



Zonta International District 6

Z & Golden Z

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About

- ❖ In 1948 Zonta International initiated a service project to focus on youth
- ❖ Z Club was founded for high school students
- ❖ Golden Z Club was established for colleges
- ❖ Both clubs aim to provide
 - ❖ Opportunities to become involved in community, school and international service projects
 - ❖ Understanding of service projects and advocacy
 - ❖ Development of leadership skills
 - ❖ Exploration of career alternatives
- ❖ And both clubs allow boys!



Past – Present

- ❖ Surprisingly, the idea of a service club for girls did *not* originate from Zonta International
- ❖ While attending a meeting of the Kiwanis Key Club a principal suggested to a staff member who was also a Zonta president, that Zonta start a group for girls like the “Key” Club
- ❖ It was jokingly suggested that it be called the “Z” Club
- ❖ And the name stuck!



Past – Present

- ❖ In 1948 four Z clubs began in California
- ❖ By 1964 Z and Golden Z became international with clubs in Canada and France
- ❖ As of 2013 there are 248 clubs in 19 countries
- ❖ District 6 is proud to support seven Z Clubs and one Golden Z
- ❖ The University of Illinois chartered the 1st Golden Z club in District 6 sponsored by the Zonta Club of Lincoln in 2012!





Current Clubs



Clubs listed by Charter Date

Area	Z Club	Chartered	Sponsoring Club
04	Frankfort Senior High School	12/2/1969	Frankfort
05	Belvidere High School	3/19/1972	Belvidere Area
04	Lebanon HS Z Club	9/20/1978	Lebanon
05	Bishop McNamara HS	9/12/1995	Kankakee
05	Streator Z Club (Zonta Teens)	1/1/1996	Streator
04	Z Club of Clinton Prairie H.S.	10/5/2004	Frankfort
05	Z Club of Belvidere North	11/14/2007	Belvidere Area
Area	Golden Z Club	Chartered	Sponsoring Club
05	Golden Z Club of the University of Illinois	9/13/2012	Lincoln

Service Projects

- ▣ **Advocacy and Service Project Examples:**
 - ❖ Advocate for awareness of teen dating violence
 - ❖ Organize fundraisers to support women's shelters and to help end violence in the community
 - ❖ Create pillowcase dresses for the "Little Dress of Africa" program
 - ❖ Support literacy programs by reading to children
 - ❖ Package birthing kits for 3rd world countries



Sponsoring Club

Sponsoring Club Responsibilities:

- ❖ Designate committee to organize and maintain Z/Golden Z clubs
- ❖ Create presentation and packet of information for school principal, dean or representative
- ❖ Pay charter registration fee \$25 and annual renewal fee \$5 to ZI
- ❖ Provide assistance for Charter Presentation
- ❖ Share international information and programs
- ❖ Communicate with the club and attend their events
- ❖ Collaborate on joint service projects
- ❖ Provide guidance and leadership
- ❖ Offer career counseling
- ❖ Be there!





Awards



Emma L. Conlon Award

- ❖ Established in 1961 by Ms. Conlon, ZI president (1956-58)
- ❖ Recognizes Z / Golden Z clubs whose projects best express the ideals of ZI
- ❖ Sponsoring clubs or Districts may nominate Z / Golden Z clubs by describing service projects that benefited school, community and international organization
- ❖ Monetary award is to be used for the club's service projects
- ❖ Award recipient will report to ZI as to how the award money was spent
- ❖ Application deadline is April 30th
- ❖ The application and other Z / Golden Z info is available on the ZI website at <http://www.zonta.org/WhatWeDo/InternationalPrograms/ZClubsGoldenZClubs.aspx>

Benefits!

- ❖ Service clubs are quickly dwindling, re-energizing the growth of Z and Golden Z clubs would be a smart strategy for Zonta.
- ❖ Collaborating on advocacy and service projects. Greater impact in numbers.
- ❖ Many High Schools have community service as a requirement for graduation
- ❖ We can learn a lot from our youth – especially how to best utilize social media sites like Facebook and Twitter to get our message out there!



Resources

▣ Where to find help to start a club:

- ❖ Zonta International website and Z and Golden Z Club page located at:
<http://www.zonta.org/WhatWeDo/InternationalPrograms/ZClubsGoldenZClubs.aspx>
- ❖ Z Club and Golden Z Club Manual located at:
<http://www.zonta.org/MemberResources/Manuals.aspx>
- ❖ Zonta District 6 website: <http://zontadistrict6.org> (*helpful hints coming soon!*)
- ❖ Z Club FB: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Z-Club/228904487170740>
- ❖ Golden Z Club FB: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Golden-Z-Club/107810382663738>
- ❖ District 6 Z Club/Golden Z Club Chair



Questions?

**Thank you for all you do for
women!**