Many of you met her at club meetings this last Fall. She is a friend of Ellen Embry and soon to be friends with all of us as well!

Welcome to our club Sue!!



Founder's Day!

The November Club Meeting celebrated Founder's Day and called attention to activities the Zonta Club of St. Louis has participated in to make the world a better place for women and girls. See our timeline on the website: <https://zontastlouis.org/about/#timeline>

FUNdraiser Opportunity!!

Join us at Kendra Scott - Plaza Frontenac
December 12th 4:00-6:00



KENDRA SCOTT

- Get some Holiday shopping completed
- Share information with your friends
- You do not have to attend to participate - SHOP ONLINE!
- the giveback code is good for 48 hours!
- Let's have dinner afterward at the Canyon Cafe!
- Contact Linda White (lindawhite.stl@gmail.com) or Judy Jensen (thequiltinggolfer@outlook.com) if you are interested in attending.

Shine Bright, Do Good ✨

JOIN US FOR A KENDRA GIVES BACK EVENT!

DATE & TIME

December 12 | 4-6pm

Kendra Scott Plaza Frontenac

DETAILS

20% of sales will benefit

**The Zonta Club of St. Louis
Women's Another Chance Program**

**Can't make it? Shop online 12/12 & 12/13
with code GIVEBACK-IFWYR**



KENDRA SCOTT

Zontians in Action... *Supporting our community charities*



Annual Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army

Did you know that our club has been ringing bells since 1952? We have only missed one year, 2020, due to Covid. Our club donates \$1000 annually to the Salvation Army, and we sing our way into additional donations. Dierberg's customers seemed to appreciate our efforts and many added to our donation!



Weinman Shelter Holiday Gift

Several zontians met for dinner after ringing bells for the Salvation Army.

They filled our cards for the women staying at the Weinman Shelter for Victims of Domestic Violence over the holiday season. Each holiday card was stuffed with a gift card surprise!

The club donates twenty-five \$50 gift cards to the shelter every holiday season. The cards are the highlight of the shelter's gift-giving event.

Zontians in *ACTION*... *Upcoming Volunteer Opportunity!*

JANUARY SERVICE PROJECT



St. Louis Area Diaper Bank provides diaper and period projects to needy families (1 in 3 experience diaper need and 1 in 4 women struggle to obtain period products). On **Saturday, January 18th from 12:30-2:30** we will work to count/sort/package diapers and period kits to get them ready for their community sponsors at their warehouse, 6141 Etzel Avenue, 63133

They require **at least 10 volunteers** (up to 20). If interested, email gilbertson.peggy@gmail.com and I will send you the link their portal to volunteer.



Are you looking to make a lasting impact on the lives of single mothers completing their education?

Consider becoming a Women's Another Chance mentor. By sharing your knowledge, experience, and guidance, you can help a student reach their full potential. Mentorship offers a unique opportunity to inspire and empower, fostering personal growth and academic success.

Whether you have expertise in a specific field or simply a passion for helping others, your time and support can make a world of difference. Join our club's mentorship program and be a positive force in a student's life.

Mentoring could be the "missing piece" you are searching for!

Contact Malaika Horne (hornewells@earthlink.net) or Debbie Redmond (moscholar@gmail.com) if interested



Commission on the Status of Women 69th annual meeting

2025 marks the 30th anniversary of the 4th World Conference on Women, and the 30th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform For Action. To commemorate this important year, the Zonta International UN Committee is hosting a series of 12 weekly Conversation Circles from November to February, each covering one of the twelve critical areas of concern in the Beijing Platform for Action.

Join us in the lead up to the 69th Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) meeting which will take place March 10-21, 2025

Are you interested in learning more? Visit the [CSW website](#) to access resources, materials and recordings. Grounds pass applications are also available now. See how you can become a participant in CSW69!

CONVERSATION CIRCLES

Dec. 11th	Women and Health
Dec. 18th	Women and Armed Conflict
Jan. 8th	Women and the Economy
Jan. 15th	Women in Power and Decision-Making Positions
Jan. 22nd	Institutional Mechanisms for the Advancement of Women
Jan. 29th	Human Rights of Women
Feb. 5th	Women and the Media
Feb. 12th	Women and the Environment
Feb. 19th	The Girl Child

Sign up for a Conversation Circle leading up to CSW67 on the ZI website in the Events section:

[Link to ZI Events](#)



Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women Online Summit

Wednesday, 10 December | 8:00 AM, 12:00 PM & 4:00 PM Chicago Time

Be inspired by the [2024 Zonta Says NO Virtual Summit](#) while supporting the Zonta Foundation for Women. Join Zonta International for three sessions with three incredible speakers throughout the day. Each speaker will give their own expertise and perspective and allow for questions from participants.

Prior to each session there will also be a short artistic presentation on their personal reflections on violence against women and girls from an adolescent or young adult.

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SAYS NO
TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Register Here
9:00am CDT



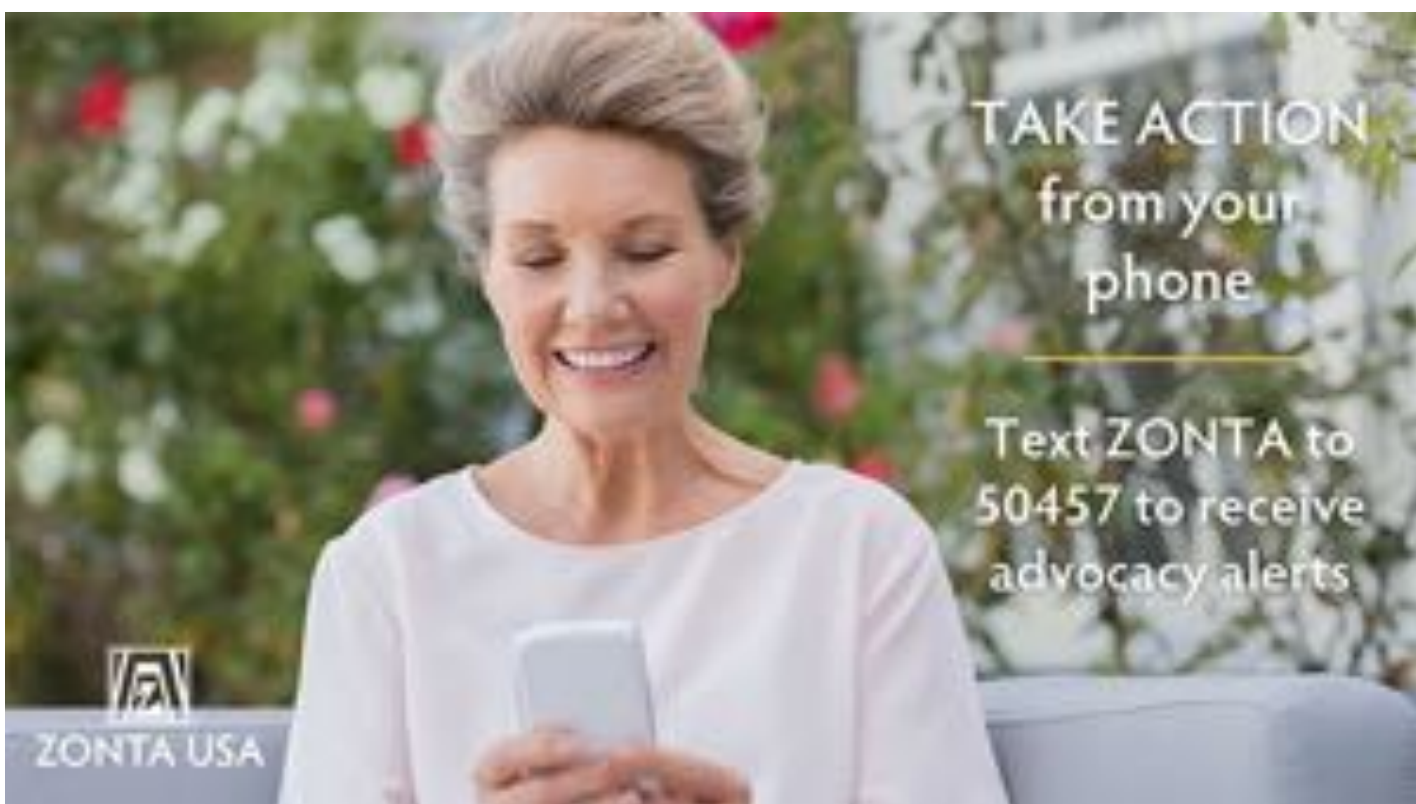
Session 1:
Susanne Strand
A Psychological View of
Violence Against
Women



Session 2:
Tony Porter
A Call to Men – Ending
Violence Against Women



Session 3:
Elizabeth Flock
A Conversation about
Gender-Based Violence



Sign up for text alerts

Text ZONTA to 50457 to get our advocacy alerts via text message and be one of the first to find out when there is a new opportunity. Follow the instructions you receive to complete registration.

Messaging & data rates may apply. Message frequency varies. Reply HELP for help and STOP to unsubscribe.

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Zonta International Dates to Remember

HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

10 December 2024

Human Rights Day commemorates the day in 1948 when the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly.

New Member Orientation - Watch for links in January's ZEST:)

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

December

- 5th Board Meeting
- 10th Zonta Says No to Violence Against Women Online Summit
- 12th Kendra Scott Giveback FUNdraiser Event
- 14th Holiday Get-Together

January

- 2nd Board Meeting
- 16th Membership Meeting

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

December

- 24th Genevieve Gibson-Newman
- 26th Uma Eachempati
- 27th Jill Cooper

January

- 9th Nancy Schmich
- 16th Just Jensen
- 30th Gloria Johnson
- 30th Miriam Schuchardt

