



Chapter 5

District 01 – North America¹

Since 1920, Zonta International has grouped clubs by district. The following is information on the formation of District 01. As of December 2019 District 01 had 12 clubs in the USA and Canada: two in Maine, seven in Massachusetts, one in New Hampshire and two in the Canadian province of Nova Scotia.

Zonta District 01:

- won two Centennial Anniversary Grants during the 2018-2020 biennium (ZC of Berkshire County and ZC of Malden)
- recognizes clubs with an annual Governor's Award for Overall Excellence in Service
- has a history of members serving at the international level
- has had local scholarship recipients selected to receive international awards
- is involved in local service by partnering with such organizations as the Rape Response Services of Maine, Bangor Public Library, Lund Home, Ozanam Place, Caps for Kids, The Salvation Army, Greater Boston Food Bank, Dress for Success, and Metro Immigration Settlement Association of Canada
- raises funds by hosting activities such as Marketplace Fairs, Women Making a Difference, Silent No More, and golf tournaments
- advocates for legislation of human trafficking as a crime, for ending violence in Darfur, and in support of the Breast Cancer Patient Protection Act.²
- has had a history of Amelia Earhart Fellows.

Timeline of district history highlights

1928: Clubs from Massachusetts belonged to District A.

1930–1946: Clubs from Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts and Vermont belonged to District I, Region A³.

¹ Research compiled by Eva Nielsen.

² District 01 website, 9 March 2018.

³ From 1990, Zonta International identified districts using Arabic instead of Roman numerals.

1947: An effective redistricting took place. District I was founded for clubs from the following states:

- Connecticut, USA
- Maine, USA
- Massachusetts, USA
- New Hampshire, USA
- Rhode Island, USA (1958–1961)
- Vermont, USA
- Newfoundland, Canada (1951–2006)
- Nova Scotia, Canada
- Prince Edward Island, Canada (1963–2006).

From 1947 to 2019, District I (referred to as District 01 from 1990) had the following clubs:

1947: 20 clubs.

1952: 25 clubs.

1961: 30 clubs.

1962: 29 clubs.

1964: 30 clubs.

1965: 29 clubs.

1966: 29 clubs.

1970: 29 clubs.

1972: 26 clubs.

1974: 28 clubs (no areas organized).

1978: 27 clubs (one area organized).

1981: 29 clubs (four areas organized).

1983: 32 clubs (four areas organized).

1990: 37 clubs with 1,096 members⁴.

1995: 35 clubs (five areas organized).

2002: 27 clubs (five areas organized).

⁴ *The Zontian* 1990–92 Program Issue

2006: 22 clubs (four areas organized but the number of areas was reduced during the 2006–2008 biennium).

2016: 16 clubs (four areas organized: Area 01 – four clubs, Area 02 – five clubs, Area 03 – three clubs and Area 04 – four clubs).

2018: 275 members.

2019: 253 members.⁵

2020: 230 members.⁶

History of formation of District 01 clubs

Canada

Newfoundland

Year Chartered	Club number	Club Name	Area as of 2018	Closed
1951		Zonta Club of St John's Area		1971
1987	1173	Zonta Club of St John's Area		2006

Nova Scotia

Year Chartered	Club number	Club Name	Area as of 2018	Closed
1951	0267	Zonta Club of Halifax	03	
1979	0873	Zonta Club of Truro Area		2017
1984	1091	Zonta Club of Amherst Area	03	

Prince Edward Island

Year Chartered	Club number	Club Name	Area as of 2018	Closed
1963	0507	Zonta Club of Charlottetown		2006
1983	1038	Zonta Club of Summerside Area		1996
1992	1375	Zonta Club of Montague Area		1996

USA

Connecticut

Year Chartered	Club number	Club Name	Area as of 2018	Closed
1929		Zonta Club of New Haven		1937
1929		Zonta Club of Hartford		1947
1930	0095	Zonta Club of New London Area		1987
1930	0096	Zonta Club of Meriden		1991
1949	0235	Zonta Club of Norwich Area		1990
1958	0410	Zonta Club of Hartford Area		2008
1986	1140	Zonta Club of Quinebaug Valley		2017

⁵ Zonta International Directory.

⁶ Zonta International Member Records

Maine

Year Chartered	Club number	Club Name	Area as of 2018	Closed
1929	0089	Zonta Club of Augusta		1997
1930	0110	Zonta Club of Bangor	01	
1934		Zonta Club of Lewiston-Auburn		1965
1937	0152	Zonta Club of Portland		1994
1955	0345	Zonta Club of Waterville Area		2005
1956	0363	Zonta Club of Rockland Area		2003
1979	0911	Zonta Club of Bath-Brunswick		1986
1982	1014	Zonta Club of York County Area*	01	
1990	1281	Zonta Club of Hancock County Area		2000

*Name changed to Zonta Club of Southern Maine

Massachusetts

Year Chartered	Club number	Club Name	Area as of 2018	Closed
1927	0045	Zonta Club of Boston		1999
1928		Zonta Club of Cambridge		1962
1929	0062	Zonta Club of Malden	04	
1929	0072	Zonta Club of Springfield	02	
1930	0099	Zonta Club of Newton		2004
1930	0101	Zonta Club of Salem		1990
1930		Zonta Club of Lynn		1935
1931	0113	Zonta Club of Arlington		2018
1932	0120	Zonta Club of Somerville		1994
1932		Zonta Club of Quincy		1971
1933		Zonta Club of Lexington		1936
1934	0125	Zonta Club of Framingham		1990
1934	0128	Zonta Club of Northampton Area	02	
1937	0150	Zonta Club of Waltham		1983
1952	0278	Zonta Club of Martha's Vineyard		2008
1953	0303	Zonta Club of Medford	04	
1981	0958	Zonta Club of Chelsea	04	
1986	1143	Zonta Club of Westfield Area		2006
1991	1317	Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley	02	
1994	1493	Zonta Club of Berkshire County	02	
2000	1669	Zonta Club of West Suburban Boston		2016

New Hampshire

Year Chartered	Club number	Club Name	Area as of 2018	Closed
1956	0361	Zonta Club of Manchester		1983
1959	0450	Zonta Club of Concord	01	
1974	0756	Zonta Club of Nashua Area		1997
1988	1199	Zonta Club of Lakes Region		2014

Rhode Island

Year Chartered	Club number	Club Name	Area as of 2018	Closed
1958		Zonta Club of Providence Area		1961

Vermont

Year Chartered	Club number	Club Name	Area as of 2018	Closed
1929		Zonta Club of Rutland		1960
1930	0106	Zonta Club of Burlington	01	2019
1982	1018	Zonta Club of Central Vermont Area		1992
1984	1084	Zonta Club of Chittenden County Area		2010

District Conferences

- July 2017 in Berkshires, Massachusetts.
- 8–10 November 2019 in Boston, Massachusetts.