



ZONTA
INTERNATIONAL
EMPOWERING WOMEN
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

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



CLUB: Zonta Club of Zamboanga
District 17 Area 3

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

- Intensify VAWC campaign/awareness in different barangays with high incidents of domestic abuse and violence
- Empower women through sustainable enhanced skills and business opportunities



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Our Club History

The Zonta club of Zamboanga City was first organized through the sponsorship of the Zonta Club of Davao. On December 1978, the president of Zonta Club Davao, Herminia Borromeo, with 5 other Zontians, came to Zamboanga City to lay the foundation of Zonta Club of Zamboanga. A group of selected women in business and in the profession were invited to an informal meeting presided over by the Davao Zonta President to organize the Zonta Club of Zamboanga. It was decided in that meeting that an ad interim president be selected in which Paciencia Mañalac was the chosen one.

In 2 weeks time, Pacing Mañalac was able to invite 15 women leaders in business and profession which composed the core of the Zonta Club of Zamboanga City. An election of officers for the Provisionary Zonta Club of Zamboanga City was then held in Pacing Mañalac's residence in 1979. But the formal induction of the club had to wait international headquarters' approval according to Zonta Rules.

On April 1979, Zonnta Area Director, the Honorable Cecilia Muñoz Palma, came to Zamboanga to confer with prospective charter members. She strengthened the impetus to work for the charter and encouraged the club to add more members.

After her visit, the provisional club members met several times and with the Zonta spirit already working in their hearts and in their minds undertook various activities in the name of Zonta to make the people of Zamboanga aware that a new international service organization of executive women was being conceived and will finally be born and established in the beautiful city of Zamboanga.

Finally on May 23, 1980 Zonta International President Evelyn Dewitt came to Zamboanga to present the Charter and to induct the officers and charter members of the Zonta Club of Zamboanga. The incumbent president of the sponsoring club, Davao Zonta President Connie Ferrazino also came to present the charter members to the International President, Guest speaker of the occasion was Deputy Minister of National Defense Carmelo Barbers.

This very significant affair climaxed the beginning of the Zonta Club of Zamboanga. From the original members of 15, the Zonta Club of Zamboanga grew to 27 members.

In less than 3 years, Zonta Club of Zamboanga took pride to be the first civic club in Zamboanga to construct a club building of its own, which was called "Ayudahan Center". The Ayudahan was the center of Zonta's Various services to help uplift the depressed poor.

Through the years, Zonta has partnered with private and government institutions to provide scholarships, housing and various environmental and social services to the community. One landmark project is the building of 33 houses in Barangay Boalan for the relocation of the fire victims of Zonta Village in Canelar.

The Zonta Ayudahan Center, which serves as the official club house, is venue for activities such as medical outreach programs, day care programs and seminar workshops for women.

ZONTA continues to serve the community through its advocacies. The Anti-VAWC (Violence Against Women and Children) campaign was conducted through a barangay-to-barangay information caravan, with a lady lawyer providing information and guidance regarding R.A. 9262, also known as the Anti-VAWC law.

The recently-launched Search for Outstanding Empowered Women is an endeavor which aims to recognize women who have made an indelible mark in Zamboanga City, and to inspire others to excel in their respective fields.

Our Club Officers and Board of Directors 2016 – 2018

President	Charina San Luis
Vice President	Pilar Torres
Treasurer	Shiela Marie Tan
Secretary	Jennifer Que/Rosella Tan
Directors	Evelina Balbon
	Maria Bella Tandoc
	Bernadette Santiago
	Conchita Ong



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Our Committee Chairs 2016 - 2018

Membership	Ma. Rita Ong
Service	Evelina Balbon
Advocacy	Rowena Tan
Nominating	Mary Usman
Scholarships	Conchita Ong
Events and Programs	Maylene Midel/Charina San Luis
Public Relations and Communications	Jennifer Que
Finances ways and means	Rossela Tan
Leadership and Development	Bernadette Santiago

Our Club Members:



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Service Projects:

1) Past Service Projects Conducted

- **Donation of used books and reference materials to Sta. Barbara Elementary School (One of the affected schools by the Zamboanga Siege of 2013)**
- **Donation of school supplies to grade school students in Barangay Lumiyay (One of the two communities supported by Zonta Club of Zamboanga) Also known as Zonta Village**

2) Current Services Projects

- **Collection of used clothes to sell for fund raising income to sustain operating expenses incurred in the VAWC campaign in different barangays**
- **Young women learning candle making sponsored by DTI with Zonta members as participants with the intention of teaching the marginalized women skills for business opportunities**
- **Ongoing collection of used reference materials for public schools**

Advocacy Projects:

1) Past Advocacy Projects Conducted

- **Conducted Art Therapy session with female wards of the DSWD Women's Crisis Center under the supervision of Sister Consolacion**



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- **Joined the annual “Marcha delas Mujeres “ during the International Women’s Day celebration on march 9, 2017**

2) Current Advocacy Projects

- **Ongoing Anti-VAWC for a and consultation with Atty. Evangeline Doctolero and Atty. Jade Araneta in Barangays Tumaga, Tugbungan, and Manicahan (barangays that have the highest cases of VAWC in Zamboanga City)**
- **First Phase on our approved project for this biennial “Empowering Women Through Sustainable Enhanced Skills and Business opportunities”**

Membership:

- **Continue recruitment of prospective vibrant members**
- **Developing membership strategies and materials to attract committed professionals to the organization**

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