



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 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.

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.

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

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 serve from time to time on the Board of Zonta International.

