



**One Vision One Mission One Voice
One Movement**



CLUB: Victoria
District 17 Area 2

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

Our Club Vision & Mission 2016 - 2018

We strive to improve the legal, political, economic, educational, health and professional status of women through service and advocacy.

Our Club History

A Brief History of the Zonta Club of Victoria - Club no. 17-02-1339

Date of club's charter: 4 October 1991 at Kowloon Shangrila Hotel, Hong Kong

SOM Club: ZC of Hong Kong, ZC of Kowloon, ZC of Hong Kong East

Charter presented by Carmen Santos, then District Governor

Number of Charter members: 20

Name of charter president: Karen Chan

Meetings: 2nd working Wednesday of the month

Venue: Hong Kong Bankers Club, 43rd Floor, Gloucester Tower, Central, Hong Kong

Club Board & Committees: The Executive Board comprises the President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Correspondence Secretary and three Directors.

Current committees: Social Service, Fellowship, Programme, Membership, Advocacy, Attendance and Fundraising. Most of these committees were chaired by board members.

Membership: Member number has always been between 20-30. As at October 2016, there are 30 members.

We have maintained links with former members through Friends of Zonta, inviting them to take part in our various activities.

Service Projects

Since our inception, we have been organising and taking part in a number of activities to promote the Zonta visions and objectives:

- In **1992**, when Hong Kong witnessed an alarming number of student suicides, our Club organised a seminar to discuss the issues, involving parents, teachers, school principals, psychologists and students.
- In **1994**, we started the Zonta Club of Victoria Bursary for local universities in Hong Kong, helping female students with financial needs.
- In **1995**, we joined hands with the Hong Kong Family Welfare Society to initiate the Caring Carer-Family Care scheme, in response to a number of tragic events that happened to young children due to negligence. The pioneer project has become so successful that the Hong Kong Government was willing to take it over to make it a government funded programme.
- In **1996**, we started the New Immigrants programme as a lot of immigrants from Mainland China started to come to Hong Kong. We worked with the International Social Services organisation to publish newsletters for these immigrants, providing them with relevant information for them to better assimilate into the society.
- In the same year, we also started a radio programme, which ran until 2002, to stimulate discussion on topical issues to effectively address the concerns of modern women. External experts and club members shared their views and professional advice on radio with female audiences.

- In **1997**, we worked closely with the Missionaries of Charity Home of Love, set up by the late Mother Teresa, to improve the living conditions of the homeless in certain old areas in Hong Kong
- In **2001**, a total of 20 workshops were organised in co-operation with the Regeneration Society for patients with chronic diseases and their family members. A training course of eight sessions were also held for volunteer workers taking care of patients with chronic illness.
- In **2002**, our Club sponsored the Heep Hong Society to establish a Multi-Sensory Room designed to provide sensory training to children suffering from autism.
- In **2003**, Hong Kong was hard hit by SARS. We raised funds to help the uncared-for elderlies through Project Relay, whereby young volunteers were trained to help the elderlies, increasing the understanding and bonding between the young and the old.
- In **2004**, we kick-started a 2-year project called "Alternatives to Violence" which covered a series of workshops to promote peace in the family as well as in the community.
- In **2007**, Myanmar and China's Sichuan Province were respectively hard hit by a cyclone and severe earth quake. We made substantial donations to the unfortunate victims in these areas.
- In **2010**, We collaborated with the Hong Kong Family Welfare Society to launch the "Happy Childhood" project through which children from the grass-root families were able to sharpen their social skills and learn more about emotion control.
- In **2011**, the Club, with fundings obtained from LKSF, launched another women enhancement project called "Girls with Dreams". Through workshops, interest group fellowship, the project aimed to help young girls growing up in challenging environment to build up their self-esteem and help them explore their directions and life goals.
- In **2012**, we launched a major women project called "Women on Stage", which targetted to enhance the emotional well being of under-privileged women, particularly those victims of domestic abuse. Through art training and a play-back theatre, they rebuilt self-confidence and trust in other people.
- In **2013**, we worked with The Hong Kong Family Welfare Society in the "Rainbow Pioneers" where a team of volunteers were trained up to give guidance and care to single mothers and women heading for divorce. We also sponsored the Salvation Army's "Soup Action With Love" in helping women volunteers to provide soup to the elderly and deprived families and recruiting university students to provide help and support to the children of these families. We also funded a speech and drama training programme for the Home Care for Girls whereby the disadvantaged girls under the agency's care were encouraged to tell their life story and express their griefs and fears through a dramatized performance.
- In **2014**, for the Zonta Says No campaign, we sponsored the Centre for Community Cultural Development to carry out a one-year project "Understanding and Preventing Domestic Violence against Women". Twelve NGOs throughout the territory are chosen, each to recruit 25 women to go through art/music/drama therapeutic workshops after watching a trilogy of documentary about the victim, the victimizer and their children. At the end of the workshops, the participants will bring back their experience to other women in the community. We also co-sponsored with ZC of Hong Kong II a second project of Home Care for Girls - "Dream Action". It is to encourage home stay girls to put their dreams in action despite their traumatized past

by providing them with personal life coaches who are volunteers in the professions that the girls dream to acquire.

- In **2015**, in an effort to expand our service partnerships, we reached out to the Haven of Hope King Lam Bradbury Community and Health Development Centre in offering “Food Pack with Love” project, which will continue to run until the end of 2016. The objective of this project is two-fold: 1) to relieve the financial burden of deprived families in Tseung Kwan O and improve their quality of life through providing nutritional raw food; 2) to show love and care through the process of delivering raw food packs and hopefully engage these under-privileged families into the community. Students from HKUST volunteered to make home visits and to deliver food packs to the families. The families were also empowered to contribute to the society. Gatherings and volunteer services were organized for the targeted families with an aim to build up the relationship with their family members and to boost their self-confidence. It is indeed very encouraging to witness the change of social roles of these under-privileged families, from being at the receiving end to their active engagement in contributing to their community.

Fundraising Activities Our club makes use of programmes and activities in various shapes and forms to raise fund so that we can continue to contribute to the community. Such fund raising activities included gala premier, charity sales and walkathons. These activities are also good opportunities for fellowship and team building.

Area Activities The Club has actively contributed to Area Meetings since Charter.

District Activities The Club has been represented at almost every District Conference since 1991 and helped host the 17th District 17 District Conference held in Hong Kong in 2013.

International Activities The Club has been represented at a number of International Convention

ZI Foundation In each biennium, the Club has supported the Foundation as have individual members through donations and purchase of souvenir items.

Name of Club Historian: Laura Cheung and the current President

Date prepared: 2014-2016, but to be updated at the current biennium

Notes of meetings, records of activities and photos are kept at the website

Our Club Officers and Board of Directors 2016 – 2018

President	Shirley Chu
Vice President	Esther Chan Helen Wong

Treasurer	Kaftine Leung
Secretary	Patsy Ng Helen Chen
Directors	Judith Yu Paula Ho Charmaine Leung
Ex-Officio	Jane Cheung

Our Committee Chairs 2016 - 2018

Membership	Susan Yu Patsy Ng
Service	Paula Ho
Advocacy	Charmaine Leung Vivien Hui
Nominating	
United Nations	
Z & Golden Z Clubs	
Public Relations & Communications	
Revision of By-laws	Yvette Leung
Fellowship	Julie Chow Fanny Cheuk

Our Club Members:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Classification</u>
Esther Chan	Accountant-Company Director – 2211
Phebe Chan	Finance & Investment-Marketing - 2211
Helen Chen	Senior Official of Special Interest Organization - 1114
Serene Cheng	Sales & Marketing-Luxury Retail - 1231
Fanny Cheuk	Legislative Assistant - 1134
Jane Cheung	Special Education (Speech Therapy) – 2414
Laura Cheung	Management & Administrative-Corporate

	Affairs – 1299
Rosaline Cheung	Legal –Lawyer - 2521
Julie Chow	Management & Administrative-Health Care - 1299
Shirley Chu	Police Officer (Commissioned) - 3994
Paula Ho	Management & Administrative-Human Resources – 1299
Vivien Hui	Legal-Lawyer - 2521
Kao May Ching	Professor-University – 2421
Elena Lai	Manufacturing-Garment - 1193
Anita Lee	Legal-Lawyer - 2521
Charmaine Leung	Legal-Lawyer - 2521
Irene Leung	Retail and Wholesale Trade Manager - 1420
Kaftine Leung	Manufacturing-Garment – 1193
Yvette Leung	Legal-Lawyer - 2521
Sandra Mak	Management & Communication - 1299
Patsy Ng	Company Director - 1299
Vivianne Shu	Health-Obstetrician and Gynecologist - 2312
Bonnie Smith	Police Officer (Commissioned) - 3994
Helen Wong	Management & Administrative-University - 1293
Yim Kar Lai	Finance & Investment-Banking - 2211
Peggy Yip	Management & Administrative-Architecture & Engineering - 1112
Judith Yu	General Manager / CEO – 1117
Susan Yu	Health-Dentist - 2381
Canissa Yuen	Health-Ophthalmologist - 2312
Carrie Yuen	Accountant - 2211

Service Projects:

1) Past Service Projects Conducted

Please refer to the update on the Club History.

2) Current Services Projects

1. Embracing Love: Creative Art Therapy for Victims of Domestic Violence

In response to the feedback collected at the finale event and also from the stakeholders of the “Purple Red Project”, the Zonta Club of Victoria continues her partnership with the Centre for Community Cultural Development (CCCD) in offering a follow-up project: “Embracing Love: Creative Art Therapy for Victims of Domestic Violence”. The objective is to maximize the effectiveness of creative art therapy on victims suffering from domestic violence. Four groups of women (and children) from the “Purple Red Project” have been invited to join the program and to attend workshops. A total of 31 women attended the workshops organized for victims of domestic violence. All sessions were completed in early October.

A research report will be conducted and provided regarding what actions would be appropriate before and after the workshops to enhance the therapy effectiveness.

Feedback from both participants and therapists are very positive. A number of women were reluctant at the beginning and ended up finding the workshops helpful. Some of them asked for sessions to interact with the therapist.

2. Dream Action

We continue to co-sponsor with ZC of Hong Kong II a second project of Home Care for Girls - "Dream Action". It is to encourage home stay girls to put their dreams in action despite their traumatized past by providing them with personal life coaches who are volunteers in the professions that the girls dream to acquire.

Advocacy Projects:

1) Past Advocacy Projects Conducted

Please refer to the Club History paragraphs.

2) Current Advocacy Projects

We plan to send out orange wristbands with “Zonta Says No to Violence Against Women” message to all our members, family and friends for wearing and posting photos of such wearing with hashtag on our website to spread the message out during the 16 days of activism, i.e. from 25 November to 10 December 2016.



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Membership:

Retain, Recruit and Rejuvenate (to get new members and retain quality members):

We hope to be able to retain current members and recruit new members and to have a 5% increase in membership in the coming two years.

Contact Us

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Photo Gallery

(Post **NEW** activity photos. We shall upload the photos, if any, in the old club page to this new club page for you.)