



Chapter 11

District 07 – North America¹

Since 1920, Zonta International has grouped the clubs in districts. The following is information on the formation of District 07. Today, District 07 has 18 clubs in five states in the United States.

International Presidents from District 07

- 1954–1956: Dorothea Radusch from the Zonta Club of Minneapolis in Minnesota
Dorothea Radusch, a charter member of the Zonta Club of Minneapolis, chaired the Zonta International Organization and Extension Committee from 1950 to 1953. In this period, 51 new clubs were chartered, including the first club in the Philippines. Under her charge, a Zonta International service project was adopted “to encourage young girls and women for higher level positions in business and the professions”.² In her honor, District 07 established the Dorothea Radusch Fund. It is a district scholarship in the amount of USD\$250.00 that is awarded to the District 07 winner of the Young Women in Public Affairs Award in addition to the international funds provided. Clubs and individuals are encouraged to contribute annually to the Fund.³
- 1972–1974: Harriette Yeckel from the Zonta Club of Kansas City in Missouri.
Before she assumed the office of Zonta International President, Harriette Yeckel had attended all European conferences and regional meetings in Asia. Under her leadership, clubs in North America began to give more generously to Zonta International service projects. She set up the projects “Open House” and “Operation Friendship”. She raised the immediate cash for the purchase of Zonta’s world headquarters building at 557 West Randolph Street, Chicago, and spearheaded a USD\$1 million campaign to pay off the mortgage.⁴

Timeline of district history highlights

¹ Research compiled by Eva Nielsen.

² Theresa De Langis, *Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide 1919-99* (ISBN 1-56311-591-3), p. 93.

³ Ibid.

⁴ Ibid., p. 95.

1924: The district plan was revised. Effective from 1925, the original three Districts became five, designated as A, B, C, D and E.

1928: From an article about district conferences in the May 1928 issue of *The Zontian*, it is believed the Zonta Clubs of Minneapolis and St. Paul in Minnesota and the Zonta Club of St. Louis in Missouri belonged to District E, but no record exists.

1930: Clubs in Minnesota and Missouri were affiliated with District II Region B.

1936: Clubs in Minnesota and Missouri belonged to District II Region B.

1943: District IV came into effect

1946: District IV encompassed 9 clubs (one in Colorado, one in Indiana, three in Minnesota, three in Missouri and one in Nebraska)

1947: After World War II, the Redistricting Committee made a new District Plan under which District VII was to encompass clubs located in:

- Colorado (In 1952 a new district plan moved the Colorado clubs to District XII.)
- Iowa (The last club disbanded in 2008.)
- Kansas (Some clubs located in Kansas belong to District XII.)
- Minnesota
- Missouri
- Nebraska (The last club disbanded in 1990.)
- North Dakota.
- South Dakota (In 1952 a new district plan moved some of the South Dakota clubs to District XII.)

As a result of the revised plan District VII had nine clubs in these state, plus five in Colorado.⁵

1952: 18 clubs. Clubs in Colorado were relocated to the new District XII, leaving 18 in District VII.

Canadian clubs in Manitoba, Ontario and Saskatchewan were also in District VII in 1952 and remained in the district until 1997.

1957: 32 clubs.

1960: 35 clubs.

1966: 38 clubs.

1974: 40 clubs organized in seven areas, designated as Areas 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06 and 07.

1978: 39 clubs. According to the 1978–1979 Zonta International Directory, Area 03 was discontinued.

⁵ See District 12 (Chapter 16)

1980: Six areas, designated as Areas 01, 02, 04, 05, 06, and 07, with a total of 37 clubs.

1983: 30 clubs organized in six areas.

1990: The Zonta International Board changed the designation from Roman to Arabic numerals; District VII became District 07.

31 clubs and 1,088 members.⁶

1993: 30 clubs organized in six areas.

2002: 24 clubs organized in four areas designated Areas 01, 03, 05 and 06.

2008: 19 clubs organized in four areas designated Areas 01, 02, 04 and 05.

2016: Areas were once more recognized. 18 clubs, including the Zonta e-Club of USA 1 were organized in four areas: Area 01 (clubs in North Dakota and one club in South Dakota), Area 02 (clubs in Missouri, including the e-club), Area 03 (clubs in Minnesota), and Area 04 (clubs in Missouri and Kansas). Three of the clubs date from the 1920s.

2018: 427 members.

2019: 361 members.

Since 1983, District 07 has chartered two clubs: the Zonta Club of Troy, club number 1846, which closed in 2012, and the e-Club of USA 1, club number 1914.

History of formation of District 07 clubs

Canada

Manitoba

Year Chartered	Club Number	Club Name	Area as of 2018	Closed
1952	0291	Zonta Club of Winnipeg		1997

Ontario

Year Chartered	Club Number	Club Name	Area as of 2018	Closed
1957		Zonta Club of Fort William-Port Arthur		1963

Saskatchewan

Year Chartered	Club Number	Club Name	Area as of 2018	Closed
1957	0385	Zonta Club of Regina		1988

⁶ The *Zontian* 1990–1992 Program Issue.

United States

Iowa

Year Chartered	Club Number	Club Name	Area as of 2018	Closed
1945	0180	Zonta Club of Central Iowa/Des Moines		2008
1956	0370	Zonta Club of Council Bluffs		2005
1957	0379	Zonta Club of Sioux City		1984
1964	0525	Zonta Club of Cedar Rapids Area		1983

Kansas

Year Chartered	Club Number	Club Name	Area as of 2018	Closed
1946	0183	Zonta Club of Kansas City		2011
1953	0319	Zonta Club of Wichita		1992
1957	0403	Zonta Club of Atchison Area	04	
1959	0440	Zonta Club of Topeka		2016
1971	0681	Zonta Club of Hutchinson		1978
1972	0689	Zonta Club of Salina		1993
1972	0695	Zonta Club of Johnson County, Kansas	04	

Minnesota

Year Chartered	Club Number	Club Name	Area as of 2018	Closed
1926	0040	Zonta Club of Minneapolis	03	
1926	0041	Zonta Club of St. Paul		2013
1934	0124	Zonta Club of Duluth		2004
1951	0248	Zonta Club of St Cloud	03	
1951	0249	Zonta Club of Austin, MN	03	
1954	0334	Zonta Club of Brainerd Area	03	
1965	0546	Zonta Club of Rochester		1984
1974	0750	Zonta Club of Mankato	03	

Missouri

Year Chartered	Club Number	Club Name	Area as of 2018	Closed
1926	0037	Zonta Club of St. Louis	02	
1928		Zonta Club of Kansas City		1934
1937	0148	Zonta Club of Kansas City I, MO	04	
1939	0158	Zonta Club of St Louis County		1991
1947	0192	Zonta Club of Jefferson City, MO	02	
1963	0502	Zonta Club of St Charles		2014
1963	0517	Zonta Club of Springfield		1985
1966		Zonta Club of St Joseph		1972
1976	0784	Zonta Club of Cape Girardeau	02	
1976	0790	Zonta Club of Columbia		1981

1982	1012	Zonta Club of Kansas City II, MO	04	
1982	1016	Zonta Club of Blue Springs Lee's Summit		1986
1983	1037	Zonta Club of Creve Coeur/ Westport Area		1986
2008	1846	Zonta Club of Troy		2012

Nebraska

Year Chartered	Club Number	Club Name	Area as of 2018	Closed
1939		Zonta Club of Omaha		1947
1953	0323	Zonta Club of Omaha		1989
1955	0339	Zonta Club of Lincoln		1983
1983	1035	Zonta Club of Midland Area		1990

North Dakota

Year Chartered	Club Number	Club Name	Area as of 2018	Closed
1951	0269	Zonta Club of Bismarck*	01	
1952	0273	Zonta Club of Fargo-Moorhead	01	
1952	0276	Zonta Club of Jamestown, ND	01	
1952	0284	Zonta Club of Valley City		1976
1952		Zonta Club of Dickinson		1974
1952		Zonta Club of Williston		1964
1953	0294	Zonta Club of Breckenridge- Wahpeton	01	
1953	0297	Zonta Club of Grand Forks		1978
1954	0326	Zonta Club of Minot		1992
1963	0512	Zonta Club of Mandan		1996

* The Zonta Club of Bismarck-Mandan operated from 1951 to 1963, becoming two separate clubs in 1963: Zonta Clubs of Bismarck (number 0262) and Zonta Club of Mandan (club number 0512).

South Dakota

Year Chartered	Club Number	Club Name	Area as of 2018	Closed
1953	0299	Zonta Club of Aberdeen, SD	01	
1957	0381	Zonta Club of Sioux Falls		1989
1957		Zonta Club of Watertown Area		1978

e-Club

Year Chartered	Club Number	Club Name	Area as of 2018	Closed
2013	1914	Zonta e-Club of USA1	02	