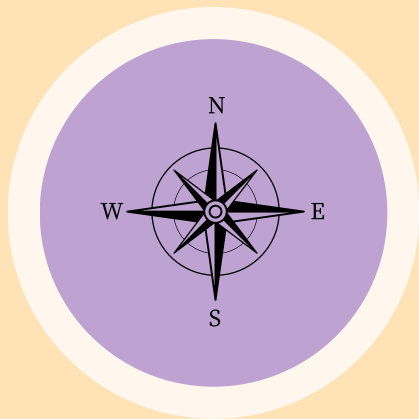




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August 2026

Welcome to a New Biennium

My team and I are so excited about working with all of you over the next two years. We have so much we would like to accomplish.

- There will be many initiatives coming from Zonta International that we will share with you.
- We will be sharing a District Strategic Plan and will be asking clubs to create their own goals.
- We are creating a schedule so that we can visit every club. An invitation would be welcome.

Please reach out to the board or the committee chairs if you have questions. We have made the decision to reduce the number of committee chairs to improve communication and continuity. Their emails can be found on our website, zontadistrict2.org.

Governor Iraina Gerchman
Lt. Governor Dianne DiMeo
Treasurer Dorothy Bonney
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Area 1 Director Melanie Puerto Conte
Area 2 Director Kristin LaBarge
Area 3 Director Mary Ellen Bloodgood
Area 4 Director Judith Ainsworth

Advocacy/UN Robbin Jorgensen
Student Clubs Olivia Dyer
Scholarships & Awards Kristen Pirro Evans
Bylaws & Resolutions/Parliamentarian Roberta Moseley Nero
Foundation Kisten Giglio
Membership Expansion Dianne DiMeo
Nominating Committee Lorraine Abess

We are also changing the format of the District Newsletter. Instead of quarterly, newsletters will be bimonthly and will primarily contain district and international information.

Yours in Zonta Spirit,
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Convention Updates

Twenty-six members of District 2 attended the 69th Zonta International Convention in Vancouver, British Columbia. We enjoyed the comraderie, the learning, and best of all meeting international Zontians.

[Click here to see the results of the Bylaws & Resolution voting.](#) Thank you to Judith Ainsworth, Area 4 Director for providing the summary.

If you would like us to attend a meeting to explain any of the Zonta International initiatives, let us know.



BLUEPRINT FOR THE FUTURE

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The Blueprint for the Future will be something we talk about over the biennium. Zonta International has summarized the results of a multi year analysis of how the ZI governance structure could be streamlined and modernized to ensure Zonta's long-term sustainability.

All members are invited to join the Zonta International Governance Advisory Committee at a special virtual town hall on 10 September 2026 to learn more about the Governance *Blueprint for the Future*. Prior to the session, you can familiarize yourself with the *Blueprint for the Future* and read through answers to the questions that have already been put forward by members. The *Blueprint for the Future* and corresponding Q&A can be found at https://www.zonta.org/Web/My_Zonta/Governance/BluePrintForTheFuture.

Town halls will be held at two times to accommodate as many members as possible. Register now for one of the two sessions via the links below.

[Register for Session #1: Thursday, 10 September, 8:00 AM Central Daylight Time](#)

[Register for Session #2: Thursday, 10 September, 4:00 PM Central Daylight Time](#)

The International Board and Governance Advisory Committee have extended the deadline for feedback on the *Blueprint for the Future* to 31 October 2026. Please send your feedback, questions and suggestions to governanceblueprint@zonta.org.

[Read the Executive Summary](#)

[Ready the Full Report](#)

Congratulations to the Zonta Club of Canton

They are celebrating their 40th anniversary this year.



SAVE THE DATE

District 2 Fall Seminar

Monday, October 19th from 6:00 - 8:00 PM
via Zoom

Watch for Registration Coming Soon.