



ZONTA
CLUB OF
PERTH INC

MEMBER OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL
EMPOWERING WOMEN
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

Zonta International is a worldwide service organisation of over 30,000 members working together to *empower women through service and advocacy*.

Established in 1919, Zonta International has nearly 30,000 members in more than 1200 clubs in 66 countries. Zonta is non sectarian and non partisan.

Zonta International seeks to:

- **Improve** the legal, political, economic, educational, health and professional status of women at the global and local level through service and advocacy;
- **Work** for the advancement of understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of members;
- **Promote** justice and universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms; and
- **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.

It is important for us to empower one another....

*Sonja Honig Schough,
Zonta International President 2016-2018*

How can you say NO? Join us and find out!

The Zonta Club of Perth Inc meets on the second Thursday of each month at
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If you would like to find out more about this energetic, creative organisation that cares about

women worldwide contact:

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What do we say 'No' to?

- Degrading Traditional Practices
- Female Child Labour
- Sexual Harassment
- Discrimination in Employment
- Violence from Law Enforcement Agencies
- Childhood Marriage
- Wife Beating
- Rape
- Denial of Female Education
- Negative Cultural Attitude
- Female Circumcision

How do we say NO....?



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Our club works to end violence against women and advance the status of women worldwide through these activities...

International Activities

Zonta International is associated with the United Nations and has representation on many UN committees including the United Nations Children Fund (UNICEF), United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).

Through the Zonta International Strategies to Prevent Violence Against Women (ZISVAW) program, we are 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 ZISVAW and other International Service Projects that are selected by the membership at International Conventions held once every two years.

Zonta International's Service projects for the 2016-2018 bi-ennium include working with UN agencies to:

- *Eliminate Obstetric Fistula and Reduce Maternal and Newborn Mortality* in Liberia—with the UNFPA
- *Let us Learn Madagascar* will create opportunities for vulnerable and excluded girls to realise their rights to an education in a secure and protective environment—with UNICEF

ZISVAW Service projects for 2016-2018 include:

- *Delaying early marriage of Adolescent Girls in Niger*—with UNFPA
- *Addressing human trafficking and unsafe migration in Nepal*—with UN Women.

Zonta International's awards for women include:

- *Amelia Earhart Fellowships* for post graduate students in aerospace related sciences and engineering;
- *Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarships* for women studying a business related degree; and
- *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 Activities

For administrative purposes, Zonta International has created 32 Districts. Western Australia is part of District 23 that also includes Northern Territory, South Australia, Tasmania and Victoria. Each District is divided into Areas. The Zonta Club of Perth is in Area 3, which includes the seven clubs in Western Australia: Perth, Perth Northern Suburbs, Swan Hills, Bunbury, Peel (Mandurah), Dunsborough and the Golden Z Club at St Catherine's College, University of Western Australia.

Our club actively supports two District 23 service projects:

- **Birthing Kits Project:** a woman dies in childbirth every 90 seconds somewhere in the world due to giving birth in an unclean environment. Birthing kits are assembled by clubs and partner organisations 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 administered through the Birthing Kit Foundation (Australia). Over 1.25 million kits have been sent to developing countries and training is also provided to eliminate female circumcision and improve health. Find out more at www.birthingkitfoundation.org.au
- **Breast Care Cushions Project:** these are used by women (and men) around Australia recovering from breast surgery. The cushions provide physical support and let recipients know that other people are thinking of them.

Local Activities

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 House Refuge's Positive Pathways and Starting Over Support* programs; and
- *Zonta Holidays:* providing holidays for needy families so they can have quality time together.

Advocacy activities include:

- Raising awareness and improving understanding through our *Cultural Awareness Days*
- Supporting initiatives to make the 10th September *International Gynaecological Awareness Day*
- Supporting the WA International Women's Day (IWD) Collaboration of women's service organisations to administer the *WA Women's Hall of Fame* and other IWD activities including the *UN Women's IWD Breakfast*.

Awards include:

- *University Education Award* for a mature aged second year university student; and
- *Woman of Achievement Award* to recognize a quiet achiever in the community.

