

**“FUTURE LEADERS BUILDING A BETTER WORLD TODAY”**

**Z AND GOLDEN CLUBS**



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A worldwide service organization of executives in business and the professions working together to advance the status of women.

### What are Z Clubs and Golden Z Clubs?

- The Z Club program is one of Zonta International's service projects.
- Z clubs and Golden Z Clubs are organizations which provide opportunities for our youth to develop leadership skills, to explore career alternatives, and to improve international understanding through service projects.
- Z clubs are formed on secondary school campuses or in the community.
- Golden Z Clubs are established on college and university campuses.

### Why Z Clubs and Golden Z Clubs?

- The youth of today will be the leaders of tomorrow. The Z and Golden Z Club program is a way for these future leaders to build a better world today.
- Actively participating in school, community and international affairs, club members can have a positive influence on the world around them.
- Young people are given an opportunity to interact with experienced Zonta sponsors.
- They work together to better their society and the world by gaining an understanding of their school and community, as well as an international awareness.

### What are the benefits of membership?

- Supporting school, community and international projects is one way for members to become well-educated individuals and learn the satisfaction of giving.
- Members work together in planning, organizing, and participating in activities.
- Members develop valuable communications skills.
- Members gain civic leadership experience and develop leadership skills.
- Members meet new friends.
- Members network with Zonta members from a broad range of

professional backgrounds, which assists in developing career alternatives.

### How is a Z Club or Golden Z Club organized?

- A Zonta member will meet with a representative of the secondary school or college to negotiate a place for the club members to meet, a member of staff to act as "advisor" to club members and provide assistance when necessary, and to gain approval for the club to be established on campus. (Note: the selection of the "advisor" is based on their interest in youth, their ability to guide and encourage Z and Golden Z Club members to develop and participate actively in projects, and their availability of time.)
- A sponsoring Zonta Club pays the Charter registration and yearly renewal fee to Zonta International.
- The Zonta Club and the Advisor identify and approach students with the Z or Golden Z Club concept. Together they work as a team to establish the club. A Z Golden Z Club Manual is used as a guide to forming a new club.

### History of Z Clubs and Golden Z Clubs

- The first Z Club started in Burbank, California in 1948. Within 10 years there were 12 Z Clubs and 3 Golden Z Clubs throughout the United States.
- Z Clubs became international in 1964 when a club was established in Ontario, Canada and in Lyon and Paris, France. Z Clubs were established in San Juan, Puerto Rico (1968), in Quezon City, Philippines (1974), and in Hong Kong (1975).
- There are 3 Z Clubs and 1 Golden Z club in Australia. Z clubs are located in Alice Springs, Anzac Hill High School (NT), Ipswich Girls Grammar School (QLD), Maryborough State High School. The Golden Z Club is located in Brisbane, QLD.

### Service projects of Z Clubs and Golden Z Clubs

- These are selected at club level, with the focus on projects that benefit their schools, fellow students, their local

- community and the global community.
- Examples of school service projects conducted include: tutoring other students, sponsoring a career night, assisting in beautification of the school grounds.
- Examples of community service projects include: volunteer time at women's shelters or nursing homes, work to develop a youth center, provide food and clothing for the needy and victims of fire and flood.
- Examples of international service projects include: promote cross-culture communication via correspondence with pen pals, holding an "international" themed dinner to discuss international problems and promote international achievements, sponsor a foster child, offer a Z Club membership to exchange students.

### Recognition of Service in Z and Golden Z Clubs

- Service at the school, community, and international levels is recognized annually by Zonta International through the Emma L. Conlon Service Awards.
- Established in 1961, the awards were conceived and funded by Past Zonta International President Emma L. Conlon (1956-1958) as a way to encourage and to recognize exemplary service by young people.

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