



Newsletter No 4 on Zonta and UN 2016-2018

Dear Zonta Friends in District 13,
Thank you for fellowship at the great District Conference in Reykjavik in September!
This letter is sharing good news and is also a reminder to the UN Day 24. October.

The UN Committee in D-13 is established as a team

Members from all 4 Areas are now appointed by the Governor to build a team, see photos below.



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We had our first meeting in Reykjavik. Our mandate is to promote awareness of the UN, its agencies and programs, and understanding of the relationship to the programs and activities of ZI and Zonta clubs. We aim to develop some tools that may be useful for the work in your club. Thank you for ideas that came up in the UN work shop, where 60 Zontians took part!



HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

SDG 5 in UN High Level Political Forum with Zonta this summer

Leslie Wright, Chairman of ZI UN Committee, and persons in her team participated for two weeks in UN's Forum (HLPF) in July. She said that this UN process was the most complicated process she ever has been party to, but also the most interesting in the perspective of side events. All member states and a lot of NGO's are invited every summer 2015-2030 to review the 17 Sustainable Development Goals. And HLPF is very interested to learn to know about actions at the local level.

"Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls – SDG 5" and "Eradicating poverty" were the themes this year. Zonta sent their report on "Implementation of SDG 5" and mentioned a lot of local projects around the world. All met the claims of SDG 5 targets. And 8 of them were from clubs in District 13! Your work on local level matters and counts in the global scenario.

Zonta held a side event on "Child, early and forced marriage" where 80 persons participated. It was all together 3 events on this topic which is in accordance with a SDG 5 target. And as you know, this biennium Zonta International has two projects on this issue: One in Niger, Knowledge for Dignity, and one in Madagascar, Let Us Learn – A program for Adolescent Girls. (Read more, see the links below):

The Zonta report:

https://www.zonta.org/Portals/0/PDFs/HLPFStatement_ZontaInternationalSDG5.pdf?ver=2017-06-21-094349-777

2017 HLPF Thematic review of SDG 5:

<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/content/documents/14383SDG5format-revOD.pdf>

Human Trafficking and Unsafe Labor Migration in Nepal – a Zonta Project

Trafficking is a complex and serious problem. Zonta and UN Women will create sustainable foundations to see links between human trafficking and foreign migration of women and girls.



After the earthquakes in 2015, where many Zonta Clubs gave money to victims in Kathmandu area, the situation for the vulnerable got worse. The loss of livelihoods, assets and family protection, together with displacement, poor living and disrupted law systems, led to increased risks of violence, abuse and exploitation.

Human trafficking is about all kinds of exploitation: sexual, forced labour, slavery or similar practices and removal of organs. **The victim** is a person who has been transported, recruited, transferred or harboured by means of force, fraud, coercion or abuse of power (UN; CoEur). In Nepal trafficking is often covered as undocumented migration.

The goal for the project is to create environments to address the structural barriers, the gender based discrimination and stereotypical socialization patterns; to strengthen the individual competence for victims to become independent; and to enhance synergy between institutions and policies on foreign employment and human trafficking. The project beneficiaries include **directly 600** survivors of trafficking and vulnerable migrants, and **indirectly 100.000** young people, community leaders and authorities, schools, families of migrants and members of networks from earthquake affected districts. Read more here: <https://foundation.zonta.org/Nepal>. See movie, You Tube: 10 tragic facts about Human Trafficking, 2.27 min.

Celebrate The UN Day in your Club - 24. October



When UN was born in 1945 to save succeeding generations from war, promote human rights and make a better life for all, it was only 3% women in the delegations of 50 nations.

Photo left: The Norwegian delegation in San Francisco with psychologist Åse Gruda Skard as the only female delegate. She fought for the formulation “the equal rights of men *and women*” in the charter.

Sources: Torild Skard, 2008, “Getting Our History Right:...” ; and presentation in Trondheim 1.03.2017, PoP Up Feminist House.

Lastly, If you have comments or ideas to D-13 UN Committee, please e-mail!
And note the date for the CSW62 meeting in New York, 13-23 March 2018. More information later.

Warm Zonta regards,

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