



## Zonta and UN Relations

# Women's Global March Month

Ideas for Zonta Clubs in District 13

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# Zonta's vision

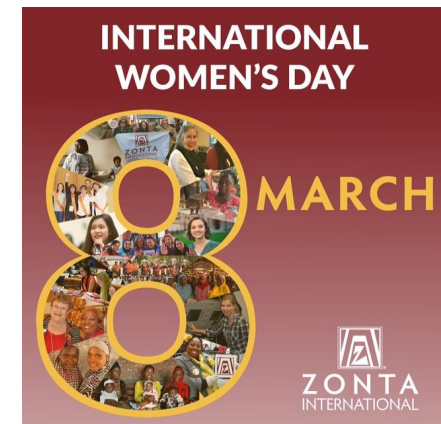
Zonta International envisions a world in which women's rights are recognized as human rights and every woman is able to achieve her full potential.

In such a world, women has access to all resources and are represented in decision making positions on an equal basis with men.

In such a world, no woman lives in fear of violence.

# Women's Global March Month is presented in 3 themes

- Annual meetings in CSW in New York – for the status of Women
- Sustainable Development Goals – to be reached in 2030
- International Women's Day 8 March – celebrated in District 13





- The Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) started in 1946 and is a commission of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). Zonta has consultative status in ECOSOC.
- CSW is dedicated exclusively to promote gender equality and the advancement of women.
- 12.-23. March the states, UN entities and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) are gathered in CSW.



- In 2018 the priority theme is: «... **gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls.**»
- The review theme is: **“Participation in and access of women to the media, information and communications technologies ....”**.

The NGOs are important for critical evaluation of progress or lack of progress. Stronger obligation for the nations is necessary to fulfill the SDGs and the Beijing Platform for Actions from the 4<sup>th</sup> UN Women Conference.



D-13 Zontians in CSW 2017:  
Governor Ingibjörg Eliasfottir and  
Cecilie Gulbrandsen, Stavanger Zonta  
Club.



# The Secretary-General and NGOs in a historic Town Hall Meeting



A progressive SG Antonio Guterres answers questions from NGO's.  
The Hall boiled by eagerness, expectations and critique.

## Parallell events outside UN building



### **Opening the Door to Economic Power for Women and Girls - Grass root examples.**

Hosted by The Soroptimists. President Sonja Hönig Schough in ZI was moderator, 2017.



### **Violence Against Indigenous Women- Documented by research.**

Hosted by Norw. Samii Parliament and FOKUS, 2017.

# Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) 2015-2030



- Adopted in UN 25. september 2015, a great day!
- Zonta and other NGO's fought for «gender equality and empowering women and girls» as a stand alone goal. They succeeded with SDG 5.
- But the other 16 SDGs cannot be reached without SDG 5 as a prerequisite, says Zonta.



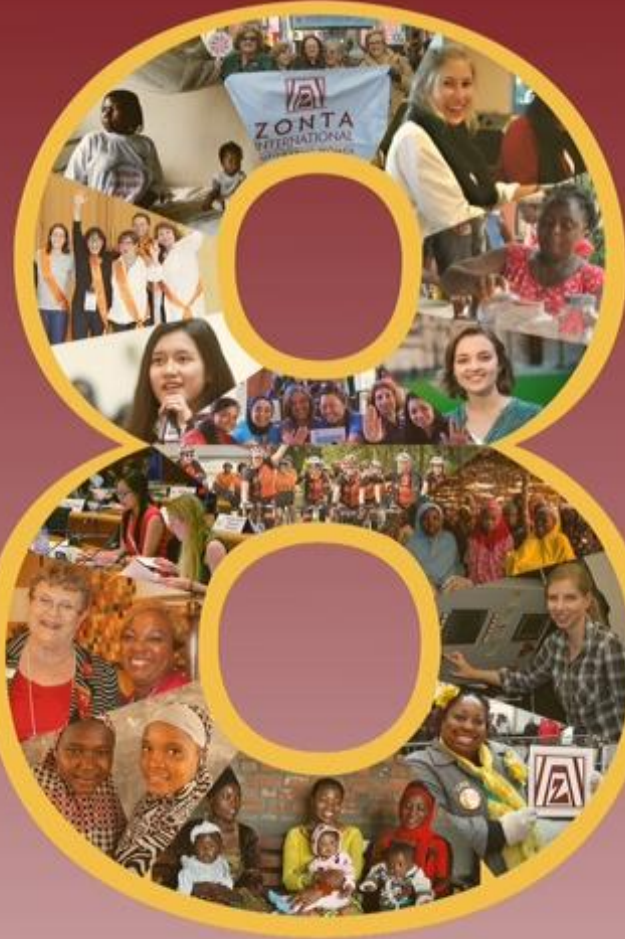


## HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

- HLPF follows how the 17 SDG's are implemented and meets every July.
- HLPF cooperates with governments, civil society and NGO's and is very concerned about grass root experiences.
- Zonta played an active role when HLPF reviewed SDG 5 in 2017:
  - Zonta made a report to HLPF and mentioned a lot of club projects about SDG 5, many from District 13.
  - Zonta took part in discussions and events, especially a side event on «Child, Early and forced Marriage» with 80 people.

# INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

## MARCH



  
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- This day goes back to 1908 in New York. UN declared 8. March as The International Women Day under The Women Decade in 1977.
- We celebrate the advancement of women and girls, but also campaign to to get full gender equality and free women and girls from all kinds of violence.

# What happens in D-13 on International Women Day?



## **Egersund Zonta Club** in 2018:

- Psychologist Zoia Grannes tells from her childhood in a concentration camp in Sibir.
- Scholarship 2017 and Zonta price 2107.
- The movie «The Post».
- Collected money goes to Zonta.



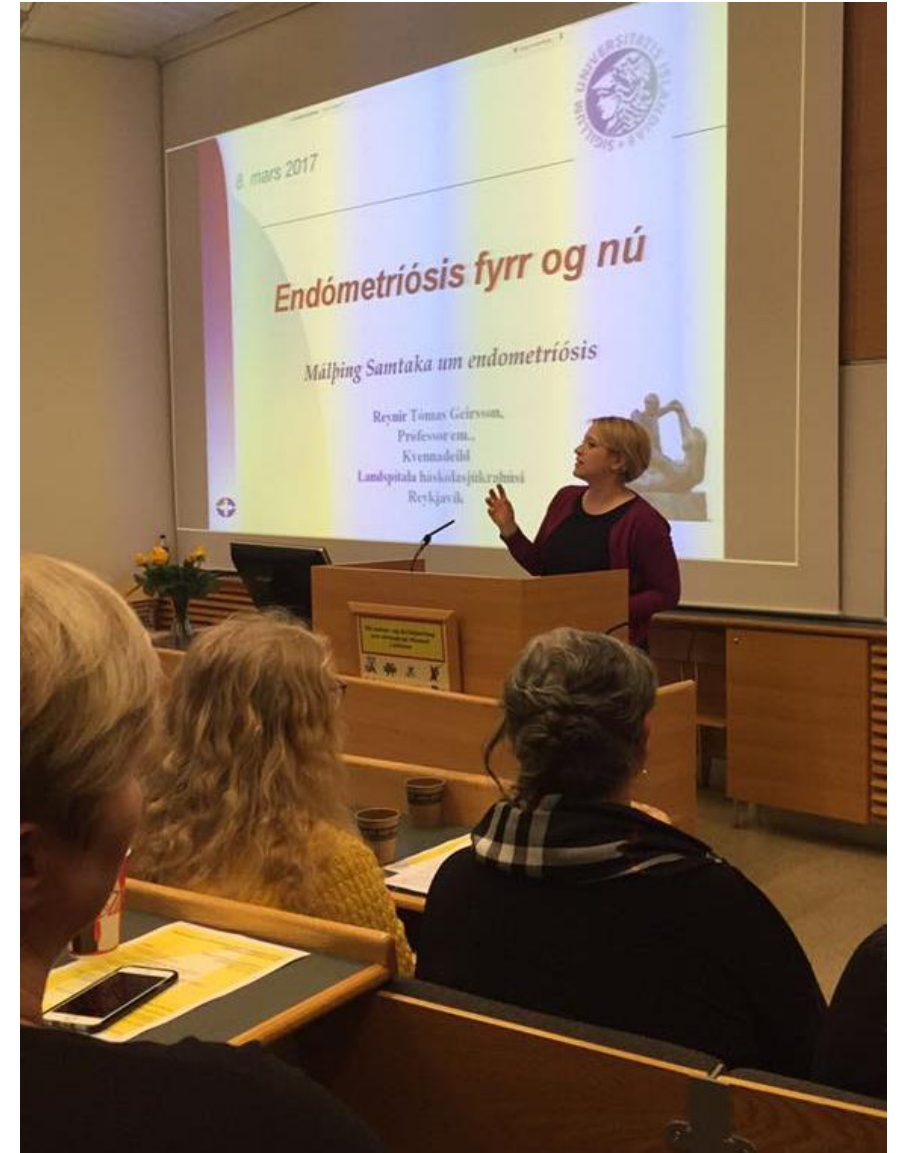
**Alytus Zonta Club** celebrates 8. March and organizes Zonta Yellow Rose dancing evening. Collected money went to facilities for „Drevinukas“ kindergarten, children with cerebral paralysis.



# The International Women Day in D-13

## Sunna Zonta Club, Iceland

- Eygló Harðardóttir, former minister of social affairs, chairs the Zonta seminar on March 8, 2017.
- Women's status with endometrium in the healthcare system:
  - Quality of life and treatment options.





# The International Women Day in D-13

## Aarhus Zonta Club

The women's House is a meeting place and activity house, for all women - regardless of cultural background, religion and place of life.

8. March 2016, Aarhus Zonta held a support event for the Women's House. The club supported with DKK 10,000 and the event brought a total of DKK 25.000.



# We shall not rest....

## WE SHALL NOT REST UNTIL:

- women's rights are recognized as human rights and every woman is able to achieve her full potential
- every woman is literate and has access to education, health care, legal and economic resources on an equal basis with men
- the world is free from violence

