



Chapter 54

District 32 – Republic of Korea (2006–2019) ¹

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 conferences²

- 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.

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.
 - The theme was “Gender Equality – Different but One”.
 - 213 people attended, including International President Sonja Hönig Schough.

District 32 Board³

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

Past ZI and ZIF committee members from District 32

Un-Kyung Lee of the Zonta Club of Seoul I served as a member of the ZI Nominating Committee from 1994–1996 and the Foundation Committee from 1996–1998.

History of formation of District 32 clubs

South Korea

Year Chartered	Club Number	Club Name	Area as of 2018	Closed
1966	0572	Zonta Club of Seoul I	01	
1970	0653	Zonta Club of Busan I	02	
1971	0670	Zonta Club of Daegu	02	
1983	1043	Zonta Club of Daejeon	03	
1985	1123	Zonta Club Seoul II-Han Yang	01	
1987	1175	Zonta Club of Kwangju		2018
1992	1399	Zonta Club of Seoul III-Nam Seoul	01	
1996	1534	Zonta Club of Busan II	02	

³ District 32 Historian Report 2018

1996	1536	Zonta Club of Seoul IV	01	
1996	1537	Zonta Club of Seoul V	01	
1997	1561	Zonta Club of Seoul VI	01	
1998	1601	Zonta Club of Daegu II	02	
1998	1605	Zonta Club of Seoul VII	01	
1998	1606	Zonta Club of Kwangju		2003
2000	1660	Zonta Club of Kyongju		2010
2001	1691	Zonta Club of Kang Nam		2010
2002	1710	Zonta Club of Daejeon II	03	
2002	1713	Zonta Club of Daejeon III		2009
2002	1714	Zonta Club of Daejeon IV	03	
2005	1788	Zonta Club of Jeju		2013
2005	1789	Zonta Club of Daejeon V	03	
2005	1790	Zonta Club of Jeon-Buk		2009
2006	1818	Zonta Club of Jeon-Nam	03	
2008	1840	Zonta Club of Busan IV	02	
2008	1841	Zonta Club of Busan III	02	
2013	1915	Zonta Club of Daejeon VI	03	
2013	1918	Zonta Club of Daejeon III-FL		2015
2014	1925	Zonta Club of Daejeon VII	03	
2016	1956	Zonta Club of Daegu III	02	