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ZONTA CLUB OF MANILA FOUNDATION, INC.

District 17 Area 01

(Zonta Manila 1, Club No. 0279)

About Zonta

Founded in 1919, Zonta International is a leading global organization of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy. With more than 30,000 members belonging to more than 1,200 Zonta Clubs in 67 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 objectives.

Zonta International Objectives:

- 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 members
- 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

Note: Zonta International, its districts and its clubs are nonsectarian and nonpartisan.

Zonta District 17 Goals 2016 - 2018

One vision, one mission, one voice, one movement. A season of weaving D.R.E.A.M.S.

D = Direction for a better future

R = Resources

E = Empowerment through educational opportunities

A = Advocacy

M = Membership

S = Service



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Our Club Vision & Mission 2016 – 2018

Mission

Zonta Manila 1 shares the mission of Zonta International of seeking to empower women and children through service and advocacy.

Vision

Zonta Manila 1 seeks to promote a society wherein every Filipino woman and child has equal access to opportunities by which they can realize their fullest potential, within a safe and secure environment.

Our Club History*

First in the Philippines, First in Asia

In June, 1952, a group of women, each prominent in her respective field of endeavor, banded together and were called upon to be the Charter Members of what was then called the Zonta Club of the Philippines. Unlike the Sioux Indians from whose language the word Zonta is derived, legends were not passed on around the fire from generation to generation. Much of the history has passed into oblivion, unfortunately; but the club records do provide us with these facts:

Charter President : Asuncion A. Perez, first Filipina to serve as Secretary of Public Welfare

Charter Officers : Josefa Jara Martinez, 1st Vice President
Cecilia Munoz Palma, 2nd Vice President
Minerva L. Piguing, Secretary
Virginia Yaptinchay, Treasurer
Sofia Bona Santos, Director
Estefania Aldaba Lim, Director
Helena Z. Benitez, Director
Pacita Madrigal Warns, Director



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Pura Santillan Castrence, Director
Genara de Guzman, Director

Charter Members :

- Geronima T. Pecson
- Belen E. Gutierrez
- Edith Marcelo
- Liwanag P. Cruz
- Victorina Lobregat
- Mercedes Teague
- Enriqueta Adriano
- Juanita Bechavez
- Pilar M. Normandy
- Victoria Araneta

The Club holds the distinction of being the first club chartered in the Philippines and in Asia.

In 1979, the Club was incorporated as a non-stock, non-profit foundation and its name was changed to the Zonta Club of Manila Foundation, Inc. It is more familiarly known as Zonta Manila 1.

The growth and development of the Club through the years has been driven by the sterling qualities, vision and commitment to service of its outstanding members composed of public servants, professionals, executives and entrepreneurs.

Over the last 65 years, Zonta Manila I has embarked in diverse projects united only by the common objective of enhancing the status of women in the community. It has made adjustments and introduced innovations to its service projects to address the evolving needs of the communities served, keeping in mind that holistic and integrated services which cater to different aspects of the target community's life would be most beneficial and effective. In the early years, the Club sponsored countless seminars on various topics to improve or uplift the status of women, engaged in literacy programs, livelihood and self-help projects, and scholarship for indigents. Eventually, the Club took on the following service and advocacy projects:

- In the 70s, Zonta Manila established the Manila Aquarium not only to beautify the Walled City but also to enhance awareness of the wonders of the ocean. A fitting complement to the Aquarium with its rare collection of Philippine fish was the beautiful orchidarium which was landscaped in an adjoining lot in the Puerta Real Gardens. Through personal donations from club officers, members and friends, the Manila Aquarium was maintained for around 10 years. Unfortunately during the 80's these projects had to give way to the government programs for the restoration of Intramuros.
- In 1981, upon request of two (2) Jesuit priests, the Club embarked on the Tondo Feeding Program which was to be its flagship project for the next nineteen (19) years. Began as a feeding program



providing malnourished children in the Tondo community, 6 to 74 months old, with an early lunch and an afternoon snack with weight gains and other components of the program being closely monitored, it evolved into a scientific program showing, among others, that imported milk could be replaced with indigenous foods, such as tagunton, dilis, tokwa and oil, that would provide the calcium and protein found in milk. A grant to the Club financed a scientific study which showed that when coconut oil is chemically treated with the fatty acids of corn oil, the structured lipid produced enhanced the recovery of malnourished children when used as cooking oil in their diet. The weight gained by this group of children was significantly higher than that gained by comparable groups of children who were given soybean oil, pure coconut oil or a physical mixture of coconut oil and corn oil.

- Following the establishment of the Tondo Feeding Project, it became necessary to acquire a permanent establishment in which to conduct the Club's feeding and other community-based activities. In the early 90s, the Club acquired a 288 square meter lot from the National Housing Authority on which a 2-storey building was eventually constructed. This was made possible through the concerted and determined fund-raising efforts of Manila Zontians. The Club's Tondo Center was inaugurated on June 4, 1997.
- Over the years, manpower and development training in such skills as bar tending, waitering, plumbing and electrical repairs, dressmaking and tailoring, backyard business opportunities, herbal remedies, cooking, bag-making, refrigerator magnet making, making of soap, sinamay and abaca flower making, reflexology, hair science and cosmetology have significantly enhanced livelihood opportunities for women.
- The Club instituted the "Impok Piso" and micro entrepreneurship programs designed to plant the seeds of entrepreneurship in the participants.
- Scholarship programs for poor but deserving high school students were initiated and the establishment of Z Clubs at the Rajah Soliman Science and Technology High School and the Eulogio Amang Rodriguez Institute of Science and Technology (EARIST) facilitated these programs.
- The Club sponsored free surgical missions, aptly termed "Alis Bukol", and provided support for American surgeons performing harelip operations.
- Medical examinations to detect tuberculosis and other diseases, along with optical and dental missions have been sponsored regularly free-of-charge.
- Campaigns against drug addiction and violence against women were pursued.
- The occurrence of natural disasters and calamities has invariably elicited generous contributions from the Club and its members.
- As part of community service, Manila I Zontians conducted values formation and catechism classes which on several occasions culminated in mass baptisms.
- The Club continuously supported the Nutrition and Health Kiddie Class ("NHKC") conducted at its Tondo Center in cooperation with the Nutrition Foundation of the Philippines. The NHKC abandoned much of the dole-out features of the Tondo Feeding Program by enlisting the active involvement of the mothers in promoting the health and nutrition of their children, while providing basic education in food and nutrition, personal hygiene, environmental sanitation, and



reading, writing and arithmetic. From its humble beginning as a single class for 27 pre-school children, the NHKC later came to conduct three classes for more than 180 pre-school children.

- In order to assist women in depressed communities to augment their meager incomes, the Club enlisted the services of a Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) trainer to conduct the Basic Reflexology Course in various locations in Tondo, Quezon City and Muntinlupa. More than 900 participants, mostly women, received a TESDA Certificate of Completion. Many of the participants are now engaged in full-time massage and reflexology as their main source of livelihood, generating incomes ranging from Php200-300/hour. Others have gone abroad utilizing their TESDA Certificates as evidence of additional skills. Many are utilizing the skills learned to provide first aid to ailments of family members. Significantly, many have volunteered to be trainers for succeeding batches.
- The Club partnered with Gawad Kalinga in building a community in Fabella Street, Mandaluyong City called the Gawad Kalinga Zontaville (GK Zontaville), thus becoming the first women's organization to adopt a GK village. GK Zontaville is a three-level housing development consisting of 46 units for 46 families, numbering 177 individuals. Subsequently, Zonta Manila I built another community in Pantaleon Street, Mandaluyong City called the Gawad Kalinga Zontaville II. This second project consisted of 20 units for 20 families on land previously owned by the Mandaluyong City Government. Both projects have been completed.
- As Manila 1 Zontians have tapped into the Club's resources and those of its generous members and friends to finance the construction of the housing units and to promote the development of an integrated, holistic, sustainable community based on the principle of "helping others to help themselves", it joined hands with the beneficiaries in laying the blocks, applying the paint to what will be their future homes, building a resilient relationship based on mutual trust, respect and friendship.
- The Club conducted livelihood and skills training programs to prepare women prisoners at Camp Karingal to rejoin society and conducted tutorial programs for abandoned female children housed at the Nayon ng Kabataan, Welfareville.

**(Sourced from the article "Zonta Club of Manila" published in the 50th Anniversary Souvenir Magazine written by Justice Cecilia Munoz Palma, Lulu Tesoro Castaneda & Regina Padilla Geraldez)*

Our Club Officers and Board of Directors 2016 – 2018

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Our Committee Chairs 2016-2018

Membership & Nominating	Regina P. Geraldez
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Our Club Members:

Name	Classification
1. MARITTA ABELLERA	3295 Business & Related Associate Professional
2. RUBY AMOG	3295 Business & Related Associate



	Professional
3. MA. LOURDES C. ANGELES	3295 Business & Related Associated Professional
1. DAISY P. ARCE	2521 - Lawyer
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18. MA. SOCORRO C. LLAMAS	1293-Education Administrator
19. GLORIA DIVINIDAD B. LOPEZ	3211- Financial Institution Manager
20. ZENAS R. LOZADA	1231-Promotions Manager
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22. NILA V. MATA	2533-Publication Designer
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24. ANA LOURDES TERESA A. ORACION	2521-Lawyer
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26. CARMEN M. PASCUAL	2531-Painter/Visual Arts
27. LOURDES PE-LIM	1112-Business Owner
28. BELEN PUJOL	1211-Financial Manager
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30. MINERVA TANSECO	3212- Realtor



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32. ESTHER VIBAL	2533-Publisher
33. VIVIAN YUCHENGCO	1115- Director
34. PACITA L. ZARA	2115-Medical Scientist

Service and Advocacy Projects:

Past Projects: 2016-2017

- The Club provided scholarship grants for around 50 deserving high school students at the Raja Soliman Science and Technology High School and the Eulogio Amang Rodriguez Vocational High School (EARIST). For the school year ending March 2017, several awardees for academics leadership, sports and/or the arts at both schools were Zonta scholars.
- Dialogue and increased interaction with the Club’s newly established Golden Z Club at the Universidad de Manila (UDM) were undertaken.
- The Club pursued its early learning and literacy project and sponsored 80 indigent pre-school children at its Tondo Kiddie Club center for the school year 2016-2017.
- The Club held continuing advocacy seminars on the VAWC and related laws throughout the past year at several venues, including at Rajah Soliman, EARIST, and UDM in coordination with its Z and Golden Z Clubs. UDM Golden Z Club members also actively participated in the advocacy march and other projects of Area 1.
- Talks for the promotion of teen-age wellness and prevention of teen-age pregnancy were likewise sponsored by the Club at Rajah Soliman, EARIST and UDM.
- The Club sponsored again held career talks for its Z Club members and other graduating students of Rajah Soliman and EARIST.



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Looking Forward: 2017-2018

- Continue to provide scholarship grants for deserving high school students. For the current academic year, the Club was again able to sponsor around 50 scholars at Rajah Soliman and EARIST, through the generous donations of the members, notably Nonie Basilio.
- Organize more Golden Z Club as vehicles for providing students with lectures on values formation, career opportunities, the laws on sexual harassment, anti-bullying laws and the rights of the child, and anti-violence against women and their children.
- Continue assisting the residents of Zontaville 1 and 2 in community development through regular interaction for simple fellowship, health, productivity and values formation workshops, and other possible kapitbahayan empowerment efforts.
- Continue with its early learning and literacy service project through its Tondo Kiddie Club pre-school. For the current academic year, the Club is again sponsoring around 80 pre-school aged children, all residents of depressed communities I Tondo.
- Continue its legal advocacy program, partnering with other clubs to disseminate information to more groups of people on Zonta's continuing campaign against violence and abuse of women, human trafficking, anti-bullying, and the prevention of early marriage and pregnancy.
- Pursue high visibility revenue generating projects in order to sustain the Club's flagship projects.

Membership:

Indispensable to the continued growth of any organization is sustaining membership interest. Zonta Manila I has tried to accomplish this challenging feat through the conduct of monthly board and membership meetings at which engaging speakers discuss a variety of interesting topics, such as health and wellness, alternative medicine, make-up and image building, financial markets and education. Close camaraderie is actively cultivated through the annual Christmas parties, birthday celebrations, religious retreats and pilgrimages and other fellowship activities.

The Club will continue to actively participate in Zonta inter-club, area, district and international activities. Manila I Zontians have always been counted upon to attend area, district and even international conferences and to actively participate in musical numbers, fashion shows and other activities showcasing native Filipina talent.



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Each member of the Club is conscious of her task to recruit at least one (1) new member.

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