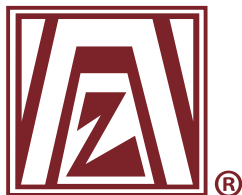


# Welcome



# to Zonta

A resource for Zonta club and  
supporting members



# Zonta Acronyms and Lingo

## Zonta International

<b>HQ</b>	Headquarters
<b>ICC</b>	International Committee Chair
<b>IHM</b>	International Honorary Member
<b>INC</b>	International Nominating Committee
<b>PIP</b>	Past International President
<b>ZC</b>	Zonta Club
<b>Zontian</b>	<i>The Zontian</i> magazine and the name for a member of Zonta International

## Zonta Foundation for Women

<b>AE</b>	Amelia Earhart
<b>ISP</b>	International Service Project
<b>STEM</b>	Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics

## United Nations and Council of Europe

<b>CEDAW</b>	Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women
<b>CoE</b>	Council of Europe
<b>CSW</b>	Commission on the Status of Women
<b>ECOSOC</b>	United Nations Economic and Social Council
<b>ILO</b>	International Labour Organization
<b>NGO</b>	Non-Governmental Organization
<b>SDG</b>	Sustainable Development Goals
<b>UN</b>	United Nations
<b>UNESCO</b>	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
<b>UNFPA</b>	United Nations Population Fund
<b>UNICEF</b>	United Nations Children's Fund



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**BUILD A BETTER WORLD FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS**

## **Welcome to Zonta International**

You are now part of a global human rights organization and network of individuals, like you, who are committed to equality, human 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.

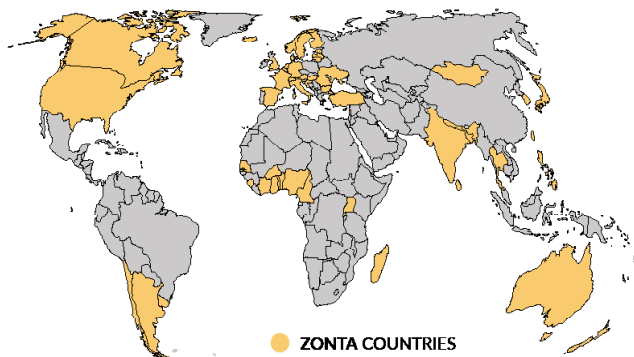
Zonta's first club was chartered in Buffalo, New York, on 8 November 1919.

Now in its second century, Zonta remains dedicated to its mission and focused on key topics to achieve that mission such as elevating women to decision-making positions, demanding climate justice, eliminating gender-based violence and addressing education equality.

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## Where We Are Located

There are almost 1,100 Zonta clubs in 64 countries as of 2024. Zonta International Headquarters is located in Oak Brook, Illinois, USA.



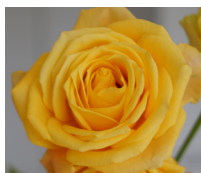
See Zonta's entire history.

## 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, virtually or otherwise, yellow roses, or items bearing the image of yellow roses, accompanied by information about Zonta International, Zonta Foundation for Women and issues relating to improving the lives of women and girls.

## Zonta Official Colors

### Mahogany and Gold



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HEX: 802528

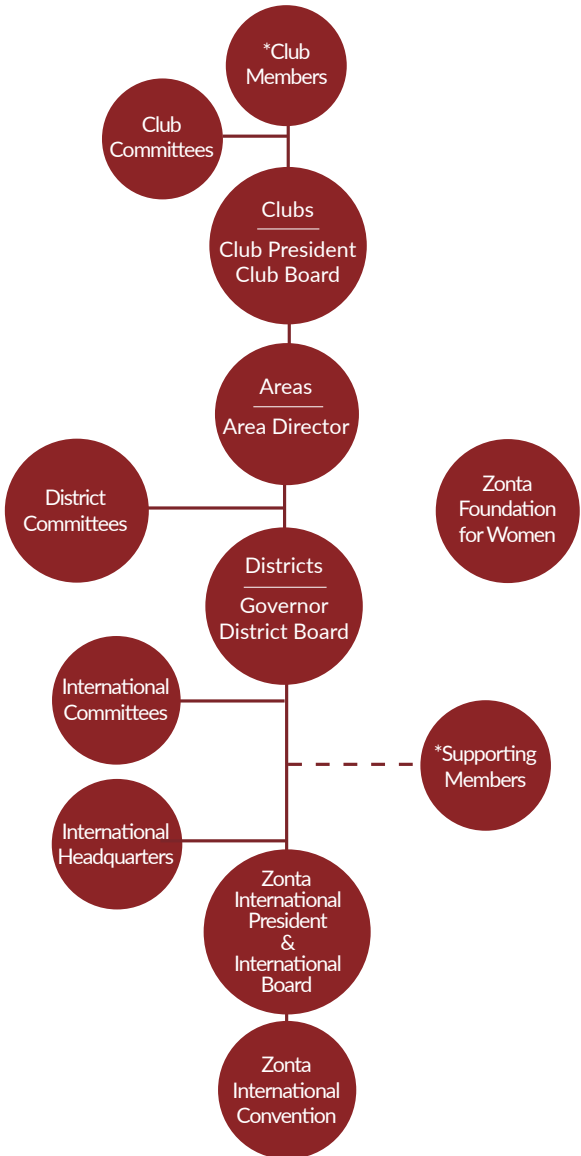


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HEX: F5BD47



See our brand identity guidelines.

# Zonta's Structure



**\*You are here!**

## 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 and therefore building more sustainable societies for every one.

Be empowered yourself as you empower women and girls

### Your Benefits

### Your Contributions



## 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.

385 Students Clubs | 123 Golden Z clubs | 262 Z Clubs\*



Find a student club near you!

\*As of 2024



# Zonta, Gender Equity and a Vision for 2030 and Beyond

## Strategic Plan Goals and Strategies 2023-2030

### GOAL 1.0 CREDIBLE AND VISIBLE VOICE

Zonta acts as a credible and visible voice on gender equity and delivers initiatives addressing education equality, climate justice, ending gender-based violence and ensuring women are represented in decision-making positions on an equal basis with men.



### GOAL 2.0 CLUB SUCCESS

Clubs serve as a welcoming and inspiring environment to those who wish to work to empower women and girls and create information and resources necessary to focus on the most important issues facing women and girls.



### GOAL 3.0 INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND SUSTAINABILITY

Zonta manages its resources, including both time and money, to meet the vision and ensure the organization's long-term viability and success. Zonta modernizes its governance structure to align with its strategic plan, ensure innovative thought and allow for effective decision-making.



### GOAL 4.0 ENGAGEMENT OF AUDIENCES AND ALLIES

Zonta creates customized pathways to connect to Zonta, develops collaborations with like-minded organizations, and expands revenue streams to further our mission and extend our voice.



See the entire strategic plan.

# What We Do

## Advocacy

Zonta International is nonpartisan and nonsectarian. 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, climate justice, supporting women in leadership and ending 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

Through national unions, caucuses and alliances, 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 and girls at the local level.



See more of how Zonta is making an impact through our local service and advocacy actions.

## Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women Campaign

# 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. [Learn more at www.zontasaysno.com](http://www.zontasaysno.com).



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## 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 Zonta 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 justice
- And much more, see [www.zonta.org/ISP](http://www.zonta.org/ISP)

### Projects for the 2024-2026 Biennium



Climate Empower:  
Community Empowerment  
and Innovation for  
Gender-Transformative  
Climate Action

Global Programme to  
End Child Marriage

Lahaa: A Virtual Safe  
Space for Women  
and Girls

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



See how our projects are making a global impact.

## Education Programs



### 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.

### Zonta Women in Business Leadership Award

- Established in 2024, 10 international awards of US\$10,000 each awarded annually.
- Recognizes outstanding achievements by women 18-35 driving innovation and impact in the business world.

### Zonta Young Women in Leadership Award

- Established in 1990 and renamed in 2024.
- 37 international awards of US\$5,000 each awarded annually.
- For young women, ages 16 to 19, who demonstrate leadership skills.

### Zonta Women in STEM Award

- Began in 2018 as Women in Technology Scholarship.
- 16 international awards of US\$10,000 each awarded biannually.
- For women 18-35 in STEM-related fields.

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



See how our Fellowship and awards are expanding opportunities for women and girls.

## 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](https://zonta.org/foundation) for more information.

Clubs are encouraged to contribute 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 individual contributions 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.

## 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
22 APR	Earth Day
30 JULY	World Day Against Trafficking in Persons
18 SEPT	International Equal Pay Day
11 OCT	International Day of the Girl
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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