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Zonta Establishes Dee Congress Memorial Fund

A beloved member of Zonta, Dee Congress, passed away [this past](#) summer. To honor Dee's memory and her desire to improve the status of local women, Sanibel/Captiva Zontians recently unanimously approved the establishment of the "Dee Congress Memorial Sugar Bowl Fund".

[In past years](#), Dee initiated the Zonta club's "Sugar Bowl Fund" for local women in need. Her hope was that this Fund would short-cut the lengthy process required by the Zonta Foundation of Southwest Florida, Inc. , a 501(c)(3) organization, to provide these emergency funds, [which were not budgeted by the Foundation](#). Dee Congress believed that it was important for neighbors to help neighbors and always wanted this to be a primary goal of Zonta.

While a Sugar Bowl Fund continues in the Zonta Club for individual women, this new Fund, which is part of the Zonta Foundation of Southwest Florida, Inc. extends its reach to organizations and individuals. Under the auspices of the Zonta Foundation of Southwest Florida, [this fund will provide relatively small, out of cycle grants to nonprofit organizations whose purpose is consistent with Zonta's mission "...to improve the lives of women."](#) These organizational grants will be available to Zonta club service partners and local 501(c) (3) organizations to help individuals.

If you would like to join us by honoring Dee in this manner, contributions may be made to the Zonta Foundation of Southwest Florida, Inc., PO Box 1244, Sanibel, Florida, 33957. *All contributions to the Dee Congress Memorial Sugar Bowl Fund will be fully tax deductible.* For further information email: info@zontasancap.com.