Chapter 54


Since 1920, Zonta International has grouped clubs by district. The following is information on the formation of District 32. As of 2019, District 32 had 21 clubs in South Korea.

District 32 was formed in 2005 from the division of the original District 26.

District history background

1980–1990: During this period, all Zonta clubs in Asia belonged to District 17.

1990: The original District 17 was divided into Districts 17, 25 and 26. Clubs located in South Korea belonged to District 26 together with those in Japan and Taiwan.

2005: The eighth District 26 Conference adopted a resolution to divide the district into three separate districts:
- District 26 for clubs in Japan.
- District 31 for clubs in Taiwan, Republic of China.
- District 32 for clubs in South Korea.

2006: The Zonta International Board adopted the decision and the division became effective in July.

District 32 had 452 members in 21 clubs in three areas.

2008: 466 members in 24 clubs.

2010: 395 members in 23 clubs.

1 Research compiled by Eva Nielsen with contributions from District 32 Historians Sun Mee Kim and Un Kyung Lee.
2015: 406 members in 21 clubs.

2019: 392 members in 21 clubs.

District 32 service projects
- Scholarships for high school and college students.
- Support for a shelter for sexually abused women and girls as a ZISVAW project.
- Support of North Korean defectors.
- Support of senior citizen without dependents.
- Support of a clinic for foreign workers.
- Annual training seminars conducted for seven years for young female industrial leaders to empower women and girls.

District 32 advocacy efforts
- Z Club members, including students of Chadwick International School, Soongduk Girls School and Haesong High School, visited the Korea National Assembly on 21 September 2017 to meet Congresswoman Nam In-Soon. They discussed the human trafficking issue with Cho Jin-Gyeong, president of the organization Stand Up Against Sex-Trafficking of Minors, as well as Unna Huh, Director of Area 01 in District 32 in the National Assembly meeting room. The students have supported Congresswoman Nam’s efforts to modify the Act on the Protection of Children and Juveniles Against Sexual Abuse by sending petitions to the Minister of Justice.
- During the year-end party on 10 December 2016, the Zonta Club of Daegu II held a He For She campaign event at Interbulgo Hotel in Daegu. Thirty “Mr Zontas” of the Zonta Club of Daegu II pledged to advocate for the campaign individually and in groups. The event also received media coverage in the women’s newspaper in Korea.

Recipients of awards
Most of the clubs in the district give scholarships to students in high school, college, and university. Each year, the Zonta Club of Seoul I gives a full scholarship of USD$9,000 to a college student majoring in aerospace.

Several students in District 32 have received the Zonta International awards.

**Young Women in Public Affairs Award**
2013: Chanmi Ju, District Award USD$1,000
2014: Yejin Lee, District Award USD$1,000
2015: Sojung Park, District Award USD$1,000
2017: Soonwoo Kwon, District Award USD$1,000.

**Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship**
2014: Hye Ran Jeon, Hoseo University, District Award USD$1,000
2015: Heeseung Yang, Catholic University, District Award USD$1,000
2017: Soonwoo Kwon, District Award USD$1,000.

Z Clubs in District 32
CIS Z Club in Chadwick International School was established in 2015, sponsored by the Zonta Club of Seoul III.

**District conferences**

- **1993**: As a member of District 26, the Zonta Club of Seoul I hosted the District 26 Conference in 1993 in Seoul from 14 to 17 November at the Hotel Lotte.
  - The theme was “Women in the 21st Century – Facing the Issues”.

- **2007**: The first District 32 conference was from 27 to 28 October at Lotte Hotel in Seoul, Korea.
  - The theme was “The 21st Century and Zonta International — Empowerment of the Girl Child through Zonta”.
  - 174 people attended, including International Representative Gloria Stootman Wristen.
  - The first revision of the District 32 Rules of Procedure was adopted and II.5.B was added, reading:
    - For the sake of the successful district conference, each club shall pay for the registration fee equivalent to the number of members, which is half of Zonta International registered members, to the conference treasurer until the registration deadline. If more than half the members attend the conference, the club shall pay a registration fee equivalent to the actual number of participants.

- **2009**: The second conference was from 5 to 6 September at Paradise Hotel in Busan, Korea.
  - The theme was “Green Growth — Zonta International and Climate Change”.
  - 177 people attended, including International President Beryl Sten.
  - The second revision of the District 32 Rules of Procedure was adopted. The district fee increased from 30,000 Korean won to 40,000 Korean won. The revised Rule II 1 read:
    - Zonta International District 32 dues and fees is 40,000 won per person. (District Dues: 25,000 won, District Conference Assessment: 15,000 won).

- **2011**: The third conference was held from 3 to 4 September at Lotte Hotel in Seoul, Korea.
  - The theme was “Women’s Rights in an Era of Biomedical Science and Technology”.
  - 176 people attended, including International President Dianne K. Curtis.
  - A resolution was adopted to establish a Foundation, and to submit an application to MOGEF (Ministry of Gender Equality and Family) for permission.

- **2013**: The fourth conference was held from 26 to 27 October at the Intercontinental hotel in Seoul, Korea.
  - The theme was “Ending Violence against Women and Girls”.
  - 190 people attended, including International President Lynn McKenzie.

- **2015**: The fifth conference was held on 24 October at the Lotte Hotel in Seoul, Korea.
  - The theme was “The Current Status of North Korean Women Defectors”.
  - 225 people attended, including International President Maria Jose Landeira Oestergaard.

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2 District 32 Historians Sun Mee Kim and Un Kyung Lee
2017: The sixth conference was held on 28 October at the Novotel Ambassador hotel in Daegu, Korea.
  o The theme was “Gender Equality – Different but One”.
  o 213 people attended, including International President Sonja Hönig Schough.

District 32 Board\(^3\)
- **2006–2008**
  o Governor: In-Kyu Kim
  o Area Directors: Eun Ok Yoo, Hae Won Shin and Young Ja Kang
- **2008–2010**
  o Governor: Dong Soon Park
  o Area Directors: Hyang Eui Chang, Pil Sook Kwon and Hae Sun Kim
- **2010–2012**
  o Governor: Young A. Lee
  o Area Directors: Sun Kyong Lee, Young Sang Lee and Key Nam Yang
- **2012–2014**
  o Governor: Eun Ok Yoo
  o Area Directors: Young Ja Lee, Jung Hee Noh and Young Ok Kim
- **2014–2016**
  o Governor: Hyang Eui, Chang
  o Area Directors: Kyung Hae Song, Soo Young Hah and Keum Sun Noh
- **2016–2018**
  o Governor: Hae Won Shin
  o Area Directors: Unna Huh, Jae Won Choi and Hyosuk Na
- **2018–2020**
  o Governor: Sun Kyung Lee
  o Area Directors: Moon Yong Lee, Chan Yong Ro and Sun Nam Park

Past ZI and ZIF committee members from District 32

History of formation of District 32 clubs

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