

What is Zonta ?

Zonta is an international, interprofessional, apolitical and non - denominational service club. It brings together men and women from all over the world who hold positions of responsibility in government, business, industry and liberal professions. Its members offer their skills to serve others by leading thoughts and actions aimed at the empowerment of women and the education of girls.

Zonta is present in 63 countries with over 29,000 members. It was founded in 1919 and is now in its second century of existence. Members are involved in giving their time and skills.

Zonta International and its members work at the international, national and local levels to achieve our vision of a world in which women's rights are recognized as human rights, where every woman is able to realize her full potential, where women have access to all resources and are represented in decision-making positions on an equal basis with men, and where no woman lives in fear of violence..

ZONTA is a non-governmental organization with consultative status at the United Nations Economic and Social Council. It has observers at the United Nations, UNESCO, UNICEF, ILO (International Labor Organization) and the Council of Europe.

ZONTA International has permanent representatives at the United Nations.

Our causes :

Advocating for gender equality

We advocate for gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls in all aspects of life.

Ending Gender-Based Violence

We raise awareness about the global pandemic of women's rights violations and unite our members around the world to fight violence against women and girls.

Ending Child Marriage

We work with partners to prevent child marriage in some of the world's highest incidence countries while our Zonta clubs and members advocate for an end to this human rights violation in their own countries.

Expanding access to education

We support women's education through our own scholarships and awards, through our international service projects, which often include women's and girls' education as key strategies.

Education

We are committed to achieving gender equality in education and support scholarships and awards for women and girls.

Organizing club: Sion-Valais

The **Zonta Sion-Valais** was created in 2001 and will celebrate this year its 20 years of activity.

The Club is currently composed of 26 members.

It is active in advocacy such as the fight against violence against women and regularly provides financial assistance to institutions in the Valais as well as occasional support to women in difficulty. Since 2019, the Club has been collaborating with the HES-SO and has been awarding scholarships to deserving students from the HEI and HEG programs. This year, it will innovate by granting a scholarship to a deserving young apprentice in an exclusively male profession.



District 30 Conference

Zonta clubs are divided into Districts and Areas according to more or less common borders and not according to languages.

The District 30 Conference 2021 will take place on **September 24 - 25 - 26 in Zermatt** and the responsibility for organizing it lies with the Club which the Governor belongs to.

Fabienne Moulin, a founding member of the **Zonta Club of Sion-Valais**, has been elected Governor for the 2020 - 2022 term.

District 30 is divided into 5 Areas:

- Area 01 - South of France (10 clubs)
- Area 02 - South Western Germany (25 clubs)
- Area 03 - North Western Italy (18 clubs) and Monaco (1 club)
- Area 04 - South Western Switzerland (12 clubs)
Ste Croix-Val-de-Travers, Biel-Bienne, Delémont, Fribourg, Lausanne, Locarno, Lugano, Morges-la-Côte, Neuchâtel, **Sion-Valais**, Yverdon-les-Bains, Vevey-Montreux
- Area 05 - Bulgaria, Macedonia, Romania (12 clubs)

All these clubs will be represented by more than 200 delegates in Zermatt.

Our scholarships

Amelia Earhart Scholarship

Zonta awards annually to women pursuing doctoral degrees in aerospace engineering and space science.

Women in Business Scholarship

Zonta supports women pursuing undergraduate and master's degrees in business management.

Women in Technology Scholarship

Zonta encourages women to pursue education, career opportunities and leadership roles in technology in a new pilot program launched in 2019..

Objectives of the conference

- Reunite the Zontians in the spirit of friendship
- Presentation and talks of the scholarship holders
- Vote on amendments and adoption of regulations.
- Approve financial statements
- Approve budgets
- Election of officers
- Speaker's Address

The **Opening Ceremony** of the District Conference follows protocol, the flag parade of the countries with their respective national anthems (played by members of the Concordia of Vétroz) is an emotional moment, as well as the memorial service in memory of the members deceased too soon.

We will have the privilege to welcome and hear **Zarifa GHAFARI** who was able to leave **Afghanistan** in time. The lawyer and activist, the first female mayor of a capital city in a Taliban-occupied province and winner of the **International Women of Courage Award** in 2020 will be the keynote speaker.

