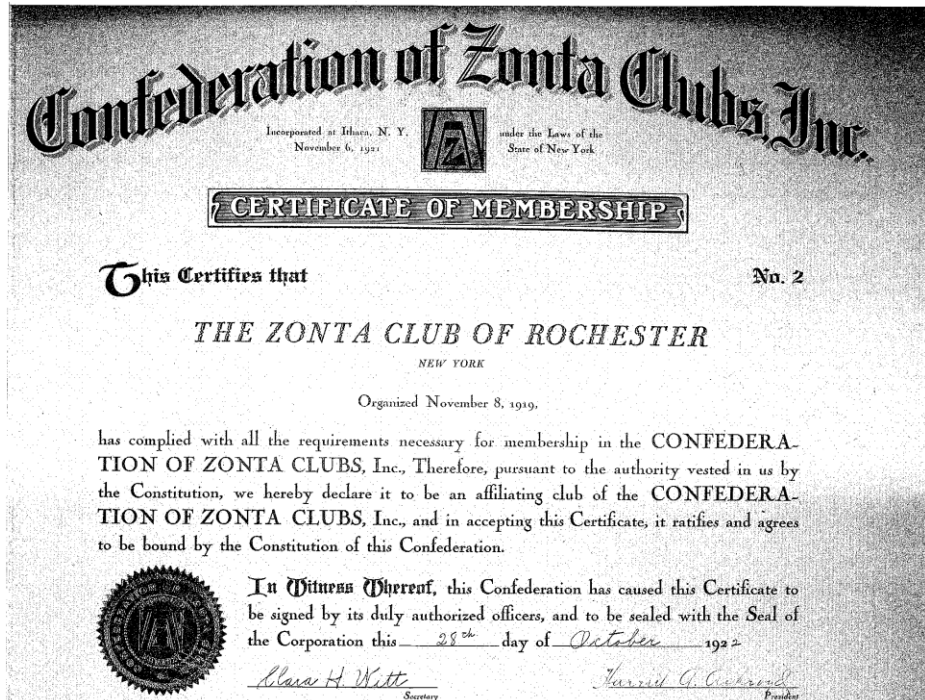




Zonta Club of Rochester (New York, USA)
District 4 Area 4 Club 2
Club 2 formed in 1919
Chartered October 28, 1922

Brief History 1919-May 31, 2014



The Zonta Club of Rochester, N.Y., was organized in the spring of 1919 and was the second Zonta Club to be formed. The first Zonta club was formed in Buffalo in March 1919 and by November of that year, nine clubs had been organized and they formed the Confederation of Zonta Clubs on November 8th.

The nine charter clubs were Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, Elmira, Binghamton, Ithaca and Utica in New York State, Erie, Pa., and Detroit, Mich.

We were organized by a paid organizer. Our charter was presented by Marion DeForest, first president of the Buffalo Club, on the 31st of October, 1922.

Articles of Incorporation were filed in New York State on February 8, 1922—an earlier set having been destroyed by fire before filing.

Our charter, dated October 28, 1922, is Charter No. 2, and is signed by Harriet Ackroyd, President of the Confederation of Zonta Clubs, and Clara Witt, Secretary. We had 22 Charter Members.

Our first president was Laura Lawrence Truesdell.

Our club is proud to have had two International Presidents;
Dora E. Neun 1935-1937 and Edwina Hogadone 1952-1954.

Members who have held District or International Office:

Laura Lawrence Truesdell	Confederation Third Vice-Pres.	1919-1922
	Confederation First Vice-Pres.	1922-1923
Katherine Griffin.....	Confederation Treasurer	1924-1925
Jessie Haskins.....	District Secretary-Treasurer	1930-1931
Dora E. Neun.....	Chairman of District I	1930-1931
	Third Vice-President	1931-1932
	Third Vice-President	1933-1934
	International President	1935-1937
	Chairman of Redistricting	1932-1933
	Chairman of Redistricting	1942-1952
	Chairman of Organization	1933-1935
Ethel Woodworth.....	Regional Chairman	1933-1934
Marjorie Hamilton.....	Regional Chairman (approx. dates)	1942-1944
Adeline Bush.....	Chairman International Classification Committee	1946-1948
Bertha Ballard.....	Chairman of District Public	
	Relations Committee	1950-1953
	Relations Committee	1957-1959
Edwina Hogadone.....	Second Vice-President	1948-1950
	First Vice-President	1950-1952
	International President	1952-1954
	Chairman, Public Relations	1945-1952
	Chairman, International Relations	1954-1956
	Chairman, Suggestions Committee	1956-1958
	Chairman, Public Relations	1958-1960
Lucille Barry.....	Lieutenant Governor	1959-1960
	Governor, District IV	1960-1961
Leta Belgard.....	Treasurer, District IV	1961-1965
Ruby Weeks.....	Lieutenant Governor	1971-1973
	Chairman, District IV Z Club	1971-1973
Sharon Stiller.....	District IV Area 4 Director	1984-1986
Nancy McCulloch.....	District IV Legislative and Advocacy Co-chair	2000-2006
	District IV Area 4 Director	2006-2008
	District IV Amelia Earhart Chair	2012-2016
Edna Silvernail	District IV Nominating Committee	1998-2000
	District IV International Foundation Ambassador	2000-2004
	District IV Service Committee	2004-2006
	District IV Z Club Chair	2006-2008
	District IV By-Laws Committee	2010-2014
Alyce VanPatten.....	District IV Advocacy Co-Chair	
	District IV Service Co-Chair	2013-2014
Carol Jones.....	District IV Newsletter Chair	2013-2014

Club Membership: Early records are not available but oral accounts from long time members indicated that in the 1960's it was over 150. Written records indicate that in 1970 it was 121, 1986 was 69, 1990 was 33, 2005 was 39 and most recently in 2014 was 24.

Major Service Projects

1919-1974 included scholarships, building a recreation cabin for Girl Scouts, serving as Foster Parents to a French orphan, supporting the Veterans' Hospital, furnishing equipment and serving on the board of Friendship Nursery, staffing USO events and participating in the Overseas War-time Package Program, furnishing equipment for the Cerebral Palsy Center of Rochester and a microscope for a hospital in Manila, contributing \$2,600 for the construction of a building in the Anne Frank Village, donating three Braille writers to the Association for the Blind, contributing to the Ramallah Project, a school for refugee girls in Jordan, staffing a store at Monroe Community Hospital, supporting Camp Dico, a day camp for deaf children and funding for a room in a half-way home for girls.

1975-1999 included supporting Sibley's Scholastic Art Awards Exhibition and St Joseph's Neighborhood Center, supported WXXI phone-a-thon, serving food to the homeless through the Salvation Army and serving Thanksgiving meals for Dr Freddie Thomas Foundation, assisting women and children at Wilson Commencement Park, donating duffle bags and suit cases for children in need of emergency foster care, furnished a room at Catholic Family Center's emergency shelter for women and children.

2000-2014 included supporting Zonta International's Millennium Promise to donate funds to a community project and selected Center for Youth, participating in Rochester Women's Foundation "Voice of Experience" for young girls, supporting the District IV Golf fund-raiser for Roswell Park, supporting the MENS (Men's Education for Nonviolence) program, continues its commitment to the environment by sponsoring Clean Up the Highway, supporting Catholic Family Center's Empty Bowls event, Pluta Cancer Center's event, participated in the 16 Days of Activism and Zonta says No campaigns in addition to our continuing support for many of the programs started in the earlier years and assisting with CASH (Creating Assets, Saving and Hope).

Significant Fundraising events

Over the years it included Antique shows, Holiday Boutique, Gas Day in the 1970's, delivering flowers for Valentine's Day, The Main Event, the first Lucky Numbers Luncheon in 1994, selling Yellow Roses for Zonta International Rose Fund in honor of International Women's Day, The Tennis Match of the Century between Tom Gollisano founder of PayChex and Mary Wilson professional tennis player and wife of Buffalo Bills owner Ralph Wilson, several Kentucky Derby events, and its ongoing annual silent auction event.

Notable Events and Milestones

Hosted the Zonta International Convention in 1926.

Entertained Amelia Earhart November 22, 1932 at the Lyceum Theatre

Hosted Nellie Taylor Ross of Wyoming who was the first woman state governor, and the Director of the United States Mint in Denver. The specific date was not recorded but she served from 1922-1926.

In May, 1929, sponsored the Zonta Club of Geneva, New York.

In 1958, sponsored the Zonta Club of Batavia and presented a Zonta flag stand and flags. The Charter Celebration was held May 24, 1958. PIP and Zonta member Edwina Hogadone among others attended.

In 1939, chartered a Z Club for girls in Monroe High School, St. Agnes High School and Golden Z Club in District IV at Roberts Wesleyan College.

Hosted District 4 Conferences in 1970, 1985 and 2005

In 1976-1977 our club had an Amelia Earhart Fellowship winner, Michelle Hank of the Brockport Area who attended University of Minnesota

May 18, 2000 Rochester proclaims Zonta International Day in honor of Make A Difference Day

January 2002 The Zonta Rochester Foundation is formed as a 501C 3 foundation

January 2005 The Rochester and Geneva clubs join together for the Amelia Earhart presentation from the Glenn Curtis Museum staff that talked about Blanche Stuart Scott (1886-1970) from Rochester who was the first American woman to solo an airplane and was inducted into the Women's Hall of Fame in Seneca Falls.

May 2005, our first website was launched www.zontarochester.org

2008 Hosted NASA astronaut Pam Melroy who commanded the STS-120 mission of the Discovery in November 2007.

2012 our club is on social media including Facebook and Twitter

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