

Our Mission:

Zonta International seeks to:

- provide service globally and locally;
- improve the legal, political, economic, health, educational and professional status of women;
- 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 freedom;
- be united internationally to foster high ethical standards, implement service programs, and provide mutual support and fellowship for members who serve their communities and their nations.

The Zonta Club of Midland has contributed to the following international projects:

- **The Zonta International Strategies to Prevent Violence Against Women:** Reduces the incidents of violence against women and girls by supporting projects worldwide.
- **Mata Masu Dubara “Women on the Move”:** Focuses on women’s economic self-sufficiency and health education.
- **Afghan Institute of Learning:** Developing community-based efforts to educate Afghan women and girls.
- **United Nations Industrial Development Organization:** Support for revival of rural community-based self-help initiatives in Sri Lanka.

The Zonta Club of Midland supports local projects and agencies with a majority of its service dollars, including:

Shelterhouse, Literacy Council, Midland Cancer Services, Midland Blooms, West Midland Family Center, North Midland Family Center, Family and Children’s Services, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Adopt-A-Street, various programs providing travel for women and children, Helping Hands Dental Clinic.

Educational Projects:

- Scholarships for “Women in Transition”
- “Inland Seas” Scholarships for girls interested in science
- Camp scholarships for Big Brothers Big Sisters
- Young Woman in Public Affairs Scholarship

Funding to support these local projects comes from the club’s annual Zonta Holiday Homewalk, a community tradition for over 25 years, as well as other fundraisers.

How can I become a member of the Zonta Club of Midland?



Email: zontaclubofmidland@yahoo.com

Check out our websites:
www.zontaclubofmidland.org
www.zonta.org

Zonta Club of Midland

- *Provide*
- *Improve*
- *Work*
- *Promote*
- *Unite*



About Zonta:

Zonta International is a global service organization in business and professions working together to advance the status of women. Nearly 33,000 members belong to more than 1,200 *Zonta Clubs* in 68 countries and geographic areas.

Zonta International works to advance the status of women by:

- leading advocacy efforts and acting to improve the lives of women
- promoting strategies to prevent violence against women
- funding scholarships and awards for women of exceptional ability and talent through the *Zonta International* Foundation
- supporting programs aimed at improving women's health, safety, and economic and political status through funding by the *Zonta International* Foundation
- encouraging mentorship, friendship and networking among members.

International Service Program

Women's equality is not yet a reality. Women worldwide face systemized discrimination – they lack opportunities to live healthy lives, free from legal, social, economic and political inequality.

Zonta International empowers women to overcome barriers to their equal human rights through its International Service Projects funded by the *Zonta International* Foundation. Since 1923, *Zonta* has provided

more than \$6,000,000.00 to projects benefiting over 2 million women representing 25 countries. Our local *Zonta Club* supports these programs with a portion of our service dollars.

Zonta's History:

Zonta International was founded in Buffalo, New York, in 1919, by Marian deForest. In 1932, *Zonta International* Headquarters were moved from Buffalo, NY, to Chicago, IL. In 1986, *Zonta International* purchased the building at 557 West Randolph in Chicago's downtown West Loop neighborhood that now houses *Zonta's* Headquarters. This building is one of only two structures to have survived the Great Chicago Fire of 1871!

The club's name "Zonta" means "honest and trustworthy" and is derived from the Lakota (Teton Dakota), a language of the Native-American Sioux people. The name was adopted in 1919 to symbolize the combined qualities of honesty, trust, inspiration, and the ability to work together for world service and understanding.

The *Zonta Club of Midland* was founded in 1947 and in recent years has ranked, with close to 90 members, among the largest 10 *Zonta Clubs* in the world.

The Zonta Club of Midland is a local chapter of *Zonta International*, conducting projects and activities to advance the status of women. Our Midland Club was chartered in 1947, and is a strong and vital part of our community.

Opportunities available to *Zonta* members include:

- leveraging individual service efforts through our local club and *Zonta International*
- fellowship, sharing, & networking among diverse professionals at bimonthly meetings
- opportunities for leadership development

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of Midland
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