

ZONTA ZEST

Zonta Club of St. Louis



President's Message to the Club

Dear Zonta Sisters,

As we celebrate **International Women's Day on March 8, 2026**, I am reminded of the incredible impact we can make when we come together to empower women and girls worldwide. This day, which coincides with Zonta International's Yellow Rose Campaign, is a powerful reminder of our mission to advocate for gender equality, support women's rights, and eliminate gender-based violence. Through the symbolic yellow rose, we honor the remarkable achievements of women in our community and beyond, while also reaffirming our commitment to creating a better, more equitable world. Let us use this opportunity to not only celebrate progress but also to inspire action, ensuring that every woman and girl has the opportunity to thrive and succeed. The Yellow Rose Campaign will be celebrated the entire month of March. I encourage each of you to learn more and get involved. Check out this link to an interactive Zonta Yellow Rose [Bingo](#).

February Membership Meeting Highlights

We had another fantastic meeting from award winning keynote speaker, Dr. Leilani Carver, where we learned about building meaningful person and professional relationships. Three takeaways: 1) She highlighted the importance of mentors, who provide guidance, friendship, support, insight, and connections; 2) non-verbal cues to increase confidence and connect with others (eyebrow flash, smile, give genuine compliments); and 3) "Do you have 10 minutes text?" - that text you send to a member of your power squad that signals, 'I need you'.

Opportunities to Get Involved

As we look ahead, here are a few ways to get involved and make a difference:

- **Women's Another Chance (WAC) Committee:** If you're interested in reviewing applications, please reach out to Debbie Redmond (moscholar@gmail.com).
- **Centennial Awards Committee:** Peggy Gilbertson is leading this important effort, please reach out to get involved (gilbertsonpeggy@gmail.com)

If you're not sure where to start but want to get involved, please don't hesitate to reach out. We're a **family of Zonta sisters**, and there's a **place for everyone to contribute their unique talents and passions**.

Thank you for all that you do to support our mission and each other. I look forward to connecting with you at our March meeting or an upcoming service event.

With gratitude,

Stacy Donovan

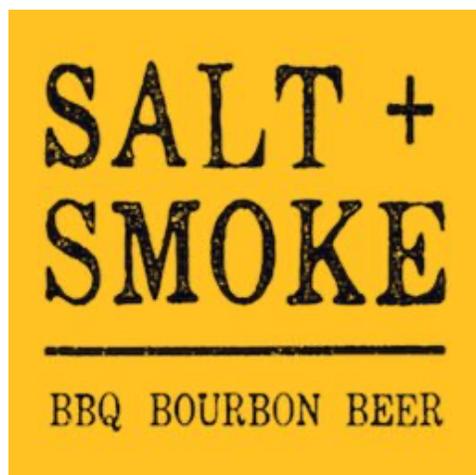
President, Zonta Club of St. Louis



March Board Meeting Updates:

- There have been issues with creating hybrid meetings in facilities that lack full IT support - noisy restaurants are all an issue. Some ideas on quieter places include holding meetings at the public library and/or possibly at a hotel that has a small conference room.
- The Finance Committee wants committee chairs to go back to their committees and come up with a budget request - new ideas welcome. Should we budget for a Retreat? Workshop?
- Judy said that someone is making pouches for period supplies for the Diaper Bank. She has material, zippers and supplies. We could do the same if there's club member interest.
- The Charity Clothing Pickup Committee is in the process of finalizing a postcard that will be mailed out to encourage donations.
- The Women's Another Chance Committee is looking for more committee members and mentors. Anyone interested in getting involved should contact [Debbie Redmond](#)
- The Centennial Scholarship Committee is finalizing criteria so that the scholarship opportunity can be published.
- The Golden Z Club at Maryville University is having a personal care item drive to benefit The Women's Safe House. Information is posted in this ZEST.
- Issues have been identified with using Zeffy for anything that falls outside of a transaction involving the Trust.

March Membership Meeting



Date: March 19, 2026

Time: 6:00-6:30 networking
6:30-7:30 meeting

Location: Salt and Smoke
4130 Rusty Road
St. Louis, MO 63128

Order from the [MENU](#) when you get there!



COME CELEBRATE!!

**ZONTA CLUB
MEMBERSHIP**

**LENGTH of SERVICE
AWARDS!!**

Bring donations to the March Membership Meeting in support of Maryville's Golden Z Club's Personal Care Item DRIVE as they empower the Student Nurses Association and benefitting the Women's Safe House....

one of our community partners!

*See a list of what they are looking for on pg. 9

GUEST SPEAKER:

Robin Reece-Hlava is a corporate executive, professional coach and author based in the St. Louis and Louisville areas. She currently serves as the **Chief Growth Officer** at [BAM Marketing Agency](#) (as of June 2025) and is the founder of the executive coaching practice **MyCoachExec**. She has published personal and professional growth tools, including:

- MyCoachExec: Thoughts to Guide You Through a Personal & Professional Growth Journey
- MyCoachExec Growth Journal.

She holds a Bachelor of Science in Communications (with a minor in Psychology) and a **Master of Science in Business Communication**. Additionally, she has completed post-graduate certifications in Management Development and Neuroscience Coaching.

Slate of Officers and Directors for 2026-2027 Term

Officers

President
VP
Treasurer
Secretary

Candidate

Stacy Donovan
Ellen Embry
Kathleen Braun
Judy Jensen

Directors

PR
Finance
LRP
Membership
Service

Candidate

Staycee Dixson
Jill Cooper
Norma Nisbet
Mezzy Alexander
Sue Ellbogen

Additional candidates
may be nominated
from the Floor and
added to the slate
prior to voting...

We will be voting at
the May Membership
Meeting.

Nominating Committee: Laura Burton
Edith Holmes

Still finalizing: any volunteers?

Club Member Trustee-at-Large:
Kay Moss (6/1/2024 - 5/31/2028)



Watch for additional information coming soon!!

This is one of our signature events where we celebrate young women's accomplishments in meeting their educational goals.

It's a great meeting to bring a "future" Zontains as a guest!



Sunday, March 29, 2026
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m

Center of Creative Arts (COCA)
6880 Washington Ave., St. Louis, MO 63130

The Bloody Mary Brunch is just around the corner, and we want to make sure you have the best seat in the house!

While general admission is always a blast, our **VIP Experience** is designed for those who want to take their brunch game to the next level while making an even deeper impact on our community

Why go VIP?

When you upgrade to a **VIP** ticket, you're not just getting a seat—you're getting the full red-carpet treatment:

- **Easy Access:** Beat the crowds with a shorter line to get the first look at our auction items and the shortest lines at the bars.
- **Upgraded Sips:** Enjoy bottomless cocktail options and an enhanced garnish bar that turns a drink into a masterpiece.
- **Exclusive Swag:** Take home a special commemorative gift as a thank-you for your extra support.

[Purchase Ticket Here](#)

Maryville's Golden Z Club

EMPOWER and The Student Nurses Association's

SPRING DONATION DRIVE!

All donations go to The Women's Safe House!
MARCH 16-20TH

Personal Care Items
Toiletries
Hair Products
See Full List!

Volunteer Opportunity for SNA members!



Maryville's Golden Z Club

FULL DONATION LIST:

Safe Start Kits:

- Portable shower caddy
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Hair Products for African American hair
 - SheaMoisture shampoo/conditioner
 - Olive oil hair products
 - Ampro hair gel
 - African Pride shampoo/conditioner
 - Blue Magic Grease
 - hair mousse
- Body wash
- Loofah
- Face Wash
- Lotion
- Toothbrush/Toothpaste
- Hairbrush/Comb
- Elastic hair ties (different sizes)
- Slippers (different sizes)
- Socks (different sizes)

Additional Items:

- Air Mattresses
- Silverware sets with drawer organizer
- Dish ware sets for 4-6

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Zonta International



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Inspiring Impact: Zonta Foundation for Women Quarterly Report

As Zonta's longstanding symbol of friendship, the yellow rose invites us to reflect on and recognize the remarkable women and girls whose generosity, resilience and leadership bring our mission to life. To commemorate International Women's Day on 8 March, Zonta Foundation for Women is launching the Zonta Yellow Rose Campaign, a month-long celebration in appreciation of women who have positively impacted our lives.

At the heart of our organization are Zonta donors, whose belief in a better future transforms intention into action. Each gift, whether large or small, represents more than financial support. It reflects trust in Zonta's vision and confidence in the power of collective giving. Our donors are remarkable not only for their generosity but also for their unwavering commitment to investing in lasting change for women and girls across generations and borders.

Equally remarkable are the program beneficiaries whose lives are touched through Zonta-supported initiatives. From access to education to protection from gender-based violence and pathways to economic empowerment, these women and girls demonstrate extraordinary strength and determination. Their stories are reminders that opportunity, when paired with support, can unlock potential and reshape futures. We honor their courage and celebrate their progress as a testament to what is possible when communities come together.

We also wish to shine a light on the many awardees of Zonta's educational programs. Through Zonta's prestigious awards and fellowships, these individuals are recognized not only for their achievements but for their future potential. As scholars and emerging leaders, they are remarkable for their vision, dedication and willingness to shape a more equitable world.

Together, donors, beneficiaries and awardees form the living legacy of Zonta's impact. The Zonta Yellow Rose Campaign is not just a celebration, but also a call to recognize the remarkable efforts that drive meaningful change. By honoring these individuals who bring our mission alive, we reaffirm our shared belief that empowering women and girls empowers the world.



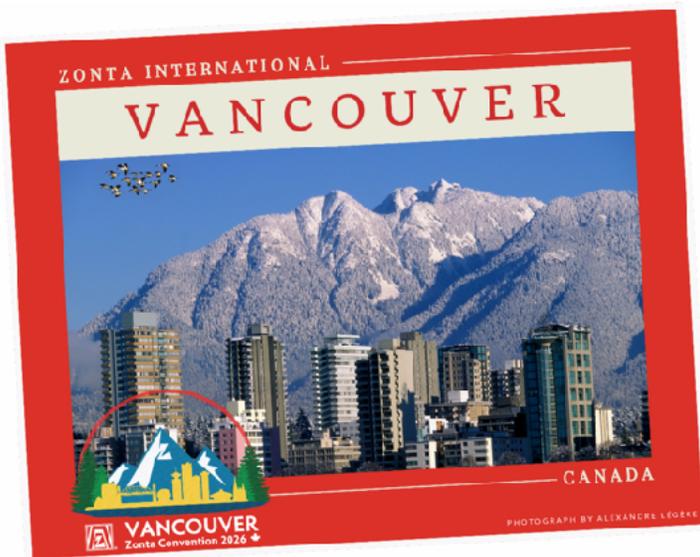

GIVING WOMEN & GIRLS
OPPORTUNITIES TO REALIZE
THEIR FULL POTENTIAL

Read ZONTA International's Quarterly Report [HERE!](#)



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“Recognize the Remarkable” by celebrating the women and girls who honor, inspire and support you, and those you believe deserve recognition.



Greetings from Vancouver, Canada!



Exciting news: the [Call to Convention](#) is live! [Read it today](#) to get the best tips and info for your stay in Vancouver.

Early Bird Registration ends March 15th!

Zonta International

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY AND ZONTA ROSE DAY

8 March 2026

Each year on 8 March, the global community celebrates International Women's Day, recognizing women for their achievements regardless of national, ethnic, linguistic, economic or political divisions. The Zonta International community also celebrates Zonta Rose Day on 8 March, a time to reflect and give tribute to the women who have empowered us.



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- [Make a donation](#) to the Zonta Foundation for Women in recognition of remarkable women who have inspired you.
- Recognize Zonta's remarkable women by listening to our [Remarkable Women Powerful Stories podcast](#)
- Learn more about our [International Honorary Members](#).

CSW70

9-20 March 2026

The Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) is the largest annual gathering on women's rights worldwide, and is the principal global intergovernmental body exclusively dedicated to the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women. As an NGO with General Consultative Status, Zonta International is invited to participate in the annual CSW in New York.

Priority theme: Ensuring and strengthening access to justice for all women and girls, including by promoting inclusive and equitable legal systems, eliminating discriminatory laws, policies, and practices, and addressing structural barriers.

JOIN THE CSW70 MAIL LIST

Zonta International

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

19 March 2026

Are you new to Zonta? Join members of the Zonta Headquarters Team as we welcome you. We will provide a history of Zonta, highlights of the programs we support and tips for the resources available to you. This is also an opportunity to meet longtime members who serve on the International Membership Committee and other new members from around the world.

[REGISTER](#)

MAR 19th
9:00am CT

[REGISTER](#)

MAR 19th
6:00pm CT

ZONTA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

JULY 11th - 14th



 **VANCOUVER**
Zonta Convention 2026 

* Early Bird Registration ends March 15th

[LEARN MORE...](#)



Staycee Dixon - Staycee will be receiving the Women of Achievement Award on Tuesday, May 19th at the Ritz-Carlton for her work with Fostering Support.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

March

- 5th Board Meeting
- 19th Membership Meeting
hosted by the Membership Committee

April

- 2nd Board Meeting
- 17th Membership Meeting
Business Meeting: Elections

UPCOMING BIRTHDAY

March

- 3rd Kit Whittington
- 4th Sandra Cornell
- 6th Linda White
- 28th Kathleen Braun

April

- 14th Debbie Redmond

