

Zonta USA Caucus 2018-2024

**Where we've been...
Where we're going!**

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ZONTA
INTERNATIONAL
USA CAUCUS
EMPOWERING WOMEN
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

Agenda

- Welcome to ZI Board, Governors, ZI Advocacy Chair, Past and Present Caucus members
- Brief history of Zonta USA Caucus
- Operation of Zonta USA Caucus
- Achievements from 2018-2022
- Achievements from 2022-2023
- Discuss goals for 2023-2024
 - Committees
 - Speakers
- Questions and Answers



HISTORY



- 2017 Women's March; CSW, NAIDM Virginia
- Founded by ZI Board Feb 2018; under auspices of ZI Advocacy Committee
- 2018 Established Committees

How do we operate?

- Under auspices of ZI Advocacy Committee, non-voting Convener appointed to lead Caucus
- 13 Governors with US clubs appoint a Delegate and Alternate to represent them
 - Governors “Always welcome; never expected”
- Meet Monthly
- Work done by Committees and through Coalitions
- Every Delegate and Alternate must participate in one committee
- 1 Vote per District:
 - for business decisions—Majority
 - or public-facing Statements, Testimony, etc--100% Districts

2018-19



Joined

- US Women's Caucus at UN
- ERA (Equal Rights Amendment) Coalition
- Coalition on Child Marriage
 - National Steering Committee Member



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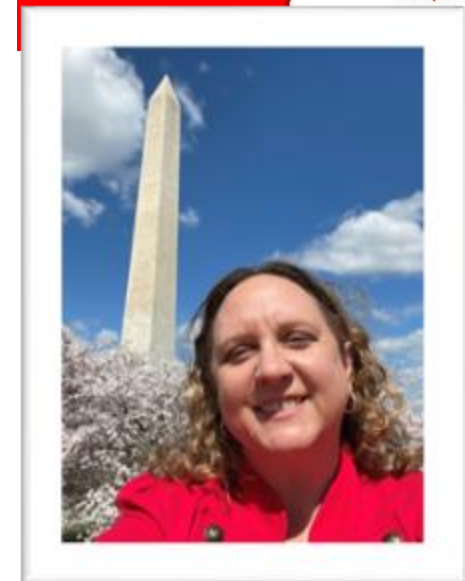
- Established website: www.zontausa.org
- Created USA Advocacy Action Center
- on ZI website
 - Took action on Title IX - petition
 - Letters on VAWA renewal legislation
- Sponsored Virginia ERA bus
- Logo and screen backgrounds





Zontians in the US
 Stand out for #EqualPay

Wear Red
 on April 14



2020-2022

- Created Partisan/Non-Partisan video



Zonta - non-partisan & political 3.mp4

- Child Marriage Billboard and Awareness Campaign

 - Billboards today in Lansing MI



- Joined Amicus Brief supporting the ERA
- Zonta Says NOW USA Think Tanks in March & May on topic of Water

- 6 Statements issued
- Adopted Rules of Procedure
- Service and Advocacy Project ideas on website
- Templates of social media posts on VAW



Fast Action Friday Alerts

- **Why important: Membership**
 - Competing US NGOs use quick action buttons for advocacy: AAUW, Planned Parenthood, LWV, National Fed Bus and Prof Women, Unicef USA
- **Impact since 1/22**
 - 55 bills supported
 - 20,000 emails sent to officials
 - 335 Zontians taking personal action EVERY mo
- **Legislation Passes**
 - Members feel empowered to Make a Better World for Women and Girls!

Zonta USA Caucus 2022-2023

- **Current Committees:**

- ERA, Child Marriage, VAW, Health, Leadership, Climate Change and Gender Equality

- **Zonta Says NOW USA Think Tank sessions**

- Oct 22 - Food Insecurity, Feb 23—Intersection of VAW and CC, April 23—Workshop on VAW & CC

JOIN Zonta Says NOW USA Think Tank

Zonta Says NOW USA Think Tank
Gender-Equal Climate Action

11 AM CDT | Saturday, April 29

REGISTER TODAY!



2022-23 Continued...

- Created bi-monthly Advocacy Bulletin
- Zonta USA Facebook page posted daily memes during 16 Days of Activism and materials were shared on zontausa.org
- Clubs and Caucus members supported passage of “18-No Exceptions laws” in MA and continue to work in MI.
 - Via “Chain-In” speeches, Speaking at state hearings and directly with legislators, billboards in MA and MI
- Period Poverty Toolkit added to website

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- Created ad hoc committees
 - on Rules of Procedure, job descriptions
 - on getting Zonta represented in new Smithsonian American Women's History Museum
 - on updating “how to talk to your legislator” info on website
- Issued Statement on Equal Pay Day March 23 and voted to issue 3 others during the year
- Created Service and Advocacy Project idea sheets on DV, Human Trafficking, Sexual Assault for website

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- Joined National Committee on Pay Equity
- Sent FAFs on 10 bills and urged confirmation of the At-Large Ambassador for Women's Affairs
- Attended hearing of Senate Judiciary Committee on ratification of the ERA
 - Submitted written testimony in support of SJ Res 4 for the record
- Signed onto a letter as a supporting NGO from Congress to the President on ratification of CEDAW
 - Caucus committed to work on getting other congressional signers for the letter.

Child Marriage Action

Michigan Rally



In Statehouse



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- Child Marriage Committee lead successful actions in MA & MI and started Coalition in CA
- Offered to sponsor Golden Z Club member to attend Seneca Falls 100 year Anniversary of the ERA in July 23
- Hosted a call with Board Member Renee Coppock and Caucus members, Governors, Zonta Says NOW climate champions on a MT lawsuit suing the state for failure to provide a clean and healthful environment

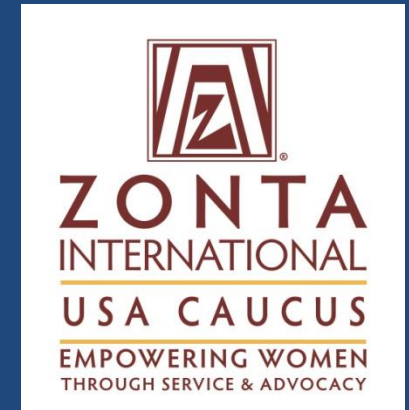


Goals for 2023-24

- ❖ Committees ?
- ❖ Speakers ?
- ❖ Complete work in progress
- ❖ Other ?

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Q & A



6/30/23
Meeting at
NAIDM