



## INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

*[Inducting new members into Zonta is a special occasion performed by the Club President, Area Director, Lt Governor, District Governor or another Zontian whose service has been exemplary and who is held in high regard by the Zonta members.]*

### **Inducting Officer:**

We are honoured that you wish to join the Zonta Club of [\_\_\_\_\_], and work to empower women worldwide through service and advocacy. You are joining a progressive, global organization whose voice is heard and respected locally, nationally and internationally. Zonta has consultative status with the United Nations and participatory status with the Council of Europe. The name “Zonta” is derived from a Lakhota word of the Native American Sioux peoples meaning honest and trustworthy. Our members volunteer their time and talents to work towards Zonta’s vision.

### **Inducting Officer or Membership Chair to read:**

We envision a world in which women’s rights are recognised as human rights and every woman is able to achieve her full potential. In such a world, every woman has access to all resources and is represented in decision making positions on an equal basis with men. In such a world, no woman lives in fear of violence.

*To achieve this vision, Zontians:*

- Support and participate in Zonta service projects that make a difference to the lives of women internationally and locally.
- Advocate Zonta’s position on women’s issues to safeguard women’s rights as human rights
- Collaborate with like-minded organisations, government and community leaders who share common goals, and
- Encourage the development of leadership and mentorship skills to help women be their best.

*We invite you as a Club member to:*

- Foster high ethical standards and be a positive role model
- Embrace personal growth and leadership opportunities, and
- Work co-operatively and respectfully with other members.

Zonta International is a classified worldwide service organization of members committed to diversity of membership and we value fellowship of members from all professions and cultures. We encourage you to discuss viewpoints and exchange ideas with other Zontians in a positive and collaborative manner and to take an interest in the world around you to identify areas where Zonta can make a difference.

**Inducting Officer:** Repeat with me the Zonta pledge:  
“I pledge myself to uphold and practise the ideals of Zonta.”

**New Member(s):**  
“I pledge myself to uphold and practise the ideals of Zonta.”

**Inducting Officer:**

Members of the Zonta Club of [ \_\_\_\_\_ ]  
do you receive **[insert name of new member]** as a member of this club and  
do you promise to work with **[her/him/them]** to further the ideals of Zonta  
International?

**Membership:** We do.

**Inducting Officer:** The fellowship of Zonta worldwide welcomes you and we look forward to working with you to create a world where the Zonta vision is a reality.

**Inducting Officer presents Zonta pin, certificate and yellow rose.**

**Photograph is taken with Club banners as background**