

Zonta District 30 – Christmas message 2021



Dear Zontian Friends of District 30,

For each of us, Christmas is a precious moment when we strengthen our ties with our close friends and family, when we exchange wishes and expressions of solidarity. It is also an opportunity for me to tell you how moved I am by the friendship that binds us across borders, and to express my gratitude to those pioneers who in 1919 defied convention and joined forces to found Zonta and advance the status of women in their country.

It is therefore up to us, the Zontians of 2021, to perpetuate the values they passed on to us, which have become our own and which it is our responsibility to spread and pass on today. To this end, we must work to recruit new members and establish new clubs, taking advantage of the changes in our communication methods, as I expressed in my 2020 New Year's address. We must also build on the experience we have gained in these troubled times through the meetings that Zoom has made possible.





I would like to highlight the creation project of a **Zonta club in Geneva**, supported by the *Lausanne ZC* - news that has just reached me. I would also like to express my gratitude to the 2 SOM clubs that are *the Alba ZC Langhe Roero* and *the Béziers Domitia ZC*, at the origin of the creation, under the name of "**e-club of Italia**", the first e-club of our District, under the name of "**Hérault Zarifa Z Club**", the first club of the Area 01. 3 new clubs, or more, for this biennium! I am delighted with this positive energy and I am united with these Zontians who are working to expand our District.

As you know, for this biennium our District has chosen the motto "**ZONTA says NO to violence against women**" and "**ZONTA says YES to education**". All our clubs have been working on these two themes for almost two years. We had a glimpse of the diversity of the projects organized in this sense during "Contest 21" which was held during our District Conference in Zermatt last September. You can find all these projects on the D30 website (<https://zontadistrict30.org/>) and, hopefully, be inspired by them.



"**ZONTA says NO to violence against women**". For 16 days, from 25th November, the clubs of each of our 5 Areas flooded social networks (facebook, twitter, instagram) with daily and personalized messages, emphasizing the UN campaign and its objectives. These messages were relayed by political figures at regional and international levels. This exposure was reinforced by the "orange city" project in which all clubs participated.



"ZONTA SAYS YES TO EDUCATION". In our fifth newsletter, coming in January, you will get to know all of our winners, both international and local. And as is customary at regional level, clubs in each area are awarding scholarships or prizes to students who have demonstrated excellence in their work or commitment and who will serve as role models for a new generation of young women. Only if women and girls have access to education can the goals of ZONTA be achieved.



To all of you, dear Zontian Friends of the District, I want to express my appreciation of your commitment. The year that is ending has certainly been special, but enriched by beautiful encounters. May the coming year be rich in new projects for each of you, and may it keep you healthy and serene.

Have a wonderful holiday season in the company of your loved ones and receive my warmest wishes for 2022, this new year that I would like to place under the sign of creativity.



**May the spirit of Christmas
bring you joy and peace.**

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