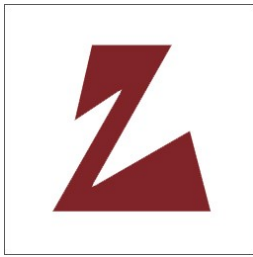

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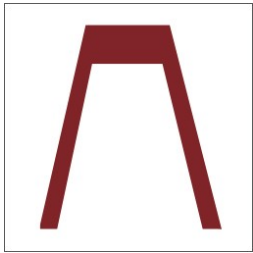
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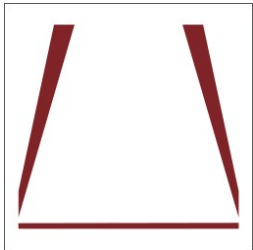
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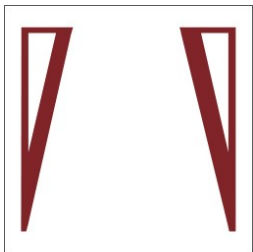
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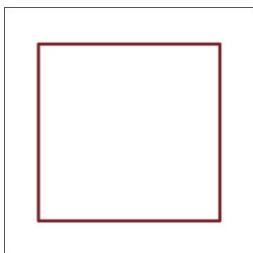
This Sioux symbol means “to band together for a purpose” or “to stand together”- in a word, “loyalty.”



This symbol is the Sioux way of saying “to carry together.”



This symbol is the Sioux symbol for “shelter.” An indoor organization.



The square is neither exclusively Sioux, nor is it exclusively Native American. It is the symbol for “honesty” and “trust.”

ABOUT ZONTA INTERNATIONAL



Founded in 1919, **Zonta International** is a leading global organization of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy. With more than 29,000 members belonging to nearly 1,200 Zonta clubs. Zonta is in 63 countries and geographic areas. Zontians all over the world volunteer their time, talents and support to local and international service projects, as well as scholarship programs aimed at fulfilling Zonta's mission and objects. Zonta is derived from Lakota (Teton Dakota), a language of the Native Sioux peoples meaning "honest and trustworthy".

VISION

Zonta envisions a world in which women's rights are recognized as human rights and every woman is able to achieve her full potential. In such a world, women have access to all resources and are represented in decision making positions on an equal basis with men. In such a world, no woman lives in fear of violence.

OBJECTS

- ◆ **To improve the legal, political, economic, educational, health and professional status of women at the global and local level through service and advocacy.**
- ◆ **To work for the advancement of understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of executives in business and the professions.**
- ◆ **To promote justice and universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms.**
- ◆ **To be united internationally to foster high ethical standards, to implement service programs, and to provide mutual support and fellowship for members who serve their communities, their nations, and the world.**

PARTNERS

Zonta partners with organizations who share the vision to extend its reach and impact to empower women and girls around the world to realize their rights.

- United Nations Population Fund - UNFPA
- United Nations Childrens Fund - UNICEF
- United Nations Women Global Impact
- United Nations Trust Fund to End Violence Against Women
- Girls not Brides



ZONTA INTERNATIONAL
comes to
CONCORD, NH

THEN

August 19, 1959, Concord Monitor

Zonta Club is Formed Here ~ 30 Business, Professional Women Affiliate with National Order

Thirty business and professional women met at the Highway Hotel last evening to participate in the organization of the Zonta Club of Concord.

Mrs. Lily Cochran was elected president; Miss Alice Van Dyke, vice-president; Miss Virginia Lovely, secretary; and Dr. Ursula Sanders, treasurer. Serving as directors will be Miss Dorothy Breene; and Mrs. Dorothy Stevens.

Manchester Club Assists

The new Club was sponsored by the Zonta club of Manchester, under the direction of Mrs. Mary Dineli, president, and field organizer Cora L. Lyden of Augusta, ME.

Zonta is an international organization of women in business and the professions with nearly 400 clubs in the United States and Canada and 12 foreign countries. It has an approximate membership of 15,000.

September 14, 1959 Concord Monitor

Dinner held by Zonta Club Officers Will be Installed at a Charter Meeting on Oct. 14

The newly organized Zonta Club of Concord held a dinner meeting recently at the Highway Hotel where plans for a chapter dinner to be held on October 14, 1959, was discussed.

Miss Alice Van Dyke of St. Paul's school is general chairman of this event, which will be attended by Mayor and Mrs. Johnson, officials of the major service clubs of Concord, representatives of Zonta International and many Zonta clubs in New England.

To Represent Club

Miss Dorothy Breene, director of nursing at the State Hospital and second vice president of Zonta, was chosen to represent the club at the fall conference of District 1, which will be held at Great Barrington, MA, October 16 through 18.

NOW, 60 YEARS LATER

The Zonta Club of Concord remains a part of Zonta International. Currently there are 30 members in the Concord Club engaged in projects at the local and international levels. The Concord Club meets the first Wednesday of each month, September through June, at The Red Blazer Restaurant in Concord with a half-hour social time at 5:30 p.m. and a dinner meeting at 6:00 p.m.

How we make a difference...

The members of the Zonta Club of Concord provide services and advocate for women and girls in the Concord area and support the global initiatives of Zonta International.

ZONTA CLUB OF CONCORD EVENTS AND PROJECTS

LOCAL and INTERNATIONAL



LOCAL

Holiday Auction: This is the Club's signature fundraiser event held in late November or early December. Proceeds from this event help fund the scholarships and service activities supported by the Club. A wide range of unique gifts, gift baskets, and gift certificates are auctioned off. There is also a silent auction, wine pull, as well as a 'grab-n-go' table and holiday baked goods for purchase. In 2015 the Club added to its signature event a component entitled "Ante Up For Education" with proceeds benefiting the Zonta Memorial Scholarship at NHTI, Concord's Community College.

Concord Multicultural Festival: Sponsored by the Greater Concord Area Task Force against Racism and Intolerance, this event is supported by the Club by sponsoring a booth and flag making activities for children. This event helps raise awareness about the Club and its international influence.

Zonta Career Connect: This is a job readiness workshop that focuses on skills building in the areas of resume writing, professional dress, and interviewing techniques.

Hall of Femme Award: This award, established in 2014, recognizes achievements in leadership and contributions made in empowering women and girls in New Hampshire. Club members and past recipients nominate a woman residing in New Hampshire or a woman outside of New Hampshire who meets the criteria. The award winner is recognized at an event sponsored by the Club.

Other Local Events: As opportunities become available to raise awareness about our Club and mission, members participate in community based activities: the Period Project; Concord TV's Eggstravaganza; Market Days book sales; games of chance, etc., and fund raising activities or projects that support the elimination of violence against women. Zonta Says NO to violence against women!

Working with other women's groups - our Club is engaging in collaborative events with like-minded women's groups in the Concord area. For the past several years our Club has supported an initiative developed by the Women's Club of Concord by leading a book group at the NH Women's Prison. Additionally, the clubs are joining together on various advocacy issues in support of women and girls in NH. In the future, the collaborative vision will mean working together to empower women in our community while maintaining the identity of each of our individual clubs.

INTERNATIONAL

Through funding from the Zonta International Foundation, the Zonta International Service Program has provided training, education, health, sanitation, agricultural and micro-credit assistance to women, primarily through projects implemented by the agencies of the United Nations and other recognized non-governmental organizations.

Eid bi Eid (Hand in Hand): Support the resilience and empowerment of Syrian refugee and vulnerable Jordanian women.

Let Us Learn Madagascar: An integrated program for adolescent girls to create opportunities for these girls to help them realize their rights to an education in a secure and protective environment.

For more information on these projects, log on to www.zonta.org.



COMMITTEE DESCRIPTIONS

When selecting a committee to join, consider the commitment.

- **Standing Committees meet monthly through out the year.**
- **Ad Hoc Committees meet periodically or annually.**

ARCHIVES: preserves the records of the Zonta Club of Concord.

BY-LAWS: updates by-laws of the Club in accordance with the by-laws of Zonta International.

FINANCE AND AUDIT: assists in the development of the annual Club budget preparation and audits the finances of the Club in accordance with general auditing principles. This audit is performed yearly.

MEMBERSHIP: recruits, rejuvenates, revitalizes and retains members.

NOMINATING: identifies qualified candidates for elected positions and nominates officers for the Club.

PROGRAM: makes recommendations to the Board related to programs and guest speakers for the business meetings, and makes arrangements for programs presented to membership.

MARKETING: promotes the mission and the activities of the Club and Zonta International through various media and communication strategies.

SERVICE/ADVOCACY: identifies and recommends to the Board service activities to undertake and/or support. Recommendations are aligned with the Objects of Zonta International, to improve the status of women, and will include both local and international projects. This committee also advocates to influence the laws and attitudes that affect women's lives at the Club, district and international levels. Members contact state and local government officials via phone, emails or letter writing campaigns.

ATTENDANCE: tracks attendance at monthly business meetings and provides as accurate as possible head count to the restaurant for ordering meals.

WAYS \$ MEANS: creates and develops opportunities and activities to raise funds in support of the mission of the Zonta Club of Concord and Zonta International.

YEARBOOK: maintains membership directory.

Members are expected to participate in at least one of the **Standing Committees** and the **Ad Hoc Committees** as appropriate.



**WORKING TO PROVIDE
SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
FOR WOMEN**



YOUNG WOMEN IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS SCHOLARSHIP: established in 1990, this scholarship honors young women ages 16 to 19 who demonstrate a commitment to leadership in public policy, government and volunteer organizations. YWPA recognizes young women for their demonstrated leadership skills, commitment to public service and civic causes, and encourages their continued participation in public and political life.

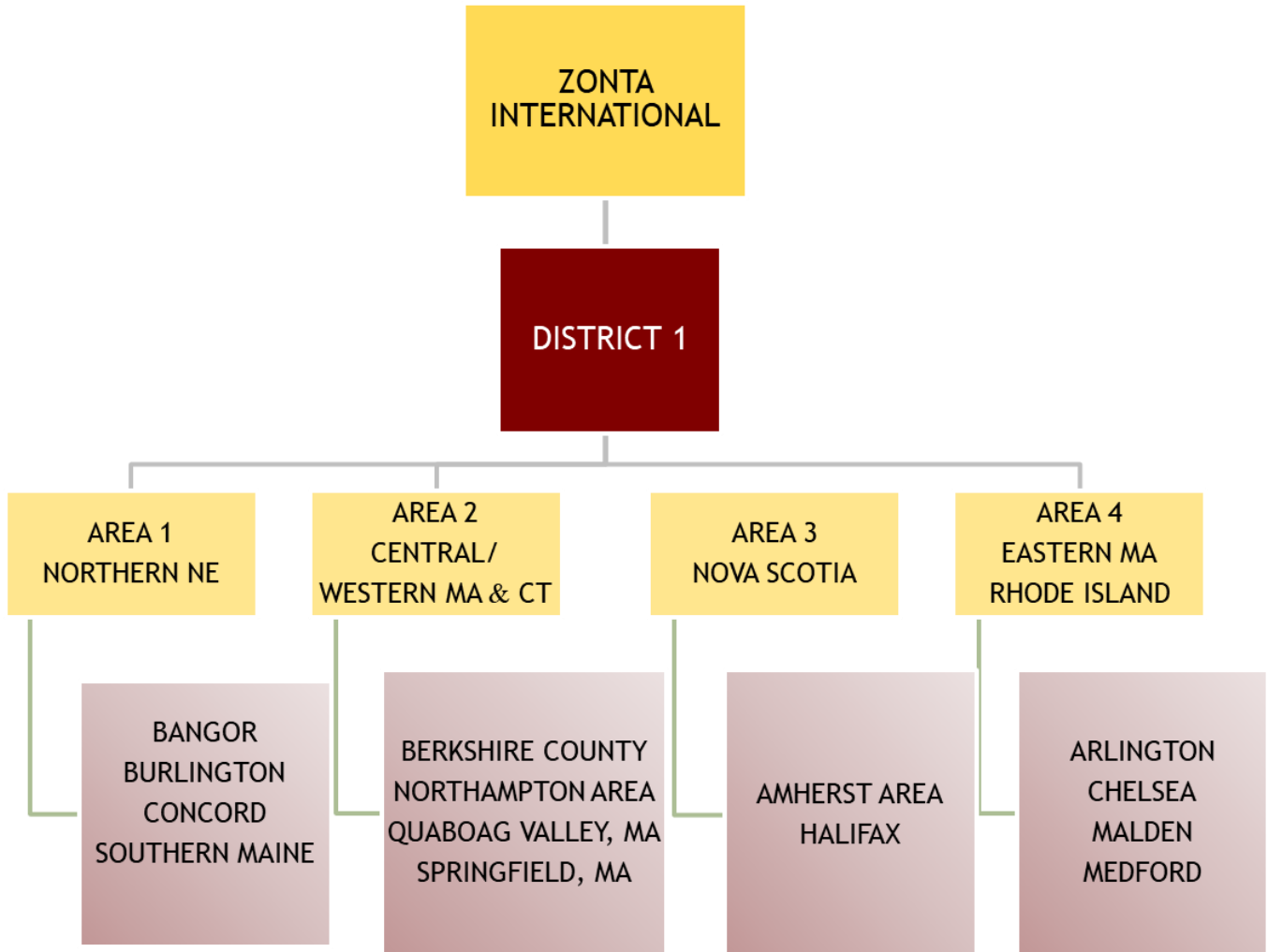
THE NEW AMERICANS MERIT AWARD at a LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL: established in 2012, the Club provides an award to a female student who describes her greatest influence on the development of leadership skills, demonstrates the use of her leadership skills, and shows how higher education will affect her role as a woman in society.

THE ZONTA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AT NHTI, CONCORD'S COMMUNITY COLLEGE: established in 2009, this Zonta Club scholarship offers financial assistance to female students who are returning to college after being out of high school for 5 plus years. An applicant must have completed 12 college credit hours with at GPA of 2.5 or better.

JANE M. KLAUSMAN WOMEN IN BUSINESS SCHOLARSHIP: established in 1998, the Jane M. Klausman women in Business Scholarship is awarded annually to women pursuing undergraduate or graduate degrees in business management. Women pursuing a business or business-related degree, who demonstrate outstanding potential in the field are eligible. Online students are eligible to participate in this scholarship program. This scholarship is awarded annually and may be used for tuition, books or living expenses at any university, college or institution offering accredited business courses and degrees. Scholarships are awarded at three levels: local, district and international. In 2019, we had a student win all three scholarships for the first time in the club's history.

THE AMELIA EARHART FELLOWSHIP: established in 1938, this fellowship is awarded annually to women pursuing Ph.D./doctorate degrees in the typically male dominated fields or aerospace related sciences and engineering. This fellowship enables women to invest in state-of-the-art computers for research, purchase text books and materials, and participate in specialized studies around the world. The fellowship may be used at any college or university offering accredited post-graduate courses and degrees in these fields.

WHERE THE ZONTA CLUB OF CONCORD FITS IN THE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



SOURCES FOR INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS HANDBOOK:

- * ZONTA INTERNATIONAL
- * ZONTA DISTRICT 1
- * ZONTA CLUB OF CONCORD HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS

YOUR NOTES/QUESTIONS: