

Travel the World with Zonta

2023 District 15 Conference

October 20-22, 2023

Prepare to jump onboard a trip around the globe, celebrating the Zonta spirit that unites us near and far. The District 15 Board and the Zonta Club of Michigan Capital Area are thrilled to extend to you a heartfelt invitation to the 2023 Zonta District 15 Fall Conference! Clear your schedule, mark those dates, and get ready to embark on a journey of inspiration, empowerment, and camaraderie like never before!

CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Registration Fee: Early Bird Special: \$225.00 if received by September 30, 2023/ Regular rate: \$240 after September 30. An Eventbrite service fee will be applied at time of purchase.

Registration includes: Dinner on Friday night, Breakfast, Lunch, and Banquet Dinner on Saturday, Brunch on Sunday, and all sessions and events.

Registration is online only and is available through Eventbrite: [Please click here to register](#)

Venue: Mt. Pleasant Comfort Inn, 2424 South Mission, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Room rate: \$139 per night plus tax. Click [here](#) to book online or contact the hotel at 1-989-772-4000 and reserve your room under Zonta International District 15 Conference block.

Questions: Contact Governor Cherie Johnson at GovernorD15@Zonta15.org

GENERAL INFORMATION

Dress: Business Casual for all events. Some members will choose cocktail attire for the Saturday Gala but it is not required — please wear what makes you feel your best! On Friday, please wear orange to show your support for Zonta says No.

Zonta Marketplace: The marketplace provides clubs the opportunity to raise funds and increase your club's presence. Registration is required as a spot will only be available for those clubs who register on the form to be provided in the upcoming President's Packet..





Conference Agenda

Friday, October 20

- 1:00 – 3:00 District Board Meeting
- 3:00 – 5:00 Registration Opens/Credentialling Open/Market Set Up
- 4:00 – 5:00 Delegate and First Timer Orientation
Marketplace Open
- 5:00 – 5:30 Opening Reception
- 5:30 – 6:00 Welcome and Opening Ceremony
- 6:00 – 8:00 Dinner and Keynote Speaker
- 8:00 – 9:00 First Business Session
- 9:00 – ?? Share Your Zonta Spirit - Friday Fun Night

Saturday, October 21

- 7:30 – 8:30 Registration/Credentials
Continental Breakfast/Marketplace Open
- 8:30-12:00 Second Business Session/Breakout Sessions
- 12:00 – 1:30 Status of Women Luncheon
- 1:30 – 4:30 Third Business Session/Breakout Sessions
- 4:30 – 5:00 Share Your Zonta Spirit!/Store open
- 5:30 – 6:00 Reception
- 6:00 – 10:00 Banquet and Entertainment

Sunday, October 22

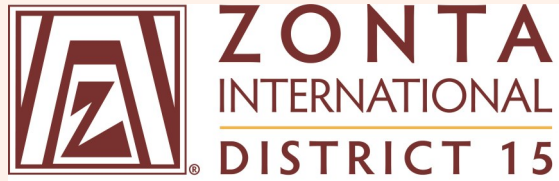
- 8:00 – 9:00 Memorial Service
- 9:00 – 10:00 Fourth Business Session
- 10:00 – 11:30 Brunch and Closing Keynote
- 11:30 – 1:00 Final Business Session
- 1:00 – 3:00 Board Meeting



Distinguished Guest
Brittany Vaughn
Zonta International
Director
Zonta Club of
Burbank Area
District 9

Keynote Speaker
Claire Dahl
How Women
Changed
the World
A Tribute to Rosie





Voting, Delegates, and Proxies

Voting for candidates for the District Board and the District nominating committee will be conducted online using Election Buddy. Once delegates and alternates have been identified, a brief training will be completed. Candidate speeches will be conducted via the Election Buddy platform two weeks before the vote. Voting on the 2024-2026 budget, and the By-laws will be conducted in person at the conference.

Slate of Officers — Coming Soon!

The slate of officers is not yet filled and, in keeping with our by-laws, Robert's Rules of Order, and Zonta International guidance, all nominations must be taken from the floor. Because we will have an electronic vote, nominations from the floor must be received in writing by September 20, 2023. More details to come!

Items for In-Person Voting

2024-2026 Proposed Budget: This budget is based on current membership and a \$2.00 annual dues increase.

2022-2024 By-Laws: Recommended revisions were made to be consistent with changes made at

CLUB CHECKLIST

1. Recruit 20% of your membership to attend the Conference.
2. Register for Marketplace. Space will be based on registration only.
3. Complete and send Delegate Form and Proxy Form (if necessary).
4. Send the following to GovernorD15@Zonta15.org by October 1, 2023.
 - a. Electronically share two photos of your club. One should show your club in a service activity and one of your choosing — a group photo, installation of officers, an advocacy project, etc. 1-3 sentences about your club that best describes who you are! Show us your Zonta Spirit! These will be used throughout the weekend in multiple ways.
 - b. If applicable, a photo and a few sentences about a member you wish to have included in the memorial service.

