



**63rd Zonta International Convention  
Nice, France  
2 - 6 July 2016**

**Merci!**



Thank you for an exciting and inspiring 2016 Convention. We will continue to Empower Women -TOGETHER in the 2016-2018 Biennium.

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## **2016 - 2018 Biennial Goals approved**

After presentations from the U.S. Fund for UNICEF and UN Women, 2016-2018 Zonta International President Sonja Hönig Schough presented the 2016-2018 Biennial Goals, which will guide Zonta International for the next two years. Both the Biennial Goals and the International Service and ZISVAW projects were approved by the Convention.

The Biennial Goals focus on five key areas: service, advocacy, membership, resources and Zonta's Centennial Anniversary in 2019. You can read about the goals in more detail on the [Convention website](#).



**The approved International Service and ZISVAW projects are:**

- Towards Elimination of Obstetric Fistula and the Reduction of Maternal and

- Newborn Mortality and Morbidity in Liberia, in partnership with UNFPA
- Let Us Learn Madagascar: An Integrated Program for Adolescent Girls, in partnership with the U.S. Fund for UNICEF
- The Future We Want: Creating sustainable foundations for addressing human trafficking and unsafe migration of women and girls in Nepal, in partnership with UN Women
- Initiative for Adolescent Girls in Niger: Knowledge for Dignity, in partnership with UNFPA

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## Celebrating membership successes



The last day of Convention started with a celebration of membership. 2014-2016 International Membership Committee Chairman Annette Binder presented her report on membership, after which Lori Robinson, 2014-2016 Z and Golden Z Club Committee Chairman gave members an update

on the growth in Z and Golden Z clubs over the last two biennia. The International Membership Committee then recognized individual Zontians and Zonta clubs for membership achievements during the 2014-2016 Biennium.

Individual members Jean Yao, Sasamon Sanguansin and Oranuch Sangsuriyajan were recognized on stage for recruiting 10 or more new members this biennium.

Zonta clubs were recognized for increases in membership at the Bronze (5-10 new members), Silver (11-15 new members) and Gold (16 or more members) levels while SOM clubs were recognized for chartering new clubs during the biennium.

Districts were also recognized for chartering two or more new clubs and/or finishing the biennium with no club disbandments.

Congratulations to all the districts, clubs and individual Zontians recognized. If you did not pick up your certificate at Convention, it will be mailed to you.

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## Meritorious Service Awards presented

The 2014-2016 Zonta International Board presented the Meritorious Service Award to two Zontians for their exceptional service to Zonta International.

Past International President and 2014-2016 International Advocacy Chairman Margit Webjörn and Past International Director and District 3 Governor Carol Beaver were nominated by their respective districts.



Carol Beaver was unable to attend the Convention; however, the Award was accepted by Past International President Mary Ellen Bittner on her behalf.

Thank you, Margit and Carol, for your many years of dedication and service to Zonta International.



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## Celebrating Zonta International leaders, welcoming the new biennium



The Zonta International Convention closed with a Gala Dinner and the official installation ceremony of the 2016-2018 Zonta International and Zonta International Foundation Boards, International Nominating Committee and Governors.

2014-2016 Zonta International President Maria Jose Landeira Oestergaard passed the Zonta International President's Pin to 2016-2018 Zonta International President Sonja Hönig Schough as she assumed the office of International President.

We recognize and applaud the contributions of all Zonta leaders at the international, district and club levels during the 2014-2016 Biennium and wish the new leaders much success as they assume their new roles. Thank you all for your service to Zonta International!

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## See you in Yokohama in 2018

Before the close of the last business session, Convention attendees were treated to a traditional Japanese dance performance as District 26 Zontians welcomed them to the 64th Zonta International Convention in Yokohama, Japan, in 2018.



## Chicago to host the 2020 Zonta International Convention



2014-2016 Zonta International President Maria Jose Landeira Oestergaard announced that the Zonta International Board has selected Chicago, Illinois, USA, as the site for the 65th Zonta International Convention in 2020.

### Stay Social

Convention 2016 has officially ended, but you can still stay connected to your new and old Zonta friends via social media!

Post your photos using the hashtags #ZontaNice2016 or #Zelfie.



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