

# ***Z-Clubs and Golden Z-Clubs:***

## **Why Your Club Should Sponsor a Z-Club!**

### **I. What's the Difference? Z-Club vs. Golden Z-Club?**

- Z-Clubs enroll high school grade-level young women.
- Golden Z-Clubs enroll young women attending colleges and universities.
- Goal is to affiliate with an established academic center to create and sustain a recognized extracurricular service club among young women to pursue Zonta's mission to advance the status of women.
- Sponsoring Zonta club involvement and expectations are linked to the rising age and capabilities of the student members.
- Which should your club choose? Find an opportunity that makes sense in your community, for example:
  - High school with a disadvantaged population and few organized clubs
  - High school that's closest to you to foster easy and frequent interaction between Zontians and Z-Club members
  - High school that may be a ready source of future successful scholarship applicants
  - College or university near your members.

### **II. What Does a Z-Club Do?**

- Hold regularly scheduled club meetings during academic year, perhaps over the summer.
- Develop leadership skills in young women--to lead a club, organize service projects, support advocacy initiatives.
- Bring to young women information about Zonta's worldwide work and service ethic to help women and girls. Open the students' horizons and awareness of conditions for women in other countries.
- Create opportunities to commingle Zonta club members and Z-Club members to learn about each other, participate in shared service or community activities, and social opportunities.
- Choose and carry out three types of service activities: school service, community service, and international service (criteria for the ZI Emma L. Conlon Service Awards for Z-Clubs and Golden Z-Clubs).

### **III. Why Should Your Club Sponsor a Z-Club?**

- ZI and District 11 want to see expansion!
- Stimulate your club with a fresh opportunity for a new Service & Advocacy project to engage your members on a calendar they can plan around.
- Bring out the "inner teacher" and "inner mother" instincts in your Zontians to mentor students.
- Utilize your members' business experience and professional ties to give Z-Club programs, conduct field trips, explore internships, and boost young women's readiness for higher education and work.
- Open pathways to future Zonta Club memberships.
- Enhance students' candidacy for Zonta scholarships.
- Build up a clear, long-term partnership between your Zonta club and a community academic institution--PR benefit and good will.
- A new basis to connect your club to the ZI Area, District, and International clubs to show what you're doing, learn what others are doing, and raise your club's profile!

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