



Chapter 29

District 21 – Europe (1986–2019)¹

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2016: District 21 had 65 clubs grouped in six areas.

2018: In March, District 21 counted 1,894 members; in August, the number was 1,740.

2019: District 21 counted 1,618 members.

District 21 Areas and Clubs

Clubs are listed chronologically by country.

All clubs up to and including those chartered in 1986 were in District 21 when it was created.

Clubs and Areas listed below are as of June 2019.

¹ Research compiled by Eva Nielsen, based in part on information supplied 5 July 2019 by Marianne von Hartmansdorff, District 14 Governor 2014–2016, District Archivist and Historian 2018–2020)

² *The Zontian* 1990–1992 Program Issue

³ Beryl Sten, 13 January 2020, email to Judith Anderson: “Note is from my letter of September 1994 as Lieutenant Governor and responsible for membership”.

⁴ International President’s Report to Zonta International Convention, St Louis, USA, from Chief ‘Folake Solanke SAN (July 14, 1996)

Sweden

Year	Club no.	Club Name	Area	Closed
1935	0136	Zonta Club of Stockholm I	02	
1939	0171	Zonta Club of Gothenburg I	03	
1948	0206	Zonta Club of Malmö I	04	
1949	0234	Zonta Club of Gävle	02	
1950/49 ⁵	0240	Zonta Club of Uppsala	02	
1955/54	0333	Zonta Club of Stockholm II	02	
1955/53	0347	Zonta Club of Jönköping	05	
1956/54	0354	Zonta Club of Vänersborg	03	
1956/55	0358	Zonta Club of Umeå	03	2005
1957/56	0382	Zonta Club of Halmstad	04	
1960/59	0463	Zonta Club of Gällivare	01	
1960/59	0465	Zonta Club of Kiruna		2013
1961	0483	Zonta Club of Västerås	02	
1961	0484	Zonta Club of Enköping	02	
1967	0578	Zonta Club of Piteå		2005
1967/66	0589	Zonta Club of Nyköping-Oxelösund	05	
1968	0617	Zonta Club of Stockholm III	02	
1969	0631	Zonta Club of Gothenburg II	03	
1972	0688	Zonta Club of Malmö II	04	
1973	0736	Zonta Club of Falun-Borlänge	02	
1973	0738	Zonta Club of Norrköping	05	
1974	0745	Zonta Club of Örebro	05	
1974	0746	Zonta Club of Helsingborg		2016
1975	0778	Zonta Club of Trelleborg-Vellinge	04	
1977	0799	Zonta Club of Sundsvall	01	
1977	0819	Zonta Club of Linköping	05	
1978	0827	Zonta Club of Kristianstad	04	
1978	0828	Zonta Club of Luleå	01	
1978	0844	Zonta Club of Trosa	05	
1978	0848	Zonta Club of Karlstad I	03	
1979	0882	Zonta Club of Falköping-Skovde	03	
1980	0920	Zonta Club of Strängnäs-Mariefred		2010
1980	0961	Zonta Club of Visby	02	
1981	0968	Zonta Club of Sydöstra Skanes *	04	
1981	0972	Zonta Club of Lund	04	
1981	0973	Zonta Club of Skelleftea	01	
1983	1048	Zonta Club of Växjö	04	
1983	1050	Zonta Club of Borås		2015
1983	1058	Zonta Club of Molndal	03	
1983	1063	Zonta Club of Eskilstuna	05	
1985	1108	Zonta Club of Lidingö	02	
1985	1127	Zonta Club of Södertälje	02	
1986	1149	Zonta Club of Malmö III	03	2015
1986	1152	Zonta Club of Höglandet Area	05	
1987	1177	Zonta Club of Ludvika-Smedjebacken	02	
1987	1178	Zonta Club of Katrineholm-Vingaker	05	
1987	1185	Zonta Club of Kalix	01	1994
1988	1210	Zonta Club of Saffle-Åmål	03	
1988	1222	Zonta Club of Varnamo	04	
1988	1226	Zonta Club of Uppsala II	02	
1989	1230	Zonta Club of Stockholm IV-Stockholm N	02	
1989	1244	Zonta Club of Hässleholm	04	
1990	1271	Zonta Club of Uddevalla		2018
1990	1275	Zonta Club of Östersund	01	

⁵ The earlier date in this and other entries indicates the year in which organization of the club began.

1990	1276	Zonta Club of Kungälv	03	
1990	1277	Zonta Club of Vastra Blekinge		2014
1990	1289	Zonta Club of Jönköping II	05	
1991	1327	Zonta Club of Stockholm Södra-Stockholm V	02	
1991	1328	Zonta Club of Gothenborg III	03	
1992	1353	Zonta Club of Kalmar	04	
1993	1434	Zonta Club of Västra Skaraborg	03	
1993	1448	Zonta Club of Kungsbacka	03	
1994	1478	Zonta Club of Flen-Malmköping	05	
1994	1495	Zonta Club of Nyköping-Oxelosund	05	
1995	1515	Zonta Club of Malmö Fridhem		2006
1995	1518	Zonta Club of Karlstad II	03	
1998	1599	Zonta Club of Bjare	04	
1998	1612	Zonta Club of Karlskrona-Ronneby	04	
1999	1643	Zonta Club of Trollhättan		2016
2001	1685	Zonta Club of Varberg		2006
2002	1712	Zonta Club of Orebro II	05	
2004	1760	Zonta Club of Stockholm VI	02	

* Club name changed from Ystad-Tomelilla in 2004.

Latvia

Year	Club no.	Club Name	Area	Closed
1993	1443	Zonta Club of Riga	06	
1997	1566	Zonta Club of Jelgava	06	
2002	1708	Zonta Club of Valmira	06	
2005	1799	Zonta Club Bauska	06	2019
2010	1869	Zonta Club of Ogre	06	

Creation of the district and its areas

District XIII from 1935–1986

The oldest Zonta club in Sweden is the Zonta Club of Stockholm I. Inspired by Zonta's ideals, it was established on 17 May 1935. Thus, Sweden was the sixth country in the world, where Zonta International had a club.

Textile designer Elsa Gullberg had come to know Zontians in the United States and arranged a meeting with 12 women in Stockholm on 29 April 1935. Elsa Gullberg was well informed about Zonta's mission and vision – an organization which provided a link between different professionals who were committed to working for peace and understanding between people and nations. At the meeting it was decided to form a Zonta club and that lunch meetings would be held on the first Monday of each month at the Hotel Plaza in Stockholm.

When Edith Fischer from Boston in the United States came to Stockholm, she met Elsa Gullberg and gave her a copy of the Zonta International magazine. It was decided that a dinner should be arranged at the Grand Hotel on 17 May 1935 when the Zonta Club of Stockholm would be chartered. Edith Fischer presented the Zonta International Certificate of Membership.

At charter, the club had 40 members, including were Elsa Gullberg, Kerstin Hesselgren (member of the Swedish Parliament 1921), Karin Kock (professor and the first female cabinet member), Nanna Schwartz (first woman professor of medicine), Estrid Ericson (founder of "Svenskt Tenn") and Eva Andén (first female attorney in Sweden).⁶

It was decided that members from outside Stockholm should belong to the Zonta Club of Stockholm until other clubs had been established. This evidently did not take long because the second Swedish club was chartered in Gothenburg in 1939.

The club's first bylaws were drafted in August 1935 and were adopted in April 1936. International cooperation began with the Nordic countries, when members of Finland's Thursday Club (the

⁶ Margit Webjörn 2019

predecessor of the Zonta Club of Helsinki I) attended a Nordic Zonta meeting in Stockholm in 1948. Another Nordic meeting was arranged in Helsinki in 1951 and a further meeting in 1958 which marked the establishment of an unofficial cooperative body, the Nordic Zonta Council (1958–1962). In 1955, there were 875 European Zontians, 600 of whom were in the Nordic countries. District XIII consisted of the Nordic countries and each country was one area.

From 1958 to 1962, the Nordic clubs collaborated on the so-called Nordic Council, which led to the foundation of District 13.

In 1962, the decision was made to form two districts in Europe, District 13 and District 14, with the latter encompassing all clubs on the European continent. District XIII comprised all the Nordic countries until 1986, when District 21 was established.

At a District Conference in Copenhagen in 1983 a motion from the Zonta Club of Umeå, Sweden, was adopted by a large majority and, from the convention in Toronto, Canada, in 1986, the division of District XIII was in force. Area Sweden was transformed into District XXI.

As a consequence of this, an extra meeting was held in Gothenburg to settle the closure of the then District XIII and prepare for the establishment of the new District XXI and the following first district conference to be held in Falun Borlänge in 1987⁷.

At that time Sweden had 44 clubs with 1,840 members in three areas. At the convention in Paris in 1998, this was the largest district in regard to both the number of clubs (69) and the number of members (around 2,700).

The district has lost 14 clubs since 1986, mainly due to declining membership and thereby having difficulties in appointing new club boards. However, many clubs have been successful in recruiting members in the last five years to meet the challenge of generational change.

At the District Conference in Norrköping, Sweden, (14–16 May 1993) it was decided that Latvia should belong to District 21. The first Latvian club was chartered in Riga in 1993 and the most recent in Ogre in 2010.

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Zonta International Foundation

Donating to the Zonta International Foundation has always been an important subject at district

⁷ Beryl Sten, January 2020

⁸ *The Zontian* 1990–1992 Program Issue.

board meetings. The District Foundation Ambassador has given reports on how donations have developed and to which program or scholarship the funds have been allocated.

Instructions on how to donate have been available on the website and the Foundation Ambassador has regularly presented up-to-date figures at area meetings. Area directors were instructed to contact their clubs and remind those who have not made any contribution. Presentations of Zonta International projects have in some years been translated into Swedish to make it easier for everyone to understand. This has been highly appreciated.

Zonta Rose Day, on 8 March, as well as the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence and Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women campaigns are examples of activities that have encouraged large donations to the Foundation. Many local service projects have also been a source of donations to the Foundation. The district Foundation Ambassador also sends informative letters to club presidents and publishes them on the web.

In recent years, the district meetings have included activities to produce donations to the Foundation such as an auction, lottery, and sales of various goods.

District 21 club members have strongly supported Zonta International projects, observing the principle that at least one third of the proceeds from a club's service projects are donated annually to Zonta International Foundation programs of their choice, and that individual giving is encouraged.

Beginning during the 2010–2012 biennium, the district board decided that each member should donate a certain sum in US dollars. The ambassador proposed that all members save one Swedish krona a day every day for one year beginning on UN Day on 24 October. The ambassador also implemented a slogan: *Zontor Zom Zamlar Zlantar* (Zontians Who Save Money) *make a difference for many women in the world.*

The district board decided in 2014 that all clubs should donate USD\$82.00 a year. This amount was calculated by dividing the total amount raised for the biennium by the total number of members in Zonta International. This method has continued and been adapted to each biennial goal.

During the 2004–2006 Biennium, District 21 was ranked third in the world in funds raised to support Zonta International projects. For the 2006–2008 biennium, the district was ranked fourth. Since then, the district has been ranked first over three biennia and has received district recognition at conventions in San Antonio (2010), Nice (2016) and Yokohama (2018).

Committees

During recent biennia, the district board has allocated a yearly sum to each committee. As a result, committee chairmen have been able to attend area meetings and participate in other events.

United Nations

Cooperation between the UN Committee chairman, Advocacy Committee and other committees has been very active and fruitful. In recent years, the district board has allocated a yearly lump sum to each committee. As a result, each committee chairman has been able to attend area meetings and participate on other occasions.

UN updates and information related to the UN have been presented to the district board which has been of great value for discussions and decisions on actions. Members have been informed about what happens on the international UN level regarding women's issues and about UN international days and Zonta International UN Tools. The UN website has been updated regularly.

A special activity was held in March 2016 when the District's UN Committee chairman visited the 60th Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) at the United Nations in New York. The 17 Sustainable Development Goals, with the goal to eradicate poverty, work for equality and act regarding climate change, had just come into force. Zonta works for Goal No. 5: Gender Equality. District 21 had arranged, and were responsible for, several seminars under the direction of International President Maria José Landeira Oestergaard. Members from District 21 have

continued to participate in CSW each year since mid-1990s⁹.

District 21 was also represented at the Geneva NGO Forum on Beijing+20 UN ECE Regional Review in 2014. The District 21 UN Committee chairman, MaryLou Espiritu Olsson, was part of the review and the force in Geneva that strongly advocated for improving the rights of women and girls.

Service

District 21 and the former District XIII have been active in different projects in Latvia and Estonia by donating equipment and medicine to hospitals.

Clubs have had several service projects, which have been implemented under the coordination of the district board, or in cooperation with likeminded organizations, and funded by the club's service contributions, proceeds of district conferences or of various events.

Clubs located near each other have cooperated in different actions on UN Day on 24 October and Zonta Rose Day on 8 March in order to produce a greater impact.

Many clubs have cooperated on events with different organizations in Sweden. The Service Committee chairman has collected information from all clubs in a list available to members.

In 2017, the district contacted the organization MÄN (MEN) in order to discuss cooperating. The district board wanted to start negotiating with men regarding the prevention of violence against women. MÄN is an organization started in 1993 with the goal of engaging men in the conversation to end violence against women.

In 2018, the district started a collaboration with an organization called Huskurance. The organization's goal is to prevent and stop violence in close relationships.

Examples of service activities include:

- Zonta information at cinemas
- mentor programs
- a running challenge
- language café for women immigrants
- auction at Christmas
- collaboration with other women's organizations
- fashion shows
- exhibitions at libraries.

Advocacy

Through various local and national activities, District 21 has been able to highlight women's rights and to influence the status of women. Some clubs have arranged a panel discussion with themes in line with Zonta's Mission. Service projects have included aspects of advocacy while also promoting visibility.

In 1994 at the International Convention in Detroit, District 21 raised the issue of female circumcision. The resultant resolution, moved by the Zonta Club of Linköping, was adopted by the convention body.

Zonta International Strategies to Eradicate Violence against Women and Children (ZISVAW) was ratified by the Zonta International Board in 1996 and adopted as an ongoing program at the 1998 Convention in Paris (See Zonta International History 1990-2001). This was an important breakthrough as there had been long-standing resistance on the grounds of religious beliefs or tradition. The adoption of ZISVAW made it possible for Zonta International to fulfil its mission to eradicate violence against women.¹⁰

In 1998, Zonta International implemented a project in Burkina Faso to eliminate female circumcision. In 1999, in connection with the University of Lund's award of an Honorary Doctor of Law to UN Secretary General, Kofi Annan, District 21 presented congratulations and a donation

⁹ Beryl Sten, January 2020

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from the District 21 clubs for the Burkina Faso project.

At the convention in Hawaii in 2000, the district was able, for the first time, to make a presentation about club service projects. One of the clubs was Trelleborg which sponsored education for several Gambian girls through the Danish organization "Friends of Gambia".

In 2010, a resolution was passed to support the establishment of codes of ethical conduct.

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In the year 2013 all clubs participated in a campaign during the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence to promote Zonta Says NO to Violence against Women. The campaign was made possible in cooperation with a major grocery store, City Gross.

Letters to different authorities, organizations and government ministers have been sent with reference to Zonta projects on the international level.

Meetings

District Conferences

District conferences have always been greatly appreciated and the clubs are active in promoting changes and presenting new ideas. One example is the meeting in Örebro 1991 where there were 25 motions to decide on!

The District Conferences have been held in different towns and areas in Sweden. In most cases the venue is decided by the district board. The conferences are held in the month of May every second odd year. Some clubs have arranged district conferences in connection with a club's jubilee. The conferences have always been opened by an eminent local government official.

The program at the conferences often includes external guests, speeches, and presentations/workshops arranged by the district committees. At many conferences, donations to Zonta International Foundation have been collected. The number of members participating has been up to 10 per cent of the total number of members (i.e. more than 200).

Area Meetings

In District 21 all areas have Area meetings. All Areas except Area 01 have two meetings each year. Area 01 has only one meeting each year because of long distances and the consequent high costs.

Most clubs participate in area meetings and the members present have been active in workshops. Topics have included: convention preparations and reports, Zonta's Mission and Vision for the biennium, goals, and presentations by various committee chairs.

Area meetings in Area 06 have been held in Riga and Jelgava and most of the clubs have attended. The Governor or Lieutenant Governor has always been present, as in all areas. As with conferences, some area meetings have been hosted by a club celebrating an important anniversary.

District Committees

Since the 2011–2012 biennium, District 21 has had an "on-boarding" meeting of incoming board members and committees as a start to the biennium. This has been a good model, providing a common way of working for the board and committees for the next two years. The goals for the district have been set based on the goals by the Convention.

Meetings of club presidents in each Area have been introduced to enable them to increase their Zonta knowledge, exchange views, and compare their experiences. These meetings have been greatly appreciated by the participants and have now expanded to include treasurers and secretaries. An IT program was introduced to clubs in 2013 for club treasurers to have the same program and to simplify the handover to the next treasurer. Instructions have been regularly updated as well as district and club bylaws.

An important factor for all club members is being able to increase their Zonta knowledge. Therefore, clubs have had access to a Zonta International DVD at club meetings. Committee members have been regulator participants at Area meetings and have presented information about their committees' work.

Clubs

Meetings have been held at suitable places and in homes of Zonta club members. Nowadays most clubs have meetings in the evening. Some clubs meet on the same week-day each month, and some have a rolling scheme. New club members present a lecture, often at the member's workplace.

Conventions

The district's strong financial management has made it possible for clubs who attend a convention to get some economic support. This has resulted in a large number of participants at conventions. Members have been very active in participating at convention meetings.

Almost all clubs have sent delegates and representatives to convention. If one club has not been able to come, the club has always given a proxy to another club. District 21 has thereby been well represented. District 21 has been active in proposing resolutions, one example being a motion to end female genital mutilation. The resolution was adopted and led to the Zonta International project in Burkina Faso for four years from 1998.

Gothenburg Convention 2002

On June 29 2002, 2237 Zontians from all over the world gathered in Sweden's second city, Göteborg. The participants experienced an imitation of a Nobel Prize Ceremony, dinner in the homes of Zontians, and planting of a yellow rose bed in a park in the center of Göteborg, as well as the usual program of working sessions, interesting keynote speakers, election of officers, etc. International President Mary Magee led the sessions and Convention Chairman Beryl Sten was responsible for the Convention. Her Excellency Ms Vaira Vike Freiberga, President of the Republic of Latvia and a member of the Riga Club, spoke on the status of, and advances made by women since Latvia regained its statehood in 1991. As a result of the hard work of the core committee, sub-committees, and individual Zontians, the Convention Committee was able to contribute 382,035 SEK to the Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Fund and 316,096 SEK to the Amelia Earhart Fund.

Seminars

Below are examples of seminars conducted by District 21.

Stockholm – Go Zonta

At the initiative of past President of Stockholm I, Christel Schultz, a seminar entitled "Go Zonta" was arranged in 2013 by the Stockholm clubs. The seminar was held at the Stockholm University with many interesting speeches by famous Swedish scientists under the theme of "Kvinnlig kraft bygger nya vägar" (meaning women's strength can create new ways to reach a goal). The goal was to make Zonta visible, stimulate opinions, collect funds and to attract young women and men as well as people in leading positions and Zonta members. The surplus was donated to Zonta International's "edutainment" project.

Södertälje

Since the early 1990s, the Zonta Club of Södertälje (a town south of Stockholm) has arranged UN Seminars in connection with the UN Day, 24 October. The keynote speaker at the first Seminar was Helvi Sipilä, first female UN Assistant Secretary-General and Zonta International President 1968-1970 (Title: UN and its work for women's rights). In the following years, the key-note speakers were experts in a variety of fields, among them the then Secretary of State, Margaretha af Ugglas (title: International relations); Anders Wijkman, politician, author and Secretary-General of the Swedish Society for Nature Preservation (title: Environment = today's Climate Debate); Lars-Olof Kallings, Professor in virology, Secretary General International Aids Society, IAS, UN Secretary-General High Commissioner HIV/AIDS, and WHO's global aids commission (title: Conditions for women in developing countries forced to prostitution under trafficking slavery

conditions and suffering from HIV/AIDS)¹¹.

In 1998, the club's UN seminar featured a speech by Mrs Margareta Winberg, chair of UN Women Sweden, on the topic "Woman-Power in the World". The surplus was donated to Zonta International's Safe Cities projects in Guatemala City and San Salvador in Central America.

Nordic Baltic Zonta Seminar

The seminar was held in Tartu, Estonia, in April 2000 with the theme: "NGO's Helping Street Children – Our Future Citizens".

European Inter-District Seminars

The following seminars have been attended by members of District 21:

2013 Tampere, Finland

2015 Bruges, Belgium

2017 Vienna, Austria

2019 Tartu, Estonia

Book Fair in Gothenburg

This is an annual event with several hundreds of visitors. Since 2006, club members and visitors to the fair have been able to support the Zonta International Foundation by buying shawls. The event also enables the district to inform the public about Zonta through handing out leaflets.

In 2014 the district had a stand in the International Square where Carolyn Hannan (Zonta International Honorary Member, past UN director for the advancement of women, and member of the Zonta Club of Lund) spoke on the topic: "A world without violence is a right for women".

Nordic Forum

At this Forum in Malmö in June 2014, District 21 shared a stand with Districts 13 and 20. The theme was *No to Violence against Women*. The districts organized a seminar and Zonta International President, Maria José Landeira Oestergaard, delivered a speech entitled *Prevention of violence against women through measurable strategies of lasting impact*.

Around 500 visitors came to Zonta's stand which had a strategic position, professional configuration and valuable presentation of Zonta. Zonta was also reported in the local papers which had a circulation of some 16,000 people in northern countries.

Campaigns

Yellow Rose Campaigns

Over the years, District 21 Clubs have raised funds on 8 March by selling articles and donating the proceeds from different projects. Club members have been active in their local areas at Town Halls, exhibition halls and similar places, and have donated roses to local gardens and town parks, sometimes together with other women's organizations.

Club have held joint meetings with other clubs to commemorate the 8th of March and have organized "safe cities" activities such as a panel debate featuring representatives of local authorities. Since 2006, awards have also been given to local women who have made a significant contribution to the development of the local community.

16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence

Since 2014, clubs have been more active in this campaign, conducted over the 16 days from 25 November to 10 December each year. This has produced many articles in local papers. The many different actions in district towns have made Zonta visible in new and different ways.

The successful cooperation between clubs in Stockholm and Lidingö has continued, giving strength to projects and providing an opportunity to spread Zonta's mission and vision while raising funds for Zonta International projects.

Scholarships

District 21 clubs have been active in encouraging applicants for the three different Zonta

¹¹ Beryl Sten, January 2020.

International awards: Amelia Earhart Fellowships (AE), Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarships (JMK) and Young Women in Public Affairs Awards (YWPA). Since 1996, the Latvian clubs have had two YWPA and three JMK winners.

In addition, many clubs also have their own scholarships, in some cases based on individual Zontians' donations. Some scholarships are awarded annually; others are awarded every second year or once only to recipients studying in a wide range of areas.

Amelia Earhart Fellowships

The district has had over ten Amelia Earhart Fellowship recipients. In 2012, Madeleine Holmberg, a PhD student in space and plasma physics at the Institute of Space Physics (IRF) in Uppsala and the Department of Physics and Astronomy at Uppsala University, received her scholarship at the district conference in Sundsvall.

Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarships (JMK) and YWPA

The district award of USD\$1,000 is funded by the Zonta International Foundation. District 21 has for years included SEK10,000 in the district budget which can be used to award an additional JMK scholarship and one YWPA scholarship valued at SEK5,000 each.

Jubilees

Clubs celebrate the 10th anniversary of their charter and major anniversaries thereafter, often inviting other clubs to join the celebration. Many guests make generous donations to Zonta International. Stockholm I had the privilege of having the club's honorary member, Her Majesty Queen Silvia, as an honored guest in 1995 for their 60th anniversary.

Communication – IT and PR

The clubs in District 21 have been active in many ways to make Zonta visible in local communities. By arranging public activities in cinemas and theaters, clubs have been able to present Zonta to a new audience as well as raising a considerable amount to donate to the Zonta International Foundation. Speakers on different topics related to women have been invited and articles have been published in local papers.

The District PR Committee has produced templates for clubs to use as well as instructions on how to formulate media releases.

Clubs have arranged many public events promoting Zonta's mission to prevent violence against women, sometimes together with like-minded organizations.

When the club in Gällivare was chartered in 1960 the local papers reported that the first Zonta club north of the Arctic Circle had been established!

Many clubs have had correspondence with local governments regarding women's rights, human trafficking, violence against women and articles have been published about the clubs' scholarship recipients.

Some clubs have experienced that knowledge of Zonta has improved in their communities. Flyers and posters have been placed in supermarkets and other central places to promote Zonta projects and some area directors have been interviewed on local radio and television. One TV channel presented a local project regarding "Safe Cities" and another interviewed Zontians in connection with the founding of the Zonta Club of Ogre in Latvia. One local channel interviewed the Vice Area Director and District Foundation Ambassador in connection with an area meeting.

Information to Club members

District 21 has put great emphasis on providing information to members on a regular basis. In District XIII one member in Jönköping took the initiative to disseminate information about district and international activities as a complement to Governor's letters and other information.

Information media has technically developed and information is now sent directly to all members' mailboxes.

The district has, in some biennia, translated the descriptions of the international projects in order to

encourage members to understand and thereby be more active in making donations.

To enable Latvian club members to follow discussions in Swedish, a Zontian liaison and translator speaking the Latvian language has been present at board meetings and at District Conferences.

At the district meeting in Piteå in 1989 it was decided that the Swedish newsletter should continue with the same author and with the name "Zonta XXI". The newsletter contained information about clubs, jubilees, charters, district meetings, committees, etc.

In 2014, the district membership committee introduced "21:ans" ("District 21 cares"), a newsletter which focused on membership matters. This was expanded in 2016 to include more general information from the district and all committees, and became the district's first e-newsletter.

The website is updated regularly and members acting as webmaster have received appropriate training.

In 2007, the District launched a new website, www.zonta21.org. The page made it possible for all clubs to have their own site with information about the club and its programs and contact information. The website has been continuously developed and managed by an IT committee chairman. The district has offered courses for club members with IT responsibilities. On the website, information and reports from conventions, district conferences and area meetings have been published for members' references. The site is also available for Latvian Zontians through their own section in the Latvian language.

In 2011–2012, updated versions of the website were launched with the addition of a new page in 2018. In this connection it is worth noting that district board documents from the biennium 2016–2018 are stored electronically on a server owned by the district archivist.

The district started a Facebook page in 2012. District 21 members are active on social media and some clubs have their own Facebook page. The district page is now a closed group, open to members only, and has 740 members. The page is appreciated as an easy means of communicating information about district matters.

Key facts and data

Number of clubs, areas and club members 1935–2019

Year	Clubs	Areas	Members
1935	1	0	30
1940	2	0	
1945	2	0	
1950	5	0	
1955	7	0	
1960	12	0	
1965	14	0	
1970	18	0	
1975	24	0	
1980	33	0	
1985	42	3	
1990	57	3	2291
1995	67	4	
2000	70	5	2687
2005	72	6	2558
2010	77	6	2420
2015	69	6	2217
2019	63	6	1617

Margit Webjörn	Trosa	2002–2004
Beryl Sten	Växjö	2008–2010
Sonja Hönig Schough	Kungsbacka	2016–2018

Zonta International President-Elect

Margit Webjörn	Trosa	2000–2002
Beryl Sten	Växjö	2006–2008
Sonja Hönig Schough	Kungsbacka	2014–2016

Zonta International Vice Presidents

Margit Webjörn	Trosa	1998–2000
Beryl Sten	Växjö	2004–2006
Sonja Hönig Schough	Kungsbacka	2012–2014

Zonta International Directors

Ulla Ljungh-Hoff	Stockholm II	1986–1988
Inger Brolin	Gothenburg I	1988–1990
Ulla Trenter Palm	Stockholm III	1992–1994
Margit Webjörn	Trosa	1996–1998
Beryl Sten	Växjö	2002–2004
Sonja Hönig Schough	Kungsbacka	2009–2012
Christina Rylander Bergqvist	Sundsvall	2016–2018

Zonta International Foundation Presidents

Beryl Sten	Växjö	2008-2010
Sonja Hönig Schough	Kungsbacka	2016-2018

Zonta International Foundation Directors

Margit Webjörn	Trosa	2000–2004
Beryl Sten	Växjö	2006–2008
Tora Wigstrand	Jönköping	2007–2008
Sonja Hönig Schough	Kungsbacka	2009–2014

Zonta International Finance Committee

Gunilla Malmsten	Malmö III*	Chairman	1992–2000
		Member	2000–2004
		Member	2006–2008
		Chairman	2008-2010
Pia Sjöstrand	Malmö III*	Member	2012–2014

*Club no. 1159 closed 2015

Zonta International Foundation Finance Committee

Pia Sjöstrand	Malmö III*	Member	2005–2008
		Chairman	2008-2020

*With the closure of Malmö III (no. 1159) in 2015, Pia Sjöstrand transferred to Malmö I.

Zonta International Foundation Investment Committee

Sonja Hönig Schough	Kungsbacka	2012–2014
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Audit Committee

Gunilla Malmsten	Malmö III	Chairman	2007–2010
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Development Committee

Viveka Anderberg Åkerhielm	Örebro II	2011–2012
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Ingegerd Wennerbeck	Lund		2016–2018
Marianne von Hartmansdorff	Stockholm I		2018–2020
Membership Committee			
Marie-Louise Zeisig	Stockholm IV	Member	2014–2016
Nominating Committee			
Ulla Ljungh-Hoff	Stockholm II	Member	1988–1990
Ulla Ljungh-Hoff	Stockholm II	Member	2000–2002
Monica Thurell	Södertälje	Member	2002–2004
Margit Webbjörn	Trosa	Chairman	2004–2006
Beryl Sten	Växjö	Member	2010–2012
Sonja Hönig Schough	Kungsbacka	Chairman	2018–2020
Advocacy Committee			
Margit Webbjörn	Trosa	Chairman	2014–2016
Bylaws and Resolutions Committee			
Ulla Ljungh-Hoff	Stockholm II	Member	1992–1994
Ulla Ljungh-Hoff	Stockholm II	Chairman	1994–2002
Ulla Ljungh-Hoff	Stockholm II	Member	2002–2004
Ulla Ljungh-Hoff	Stockholm II	Member	2008–2010
Margit Webbjörn	Trosa	Chairman	2009–2014
Status of Women Service Committee, LAA			
Tora Wigstrand	Jönköping		2006–2008
UN Committee Europe			
Tora Wigstrand	Jönköping		2004–2006
Service Committee			
Inger Brolin	Gothenburg I	Co-chairman	1986–1988
Margareta Granberg	Uppsala I		1994–1996
Beryl Sten	Växjö	Chairman	2010–2012
Ulla-Britt Höjer	Nyköping- Oxelösund II		2018-2020
OMC Committee			
Gunnel Arrbäck	Uppsala II		2002–2006
PR and Communication Committee			
Tsemaye Opubor Hambraeus	Stockholm III		2012–2014
Marielle Corend Larsson	Kungälv		2016–2018
Young Women in Public Affairs Award Committee			
Margaretha Elfström Södergren	Malmö Limhamn		2006–2008
Monica Uddenfeldt	Gävle		2012–2014
Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarship Committee			
Tora Wigstrand	Jönköping		2008–2012
Convention Committee			
Agneta Åhslund	Göteborg		2000–2002
Deisy Barnevik-Berglund *	Göteborg I	Co-chairman	2000–2002

Ulla Bengtsson	Trollhättan		2000–2002
Margaretha Elfström Södergren *	Malmö Limhamn	Co-chairman	2000–2002
Lillemor Fredholm	Jönköping I		2000–2002
Kerstin Lundqvist	Södertälje		2000–2002
Pia Sjöstrand	Malmö-Limhamn		2000–2002
Beryl Sten	Växjö	Chairman	2000–2002
Monica Thurell	Södertälje		2000–2002
Heli van der Valk	Göteborg		2000–2002

Archives Committee

Bodil Ulate-Segura	Stockholm II		1994–1998
Bodil Ulate-Segura	Stockholm II		2000–2004

Project Five–O

Margit Webjörn	Trosa	Representative	2000–2004
Beryl Sten	Växjö	Representative	2006–2008

Honorary members

Stockholm I	Her Majesty Queen Silvia	1976
Stockholm VI	Christina Baines	
Enköping ZC	Märta Hult-Korfitsen	
Falköping-Skövde	Britt Jansson-Arnoldsdotter	
Hässleholm	Sixten Nordström	
Jönköping I	Rigmor Gunnarsson	
Jönköping II	Birgit Friggebo	
Linköping	Gertrud Törnquist	

Recipients of Zonta International Meritorious Award

Inger Brolin, ZC Göteborg I	1999
Ulla Ljungh-Hoff, ZC Stockholm II at the Convention in Turin	2012
Margit Webjörn, ZC Trosa at the Convention in Nice	2016

Recipients of scholarships

Amelia Earhart Fellowship

Gunilla Kreiss	1984
Marie Finnström	1985
Eva Pärt, Uppsala	1989–90
Maria Christin Rosberg, Lund	1991–92
Christina Lampe Öennerud	1994
Tünde M. Fulöp, Göteborg	1997
Eva Rosenbach, University of Alabama in Huntsville, USA	1998
Csilla Szasz, Kiruna	2005
Sofia Eriksson	2008
Madeleine Holmberg, Uppsala	2013

Jane M. Klausman in Business scholarship

Christina Molin	Frändefors	district level	1998
Nina Engström	Luleå	district level	1999
Ebba Melén	Uppsala		2005
Malin Ivarsson	Stockholm	International level	2006
Malin Ivarsson		district level	2007
Charlotte Montell		district level	2008
Sophie Nelson	Jönköping	International level	2009

Marija Bikova	Riga		2010
Kristina Kaske	Uppsala I	International level	2013
Tiffany Dosé	Jönköping		2013
Emma Carlsson	Jönköping		2014
Chiara Grotti LTU	Uppsala I.		2014
Melinda Suveg	Uppsala	International level	2015
Laura Ancane	Riga		2015
Anna Maria Bornhausen	Jönköping		2015

Young Women in Public Affairs scholarships

Johanna Lindblad	Jönköping	district level	1995
Daghija Libane		district level	1997
Li Nilsson	Skellefteå	district level	2000
Yasmine Makki	Stockholm		2005
Shantana Shahid	Stockholm		2006
Tuss Odin Ödman		district level	2007
Malin Värmå		international level	2008
Hanna Andersson	Karlstad		2009
Giovanna Olmo	Stockholm Lidingö	district level	2011
Sarah Anett Bohma	Jönköping	district level	2012
Sara Mårtensson Tidholm	Stockholm I		2013
Amalia Holm Bielke		district level	2013
Hanna Hadayati Nikfekar	Stockholm		2013
Li Oskarsson Kindstrand	Gävle		2014
Ida Andersson	Stockholm-Lidingö		2014
Amalia Ydrefelt Hanel	Malmö		2014
Helga Edström	Stockholm		2014
Vanessa Berhe	Stockholm I-Lidingö		2015
Luul Kamaludin	Falun-Borlänge		2015
Vendela Carlifjord	Nyköping-Oxelösund II		2015
Amalia Berglöf Larsson	Stockholm	international level	2016
Linnea Hård af Segerstad	Lund		2016
Midea Nori	Södertälje		2016
Ilze Färte	Riga		2016
Vilma Westberg	Västra Skaraborg		2016

Conventions

2002 Göteborg

District Conferences

<i>Year</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Area</i>
1986	Göteborg	3
1987	Falun	2
1989	Piteå	1
1991	Örebro	5
1993	Norrköping	5
1995	Helsingborg	4
1997	Karlstad	3
1999	Gävle	2
2001	Jönköping	5
2003	Malmö	4
2005	Stockholm	2

Focus on our mission
Medveten – Mentor
Mindful – Mentor

2007	Ludvika	2	Insikt, inspiration och initiativ <i>Insight, inspiration and initiative</i>
2009	Hässleholm	4	Vilja Våga Verka <i>Will, Dare, Act</i>
2011	Kungälv	4	Synlighet, Saklighet, Support <i>Visibility, Objectivity, Support</i>
2013	Sundsvall	1	Mötet man minns <i>The meeting one remembers</i>
2015	Nyköping	5	Mötet man längtar till <i>The meeting one longs for</i>
2017	Kalmar	4	Mötet där alla vill vara <i>The meeting where everyone wants to be</i>
2019	Stockholm	2	Zonta International Centennial anniversary

Service and advocacy projects

- Since 1990: Yearly donations to Zonta International, especially UNIFEM
- 1990–1996: Youth education and donation for contraceptives in Estonia. This later developed into a Baltic project.
- 1991: Organized an evening at a theater which gave SEK125,000 to a project for children in Estonia. Insulin syringes were also donated
- 1994: Yearly donations to a priest working in Ethiopia to support shelters
- 1995: Donations to projects in Guatemala and Senegal
- 1995–1997: Project Skangal, a collaboration with Zontians in Riga
- 1998 One club has had yearly fashion shows since this year to support local projects for women and Zonta International
- 2002: Support to two girls in Gambia was discontinued because of lack of contact
- 2004: Project on trafficking – donation to Bosnia-Herzegovina.
- 2005 Concert in aid of AIDS/HIV in Africa
- 2006: Project to give four girls in Tanzania the possibility of education and development
- 2006: Riga project – cooperation between Zontians in Sweden and Latvia and between students in the two countries to support young women in the Baltic countries
- 2009: A public event in cooperation with local police, courts and gynecologists in relation to the problem of violence in close relationships
- 2009: Participation in an anti-trafficking project
- 2013: Cooperation with retail company City Gross.

Other projects

Africa	tree planting
Gambia	aid to a local village for schools and to support small enterprises
Ghana	support a girl in orphanage to be a nurse
Gambia	family planning project
Bolivia, Uruguay and Guatemala	education of young women
Ecuador	cooperation with an organization in Quito to help poor women with childcare, healthcare and education
Poland	provision of medicines
Latvia	Zontians involved in Riga project (see above) invited to Gothenburg.
Latvia	Donation to female medical student Romania
Romania	Support for a handicapped girl to enable her to live a normal life
Estonia	help to a woman to be trained as a Montessori educator
Estonia	Meetings where cultural and professional experience were discussed;
Estonia	Donation of beds; gynecology chairs and clothes to Viljandi
Estonia	Support construction of an orphanage
Estonia	Donated used ultrasound equipment.
Lithuania	Donations to various entities
Bosnia Herzegovina	Toilet articles to vulnerable women in their homes
Vitryssland (Belarus)	Supply of blankets, pillows, etc. to girls in an orphanage
Pakistan	Support of a Christian church school

Uganda
Uganda
Russia

“Goatbank” microloan scheme to enable the purchase of goats and hen
Support for Ssenyange Education Project for orphaned children
Godmother to a girl in the SOS Children’s Village in Pushkin, St
Petersburg