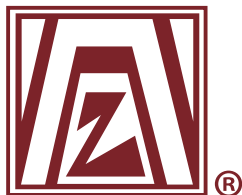


Welcome



to Zonta

A resource for Zonta club members



Acronyms

Zonta International

HQ	Headquarters
ICC	International Committee Chair
IHM	International Honorary Member
INC	International Nominating Committee
PIP	Past International President
SOM	Sponsoring, Organizing and Mentoring

Zonta Foundation for Women

AE	Amelia Earhart
ISP	International Service Project
JMK	Jane M. Klausman
YWPA	Young Women in Public Affairs

United Nations and Council of Europe

CEDAW	Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women
CSW	Commission on the Status of Women
DGC	Department of Global Communications
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



BUILD A BETTER WORLD FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

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 individuals working together to build a better world for women and girls.

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 improving women's lives.

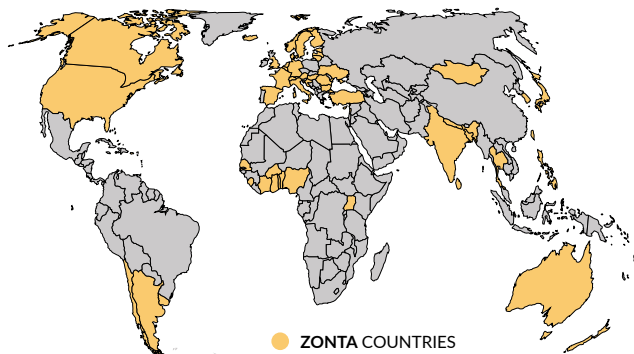
Zonta's first club was chartered in Buffalo, New York, on 8 November 1919. Membership grew rapidly. By 1920, a confederation of nine Zonta clubs had formed with 600 members.

Now in its second century, Zonta remains dedicated to its mission and focused on key topics to achieve that mission such as expanding education, ending gender-based violence and eliminating child marriage.

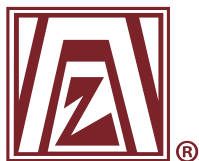


Where We Are Located

There are more than 1,100 Zonta clubs in 62 countries as of 2022. Zonta International Headquarters is located in Oak Brook, Illinois, USA.



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 Official Colors

Mahogany and Gold



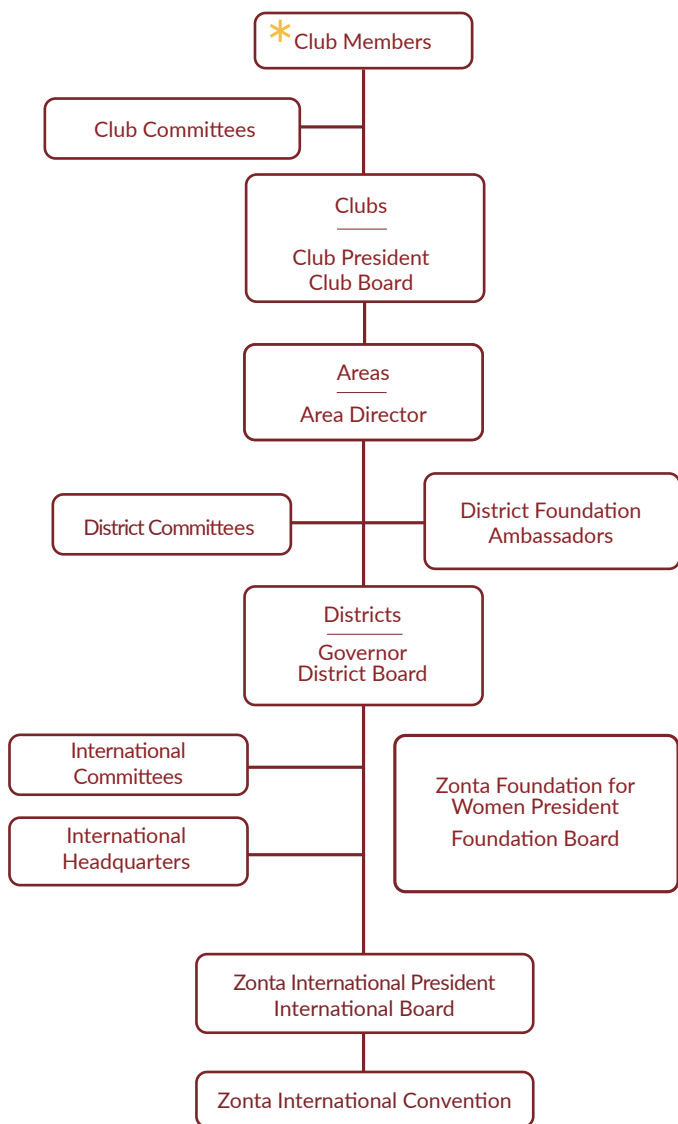
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Zonta's Structure



*** You are here!**

Your Voice in Zonta

Club leadership has the responsibility to ensure that the thoughts and ideas of its members are heard and shared in a constructive, encouraging manner.

Club life should allow members the opportunity to participate, grow and serve in a friendly, responsible atmosphere.

Members are encouraged to engage in a wider, international network of clubs by attending area meetings, district conferences, inter-district meetings and international conventions.



While your club's vote is essential for Zonta business, your voice is just as important for your club's efforts and our shared Zonta International mission.

Participation in Zonta

Club members are the decision makers.

They bring ideas from their clubs to area meetings.

Decisions made at area meetings are brought to the district conferences.

At district conferences, voting members pass proposed resolutions and amendments to bring to the International Convention.

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



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 uses its strong voice to present our priorities and demand focused action when advocating for gender equality and women’s human rights worldwide. Through statements, United Nations (UN) actions and partnerships, Zonta works for gender equity in education, improved economic status and an end to gender-based violence.

Zonta advocates primarily through its General Consultative Status with ECOSOC at the 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. For decades, Zonta also has partnered with UNICEF, UNFPA and other global organizations.

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 and all members 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 Based 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 rights and gender equality in all facets of life, we also partner with UN agencies such as UNFPA, UNICEF USA and others to financially support projects to empower women and girls to understand their rights and realize their full potential.

These are part of the International Service Projects (ISP) and are voted on at the International Convention every two years.

Projects have focused on issues such as:

- Education
- Equality and human rights
- Economic empowerment
- Gender-based violence
- Child marriage
- Health
- Climate change
- And much more, see www.zonta.org/ISP



Clubs conduct local projects that are in line with our mission, focused on education, empowerment, ending gender-based violence and more.

Education and Youth Development



Amelia Earhart Fellowship

- Established in 1938 in honor of famed aviator and Zontian, Amelia Earhart
- Up to 30 fellowships of US\$10,000 each awarded annually
- For women pursuing Ph.D./doctoral degrees in aerospace engineering and space sciences

Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship

- Established in 1998 from a bequest by Zontian Jane M. Klausman
- 37 international scholarships of US\$5,000 each awarded annually
- For women pursuing degrees in business leading to a business management career

Young Women in Public Affairs Award

- Established in 1990
- 37 international awards of US\$5,000 each awarded annually
- For young women, ages 16 to 19, who demonstrate leadership skills and commitment to public service and civic causes

Women in STEM Scholarship (pilot program)

- Began in 2018 as Women in Technology Scholarship. Continuation determined by convention vote.
- 32 international awards of US\$5,000 each awarded biannually
- For women pursuing degrees in STEM-related fields

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

Z Clubs and Golden Z Clubs

Established in 1948, the Z Club 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 clubs and Golden Z clubs are sponsored by Zonta clubs who provide resources, information and guidance to support Z club and Golden Z club members as they work to improve their communities and the world. Golden Z club members may also hold membership in a Zonta club.



Zonta Foundation for Women



ZONTA FOUNDATION FOR WOMEN

The Zonta Foundation for Women is a not-for-profit charitable organization supported solely by contributions from clubs, individuals 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 Foundation for Women provides more than US\$4 million for Zonta International's programs and projects that benefit thousands of women around the world. Visit zonta.org/foundation for more information.



Clubs shall have the goal of contributing at least 1/3 of funds raised locally to the Zonta Foundation for Women to support Zonta International's service and educational award programs. All 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.



Contributions to the Zonta Foundation for Women go entirely to project and program support.

Your Zonta Experience

As a member, either supporting or as part 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.

Be empowered yourself as you empower women and girls in the world around you.

Your Benefits

Access to a global network

Actively engaging in service to women in your local community and around the world

Participating in local and global advocacy activities

Leadership skills development

Lifelong friendships

Cross-cultural sharing

Greater understanding of the global issues affecting women and girls

Your Contributions

Participate in club meetings, service projects and fundraising activities

Advocate on women's issues both locally and globally

Attend area meetings, district conferences and international conventions

Take on leadership roles at the local level and beyond

Introduce new individuals to support Zonta's mission

Support international service projects through donations to the Zonta Foundation for Women

Important Zonta Dates

JANUARY	Amelia Earhart Month
11 JAN	Amelia Earhart Day
24 JAN	International Day of Education
MARCH	Commission on the Status of Women (New York, NY, USA)
08 MAR	Zonta Rose Day and International Women's Day
30 JULY	World Day Against Trafficking in Persons
18 SEPT	International Equal Pay 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	Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women and 16 Days of Activism Against Gender- Based Violence
10 DEC	Human Rights Day



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