

February 2020

Dear President of the Zonta Club of Ottawa, Canada with a copy to Governor of District 2,

I would like to congratulate you and the members of the Zonta Club of Ottawa, Canada on your 90th anniversary. Through all the years since your charter ceremony, you have made a difference for many women and girls and you can be proud of this.

An anniversary is a wonderful opportunity to take a moment and reflect on what made your club successful and on why you all are members of our great organization. Zonta was innovative 100 years ago. Today, its core idea is as relevant and timely as before. As Zontians, we share the belief in making the world a better place by empowering women. And we find joy in working together toward gender equality in a supportive community of professionals that extends to other countries and cultures.

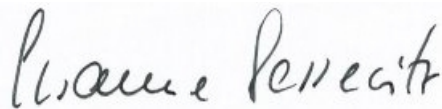
For each one of your members, your club has been at the center of their respective Zonta journey. The more you feel supported and empowered by your club life, the better you are positioned to empower other women.

During our Centennial Anniversary Biennium, we will build on our core idea and increase our impact to improve women's lives all over the world and to make women's rights human rights. The time is now, and we can be confident that we will make good progress through local and international service projects, advocacy initiatives and fundraising efforts. Clubs worldwide have the opportunity to work together to end child marriage, and so does your club. Let us develop this important program into a signature project for Zonta.

Once again, congratulations on this milestone anniversary. I wish you continued success and look forward to seeing all that we accomplish together.



Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susanne von Bassewitz". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Susanne von Bassewitz
International President 2018-2020

