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AROUND THE WORLD ! Zontians in Action

Dear Governor Haley,

On behalf of the Zonta Clubs of South Carolina, I wish to thank you for signing S.3 into law, and establishing a strong, unified statewide task force to address domestic and intimate partner violence in our State. We are humbled to be able to contribute to transforming the State into a one where interpersonal relationships do not end in murder, one where its citizens can live a life violence free.

In order to strengthen our position, the SC Zonta Clubs unified on this issue this past session, to issue a first Position Paper on domestic violence. I have attached this two-page Position Paper for your interest. We have been truly blessed. Zonta International published an article about our work in its June newsletter, bringing the work of South Carolina to Clubs around the world and our U.N. representative. We number a little more than 30,000 members in nearly every country, and now they know. South Carolina is on the edge of a new age of living violence free. Below is the article. You will find it on the Zontians in Action page of the newsletter also below.

We are proud to be a part of South Carolina. More will come, as we participate in the Zonta says NO! to Violence Against Women & Zonta says Yes! to a Violence-free Life Campaign, while intensifying the campaign during the U.N.'s "16 Days of Activism". Look for our e-billboards around town.

Thank you again for picking up this mantle and running with it, and so well. You cannot imagine how much we appreciate it.

In service and advocacy,
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South Carolina Zontians instrumental in state's Criminal Domestic Violence bill

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The seven South Carolina Zonta clubs worked with legislators in getting the Criminal Domestic Violence bill passed

<http://www.zonta.org/Portals/0/photogallery/SC-Zontians-CDV-signing.jpg>>A Criminal Domestic Violence bill was signed into law by South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley on 4 June. Zonta Club of Columbia President Marion Watson—with Pam Heller and Martha Ann Williams—attended the bill signing, representing the seven Zonta clubs of South Carolina.

The Post and Courier of Charleston, South Carolina, opened the door on domestic violence in a award-winning series of stories. South Carolina had just been ranked second in the nation for murder by domestic violence. Their Pulitzer prize-winning series generated a heightened awareness among state legislators. Zontians worked in their communities to provide legislators with relevant information on this issue. Betty Houbion (Zonta Club of Myrtle Beach), Judy Barnes (Zonta Club of Columbia), the Zonta Club of Hilton Head Island, Zonta Club of Charleston, and the other Zonta Clubs of SC, worked with their legislators and on the newly formed Governor's Task Force, demonstrating Zonta's support and stance on the domestic violence issue in our state. The seven clubs in a unified voice produced a Zonta SC position paper on domestic violence, to create a multiplier effect among their communities across the state. The most important driving force has been the solidarity of ordinary citizens who raise their voices based on an unyielding commitment to this cause of advancing the status of women through service and advocacy.

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Welcome dear Zontians!

We are very much looking forward to the coming of hundreds of Zontians from all across the world who will engage in high-level discussions on women's issues and share new ideas.

In Nice, capital of the French Riviera, you will admire this city, as it is at the same time elegant, cheerful and lively while cultivating modernity and dynamism. You will be enticed by the "Vieux Nice" (Old town) with the warm, ochre facades, the beauty of its neighborhoods, its shopping, its light and the sweetness of the climate. Nice is also the ideal departure point for exploring the stunning hilltop villages that dot the surrounding countryside. To accommodate your stay, we offer a large choice of hotels. During the evenings, you can discover the city and

taste the French gastronomy touched with flavors of garlic, olive oil and basil, as well as the local specialties such as: zucchini flowers, pan-bagnat, pissaladière, ratatouille, and salade niçoise.

First timers, we will meet in Nice!

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If it is your first convention, you will certainly not want to miss this one! You will realize how important it is to attend a convention to better your understanding of the internationality of Zonta. Business sessions and workshops will provide you with the opportunity to achieve your full potential and to contribute to Zonta's International projects. You will also meet new friends, be among the celebration of Zonta's successes, and prepare for the future by exploring new ideas.

A destination not to miss

Nice is a beautiful and vibrant city, the perfect venue for a Zonta convention. A delightful destination situated in the heart of one of the most appreciated regions in the world. With its rich history, geographical beauty situated between sea and mountains, Nice has always drawn visitors and artists from all parts of the world. Its cultural heritage bears witness to the unique diversity of the city's numerous periods, from classical time to modern era. The city and surrounding region feature the highest number of foundations, museums and art galleries after Paris.

As soon as you arrive, you will enjoy the "Nice Lifestyle," the exotic charm of the celebrated palm tree-lined: "Promenade des Anglais". The convention, held at the Nice-Acropolis Congress and Exhibition Center, is located right in the heart of the city, a few steps from the Bay of Angels, and just 15 minutes from Nice Côte d'Azur airport, France's second-largest international airport.

Nice Acropolis is getting greener

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The Nice-Acropolis Congress and Exhibition Center delivers a thorough, sustainable development policy to guarantee environmentally-friendly events. The Acropolis team takes the challenge of "going green" very seriously, and has integrated sustainable development in the daily management of events including temperature optimization in the non-leased spaces; site visits spaces that are lit upon request to avoid unnecessary consumption; LED lighting; recyclable carpet, glass and wood; and specific handling of storage and toxic waste disposal.

In March, International President Maria Jose Landeira Oestergaard and the