



# PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2024-2025

Zonta Club of Ottawa  
Canada

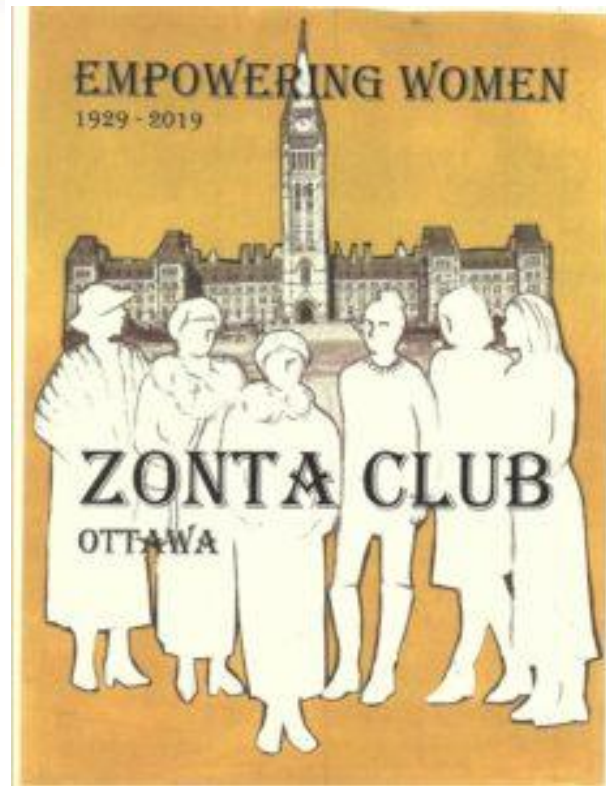
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MAY 2024



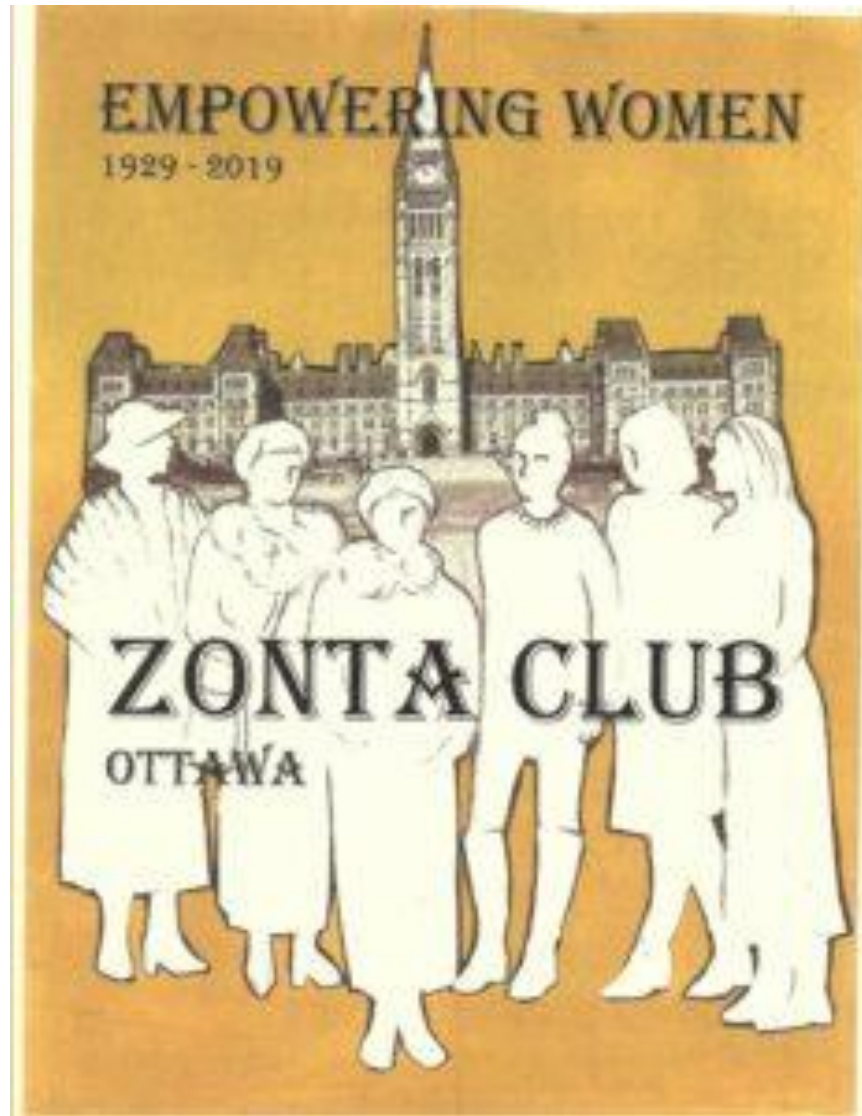
~~AWARDS  
Event 2024~~



95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

JULY 2024

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The Zonta D2 announced the welcoming of the Zonta Club of Kanata-Stittsville

Chartering ceremony was held in November 2024



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**95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**AUGUST 2024**

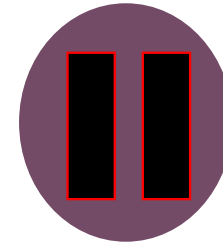
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Restructuring of the club's committees

- Membership
- Service & Advocacy
- Nominating
- Finance
- PR & Communications
- Fundraising
- Awards
- Awards Review (Adhoc)
- Org. Dev. (Adhoc)
- UN & Int'l



U-Ottawa Mature  
Student Bursary



Sprott School of Business

- Exploring engagement opportunities

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**95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

SEPTEMBER 2024

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## Zonta D2 Virtual Fall Seminar



- reconfirmed our partnership  
going forward in 2025



## Planning for OLT Fundraiser began

Fundraising – PR – Finance committees

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# 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



OCTOBER 2024

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Montreal Club winding down after 94 years in serving the Montreal community

Connecting with  
Zonta Club of  
Colombo II- Sri Lanka



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95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

NOVEMBER 2024

# The 16 Days of Activism \*\*\*

Zonta International  
105<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Getting together for  
coffee chat –



Giving Tuesday –  
Donated to **Carty House**  
\$1500



2024

Jane M. Klausman

**WOMEN IN BUSINESS  
SCHOLARSHIP**

**2024 Ottawa Club  
winner achieving  
International  
Award**



- Club health assessment survey by the D2

95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



DECEMBER 2024

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Christmas  
potluck  
Dinner



Donated **Cornerstone  
Housing for Women** with  
items collected



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95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



JANUARY 2025

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Trivia Brunch event



Club Presidents' thoughts on ...  
How they feel and the aspirations for  
the future of the club

sending our news to D2 for the D2  
Newsletter

using a signature block in their  
email communications  
featuring a new tagline in  
celebration of our 95<sup>th</sup>  
anniversary



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95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## FEBRUARY 2025

### February 01<sup>st</sup> – a letter from the President of ZI



February 2025

Dear President of the Zonta Club of OTTAWA, CANADA with a copy to Governor of District 2,

Congratulations to you and the members of the Zonta Club of OTTAWA, CANADA on your 95th anniversary! You can be proud of the impact that you have made in your community and within the large network of Zonta in the decades since your club was chartered. You have undoubtedly made a difference for many women and girls.

As you celebrate this milestone, we must also look forward to the future and see how your club will continue to elevate Zonta's presence and participation in the global conversation on women's rights and gender equity.

When we add your actions to those taken by other clubs around the world, we can see the importance of Zonta's impact. We also see that Zonta International is needed now more than ever. Around the world, women and girls face increasing challenges due to gender-based violence, climate change and threats to their human rights. However, we are a strong community of committed individuals working together at the local and global levels to fight for equality while addressing these issues.

Collectively with more than 1,100 clubs around the world, the Zonta Club of OTTAWA, CANADA has contributed significantly to building a better world for women and girls. Each member is the heart, soul and hands of our organization, and I am deeply grateful for your continuous dedication and support.

I know that we will reach our goals and fulfill our mission because of clubs like yours! Today, filled with the Zonta Spirit, let us celebrate your club and keep working for that better world.

Once again, congratulations on your meaningful anniversary. I wish you continued success. Let us all together build a better world for women and girls!



Warm regards,

Salla Tuominen  
President, 2024-2026  
Zonta International & Zonta Foundation for Women

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### OLT-ZCO CA fundraiser – “Shawshank Redemption”

The Ottawa Little Theatre and the Zonta Club of Ottawa, Canada present a preview of:

# THE SHAWSHANK REDEMPTION

Adapted by Davis Jones and Owen O'Neil  
Based on the Novella by Stephen King  
Directed by Joanne Parrish

Join us for this fundraiser,  
as we celebrate our 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary,  
and support our 2025 education awards  
for women and girls.

Ottawa Little Theatre  
400 King Edward Avenue  
Sunday, February 23, 2025 / 2:00 - 4:30 p.m. Price: \$30

Carleton student's  
engagement as student  
consultants



Sprott School of Business

# 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



MARCH 2025

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IWD breakfast event



Merivale Vision Care and  
Wellington Vision care IWD  
fundraiser



CSW sessions (Mar 10-21)

The D2 Membership  
meeting

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95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## Key initiatives, projects, and strategic goals for the upcoming year:

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- A resolution to ZI for convention in 2026.
  - D2 Spring workshop – May 17, 2025
  - Odyssey Theatre event- July 30, 2025
  - 2026 Convention: having a table to sell items to raise funds
  - Add your voice campaign
  - Club video for D2 conference
  - Take Action for Gender-equal Climate Justice Now
    - All We Can Save Circles sessions
    - Short listing of climate action groups
    - Tree planting option through City of Ottawa
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## Challenges ad Issues:

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We need all of our members to attend our meetings. It is important to listen to your voice.

How do you feel about the way we conduct the meetings?

- Are you happy with the format, the process, the timing, the mode?
- Are there other circumstances that prevent you attending the meetings?

It's important that we discuss and adjust our ways of doing things to make more members feel comfortable and allow them to engage with club activities.

The time to act is NOW!

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# RECOGNITION:



- CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE BOARD MEMBERS,
- EFFORTS OF ALL OUR MEMBERS





## Vision and leadership:

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We have completed one year in the 2024-26 biennium. We were busy, we had accomplished a lot, yet there are many things that we are trying to accomplish- and I am eager to work with everyone.

When all members are engaged, we become one big family, and we can achieve our goals in a timely manner by the end of the biennium.

I am looking forward to ensuring a smooth transition of leadership and operations when my term ends in 2026. We need to develop a pool of capable individuals to take key roles, thereby minimizing disruption and ensuring our club's continued success.

So,

we need everyone to get on board,

shadow the roles that you'd like to perform in the next biennium, and

be proud of yourself,

be proud of our club!



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OTTAWA, CANADA

**BUILD A BETTER WORLD  
FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS**

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## Call to Action:

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I encourage all members to participate in our club's activities, be the voice of our club's future and contribute to achieving the shared vision. Let us embrace the initiatives we create as we build a better world for women and girls and find joy in what we do!

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**From ZI:**

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Zonta International urgently calls on the United States and all nations to reaffirm their commitment to the SDGs, particularly the critical pursuit of gender equality. The time to act is now. We must not allow decades of hard-won progress to be reversed. Zonta International urges leaders and citizens alike to stand up, speak out, and take decisive action to ensure that gender equality remains at the forefront of global development efforts. Our shared future depends on it, and the moment to make a difference is now.

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