

Zonta International. Zonta was founded on November 8, 1919, and officially became Zonta International at the 1930 convention in Seattle. A classified service club of executive and professional women, on November 30, 1984, the organization had 911 clubs in 47 countries with a membership of 33, 860 and with a goal of 100 more clubs by July, 1986.

International programs have included:

An Amelia Earhart Fellowship Fund (The aviatrix belonged to both the Boston and New York City clubs.)

Membership in the United Nations as a non-governmental organization.

Support of the Anne Frank Village in Germany, a vocational and teacher training center in Ramallah, Jordan, mobile medical units in Africa and a training center there, paramedical units in Colombia, S. A., and water wells in Sri Lanka.

The Prowers County Club of Zonta International, organized and chartered on May 11, 1949, had grown to 67 members by 1985. The first president was Napier Shinn, 1949-1951. The president for 1984-1985 was Myrl Johnston, director of Lamar Community College's cosmetology school. Verna Hallock of Sheridan Lake is 1985-1986 president. Two of the charter members, Leela Musselman and Goldie Wade, still belong to the group.

The Prowers County Club has always been proud that it has upheld the programs of the international organization while serving its own community well. Some local programs have been:

Annual cash gifts to the Lamar and Holly public libraries.

Monthly programs at the Lamar and Holly nursing homes to celebrate residents' birthdays, including the giving of a flower to each resident with a birthday in a given month.

Sponsorship of Hi Neighbors Newcomers' Club.

Erecting cement planters in downtown Lamar and keeping them filled.

A financial fund established for community building improvement.

Honoring annually an outstanding girl in the graduating classes of Holly, Granada, Eads, Wiley, McClave, Lamar, and Lamar Community College.

Donating to many organizations including girl scouts, Columbine Girls State, special olympics, Prowers County Adolescent Center, Lamar Day Care Center, and Colorado Boys Ranch.

Entertaining every second year at a reception for area couples celebrating their fiftieth wedding anniversary or any wedding anniversary beyond that.

The club raises money in various ways, preparing and serving the annual chamber of commerce banquet when new chamber officers take over, sponsoring a newly begun Antique and Classic Auto Show, acting as hostess at salad luncheons open to the public, and through holding many special fund raisers.

Prowers Club is part of a four state district, District XII, and hosted the 1960 and 1968 conventions, and will host the 1987 convention. It is proud that Beverly Augustine served in 1966-1968 as district governor and has been a committee chairwoman on the international board. Many other members have been district committee heads, and two members served terms as district secretary.



Early Zontians, many of them charter members, pose:

Front row: Josephine Swenson, Mike (Mrs. James) Harris.

Second row: Alma Husted, Minnie Marx, Catheryn Loss, Rowena Knause, Napier Shinn (first president), Mrs. Dudley Keith, Bessie Romer, Ellen Willyard.

Back row: Sarah Jolton, Nelle Lee, Ruth Reyher, Ruth Crozier, Betty Reish,

Goldie Golladay, Marie Lampton, Harriet Stewart, Agnes Cruikshank, Marie Uhl, Mary Shinn, Flora Persyn, unknown.

Leela Musselman, a member of the club when it was chartered in 1949 and still active, is not in the picture.