Dear Club Presidents,

Please forward this email to your club members.

The Zonta International Foundation Contribution Report to the end of February 2015 has just arrived in my inbox. i am pleased to share with you that gifting now stands at:

District 16 US\$583.23 **Clubs (10 of 28)** US\$10,620.29 **Individuals (45)** US\$8,017.71

TOTAL US\$19,221.23

We are tracking slightly ahead of this time last biennium so thank you to those clubs and members who have made generous donations to the Zonta International Foundation to date. Are we going to reach our biennial goal of raising US\$85,000 for the Zonta International Foundation - of course we are!!

Funds raised by the Zonta International Foundation will be used in the next biennium to fund the following:

- · Eliminating Obstetric Fistula in Liberia
- HIV-Free Generation in Rwanda
- Gender Responsive Schools in Vietnam
- Delaying Early Marriage in Niger
- · Voices Against Violence in 12 Countries
- Amelia Earhart Fellowships
- · Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarships
- Young Women in Public Affairs Awards
- Rose Fund

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I am aware that some clubs are still holding funds for the Foundation. Please transmit these using the information at the end of this email. Please remember to include your club name, district and area number when you do this. Please also remember to advise the Foundation that you have transmitted these funds by sending a confirming email to contributions@zonta.org. The Foundation receives numerous donations and if the information at their end is incomplete, or a confirming email not sent, they often find it difficult to track these back to the sender meaning those funds stay in suspense until they can be traced.

Please do not forward club funds for either contributions to the Foundation, or ZI Dues, to the District 16 Treasurer. These must be sent directly to the separate specified ZI accounts.

The 31st March is looming when we all like to review our donations over the past year so that we can claim those donations back on our income tax forms. Attached is an updated form for those who would like to make a donation to the Foundation's International Service Projects via the District 16 Charitable Trust. Failing that you can go on line and donate directly to ZIF by clicking on the DONATE NOW button and using your credit card as payment.

Zonta will have been in New Zealand for 50 years at the end of this year. Wouldn't it be lovely if every Zontian donated \$50 via the Charitable Trust to acknowledge this milestone? It would be tax deductible so you would get some of that back. If you don't want to write out a cheque for \$50 you could take Zonta for a coffee once a month and put the money you would have spent on their coffee into a container, at the end of the year you have have your \$50 and at the end of the biennium you would have \$100 to donate. Imagine if we all did that?

I look forward to seeing as many of you as I can at Forums. If you have Zonta International Foundation Badges that you no longer require bring those along to Forum and I will return them to ZIF for you.

Best regards, and once again thank you for your generosity.

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