

INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS SCRIPT

Will the following new member please step forward

The members of the Zonta Club of _____ are honored that you want to join with us in service and fellowship. We welcome you to a worldwide organization of dedicated individuals who have come together in pursuit of common goals.

The name Zonta is derived from a Sioux Indian word meaning honest and trustworthy.

Zonta International, a classified service organization of executives and professionals, is pledged to promote the Objects of Zonta which are:

- To provide service and advocacy at the global and local level;
- To improve the legal, political, economic, educational and professional status of women;
- To work for the advancement of understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of executives in business and the professions;
- To promote justice and universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms;
- To be united internationally to foster high ethical standards, to implement service programs, and to provide mutual support and fellowship for members who serve their communities, their nations and the universe.

Membership in Zonta is an honor and a privilege. It is also a responsibility.

- Regular attendance and participation in Club service projects is expected of all members. If called upon for leadership responsibilities, you are expected to serve enthusiastically.

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- Zonta is strongly committed to the ideal of equality for all as expressed in the United Nations Universal Declaration on Human Rights. We are confident you will contribute your caring, enthusiasm and talents to our club.

Presiding Officer hands the candles to each of the new members and turns on the main candle. [Explain that we are restricted from using real candles and instead we are using battery operated candles.]

Would you please light your candles and place them in the holders?

The light represents the flash of radiance, which forms the essence of our emblem. It represents the passion and vision of those Zontians and great women who went before us, in whose footsteps we follow as they made a better world for those who came after.

It stands for the symbol of inspiration—the heart of our Zonta emblem. It signifies the creativity and innovation of the women who founded the Confederation of Zonta Clubs in 1919.

The golden flame embodies the richness of knowledge, experience and wisdom of the Zontians in this room and our sisters around the world who share our common goals—improving the world for women through community service and global understanding.

And finally—these candles depict the useful and beautiful tool designed to change our world. The candle itself characterizes the strength of our organization, flexible and pliable as we develop and grow and once formed, powerful enough to shed light into the dark corners of ignorance, inequality and injustice.

I ask you to light a candle every March 8th to honor International Women's Day; to remember those women who have helped us change our world. Light a candle in thanks and celebration of those brave women of the past, present and future that have dared and continue to dare to go forward despite the shadows of those around them.

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The light of Zonta has now been passed from our International President to you, our newest members.

Will you repeat the Zonta pledge with me?

“I pledge myself to uphold and practice the ideals of Zonta International.”

New Members: “I pledge myself to uphold and practice the ideals of Zonta International.”

Members of the Zonta Club of _____, do you receive these women as members of this club and promise to work with them to further the ideals of Zonta International?

If so please say, “We do.”

The fellowship of Zonta welcomes you. We ask for your support in joining with Zontians worldwide to carry out the service work of Zonta.

Please accept the Zonta pin and the Zonta rose of friendship.

Give pin, name tag, rose and roster to each new member

Congratulations and welcome!

Members of the Zonta Club of _____, will you please stand and welcome our new Zontians?