



**Zonta Club of Washington, D.C.  
President's Report  
2008-2009**

The Zonta Club of Washington DC begins its 87<sup>th</sup> year of service to women in the District of Columbia and the world. I stand before you today to offer just a few highlights to what was a very exciting year.

Our club continues their support of Rachael's Women's Center, one of two day shelters for homeless women in the District of Columbia. Rachael's provides shelter and comprehensive support to help women take control of their lives and advocate for themselves. DC Zontians collected clothing and children's toys at our annual holiday party, gave continuing workshops in jewelry making and personal finance to residents and stuffed over eighty bags with personal care items for new arrivals. We donated over \$5,700 to cover the meals of about 3 women and kitchen supplies.

Our major fundraising event this year put Zonta on the 11 o'clock news at ABC. Thanks to hardworking Zontians, dedicated young volunteers, and the generosity of our friends, we netted over \$17,000 for our service projects and scholarship fund.

As we have done since the 1930s, Washington Zontians continue to recognize the criticality of education to economic advancement, and this year awarded over \$53,000 in scholarships to women attending local colleges and universities. We work with fellow Zontians and the Bureau of African Affairs at the US State Department, donating sanitary products to help keep young Zambian girls in school after the onset of puberty.

Our continued work with The Advocacy Project allows us to mentor young women who help produce social change by helping marginalized communities claim their rights. This year's fellows worked on women's rights in Serbia, supported efforts to treat women with uterine prolapse in Nepal, and advocated on behalf of landmine survivors in El Salvador and Jordan.

These are just some of the highlights of this past club year, time simply won't allow me to say much more. As we have done every year since 1922, the Zonta Club of Washington DC strives to keep faith with that first group of visionaries who saw the promise of a better world for women—the promise we make every effort to keep, both home and abroad. Thank You.

Diana Garcia  
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