

Membership

WHO ARE OUR MEMBERS?

- Women from diverse backgrounds. Men are welcome
- Professionals with skills they are willing to share
- Those who are willing to further our mission of empowering women through service and advocacy

WHEN YOU JOIN ZONTA YOU:

- Belong to an international organisation that provides governance and support for local clubs.
- Support and create Zonta projects which make a difference to the lives of women internationally and locally.
- Collaborate with like-minded people from diverse backgrounds.
- Have opportunities to develop personal skills and take on leadership positions.
- Give back to your community in a practical, rewarding and enjoyable way.
- Cultivate friendships and network with members locally and internationally.
- Have opportunities to travel the world to strengthen friendships and have fun.



Vision for the future:

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.

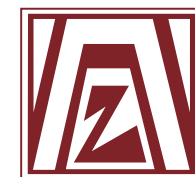
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We invite you to contact your local Zonta club.

ZONTA

*Making a difference
to the lives of women
around the world
since 1919*



ZONTA
INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 23
EMPOWERING WOMEN
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

What is Zonta?

Zonta International was founded in Buffalo, New York State USA in 1919. The name Zonta is derived from a Lakota Sioux Indian word meaning 'honest and trustworthy'.

Worldwide there are over 30,000 members in 1,200 clubs in 67 countries. Zontians around the world volunteer their time, talents and support to service projects creating change to improve the lives of women.

"As long as women's rights are not considered and respected as human rights, as long as women do not have access to all resources on an equal basis to men, as long as women suffer from violence, there will be a need for our conviction, commitment and courage".

*Zonta International President 2014- 16
Maria Jose Landeira Oestergaard*

WOMEN OF THE WORLD

- 70% of people in the world who live in extreme poverty are women and girls
- About two thirds of the 759 million adults who lack basic literacy skills are women
- Gender disparities are more prevalent at higher levels of education
- Twice as many women as men are in part time employment
- One in every three women around the world has been beaten, coerced into sex or abused in her lifetime

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Service

International Service Programs

Zontians and clubs around the world support a number of International Service projects. These include:

- Working towards an HIV free generation in Rwanda
- Eliminating Obstetric Fistula in Liberia
- Gender Responsive Schools in Vietnam
- Voices Against Violence in Partnership with World Wide Girl Guides & Girl Scouts
- Delaying Early Marriage in Niger
- International Scholarships for Women

For more information go to www.zonta.org

District 23 Service Projects

Zonta members fundraise and hold assembly days to make Zonta Birthing Kits to provide clean birthing environments and training for traditional birth attendants.



Zonta Breast Care Cushions are made by Clubs to provide comfort in the post-operative stage of breast cancer treatment.

Club Service Projects

Projects focus on women and girls, are as varied as each club's members and respond to the needs of the local community.

Advocacy

Zonta International is a powerful advocate for change in our local and international communities thereby transforming the world and the place of women in it.

Zontians and their clubs around the world inform themselves and others in order to raise awareness of issues that affect women and girls.

Our goal is gender equality.

We work towards this by forming affiliations with like-minded organisations and having representation at decision making tables.

At an international level Zonta has Consultative and Participatory status with various United Nations bodies and plays an active role in many forums.

Zonta Districts in Australia provide a Zonta voice to the Australian Government.

Zonta Clubs identify local issues affecting women and girls and initiate change.

ZONTA SAYS NO
TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

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