



## LEARN MORE ABOUT ZONTA

### MEMBERSHIP IN ZONTA MEANS...

- making a difference in the world today.
- opening doors to friendships and associations with an international network of executives and professionals representing a diversity of occupations.
- sharing a commitment to enhance the status of women worldwide.
- improving the legal, political, economic, educational, health, and professional status of women through meaningful service projects.
- promoting justice and universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms through advocacy.
- fundraising to support important service projects on local and international levels.
- enriching your own life as you learn new skills and realize greater achievements.

The information in this brochure is just a brief summary of the many activities that Zontians are involved with at international and local levels. Please visit the following websites for additional information:

- Zonta International – [www.zonta.org](http://www.zonta.org)
- Zonta District 1 – [www.zontadistrict1.org](http://www.zontadistrict1.org)



Email Addresses for the clubs of District 1, Area 2, which are located in Western Massachusetts and Connecticut:

- Zonta Club of Berkshire County – [berkshire@zontadistrict1.org](mailto:berkshire@zontadistrict1.org)
- Zonta Club of Northampton Area – [northampton@zontadistrict1.org](mailto:northampton@zontadistrict1.org)
- Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley – [info@zontaqv.org](mailto:info@zontaqv.org)
- Zonta Club of Quinebaug Valley – [quinebaugvalley@zontadistrict1.org](mailto:quinebaugvalley@zontadistrict1.org)
- Zonta Club of Springfield – [springfieldma@zontadistrict1.org](mailto:springfieldma@zontadistrict1.org)



# THIS IS ZONTA

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“Zonta” is derived from a Native-American Lakhota word meaning honest and trustworthy—adopted in 1919 to symbolize the combined qualities of honesty and trust, inspiration, and the ability to work together for service and world understanding.



## ZONTA INTERNATIONAL IS...

- an international service organization of business and professional women working to improve the legal, political, economic, health, and educational status of women, everywhere. Since its 1919 inception in Buffalo, NY, the organization has grown to include clubs in 67 countries. Through fellowships and scholarships, Zontians support women pursuing degrees in aerospace-related sciences and engineering, business, and public affairs. Z and Golden Z clubs, sponsored by local Zonta clubs, develop leadership skills, promote career exploration, and encourage volunteerism among high school, college and university members.
- a non-governmental organization (NGO), maintaining consultative status with various United Nations agencies. In conjunction with the Zonta International Strategies to Prevent Violence Against Women (ZISVAW) program and such agencies as UNICEF, UNIFEM, and UNESCO, Zonta has provided funds for such projects as: microcredit and health education for HIV/AIDS-affected women in Niger, the Women's Learning Center and Health Clinic with the Afghan Institute of Learning, anti-trafficking in Bosnia and Herzegovina, eliminating maternal and neonatal tetanus in Nepal, and housing and rehabilitation for women victims of violence in Syria.

## ZONTA DISTRICT 1 IS...

- one of 32 districts throughout the world that forms Zonta International.
- comprised of 19 clubs located throughout Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, and Nova Scotia, Canada.
- honored to have recognized three clubs in western Massachusetts with the 2007 Governor's Award for Overall Excellence in Service.
- proud to have three of its members currently serving at the international level.
- delighted that two of its scholarship recipients were selected to receive international awards.
- involved in local service by partnering with such organizations as the Rape Response Services of Maine, Bangor Public Library, Lund Home, Ozanam Place, Caps for Kids, The Salvation Army, Greater Boston Food Bank, Dress for Success, and Metro Immigration Settlement Association of Canada.
- devoted to raising funds by hosting spelling bees, garden tours, fashion shows, house tours and craft fairs, etc.
- dedicated to advocate for legislation of human trafficking as a crime, ending violence in Darfur, and in support of the Breast Cancer Patient Protection Act.

## THE ZONTA CLUBS OF DISTRICT 1, AREA 2 ARE...

- located in Berkshire County, Northampton, Quaboag Valley, and Springfield in Massachusetts and Quinebaug Valley in Connecticut.
- dedicated to local service by collaborating with Girl's Inc., Christmas for Kids, Top Floor Learning at the Palmer Library, Berkshire Children and Families, Safe Passage, Jessie's House, Ronald McDonald House, Tapestry Health, Hilltown Coalition to End Domestic Violence, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Habitat for Humanity, Suit Yourself, etc.
- dedicated to international service by collaborating with the Haitian Health Foundation, the Ghana Health Mission, Ghana Library, the nursing program at Ghana University, etc.
- concerned about domestic violence within their communities. Clubs host conferences that spread the word about domestic violence in various settings.
- engaged in raising funds by various means, such as selling poinsettia plants and wreaths, wrapping gifts at Barnes & Noble, hosting an annual golf tournament, and holding auctions.
- proud to support local high school, college, and non-traditional students by awarding in excess of \$12,000 in financial support during 2006-2008.