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The Hierarchy of ZI “How we are organized to do what we do”

Zonta International

Zonta International is comprised of more than 1,200 Zonta clubs thriving in 66 countries and geographic areas worldwide. With more than **31,000 members**, Zontians from all over the globe are fulfilling Zonta’s mission to **advance the status of women worldwide**.



Zonta International seeks to advance the status of women worldwide by improving the legal, political, economic, educational, health and professional status of women at the global and local levels through service and advocacy. With the generosity and collective action of Zontians and friends around the world, Zonta International has supported projects in 46 countries, provided scholarships and awards to women around the globe, and been a powerful advocate for change in our local and international communities, thereby transforming the world and women’s place in it. Visit www.zonta.org for more information.

Zonta Members or Zontians

A Zontian is a member of an individual club. Zontians are a culturally diverse group of women and men, representing 66 countries around the globe, who share a commitment to working for women’s rights and gender equality. They are professionals and executives from a wide array

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of sectors. As a member of an individual Zonta club, Zontians all over the world work to advance the status of women through various service, advocacy and fund-raising efforts to support the main objectives of Zonta, which are:

- To improve the legal, political, economic, educational, health and professional status of women at the global and local levels through service and advocacy.
- To work for the advancement of understanding, goodwill and peace through a 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 world.

In addition to the millions of dollars that Zonta International donates to international service projects and educational programs, Zontians commit hundreds of service hours and thousands of dollars to a wide-range of women-focused community service projects such as:

- Supporting shelters for survivors of domestic violence.
- Establishing micro-credit programs to help women start small businesses.
- Empowering girls through educational assistance.
- Informing and encouraging women facing cultural and linguistic barriers about the early detection, diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer.
- Sponsoring Z Clubs and Golden Z Clubs for high school, college and university students.

- ✓ During presentation the presenter could show pictures of Zontians from clubs in their area engaged in various Zonta activities.
- ✓ Also the point to be emphasized is that no matter what capacity you serve in Zonta, we all are Zontians.

Zonta International Board

Zonta International is lead by four democratically-elected officers and seven elected International Directors who make up the Zonta International Board. Board members are elected by ballot vote at the biennial convention and take office at the close of the convention. It is the role of the Zonta International Board to determine policy and provide general oversight of Zonta International; the role of Zonta International Headquarters staff is to implement that policy.

- ✓ During presentation the presenter could connect to the Zonta website.....go to the **Site Navigation Guide**click on **Who We Are** and then click on **Leadership and Structure** to show the faces of the [International Board](#).

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Zonta International Committees

Zonta International Committees play a key role in assisting Zonta International in achieving the biennial goals in coordination with the Zonta International board. Committee chairman and members are appointed for the next biennium by the President-Elect with the approval of the Zonta International Board

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Zonta International Foundation

The Zonta International foundation carries out the charitable objectives of Zonta International and is organized exclusively for charitable purposes. Zonta International is the sole corporate member of its Foundation. The affairs of the Foundation are managed by its Board of Directors who also serves from time to time on the Board of Zonta International.

- ✓ During presentation the presenter could connect to the Zonta website.....go to the **Site Navigation Guide**click on **Who We Are** and then click on **Leadership and Structure** to show the faces....again of the International Board.
- ✓ Also show the screen of our International Programs.....so folks can connect with where the money is going.

Districts

For administrative purposes, Zonta International is divided into 32 districts worldwide, as determined by the Zonta International Board. Each district is administered by an elected district board led by the governor. Other elected members of the board include the Lt. Governor, Treasurer, Area Directors, Vice Area Directors and Nominating Committee. **The district board assists clubs and promotes the programs of Zonta International within their district.**

- ✓ Point out which our district number (11). Reference *The Zontian 2010-2012 Biennium* magazine for a picture of the Governor for District 11.
- ✓ Note that the district secretary is appointed by the governor.
- ✓ Ask if anyone knows who the governor of District 11 is.
- ✓ Ask if anyone knows any district officer.
- ✓ The district board cannot assist the clubs if they (the clubs) refuse to learn and work with their district board.
- ✓ Show pictures from previous District Conferences.....this is where you can **meet and greet** and **learn** your district board.
- ✓ How to contact them? (District 11 website per e-mail address).

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Areas

With majority approval of the clubs affected, district boards outline boundaries and establish areas within their districts to implement administrative functions. Each area is administered by an area director, elected by the clubs in that area.

- ✓ Point out how many Areas are in District 11 (6) and where we are all located.
- ✓ Note that each area also elects a vice-area director.
- ✓ Do you know who is your Area and Vice Area Directors? Attend your area meetings.....show pictures from previous meetings.....this is where you can **meet** and **greet** and **learn** your area staff.
- ✓ How to contact them? (District 11 website per e-mail address).

Clubs

The individual Zonta club is the basic organizational unit of Zonta International. Clubs are organized with 20-100 members or Zontians, who pursue Zonta's mission and goals through service and advocacy. Each club is under the direction of an elected club president and club board.

- ✓ Ask if they are part of their clubs' board, if not, do you know who is on your clubs' board?
- ✓ Emphasize that our "Hierarchy" is not a "who is on top or who is on the bottom" but a "circle of Zontians" working to advance the status of women worldwide.