



**“A to Z”onta**

**2018 – 2020**



# Introduction

This booklet is designed to educate new and current members about various elements of our organization. Each organization has its own “language” and the intent is to help interpret some of our unique programs and acronyms.

Included in this booklet are “Z” facts, little known bits of information about our District. We have Districts around the world, and members who serve in unique leadership positions. Remember in Zonta, we want to learn the “Z” facts, and just “Z” facts!

Please share this booklet with other new members to our organization. It will be available shortly to download from our District website.

This booklet was prepared with the help of our 4 Area Directors: Susan Senecal, Christine Alexander, Theresa Harris and Kim Snyder. It was an Area Workshop project in 2020 during the Covid-19 pandemic. All of our 20 clubs participated in the entries and I thank everyone for making this happen!

Enjoy and let me hear from you – share your interesting ideas for this booklet, but remember, we just want “Z” facts!

Yours in Zonta,

***Irene Consolagio Orton***

**Governor 2018-2020**



*Special thanks to Cindy Phillips, Governor of District 8, 2006-08 and Jo Manson Governor of District 3, 2006-08 for sharing this booklet and allowing District 2 to personalize it for our District.*

## Zonta Poem for 2019 D2 Conference

Written by Marianne Berman, Zonta Club of Auburn

Roses are yellow.  
For Zontians that's true.  
But the modern day Zontian  
Wears many hats too.

For the roles she plays daily,  
Leave little to chance.  
Organizer Mom in the morning  
Signals the start of the dance.

Business exec by day, advocating for women  
And, of course, equal pay.  
After school chauffeur  
Transporting here and there.  
Dinnertime chef-nutritionists beware.

After dinner, no time to waste.  
Community meetings continue the race.  
The modern Zonta woman, with nightcap on head  
Finally heeds the call of sleep and heads off to bed.

To dream about empowering women  
to love  
to teach  
to learn  
to share  
Working hard to bring about change, for women,

Everywhere.



**ZONTA**  
INTERNATIONAL  
**DISTRICT 2**  
EMPOWERING WOMEN  
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

## **The Letters A & B were brought to you by the Club of Ottawa, Canada:**

**Adolescents to Adults:** Zonta has membership opportunities for adolescents to adults in either a Z Club, Golden Z Club, traditional Zonta Club, or e-Club.

### **Advocacy**

Through advocacy, Zonta aims to influence and support decisions within economic, legislative and social institutions locally and around the world.

### **Administration**

The administration or process of running Zonta District 2 is determined by 2 documents: The Zonta International Bylaws and the District's Rules of Procedure. The physical administrators are the officers, board of directors and district committee chairmen.

### **Amelia Earhart**

The Amelia Earhart Fellowship was established in 1938 in honor of famed pilot and Zontian, Amelia Earhart. The US\$10,000 Fellowship is awarded annually to up to 35 women pursuing Ph.D./doctoral degrees in aerospace engineering and space sciences. It may be used at any university or college offering accredited post-graduate courses and degrees in these fields.

Since the program's inception in 1938, Zonta has awarded 1,638 Amelia Earhart Fellowships, totaling more than US\$10.6 million, to 1,209 women representing 73 countries. Clubs in the district honor her every January with special programs and events.

### **Area Director**

District 2 is divided into (4) Areas: Area 1, 2, 3 and 4. The area directors plan and coordinate activities in cooperation with the Governor.

They work with the presidents of the clubs in their area to maintain the connection between club and district. They give reports at each district board meeting. They are voting members of the District Board. They shall follow the guidelines stipulated in the District Manual, District Rules of Procedure, and the ZI Protocol manual. They can install club boards of directors. To be a candidate for Area Director in D2, a member must have served a full term as a club president.

### **Aspirations**

Zonta club members help others achieve their professional and personal goals or aspirations through the sharing of knowledge and skill-building.

## **Amplify**

Collectively, our voices become louder in favour of women's rights and freedoms. Our advocacy is stronger together.

## **Alliance**

Zonta International has partnered with other global organizations to empower women worldwide, one example being partnering with UNIFPA-UNICEF to work for Let Us Learn Madagascar and Early Child Marriage.

## **Access**

Zonta International programs have increased a woman's ability to access safety, healthcare, education and resources to achieve her full potential.

## **Agenda**

An organized plan to run a meeting. This tool is important to keep meetings effective and efficient.

## **Awards**

Zonta District 2 offers a variety of awards to applicants put forth by its clubs. A summary of

### ***"Z" Fact #1 :***

***District 2 former Governor Gloria Wristen from the Auburn Club was the International Treasurer during the 2006-2008 biennium.***

these awards and more information can be found on the District 2 website.

## **B**

**Birthday:** Zonta International was ‘born’ November 8, 1919, in Buffalo, NY and District 2 was formed then as well.

### **Biennium**

Zonta International's nearly 1,200 Zonta clubs are grouped into 32 districts to facilitate Zonta business. Each district is led by a governor and a district board who serve for a two-year period of time (a biennium). Zonta International projects also run for a biennium. A world convention is held in one country, usually in July, where all members of Zonta are invited to convene for the purpose of conducting Zonta business and voting for new International officers. Clubs send delegates to vote on items being considered for the following biennium.

### **Board Meetings**

Zonta Clubs conduct monthly board meetings. The club and district board members minimally include: The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer (or Secretary/Treasurer) and at least one director. All board members

are expected to attend each club or district board meeting.

## **Books**

Since all leaders are readers, during the 2018-2020 biennium, under the direction of Governor Irene Orton, the District formed a book blog, accessible on its website, which features book lists and reviews. The books are selected specifically to empower women and girls.

## **Businesswomen, Bureaucrats, Barbers and Bakers**

Zontians come from all walks of life and varied professions. Our varied perspectives make us stronger as an organization.

## **Buffalo, NY**

Where Zonta International began in 1919, on November 8th. Many District 2 clubs are charter clubs as old as Zonta. The original 9 clubs included: Binghamton, Buffalo, Elmira, Ithaca, Rochester, Syracuse and Utica in NY;

### ***"Z" Fact #2:***

***District 2 former Governor Dolly Dastoor (2002-2004) from the Montreal Club was International Status of Women Co-Chair 1990-1992, International Service Chair 2008-2010, and the Development Chairman for Zonta International Foundation 2014-2016.***



and Detroit, MI and Erie, PA.

## **Bylaws**

Bylaws are a code of rules of a permanent nature adopted by an organization, defining its primary characteristics and prescribing how the organization functions. Updates of Zonta International Bylaws occur following Conventions. In District 2, each club is encouraged to post their bylaws to their website. The ratified date is posted on the document. A template for club Bylaws can be found on the ZI website. The club bylaws will also contain any standing rules the club has adopted.

**The Letters C & D were brought to you by the Auburn Club:**

## **Clubs**

The individual club is the basic organizational unit of Zonta International. There are two kinds of clubs in Zonta and these are represented in District 2 as well: A traditional club that meets

### ***"Z" Fact #3:***

*Due to the upswing of domestic violence in our communities, and since the Chicago Convention was cancelled, District 2 was able to gift each of the 20 clubs in our district with a check for \$100 (In reference to the Centennial Anniversary) to be donated to their local Domestic Violence shelters. The Board felt that this was an appropriate and fitting way to end this biennium!*

face-to-face, and an E-Club. A charter presented to the club on formation is retained as long as the club meets all obligations for membership in Zonta International. Clubs are organized with a minimum of 15 members and they pursue their goals through standing and optional committees.

### **Colors**

Zonta's original colors were mahogany and gold. Delegates at the 2020 Business meeting voted to keep and use the centennial palette of cerulean blue and gold as well.

### **Collaboration**

Collaboration is when members work together to reach consensus.

### **Committees**

A committee is a smaller group of members working together to bring information, a recommendation, or solution to a problem, back to the club for discussion and vote. Zonta clubs have committees in order to implement projects and achieve goals, and to promote fellowship and a sense of purpose among members.

Mandatory (standing) committees  
include:

- Service
- Advocacy
- Membership
- Nominating (elected)

Additional committees in many clubs  
include:

Public Relations  
Website & Communications  
United Nations  
Finance  
Scholarship/Educational Awards

### **Consensus**

When the members of the club reach an agreement that they all can live with and support, consensus has been reached.

### **Conference (District)**

The D2 Governor holds a district conference in October odd year of the biennium. At the Conference the business of the District is conducted: elections are held; amendments to resolutions, bylaws and rules of procedures are considered and voted on, and the District budget is adopted for the following biennium. Most importantly, the Conference provides a forum to inform, instruct and educate District members about ZI with an emphasis on its role as an international organization. A member of

#### **"Z" Fact #4:**

***"Through The Chateau Door" A History of the Zonta Club of Ottawa 1929-1989 written by Valerie Knowles (Award winning Author and member of the Zonta Club of Ottawa, Canada since 1980). For their 90th Anniversary they commissioned Valerie to update the history, so that is being done and will be retitled, "Empowering Women" Zonta Club of Ottawa, Canada 1929 - 2019.***

the Zonta International board attends our conference.

### **Convention** (International)

The ZI Convention is conducted each biennium in even number years to conduct the business of the organization. The purpose of the Convention is to get all the countries of the Zonta world together for the presentation of informative, motivational and educational programs; to determine the policies of ZI; to elect the ZI officers, directors and members of the nominating committee. Voting on amendments to the bylaws, dues and fees, resolutions and goals that establish the international service projects and programs, and any other business that properly comes before the Convention assembly also occurs. The first ZI Convention was held in Syracuse, NY in 1921.

### **Delegate**

A delegate is a person elected by the club to formally represent the club in voting at Convention, District, or area meetings (appointed). The club Delegate is responsible for knowing the will of the club they represent and votes accordingly. Based on the number of club members your club can either be granted 1, 2 or 3 delegates to represent the club.

### **District**

For administrative purposes, ZI divides the world into 32 Districts, each under the supervision of an elected Governor and elected

board members that include the Lieutenant Governor, Treasurer or Area Directors, and Secretary (appointed and non-voting). The Governor and board members set goals and develop long range planning for the District. The ZI manual specifies that a District must have at least 300 members.

### **Dues**

Per capita Membership dues are paid yearly in the month of May (to be received by June 1<sup>st</sup>) to Club, District 2 and ZI. International Dues information can be found in the ZI Governing Document booklet. District dues information & transmittal is posted to the District website. Young Professionals pay only 50% of the International Dues amount. In December, District and International dues are reduced by 50%.

**The Letters E & F were brought to you by the Elmira Club:**

### **Emblem**

Zonta's Emblem is a composite of 5 Lakhota Sioux symbols that individually mean: ray of light, to stand with, to carry together, shelter, and on the square (honest & trustworthy.) It

#### ***"Z" Fact #5:***

*Eileen Collins, the first (and currently only) female NASA Shuttle commander is from Elmira, NY and was inspired by former Zonta member, Amelia Earhart. She has spoken at Elmira Club events.*

was adopted in 1919 to symbolize the combined qualities of honesty and trust, inspiration, and the ability to work together for service and world understanding.

### **Endowment Fund**

This fund provides for the future of Zonta programs. A contribution to this fund is a lasting gift because it is invested and only the earnings are used.

### **Energy & Effort**

The 20 outstanding clubs of District 2 put forth energy and effort, in cooperating with District 2 and aligning with the Zonta International mission. "Zonta International is a leading global organization of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy."

### **Enthusiasm**

Enthusiasm for the mission is essential for growth and productivity

### **Fellowship**

The feeling of fellowship that is cultivated in clubs and within the district is a source of great joy - a feeling that people are there for you and that you are there for others.

### **Finance**

The District and the clubs of the district are very careful with the management of money entrusted to them; set rules are in place for handling and oversight of such funds.

**Focus**

We focus on the Zonta mission to stay on the right course with our activities.

**Form A**

Membership invoice sent by ZI to Club treasurers for updates & submission to both ZI and D2 treasurer with dues payments.

**Foundation**

The ZI Foundation (the giving arm of ZI) was founded in 1984 to administer the service programs and projects of ZI. The Foundation receives, raises, and invests funds for the service programs of ZI. The monies administrated by the Foundation are for the main part donated by Zonta clubs and individual members. It is recommended that clubs give one third of the monies that they raise through fundraising to the Foundation. The District Foundation Ambassador solicits and promotes member donations at district conference, seminar and workshop.

**"Z" Fact #6:**

*Garden by Zonta is located in downtown Cortland, NY. Inspired by member Theresa Benedict, an avid gardener who has since passed away, The Zonta Club of Cortland, District 2, Area 3 started the garden in 1982. Zontians maintain the garden, much to the delight of Cortland residents and people passing through the City.*

## **The letter G was brought to you by the Cortland Club:**

### **Golden Z Clubs**

Golden Z Clubs are a collaboration and service project of a sponsoring Zonta Club(s) and a college. Golden Z Clubs engage in service projects designed to improve the status of women while learning and practicing leadership skills. Friendships made in Golden Z Clubs may last a lifetime and members are encouraged to join a regular Zonta Club any time after they are 16 years of age.

### **Governor**

The Governor is the link between the Districts and the ZI Board (through the assigned liaison) and administers the affairs of the District. The Governor is elected at the District Conference in the odd-number year before the International Convention that he or she is to take office. The Governor holds the position for two years or until a successor takes over.

### **Girls**

Girls in high school have historically been the target audience for Z Clubs, but recent changes in membership requirements have allowed boys to join as well. At all levels of Zonta however, improving the status of women and girls worldwide remains the goal.

### **Guests**

Guests are encouraged at Zonta Club meetings and welcomed as potential new members. Attending a Club meeting allows the



quest to assess whether membership in the Club is a good fit.

### **Gratitude**

Gratitude is a common theme at most Zonta Club meetings and is reflected in the words of the Zonta blessing. Zontians are grateful for club fellowship, the opportunity to practice leadership skills, and the chance to support meaningful projects that benefit women at home and worldwide. Lasting peace for everyone, everywhere is also in our blessing!

### **The letter H was brought to you by the Canton Club:**

#### **Honorable**

Our organization advances the status of women both financially and through education; all programs are administered with honesty and integrity.

**Humility** - in our acknowledgement of outstanding community members through our

#### ***"Z" Fact #7:***

*District 2 is very proud of the fact that the founder and Charter President of The Confederation of Zonta Clubs (which later in the Convention of 1930 in Seattle, Washington became incorporated under the name of Zonta International in the state of Illinois, USA) was Marion de Forest.*

Rose Day and other annual ceremonies. Most of the recipients do what they do out of love and do not expect any recognition for their efforts.

### **Health**

Advocating of women's health across the globe through Zonta International's service projects: like working to end child marriage, fistula, or female genital mutilation of young girls.

### **Harmonious**

In all of our programs, we strive to be harmonious and advocate for the advancement of women and girls everywhere around the globe.

### **Humanitarians**

Supporting causes about and for women by disseminating honest information to educate and further their status in the world.

### **Helpful**

In our own community and internationally, supporting and working for all women and girls' rights.

### **The letter I was brought to you by the Watkins Glen/Montour Falls Club:**

#### **Induction**

New members are accepted into a club through an induction ceremony conducted by the Club President or visiting official. The ceremony is in the Zonta Club manual.

**Innovative**

Each year Zonta awards several district and international scholarships to women who are pursuing careers and leadership roles in technology, business, and public health. These scholarships help to elevate the status and role of women in these fields and encourage women to pursue their goals. In 2020, clubs supported one another through virtual meetings, ceremonies, and celebrations. Nothing can stop us in our zeal.

**International**

District 2 is an International district - having clubs in the USA and in Canada. Zonta International expands far beyond the borders of District 2. Currently there are greater than 29,000 global members representing 1,200 Zonta clubs in 63 countries. Clubs in District 2 donate to Zonta International to help propel their mission forward.

**International Service Fund**

This fund supports the International Service Projects adopted each biennium by the Convention body. Each biennium new or existing projects are put forth for a vote by the

***"Z" Fact #8:***

***Former District 2 Governor, Candace Edwards (Zonta Club of Syracuse) was the Zonta International Z and Golden Z Chairman 2018-2020. D2 currently has 5 Z Clubs and 1 Golden Z Club (Utica College).***

at large membership. Delegates from each club place votes for these projects based on the wishes of their club.

### **Involved**

Every Zonta Club in District 2 is involved in working to empower women locally and globally. Locally each club develops service projects that help raise awareness of Zonta and their mission in their local communities and they support International's service projects through financial donations to the projects voted on at the International Convention.

### **IRS Form 990**

Clubs in the United States with gross revenue from all sources totaling \$25,000 or more must file an IRS 990 annually by 15 October. ZI files a group return for clubs with \$25,000 or more in revenue that request to be included in this return by 31 August.

### **The letters J & K were brought to you by the Montreal, Quebec Club:**

#### **Jenkins, Mary E.**

District 2 is proud of their past member Mary E. Jenkins and promotes her namesake society. Mary E. Jenkins was owner and president of a newspaper called the Syracuse Herald, a powerful position in an almost exclusively male industry. Sixteen years later, Mary became a founding member of the Zonta Club of

Syracuse, one of the nine original Zonta clubs, also serving as the first President of the Confederation of Zonta Clubs from 1919 to 1921. To honor her achievements, the Mary E. Jenkins 1919 Society was established for Zontians wishing to leave a legacy gift to ensure Zonta's future.

### **Jane M. Klausman Scholarship Fund**

Jane M. Klausman was a member of the Zonta Club of Syracuse and a ZI Parliamentarian. The interest from her bequest of over \$500,000 is intended to fund scholarships for women pursuing careers in business. In 1997, the ZI Foundation established an endowment with the funds and developed the Jane M. Klausman Women in Business scholarship program. The program was initiated in the 1998-2000 biennium.

## **L**

### **Leadership**

There are many opportunities for leadership in Zonta, at the local Club level, District level and within Zonta International. Established during the 2014-2016 Biennium, the Zonta Leadership

#### **"Z" Fact #9:**

*District 2 is very proud of the fact that we have supported 6 past Zonta International Past*

*Presidents: Mary Jenkins (1919-1920) Syracuse, Esther Parker (1921-1922) Ithaca, Harriet Ackroyd (1922-1924) Utica, Katherine B. Sears (1928-1929) Glens Falls, J. Winnifred (1942-1944) Syracuse, and Evelyn E. Dewitt (1978-1980) Binghamton.*

Program is designed to provide Zonta members with organizational knowledge, personal and professional development, and opportunities to expand their leadership. As an initiative, the Zonta Leadership Program will continue to expand and members are encouraged to visit the site by clicking on the button within [zonta.org](http://zonta.org)

### **Let Us Learn Madagascar**

International Service Project 2018-2022 Let Us Learn is an integrated education program that is creating opportunities for vulnerable and excluded children, in Madagascar.

### **Literacy**

Zonta promotes literacy with many service projects, including children's book drives, book clubs, library support and scholarships, etc.

### **Lieutenant Governor**

The Lt. Governor works closely with the Governor and provides assistance to the Governor. The role of the Lt. Governor is often a preparation for the role of Governor, subject to election at district conference. The Lt. Governor is a member of the Zonta International Membership committee.

### **Local**

Zonta International has both a local, as well as an international focus/impact.

**M****Magazine**

The Zontian is a quarterly magazine that is mailed to members and is also available digitally on [zonta.org](http://zonta.org) that celebrates the accomplishments and further explains/spotlights Zonta International projects.

**Marian de Forest** - (source Wikipedia)  
(February 27, 1864 – February 17, 1935)<sup>[1]</sup> was an American journalist, playwright, major force in the [progressive](#) women's movement, and founder of Zonta (later [Zonta International](#)), a service organization of professional women . She was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame in 2001.

In 1919, she founded Zonta, "a service organization of executive women working to improve the legal, political, economic and professional status of women worldwide." In one of her early speeches, de Forest explained, "Zonta stands for the highest standards in the business and professional world ... seeks cooperation rather than competition and considers the Golden Rule not only good ethics but good business". De Forest envisioned Zonta to become an international

***"Z" Fact #10:***

***The 2018 Zonta International Convention was hosted by District 26 in Yokohama, Japan. 2022 ZI Convention will be held in Hamburg, Germany.***

organization. In her own words, "This is the woman's age and in distant lands and foreign climes women of all nations are rallying to the call ... Zonta is given the opportunity of uniting them into one great, glorious whole."

### **Media Relations**

We are able to promote our mission, our events and fundraisers as well as our advocacy efforts through our local media, as well as social media. Maintaining excellent relationships with our local media helps to get the word out about Zonta.

### **Meetings**

Through regular meetings (virtual or in person), as specified by the club's By Laws, Zonta members can organize, implement, as well as celebrate our advocacy and service projects to empower women.

### **Membership**

We recruit and retain members to help promote Zonta's mission. District 2 has emphasized that "Membership Matters." Zonta clubs encourage all members to take an active role in club activities, utilizing their unique strengths and contributions. We celebrate fellowship. Members bring Zonta's mission to life.

### **Mentorship**

There are many opportunities for members to mentor one another within the local Club, District and Zonta International. By participating in many events, you network and



make connections with lifelong friends that we can all learn from.

### **Mission**

Zonta International is a leading global organization of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy.

### **Money**

We raise money to support our local and International service and advocacy projects, including scholarships.

### **The Letter N is brought to you by The Adirondacks Club**

**NGO, Now, New: Zonta has NGO [Non-Governmental Organization] status at the UN. This allows us to have a voice in International efforts to improve the status of women. NOW women and girls need Zonta on their side. NEW clubs with NEW [young] members working together to be responsive to the Zonta, International and local community.**

### **Nominating Committee**

All clubs are required to have a nominating committee. The nominating committee seeks

#### ***"Z" Fact #11:***

***Due to the Corona Virus Pandemic (Covid-19) the 2020 International Convention to be held in Chicago, Illinois had to be cancelled and was replaced by a ZI Business Meeting held virtually in July 2020.***

suitably qualified candidates for elected positions. The nominating committee consists of at least three members who are knowledgeable about the club, its members, and the qualifications required for each club office position. Members are elected at the business meeting of the club.

### **The Letter O is brought to you by the Glens Falls Club**

**Organization, Optimistic, Outreach: Zonta is an ORGANIZATION of OPTOMISTIC Professionals committed to Community and Global OUTREACH with the mission to empower and support women and girls**

#### **Objectives of Zonta**

- To provide service at the global and local levels.
- To improve the legal, political, economic, education, health, 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.

**The Letter P is brought to you by the  
Schenectady Club**

**Personal, Positive, Promising Perseverance:  
Zonta Women take a PERSONAL role in  
effecting POSITIVE change for a PROMISING  
PERSERVERANCE in developing strong women  
and supporting women – worldwide**

### **Proxy**

A proxy is a document that allows a club  
unable to be represented at a  
Conference/Convention to authorize another  
club to represent them in voting at the  
Conference/Convention.

**The Letter Q is brought to you by the  
Schenectady Club**

**Quarantine, Quest, Quintessential:  
QUARANTINE has not changed our QUEST for  
the QUINTESSENTIAL professional Woman –  
Strong, Empowered and Wise to Elevate the  
Status of Women Worldwide Zonta style!**

**The letter R is brought to you by Montgomery-  
Fulton Club  
Rights, Reforms: One of Zonta's goals is to**

### ***"Z" Fact #12:***

*District 2's Leadership Committee Chairman  
is former Governor Kathleen LaBelle (2012-  
2014) from the Glens Falls Club.*

**undertake “REFORMS to give women equal RIGHTS” “in a World where women’s RIGHTS are recognized as human RIGHTS”**

### **Region**

A geographic territory containing Zonta clubs but not qualifying as a District because membership is under 300. There is currently one Region in ZI. (South America)

### **Rose Day**

Since 1999 the yellow rose (Zonta’s official flower) has served as the symbol of Zonta Rose Day.

### **Rose Fund**

The Rose Fund gives every member the opportunity to expand the work of ZI. Contributions are not designated for particular service projects, but may be used for development, support costs, administration of service programs or service program direct support at the discretion of the Foundation board. This is an unrestricted fund.

### **The letter S is brought to you by the Albany Club**

**Service, Sustainability, Strategy, Sex-Trafficking: SERVICE is the core of Zonta’s International mission. Combating SEX-TRAFFICKING is a STRATEGY ZI planning guide for the International and Local member clubs a common cause. SUSTAINABILITY achieved through development, SERVICE, and advocacy.**

**The letter T is brought to you by the Upper Hudson Valley Club**

**Trustworthy, Talented, Teamwork, Tenacious, Teachers, Tolerance: Zontians of District 2 are TRUSTWORTHY and TALENTED. Their TEAMWORK makes them TENACIOUS TEACHERS for TOLERANCE in their communities**

**Tax Status**

ZI is a non-profit organization under Sec 501c(4) of the IRS Code. The ZI Foundation is a charitable non-profit under Sec 501c(3) of the IRS code. Zonta clubs have the same federal income status as ZI. Clubs are **not** considered charitable organizations unless they have a foundation.

**Treasurer**

An elected District or Club officer who is responsible for the financial administration of the organization. The treasurer collects and processes dues and ensures bills are paid in a timely manner.

**United Nations Committee**

This committee promotes awareness of the UN, its agencies and programs, and the

***"Z" Fact #13:***

***2018-2020 Zonta International and Zonta International Foundation VP Ute Scholz attended the 59<sup>th</sup> District 2 Conference held in Lake Placid, NY and was hosted by the Zonta Club of The Adirondacks.***

relationship between the UN and ZI. It creates awareness of the UN Day on October 24 and other UN commemorations. Its activities should be in concert with the ZI UN committee. Zonta International is recognized as having:

- General consultative status with the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)
- Consultative status with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
- special relationships with UN entities promoting women's rights
- participatory status with the Council of Europe (CoE)

### **Web Site**

The ZI web site is [www.zonta.org](http://www.zonta.org) and the District web site is [www.zontadistrict2.org](http://www.zontadistrict2.org)

From our website you can access our Facebook page, Twitter feed and our YouTube channel. A lot of information about manuals, reimbursements, upcoming events, scholarships, and awards can be found on our web site as well as links to all of our clubs' websites.

### **"Z" Fact #14:**

*1992-1994 Governor Rita Cousino (Albany Club) and 1994-1996 Governor Karen Macier (Auburn Club) chaired as well as created the Leadership Committee here in District 2 and were among the first Zonta Districts to attempt a more formalized structure of leadership*

**Workshop**

District 2 holds an annual workshop in the Spring. Workshops are typically a daylong Saturday session that provides training and information for its attendees. Area Directors work closely with the Governor to present and offer the Workshop.

**YWPA Fund (Young Women in Public Affairs)**

The fund was established in 1990 to encourage secondary school women, committed to leadership in public policy, government, and volunteer organizations. The ZI Foundation awards money to each District winner and to the international awardee.

**Zontian Magazine**

The Zontian Magazine is the official registered publication of Zonta International and is provided as part of your Zonta membership. It is produced by ZI and the program issues of each biennium are of interest. It is also available online at the ZI web site.

***"Z" Fact #15:***

*The ZI Board awards International Honorary Membership to individuals who have helped to change societal attitudes about women or have improved conditions for women beyond the national level. Since 1970, ZI has recognized 41 women for their significant contributions to advancing the status of women worldwide.*

### **Zonta Store**

Zonta Stores are conducted at District events to sell club products. Typically, these are open during non-business session hours and staffed by club members. Profits go to the individual club treasury unless otherwise stated. ZI offers a link to the Zonta Store on the ZI website for Zonta swag.

### **ZING**

A membership growth strategy that stands for Zonta Information Network Gathering. It is conducted by existing club members for the purpose of growing their membership.

**ZISVAW FUND – (ZI Strategies to end Violence Against Women).** The objectives of this fund are to establish community-wide partnerships to promote activities internationally, regionally, and locally to reduce violence against women and children, and provide leadership skills.

### **Z and Golden Z Clubs**

Zonta clubs may sponsor Z clubs for secondary school students and Golden Z Clubs for college and university students. These clubs perform service for their school.

#### ***"Z" Fact #16:***

***In the 2018-2020 Biennium, District 2 donated \$65,976.97 to Zonta International for their service projects.***



**Zonta Fiscal Year**

The Zonta year goes from 1 June to 31 May.

**Zonta**

The name “Zonta” is derived from Lakhota (Teton Dakota), a language of the Native American Sioux peoples. It was adopted in 1919 to symbolize the combined qualities of honesty and trust, to work together for service and world understanding, inspiration and the ability to work together for service and world understanding.

**Zonta Pin**

Zonta’s membership pin is a symbol of our bond to Zonta. The pin is generally worn on the left side. The President wears the gavel pointing up while serving and pointing down after the completion of the term.

***“Z” Fact #17:***

*Val Hume, Ottawa Club, served on the International Nominating Committee 2002-2004 and the YWPA International Committee in 2014-2016.*

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*Lynda Pearson, Ottawa Club, served on the International Nominating Committee 1990-1992.*

## **NOTES:**

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Zonta International and our members work at the international, national and local levels to realize our vision of a world in which women's rights are recognized as human rights and every woman is able to achieve her full potential, where women have access to all resources and are represented in decision-making positions on an equal basis with men, and where no woman lives in fear of violence.

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