

# Area 02 ZONTA LITHUANIA



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## Welcome and greetings to fellow Zontians!

## Overview of the key focus areas for Area 02 Lithuania:

- 1. Stand Out for Gender Equity
- 2. Represent Global Citizenship
- 3. Develop Future Leaders
- 4. Celebrate Ourselves
- 5. Position ZONTA for the Future





## Leadership overview:

Introduction of the Area 02 Leadership for 2022-2024:

Director: Dainora Svitojiene

Secretary: Asta Skripkiene

Treasurer: Irma Patkauskiene





## Club Presidents for Vilnius, Alytus and Marijampole.

Vilnius Zonta Club Presidents: Aurelija Gefeniene (2020-2022) and Lilija Socevičiene (2022-2024).

Alytus Zonta Club Presidents: Odeta Petraitiene (2022-2023) and Ruta Jasioniene (2023-2024)

Marijampole Zonta Club Presidents: Neda Juodiene (2020-2022) and Rasa Birute Brazaitiene (2022-2024)





## Membership:

Current membership statistics for 2023 (57 members). The highest number of members is 24 in the Marijampole Club, 18 in the Vilnius Club and 15 in the Alytus Club.

Overview of membership trends for 2021-2023 (8 new members, 7 resignations).

Continuous efforts to invite new members to clubs.





#### **Achievements Related to District 13 Goals:**



#### **Goal 1: Stand Out for Gender Equality:**

- Contribution of each club in Zone 02 to the Zonta International Fund (ZIF) (€100 year).
- Emphasis is placed on participation in major ZIF events, including conferences and congresses.
- Active support for local projects to empower women and girls.

#### **Goal 2: Represent Global Citizenship:**

- Promotion of collaboration among clubs and sharing experiences.
- Highlighting the historic Open Area 02 board meeting in September 2022.
- Continued membership growth in Area 02, showcasing unity and cooperation.





#### **Achievements Related to District 13 Goals:**

#### **Objective 3: Developing Future Leaders:**

- Efforts to increase the visibility of Zonta, driven by dedicated women.
- Recognition of passionate women shaping the future of Zonta in Lithuania.

#### **Objective 4: Celebrate Ourselves:**

A detailed look at the activities of each club in Area 02:





#### **Zonta Club of Vilnius Activities:**

- Presentation of "Ode to Ballet" film in a historic venue.
- Meeting with an archaeologist and professor to explore customs and traditions.
- Presentation of the book "One hundred years without civilization."

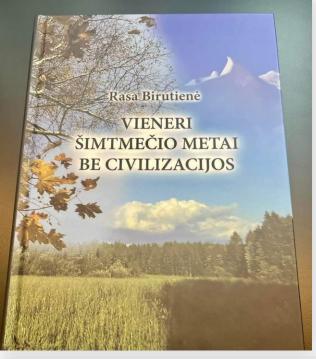


In December 2022, one of the most beautiful buildings in Vilnius, the Vileišio Palace, where the Institute of **Lithuanian Literature and** Folklore is now located, the presentation of the film "Ode to Ballet" took place.

Lithuanian ethnologist. It was educational event for zontian.

- Laima Lingyte.













## Rasa Birutiene "One hundred years without civilization"

In April 2023, Presentation of the book "One hundred years without civilization" by Rasa Birutiene, a member of the Vilnius Zonta Club. The event was made for open public in one of the biggest Vilnius Library.

After event the author Rasa has gifted couple of books to listeners. The book is for anyone who wants to learn about how people lived without the civilization we have now.

It is an experiential, life-long journey through the lives of several generations, from which we can all gain useful knowledge and rethink the meaning and purpose of our lives. 10



## **Zonta Club of Alytus Activities:**

- Donations and support to a retirement home, Ukrainian refugees, and individuals in need.
- Tree planting and a green dinner for environmental goals.
- Collaboration with local artisans and cheese makers.



25 November 2022, together with the Alytus Women's Crisis Centre, the campaign "Zero Tolerance for Violence. You are not alone". A lecture was given and a march organised.

## **#ZontaSaysNO**



25 November 2022, Joint charity concert of Alytus **Zonta and Alytus Rotary** Club at St. The event took place at the Church of St. Mary's Christian Aid. The funds raised during the event benefit for boy Nojus, who has been severely disabled since birth.



## skulptūrinė kompozicija

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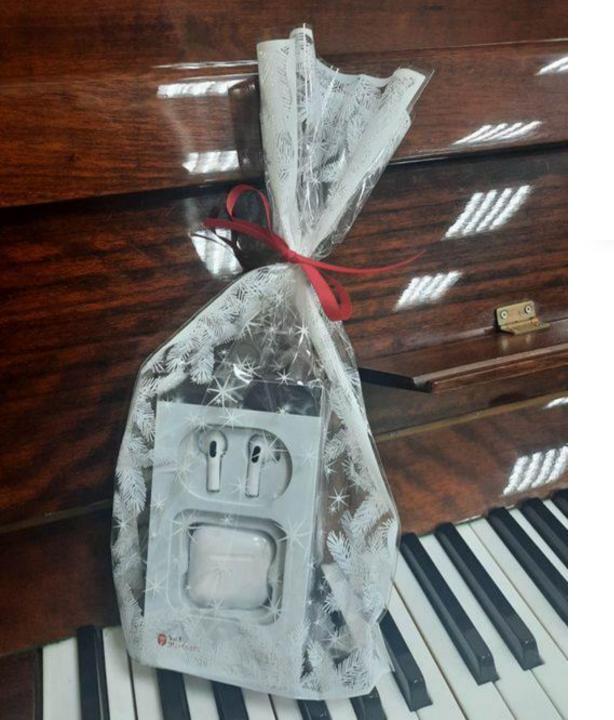


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Pagrindinis skyero akcentas vi metalo kompozicija, kurios siūlymus, bus rengia viršūnėje – veržimąsi į šviesą ro sutvarkymo projektas simbolizuojantys drugeliai. Pa- me jau bus ir detali

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10 January 2023, Alytus City Club Zonta gifts three Air Pro TWS 2022 wireless headphones to the talented students of Alytus Music School.



2 March 2023, The charity event "Donate a Dress" took a place. All donations raised at the auction went to Ukrainian soldiers.







Alytus Zonta Club visited the Rumbonys parish retirement home. Two radio devices were donated to the elderly people so music can play in their rooms.



5 May 2023, A support concert "Thank your mother – make her festive" organised by Alytus Zonta and Rotary Clubs took place in Alytus Arena. The funds raised during the concert were donated to the mothers of children with developmental disabilities, to the association "Lietaus vaikai" and to the children's symphony orchestra "Svajone" for the fulfilment of their dream - to play in America.











The Herb Festival is also about sharing. The Zonta Club of Alytus donated nappies to the kindergarten. That's a nice way to refer to the day care center of the public institution "Gerumo skraiste", where elderly people gather and take part in a wide range of interesting activities!





## **Zonta Club of Marijampole Activities:**

- Contribution to scholarship programs and community projects.
- Involvement in Lions Club's and Rotary Club's charity events and support for various organizations.
- Participation in cultural and educational events, including museum visits and book presentations.







Zonta Club of Marijampole cooperates with the child day care centre "Rainos Svajones".





Zonta Club of Marijampole in March, to mark the upcoming Yellow Rose Day, we donated €100 to the International Yellow Rose Foundation, and we also visited the charity shop "Raina's Dreams" and took clothes and dresses.



On 15 December 2022, a festive meeting of the Marijampole ZONTA Club took place, during which prizes were awarded to nine girls with artistic talent.













In December, to celebrate the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, a group of disabled people go to the Suvalkija Social Assistance Home with their own cakes.







Marijampole ZONTA
Club participated as a partner in the project
"Integration of Disabled and Elderly Persons into Society", co-financed by the European Union's Structural Funds, where 160 elderly and disabled people took part in 4 educational trips.











The traditional annual Marijampole ZONTA women's support event "Kindness Gives Wings" brought together the Marijampole municipality community for a common goal - to help young talents to rise, to pursue their dreams and our to make our country our own in a program of oppression.











#### **Additional Achievements:**

- Active involvement in community projects and initiatives.
- Support for artistic talents, including scholarships and events.
- Collaboration with local organizations, institutions, and charities.
- Participation in regional events and conferences.
- Donations to support various causes, including healthcare and education.
- Commitment to environmental sustainability and green initiatives.





Acknowledgment of the commitment and dedication of Zonta clubs in Lithuania.

Recognition of their contributions towards gender equity, global citizenship, leadership develop-ment, and celebrating achievements.

Optimistic outlook for the future of Zonta in Lithuania.



