



## Dear Fellow Zontians! Dear Members of D14!

Welcome to the latest newsletter from our district. Today I would like to share with you some important information about upcoming events and dates. But first of all, a final review of our conference in Vienna.

## Our outcome of the D14 conference in Vienna

Thanks to a very generous grant from the Vienna Convention Bureau (€ 6,000), economical management and punctual invoicing, we managed to achieve a surplus of € 10,000 from the conference.

The District Board and the organizing clubs have decided to donate this money to the Zonta Club Beirut for their project '[Mresty ZC Beirut](#)'. The project was on the agenda for decision at the conference, but had to be taken off the agenda at the time due to various circumstances in Lebanon. Now the Zonta sisters in Beirut have succeeded in creating the framework conditions so that the project can be implemented and the money can be transferred safely. We are proud to support this initiative.



With warmest regards,

Heike Schmidt  
Governor District 14

If you have recently not checked our District 14 website for all the presentations and minutes of the Conference, [please find here the link](#).

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# Register for Brisbane, Australia!

Have you registered for the 2024 Brisbane Convention yet? Take advantage of the **early bird registration rate** from now until 15 March to secure your spot and join us for an unforgettable experience from 27-30 June.



As we raise our voices for women and girls -

[join us in person or virtually, in Brisbane, Australia](#)

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## Some important info and FAQ's:

### Voting Members.

Voting members at the international level shall be members of the Zonta International Board, past international presidents, governors and delegates from each club in good standing.

#### (a) Clubs.

- (1) Each club of Zonta International shall be entitled to one delegate and alternate.
- (2) If the membership of any club, based upon the dues payment through 1 March, exceeds 30 members, the club shall be entitled to a second delegate and alternate.
- (3) If the membership exceeds 60 members, the club shall be entitled to a third delegate and alternate.
- (4) A delegate may carry the total votes to which the club is entitled.
- (5) A member of the Zonta International Board shall not be a club delegate or alternate.

#### (b) Proxies. Any club may be represented by proxy.

- (1) A club choosing to be represented by proxy shall be entitled to its total votes by proxy.
  - (2) A club may carry the proxy votes from two other clubs except that the total votes carried by one club may not exceed five.
  - (3) A club with a delegate, who must leave an in-person voting event due to an emergency, may give a proxy to a delegate of another club.
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## UN News Nr. 2

Herewith you can find as download the UN District 14 Newsletter No 2 – English and German version – from UN District Chair Charlotte von Bodelschwingh. Please pass it on to your club members - it contains a lot of information about CSW 68 and the NGO CSW 68.

[Newsletter English](#)

[Newsletter German](#)

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## Join Zonta at CSW68 virtually or in-person

There is still time to join your fellow Zontians at the **68th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW68)**, **11-22 March** in New York either in-person or virtually. This year's priority theme is "Accelerating the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls by addressing poverty and strengthening institutions and financing with a gender perspective."

Did you know?

- Women and girls in fragile countries and areas are 7.7 times more likely to live in extreme poverty or on less than \$2.15 a day.
- In the worst-case climate scenario, an additional 158.3 million women and girls could be pushed into poverty by 2050.
- Currently, 10.3 per cent of women worldwide are living in extreme poverty

On 12 January, the Secretary General released his report on accelerating the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls by addressing poverty and strengthening institutions and financing with a gender perspective. *The link to the Secretary General Report for CSW68 can be found [here](#).*

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2024

### DISTRICT 14 WOMEN IN STEM AWARD

Encouraging women to pursue education, career opportunities and leadership roles in STEM fields



## Learn more about the 2023 Women in STEM Scholars.

We are proud to share more information on the 2023 Zonta International Women in STEM Scholars. Zonta International's



Women in STEM Scholarship encourages women to pursue education, career opportunities and leadership roles in STEM fields. [Read the 30 recipients' bios today.](#) We are very proud that we have a dedicated team in the District that announces and manages its own STEM District Award. Please find all information for 2024 in the following link.

[D14 STEM Award Applications are open](#)

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## Celebrate Rose Day with a tribute

Rose Day, 8 March, is quickly approaching. It is the perfect opportunity for all of us to reflect on past achievements and give tribute to honor the current efforts of those working toward gender equity.

[Tell us, who has been building a better world](#) for women and girls in your community?

[Gift a Tribute Today](#)

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## Important Dates

- 27 February: Zonta Spirit webinars | [10:00 AM CST](#) | [4:00 PM CST](#)
- 29 February: Deadline for the Zonta Excellence in Service and Advocacy Awards
- 29 February: Deadline for the Zonta Says NOW Virtual Art Gallery
- 8 March: [Zonta Rose Day](#)
- 8 March: [International Women's Day](#)
- 11-22 March: [68th session of the Commission on the Status of Women](#)

**15 March: Early Bird Registration closes for Convention**