



Zonta International is a worldwide service organisation of over 33,000 executives in business and the professions working together to *advance the status of women through service and advocacy*.

Established in 1919, Zonta International has more than 1200 clubs in 68 countries and geographic regions.

Zonta International seeks to:

- *Improve* the legal, political, economic, educational, health and professional status of women through service and advocacy.
- *Work* for the advancement of understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of executives in business and the professions.
- *Promote* justice and universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms.
- *Be united* internationally to foster high ethical standards, implement service programs, and provide mutual support and fellowship for members who serve their communities, their nations, and the world.



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International projects

Zonta International is associated with the United Nations and has representation on many UN committees including the United Nations Children Fund (UNICEF), United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). Through the Zonta International Strategies to Prevent Violence Against Women (ZISVAW) program, Zonta International is dedicated to preventing violence against women through service, education, awareness and advocacy.

A proportion of funds raised by clubs around the world is used to finance International Service and ZISVAW Projects. Projects are selected by the membership at International Conventions held once every two years. The 2010 Convention will be held in San Antonio, Texas.

Zonta International's service projects for the 2008-2010 biennium work with UN agencies to:

- Prevent mother-to-child transmission of HIV in *Rwanda* (UNICEF)
- Reduce obstetric fistula within the context of maternal and newborn health in *Liberia* (UNFPA)
- Create safe cities for women in *Guatemala* and *El Salvador* (UNIFEM)
- End violence against women through community action in *Cambodia* (UNIFEM)
- Combat physical violence against women and supporting the implementation of protective and anti-discriminatory laws and policies in *Egypt* (UNIFEM)
- Develop a community based centre for housing and rehabilitation of women victims of violence in *Syria* (UNIFEM).

Zonta International's awards include:

- *Amelia Earhart Fellowship Awards* for post graduate students to further their study in aerospace related sciences
- *Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarships* for women in their third or fourth year of study in a business related degree
- *Young Women in Public Affairs Awards* for high school students to encourage them to enter careers in public affairs, public policy and positions of leadership.

District projects

For administrative purposes, Zonta International is divided into 32 Districts. All of Australia (except New South Wales, Queensland and the ACT) forms District 23. A District Conference is held every two years. The 2009 District 23 Conference will be held in Ballarat, Victoria.

Each District is divided into Areas. The Zonta Club of Perth is part of Area 3, which includes the six clubs in Western Australia. Area workshops are held annually.

There are currently three District 23 service projects:

- **Yarri Wada Puppet Project:** this project realises the dream of senior Law-women in the Kimberley region of WA and uses puppets to help men and women make positive changes in their communities by improving health, regaining pride in their culture and regaining respect for themselves and each other. This project is co-ordinated by the Zonta Club of Perth.
- **Birthing Kits Project:** a woman dies in childbirth every minute somewhere in the world because of giving birth in an unclean environment. Birthing kits are assembled by Clubs and used by birthing assistants in developing countries. Kits include a plastic sheet, soap, cord, gauze squares, scalpel blade and surgical gloves. The project is partly funded by an AusAID grant.
- **Breast Care Cushions Project:** these are used by women around Australia recovering from breast surgery. The cushions not only provide physical support but also let women know that other women are thinking of them.

Through Zonta service, women can and do make a difference!

Local projects

The Zonta Club of Perth actively raises funds so it may support International and District programs and also support local women through our own Club's service projects, advocacy activities and awards.

Service projects include:

- *Zonta House Refuge:* providing financial and professional support, toiletries, clothes, and furniture to help women rebuild their lives
- *Zonta Holidays:* providing holidays for needy families so they can have quality time together
- *Ngarinyin Project:* creating an extraordinary friendship with the Ngarinyin women in the Kimberley region of WA.

Advocacy activities include:

- Supporting the *Women's Legal Referral Service* that provides legal support to victims of domestic violence
- Supporting education and information programs about *female genital mutilation* to eliminate this practice in Perth
- Supporting initiatives to make the 10th September *International Gynaecological Awareness Day*.

Education awards include:

- *University Education Award* for a mature aged second year university student
- *TAFE Education Awards* for women studying at Central TAFE towards a Certificate IV in Community Services in either Community Work or Mental Health Non Clinical.

Community service awards include:

- *Woman of Achievement Award* to recognise a quiet achiever in the community.