



ZONTA
INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 15

*Travel The World
With Zonta*



**District 15 Conference
President's Packet
October 20-22, 2023**

Join us to celebrate Zonta spirit around the world!

Dear Club President,

We are so excited to bring you the 2023 Zonta District 15 Fall Conference! So much work and planning has gone into creating an event we will all enjoy. There are inspiring speakers, important updates, and lots of fellowship and fun. It is our hope you will leave energized and ready to build a better world for women and girls!

You previously received the Call to Conference, with details and information about the conference. In this packet, you will find a more detailed agenda, forms to complete and return as soon as possible, and information for your club about candidates for office. I am asking for your assistance by noting the timelines listed and by being prompt in ensuring all documents are returned by the deadline.

Please encourage your club members to join us in Mt. Pleasant – participating in a District Conference is one way to help connect our members to the bigger picture of Zonta, to meet fellow Zontians from across the District, and to reconnect to the spirit of Zonta.

If you have questions, please reach out to me or to your area Director. We are here to help!

Yours in Zonta,

**Cherie Johnson
Zonta District 15 Governor**

Current Slate and Voting Information

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Below is the slate of officers as of September 8, 2023. Because nominations are still being taken from the floor, the final slate may include other individuals identified between September 8th and September 20th, which is the deadline. Club members can submit the names of additional nominees to DeAnna Cambridge, Nominating Committee Chair (deanna.cambridge@gmail.com) until the deadline. The names of candidates added to the slate will be send to club presidents after nominations from the floor are closed.

Voting will take place electronically via Election Buddy. Details and training will be provided to identified delegates in advance of the voting, and candidate bios and speeches will be available online before the vote. Please assure the delegate and proxy information is provided by September 30, 2023.

Office	Name	Area	Club
Governor	Gail Johnson	3	Zonta Club of Pontiac-North Oakland
Lt. Governor	Cindy Vickey	2	Zonta Club of Midland
Area 1 Director	Lucille Contois	1	Zonta Club of Marquette
Area 2 Director	No candidate(s) at this time		
Area 3 Director	No candidate(s) at this time		
Area 4 Director	Bonnie Whittaker	4	Metro Detroit
Nominating Committee (3 Total)	Cherie Johnson	2	Roscommon County
Nominating Committee	No candidate(s) at this time		
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Club Delegate Form

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Please complete and email a scanned copy by September 30, 2023, to Pam Withrow at pkwithrow@outlook.com

The Zonta Club of: _____ has _____ paid members and is in good standing. It is therefore entitled to _____ vote(s) and an equal number of alternates at the District 15 Conference.

The following members have been elected to represent the club at the 2023 District Conference:

1. Delegate: (Print or type name) _____ Signature: _____
(30 or fewer paid members)

2. Delegate: (Print or type name) _____ Signature: _____
(31 - 60 paid members)

3. Delegate: (Print or type name) _____ Signature: _____
(61 or more paid members)

1. Alternate: (Print or type name) _____ Signature: _____

2. Alternate: (Print or type name) _____ Signature: _____

3. Alternate: (Print or type name) _____ Signature: _____

SIGNED _____

Signature: Club President

SIGNED _____

Signature: Club Secretary

Conference Proxy Request Form

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Bylaws of Zonta International

Article XIII Section 11

(4) Conference Voting Members. The voting members of the district conference shall be the governor, lieutenant governor, area directors, treasurer, and the delegates of each club in good standing.

(b) Proxies. A club may be represented by proxy at a district conference. A club represented by proxy shall be entitled to its total votes by proxy. **No club may be represented by proxy at more than two (2) consecutive conferences.** A club may carry the proxy votes from no more than two other clubs, except that the total votes carried by one club may not exceed five.

Your club must have previously arranged with another club to carry your proxy prior to sending the request form to the Credentials Committee Chair listed above.

The Zonta Club of _____ is in good standing. It is therefore entitled to be represented by proxy vote at district conference. The club requests representation by proxy for all business to be conducted at the District 15 Conference to be held in Mt. Pleasant, MI on October 20-22, 2023. It further requests that the proxy vote be assigned to the Zonta Club of _____ . The president of this club has been contacted and has agreed that the club will carry the proxy.

(Signatures of club requesting a proxy representation)

President Signature: _____

Secretary Signature: _____

Zonta Marketplace Registration

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The conference planning committee is pleased to announce that the 2023 District 15 conference will include a marketplace. This is a space where clubs can sell items, promote events, or conduct a raffle to raise funds for their clubs. Raffle licenses (if applicable) are the responsibility of the club hosting the raffle and pre-registration is required.

Please complete the attached form and return to:

Zonta Club of _____ would like to participate in the Zonta Marketplace. We understand that we will need to have the table set up by 5:00 pm on Friday, October 20 and to staff the table as follows:

Friday, October 20: 5:00 to 5:30 pm

Saturday October 21: 7:30 am – 8:30 am

1:30 pm – 2:00 pm

4:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Raffle winners will be announced at the end of the conference on Sunday.

**Zonta International District 15
2023 District Conference**

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 – 5:45	Opening Reception	
5:45 – 6:30	Dinner Buffet	
6:30	Head Table Line Up	
6:30 – 8:30	First Business Session	
	<i>Presiding</i>	<i>Cherie Johnson, D15 Governor</i>
	<i>Moment of Silence</i>	
	<i>Presentation of Colors</i>	<i>Girl Scouts</i>
	<i>Anthems</i>	
	<i>Introductions</i>	<i>Cherie Johnson</i>
	<i>Roll Call - Delegates</i>	<i>Malinda Smith, D15 Secretary</i>
	<i>Welcome to Mt, Pleasant</i>	<i>Amy Pershaber, Mayor</i>
	<i>Welcome Zontians</i>	<i>Ute Scholz, President of Zonta International</i>
	<i>Welcome to Conference</i>	<i>DeAnna Cambridge</i>
	<i>Credentials Report</i>	<i>Pam Withrow</i>
	<i>Conference Rules</i>	<i>Ruth Helwig</i>
	<i>Keynote Speaker</i>	<i>Claire Dahl</i>
	<i>Close of First Business Session</i>	<i>Cherie Johnson</i>
8:30 – 10:00	Share Your Zonta Spirit - Friday Fun Night	

Saturday, October 21

7:30 – 8:30	Registration/Credentials	
	Continental Breakfast/Marketplace Open	
8:15	Head Table Line Up	
8:30-10:45	Second Business Session	
	<i>Credentials</i>	<i>Pam Withrow</i>
	<i>Governor's report/Bylaws</i>	<i>Cherie Johnson</i>
	<i>Lt Governor's Report</i>	<i>Gail Johnson</i>
	<i>Treasurer's Report</i>	<i>Jennifer Yountz-Barger</i>
	<i>Finance Report/Budget</i>	<i>Jennifer Yountz-Barger</i>
	<i>ZI Foundation for Women</i>	<i>Cheryl Hall</i>
10:45 – 11:00	Break	
11:00 – 12:00	Breakout Sessions	
	<i>How to Effectively Advocate</i>	<i>Denise Sylvester</i>
	<i>Membership Matters!</i>	<i>Gail Johnson, Cindy Vickery, Raquel Reed. Bonnie McArthur, Bridget Robinson</i>

12:00 – 1:30	Status of Women Luncheon <i>ZI Updates</i> <i>ZI Strategic Plan</i> <i>Scholarships</i>	<i>Brittany Vaughn, International Representative</i> <i>Brittany Vaughn, International Representative</i> <i>Various Recipients</i>
1:30 – 2:00	Share Your Zonta Spirit Marketplace Open	
2:00 – 3:15	Third Business Session <i>Credentials</i> <i>ZI Foundation for Women</i> <i>International Project Spotlight</i> <i>Endowment Fund Spotlight</i> <i>District Conference 2025</i>	<i>Pam Withrow</i> <i>Cheryl Hall</i> <i>Cheryl Hall</i> <i>Denise Quarles</i>
3:15 – 3:30	Break	
3:30 – 4:30	Breakout Sessions <i>Successful Fundraising</i> <i>Successful Service Projects</i>	<i>Panel Discussion</i> <i>Panel Discussion</i>
4:30 – 5:00	Share Your Zonta Spirit! Marketplace open – last call!	
5:00 - 6:00	Break	
6:00 - 6:45	Governor’s Reception	
6:45	Past Governors Lineup Current President Lineup Head Table Lineup	
7:00 - 10:00	Banquet and Awards	
9:00 - 11:00	Entertainment - cash bar available	

Sunday, October 22

8:00 – 9:00	Memorial Service	
9:00	Head Table Lineup	
9:15 - 10:00	Final Business Session <i>Credentials Report</i> <i>Conference Registration Report</i> <i>ZIF Report</i>	<i>Pam Withrow</i> <i>Cheryl Hall</i>
10:00 - 12:30	Brunch and Keynote Address	
12:30 – 1:00	Conference Closing Remarks <i>ZI Convention-Brisbane</i> <i>Recognition of Guests/Host Club</i> <i>Courtesy Resolutions</i> <i>Raffle Drawings</i> <i>Invitation to Governor’s Summit</i> <i>Invitation to NAIDM</i>	<i>Cherie Johnson</i> <i>Cherie Johnson</i> <i>Mary Gilpin</i> <i>Cherie Johnson</i> <i>Cherie Johnson</i> <i>Cherie Johnson</i>
1:00	Conference Adjourned	
1:00 – 3:00	District Board Meeting	