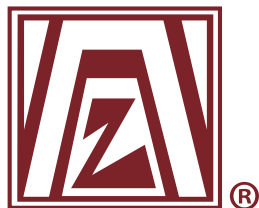


Welcome



to Zonta



Acronyms

Zonta International (ZI)

HQ	Headquarters
ICC	International Committee Chairman
IHM	International Honorary Member
INC	International Nominating Committee
PIP	Past International President
PR&C	Public Relations & Communications
SOM	Sponsoring, Organizing and Mentoring

Zonta International Foundation (ZIF)

AE	Amelia Earhart
JMK	Jane M. Klausman
ISP	International Service Program
YWPA	Young Women in Public Affairs
ZISVAW	Zonta International Strategies to end Violence Against Women

United Nations (UN) and Council of Europe (CoE)

CEDAW	Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women
CSW	Commission on the Status of Women
DPI	Department of Public Information
ECOSOC	United Nations Economic and Social Council
ILO	International Labour Organization
NGO	Non-governmental organization
SDG	Sustainable Development Goals
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund



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EMPOWERING WOMEN
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

Welcome to Zonta International

You are now part of a global network of professionals, like you, who are committed to equal rights and a life free of violence for all women and girls. Thank you for joining us!

Our Mission

Zonta International is a leading global organization of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy.

Our Vision

Zonta International envisions a world in which women's rights are recognized as human rights and every woman is able to achieve her full potential.

In such a world, women have access to all resources and are represented in decision-making positions on an equal basis with men.

In such a world, no woman lives in fear of violence.

History in Brief

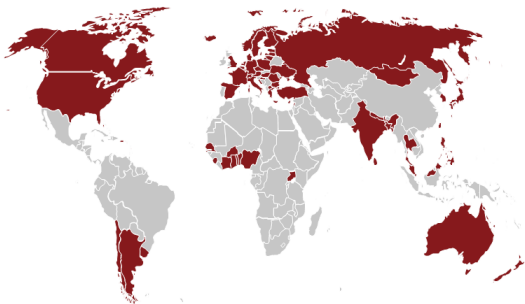
Early Zontians were among the first generation of college-educated women, the first generation of North American women to vote, and a part of the growing, though still comparatively small, legion of women entering the workforce. They had a commitment to ensure equal rights for women and for improving women's lives.

Zonta's first club was chartered in Buffalo, New York on 8 November 1919. Membership grew rapidly. By 1920, a confederation of nine Zonta clubs had formed with 600 members.

Over the decades, Zonta International has grown into a leading global organization of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy.

Where we are located

There are Zonta clubs in 66 countries as of 2016. Zonta International Headquarters is located in Oak Brook, Illinois, USA.



● ZONTA COUNTRIES

Zonta Emblem



“Zonta,” meaning honest and trustworthy, is derived from Lakhota (Teton Dakota), a language of the Native American Sioux peoples. It was adopted in 1919 to symbolize the combined qualities of honesty and trust, inspiration and the ability to work together for service and world understanding.

Zonta Rose



Since 1999, the Zonta Rose has served as the symbol of Zonta Rose Day, which falls on 8 March and coincides with International Women’s Day. On this special day, Zontians worldwide are encouraged to publicly distribute yellow roses, or items bearing the image of yellow roses, accompanied by information about Zonta International and issues relating to improving the lives of women.

Zonta Colors

Mahogany and Gold



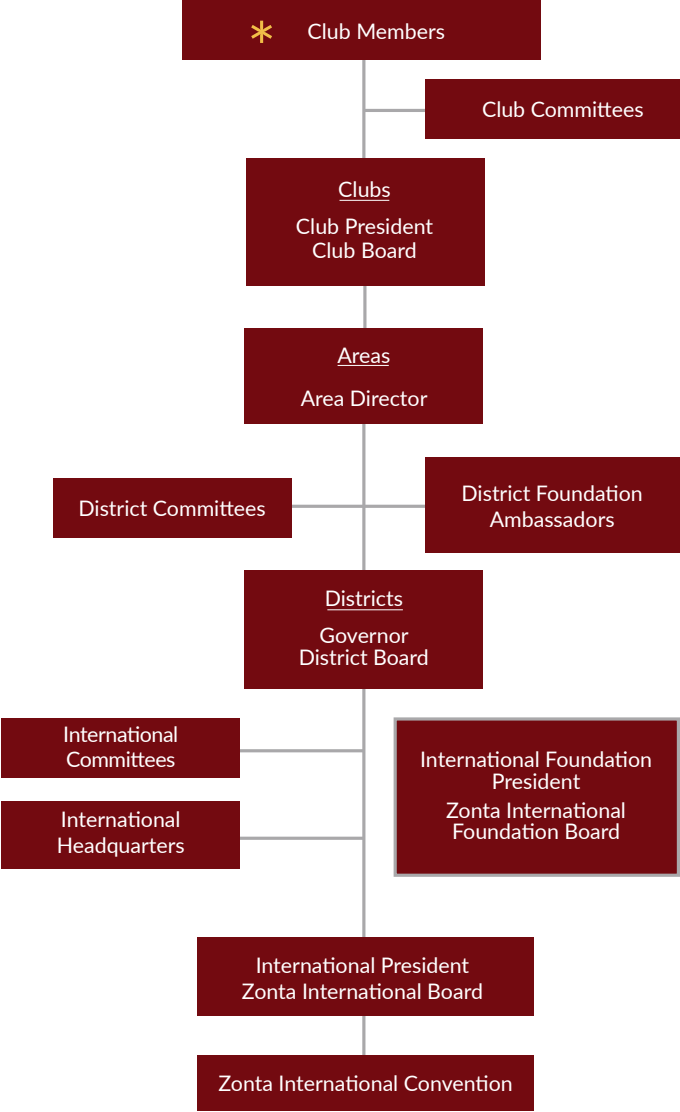
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Zonta's Structure




*** You are here!**


Decision-making in Zonta


Zonta International follows democratic procedures and values the participation of its members in the decision-making process at all levels.

International Convention




Every two years, Zonta International holds its International Convention to conduct the business of Zonta International (ZI) and Zonta International Foundation (ZIF).







Delegates, elected by the clubs, represent them at the Convention, vote and make decisions to ensure Zonta lives up to the mission and achieves the vision.




District Conferences




The business of the district is conducted at the district conference, which is held at least once during the biennium.



Delegates, elected by the clubs, vote on all matters pertaining to the district.



Club members are encouraged to attend area meetings, district conferences and the International Convention.



What We Do



Advocacy

Zonta advocacy is action taken in “the public interest” or for “the greater good” with respect to empowering women and girls and promoting and protecting their human rights.

International

Zonta International advocates primarily through its General Consultative Status with ECOSOC at the United Nations (UN) and its Participatory Status at the Council of Europe (CoE). Zonta International has been affiliated with the UN since 1969 and has been represented in the CoE since 1983. Through these relationships, Zonta uses its strong voice to present our priorities and demand focused action when advocating for gender equality and women’s human rights worldwide.

National

Zonta International, districts, areas and clubs draft letters and send petitions to national governments to initiate or influence hearings and legislation on issues affecting women and girls.

Local

Zonta clubs monitor laws and policies and their impact on women, participate in hearings and public meetings with local politicians and administrators and host speakers and panels to raise awareness about issues affecting women at the local level.

Zonta International is nonpartisan and nonsectarian.

Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women

ZONTA SAYS NO TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

In 2012, Zonta International launched “Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women,” a global campaign to raise awareness of and increase advocacy actions to end violence against women and girls around the world.

Every year, during the 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence (25 November – 10 December), Zonta clubs and Zontians around the world take action and advocate to end gender-based violence in all its forms.



Service

Zonta International not only advocates for women's human rights and gender equality in all facets of life, we also partner with UN agencies like UNFPA, the U.S. Fund for UNICEF and UN Women to financially support projects to empower women and girls to understand their rights and realize their full potential.

These projects are part of the International Service Program (ISP) and Zonta International Strategies to End Violence Against Women (ZISVAW) Program and are voted on at the International Convention every two years.

Projects have focused on issues such as:

- Health
- Education
- Equality and human rights
- Economic empowerment
- Gender-based violence
- Child marriage
- Human trafficking
- Burns violence
- Safe cities
- And much more, see www.zonta.org



Education and Youth Development



Amelia Earhart Fellowship

- Established in 1938 in honor of famed aviator and Zontian, Amelia Earhart
- 35 Fellowships of US\$10,000 each awarded annually
- For women pursuing Ph.D./doctoral degrees in aerospace-related sciences or aerospace-related engineering

Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship

- Established in 1998 from a bequest by Jane M. Klausman, a member of the Zonta Club of Syracuse, New York, USA
- 12 international scholarships of US\$7,000 each and up to 32 district scholarships of US\$1,000 each awarded annually
- For women pursuing undergraduate or master's degrees in business or a business-related field

Young Women in Public Affairs Award

- Established in 1990
- 10 international awards of US\$4,000 each and up to 32 district awards of US\$1,000 each awarded annually
- For young women, ages 16 to 19, who demonstrate a commitment to the volunteer sector, evidence of volunteer leadership achievements and a dedication to empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy

These Zonta-led programs are directly funded by contributions to the Zonta International Foundation.

Z and Golden Z Clubs

Established in 1948, the Z and Golden Z Club program helps high school, college and university students develop leadership skills, promotes career exploration and encourages members to participate in community, school and international service.

Z and Golden Z clubs are sponsored by Zonta clubs who provide resources, information and guidance to support Z and Golden Z club members as they work to improve their communities and the world.



Zonta International Foundation



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FOUNDATION

Zonta International Foundation is a not-for-profit charitable organization supported solely by contributions from Zonta clubs, individual Zontians and friends of Zonta who share a commitment to gender equality and a life free of violence for all women and girls. Every biennium, the Zonta International Foundation provides more than US\$5 million for Zonta International's programs and projects that benefit thousands of women around the world.

Clubs are asked to contribute 1/3 of funds raised locally to the Zonta International Foundation to support Zonta International's service and educational award programs. Club members are also encouraged to make an individual contribution to the Foundation.



Membership dues collected by Zonta International support the operating expenses of Zonta International and the Zonta International Foundation.



Contributions to the Zonta International Foundation go entirely to program support and development.

Your Zonta club experience

As a member of your local Zonta club, you will have the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of women and girls in your local community and around the world.



- Participate in club meetings, service projects and fundraising activities
- Advocate for Zonta's position on women's issues locally and nationally
- Attend area meetings, district conferences and international convention
 - Serve in leadership positions when qualified to do so
 - Encourage others to join Zonta
 - Support the Zonta International Foundation

- Greater impact on helping women in your local community and around the world
- Opportunities to be actively engaged in local service
- Participation in local and global advocacy activities
- Leadership skills development
- Networking
- Lifelong friendships
- Cross-cultural sharing
- Greater understanding of the global issues affecting women and girls

What Zonta expects from you

What to expect from Zonta



Important Zonta Dates

JANUARY	Amelia Earhart Month
11 JAN	Amelia Earhart Day
MARCH	Commission on the Status of Women (New York, NY, USA)
08 MAR	Zonta Rose Day and International Women's Day
11 OCT	International Day of the Girl Child
24 OCT	United Nations Day
08 NOV	Zonta International's Birthday
25 NOV	International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women
25 NOV 10 DEC	16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women
10 DEC	Human Rights Day



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