

ZONTA USA CAUCUS



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Zonta USA Caucus Founded



Founded in 2018

Political and Social Representation



Phyllis Schlafly Phyllis Schlafly demonstrating against the Equal Rights Amendment, Washington, D.C., 1977.



The USA Caucus is a place for clubs and districts in the US to align on key issues and provides a platform for coordinated advocacy actions within the US.

About the Zonta USA Caucus

- The Zonta USA Caucus is led by a non-voting Convener appointed by the Zonta International President to lead the Caucus.
 - Denise Sylvester.
- All Districts that have a club in the U.S. are represented on the Caucus by a Delegate and Alternate – Selected by the District's Governor.
 - Me for District 4.
- 13 Districts in the U.S. represented on the Caucus.
- Every Delegate and Alternate must participate on one committee.
- 1 Vote per District.

Child marriage in humanitarian settings

9 out of the **10**
countries with the highest child
marriage rates are fragile states.



Girls can be more vulnerable to child marriage during and after:



Conflict



Displacement



Natural Disasters

As a result, families may see child marriage as a form
of protection from violence or a way to cope with poverty.

Data from Girls Not Brides

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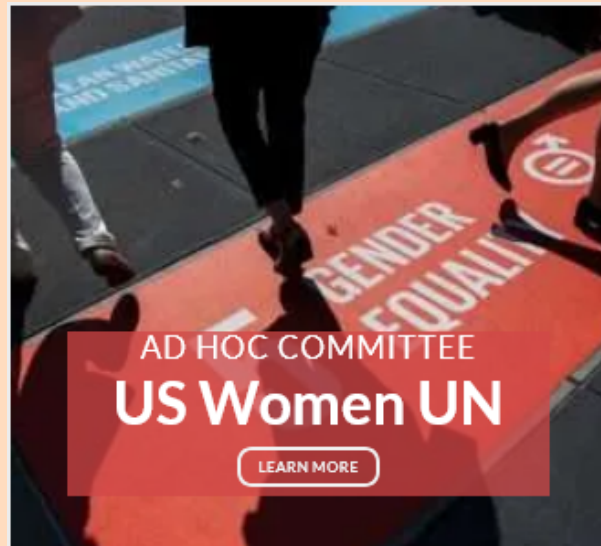
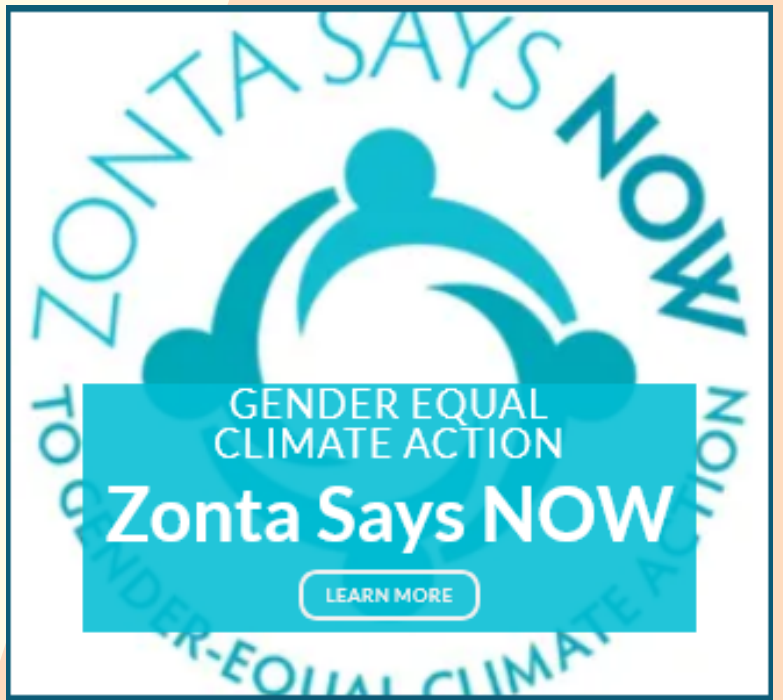
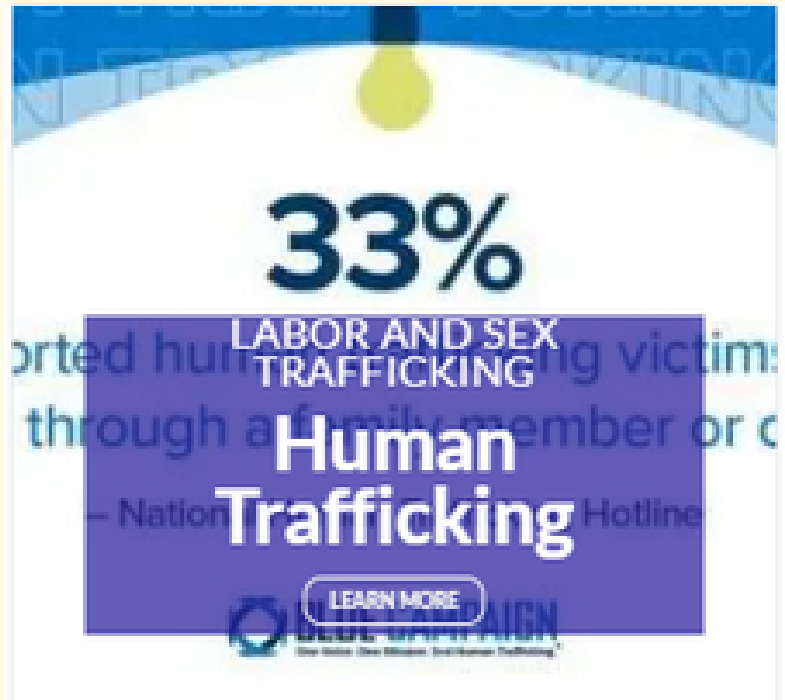
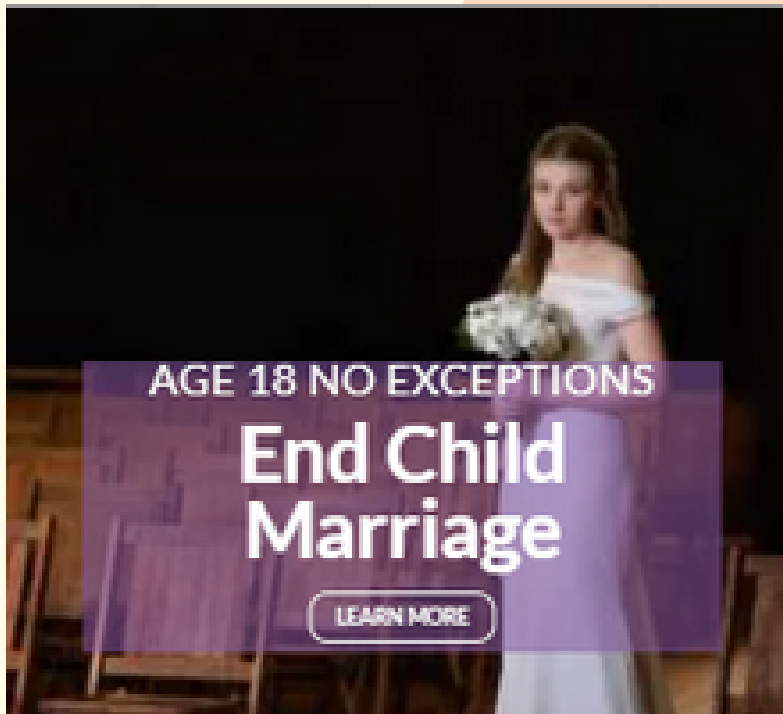




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What are current key issues?

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Gender-Equal Climate Action

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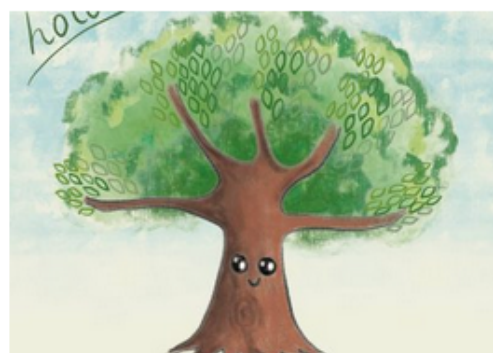
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ENVISIONING A GENDER-EQUAL SUSTAINABLE FUTURE THROUGH THE ARTS

We are bombarded with the science and numbers of climate change, and for many people the numbers are meaningless. However, through the arts, we can connect with our feelings and emotions and cut through the numbers to better understand the problems and the possible futures we can create.

All 2024 2025



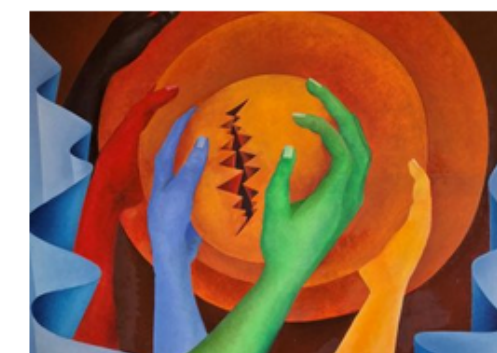
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Our Children are Our Future



Zonta at Antarctica



Together to Heal the World



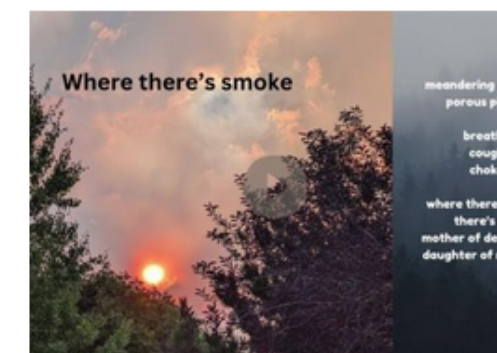
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Zonta Says Now



Through The Eyes of Children



Where There's Smoke

<https://zontasaysnowvirtualartgallery.org/>



Why do we need Zonta Says NOW

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Building Coordinated Advocacy

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ZONTA USA ADVOCACY ACTION CENTER

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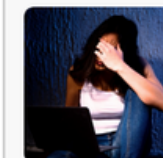
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Protect Abuse Survivors from Housing Discrimination

Every day, survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking are forced to make an impossible choice—stay with their abuser or risk homelessness. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, one in three women and one in four men in the...



Protect Survivors Against Non-Consensual Deepfake Imagery

Gender-based violence is increasingly taking digital forms—and survivors are paying the price. Today, more than 98% of deepfake videos online are pornographic, with the vast majority targeting women and girls. These nonconsensual, sexually explicit images—often created...

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ZONTA SAYS NO!

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International Collaboration is Crucial



The Zonta Canada group focuses on practical resources, such as campaign-in-a-box and toolkits, for international and national events to help clubs with limited capacity. Using Canada-specific data (GBV, IPV, cyber safety, trafficking, climate impacts, missing and murdered Indigenous women) to promote shared learning. One core group works on this, while another focuses on legislative action.



Representing the Hundreds of Zonta Clubs in the USA in Advocacy for Women

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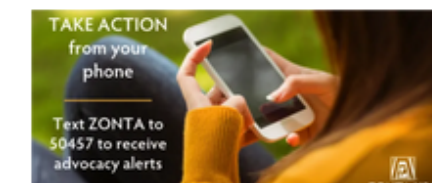
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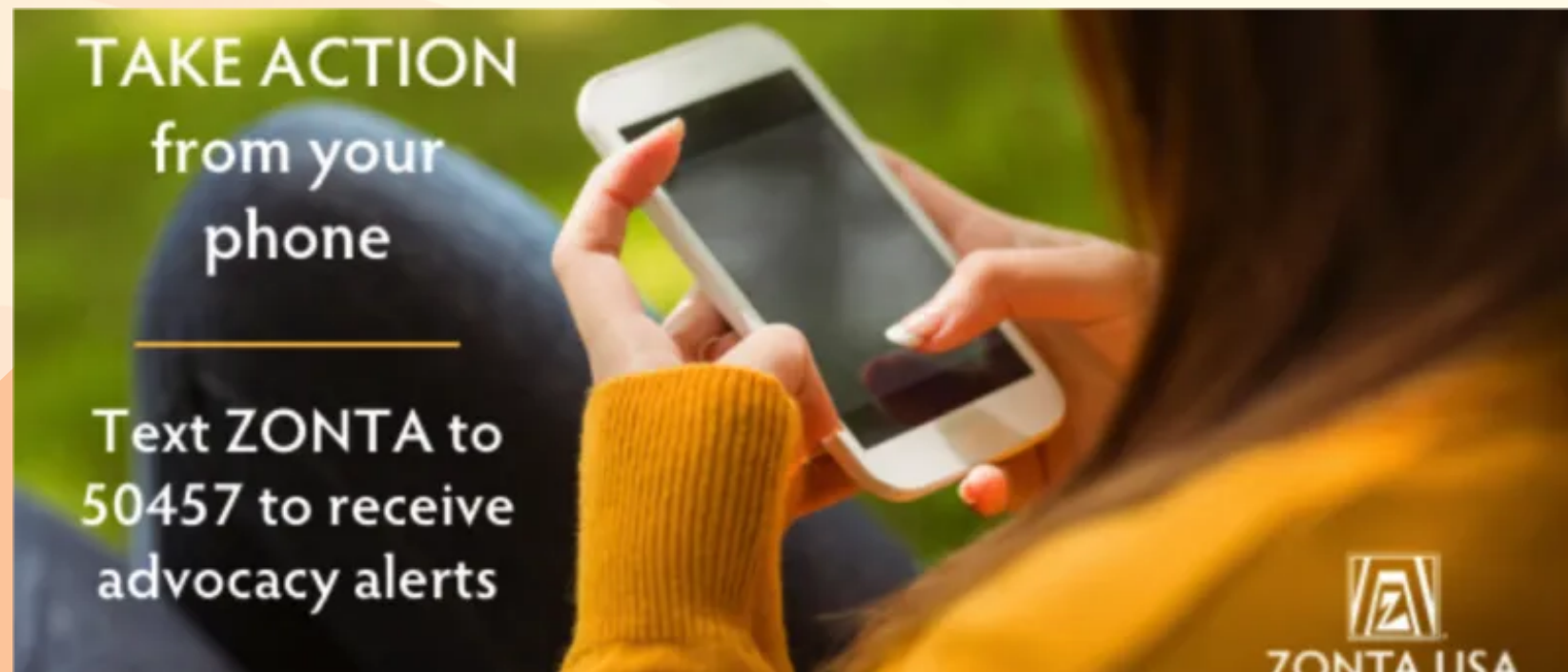
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Zonta USA Caucus Toolkit

- Fast Action Advocacy Center
- ERA Action Toolkit
- Stop Child Marriages PSA Toolkit
- Safety Signal
- Zonta Says No
- End Human Trafficking
- Ending Period Poverty
- Service + Advocacy Project Sheets

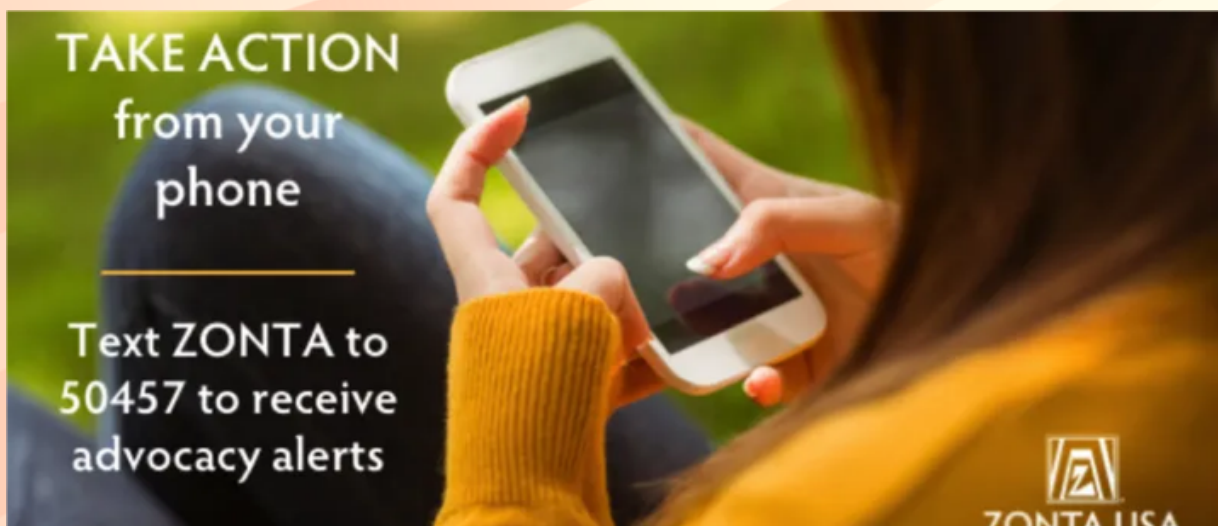
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Thank you!

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