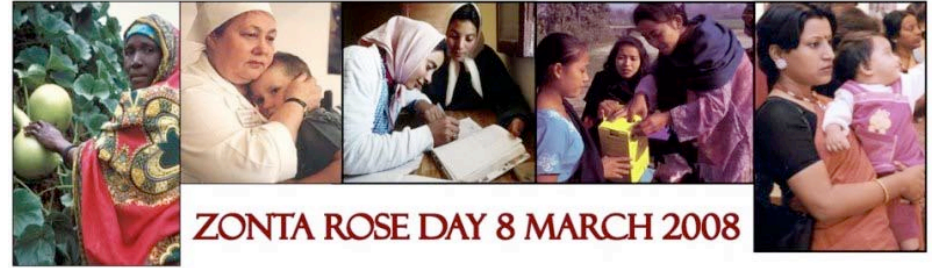




INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



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The United Nations established International Women's Day in 1977 to celebrate the rights of women and international peace. However, its history stretches back to the early 1900s, when women's organizations used the day to rally support for their causes: from the universal suffrage movement to the protest of poor working conditions. Today, both women and men spend the day reflecting on women's progress in many ways.

Each year thousands of Zonta Club members spanning the globe join millions of people to celebrate International Women's Day. This day also marks Zonta's annual Rose Day activities. Since 1984, the yellow rose has been a cherished symbol to Zontians everywhere, appearing in women's shelters, schools and hospitals around the world. It is a beautiful reminder of the vital work Zonta does to advance the status of women locally and globally.

The Zonta Club of Toronto is pleased to welcome you to our breakfast event in honour of International Women's Day. Proceeds from this event will benefit Zonta's international projects:

- Fighting poverty and HIV/AIDS in Niger
- Creating employment opportunities for women in Sri Lanka
- Providing learning opportunities to vulnerable youth in Bolivia
- Providing healthcare and education to women and girls in Afghanistan

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Zonta International is a global organization of executives and professionals working together to advance the status of women worldwide through service and advocacy. Zonta International has consultative status with United Nations agencies, the International Labour Organization and the Council of Europe.

Chartered in 1927, the Zonta Club of Toronto gave Zonta international status. Our founding members were outstanding women from varied walks of professional and business life. Over the years we have enjoyed the support of many important Canadians, including the Honourable Pauline McGibbon, former Lieutenant Governor of Ontario; Helen De Laporte, a pioneer in special education, Mary Eileen Hogg C.M., founder of the Ontario Crafts Council and Margaret Hyndman, O.C., D.C.L. and the second female Q.C. in the British Empire.

Members of the Zonta Club of Toronto are committed to advancing the status of women through projects in our local community, as well as supporting Zonta International's efforts to improve the status of women worldwide. In support of women's health and legal issues, we have established bursaries at The Michener Institute for Health Sciences, Woodsworth College, U of T and Ryerson University. Recent local projects have included support for:

- Opportunity for Advancement
- Dixon Hall Small Business Training for Women
 - Big Sisters of Toronto
 - Women's College Hospital

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