



Chapter 15

District 11 – North America

Since 1920, Zonta International has grouped clubs by district. The following is information on the formation of District 11. In 2018, District 11 had 39 clubs in seven states in the United States and in Puerto Rico, the British Virgin Islands and The Bahamas.¹

District 11 Service Projects²

Members in Area 06 of District 11 dedicate time to the *Birthing Kits – 6 for 6!* Project.

A birthing kit contains a large piece of plastic for the mother to lie on, iodine swabs and soap, latex gloves, gauze squares, a cord scissor, and two umbilical cord clamps.

The Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva held its first birthing kit assembly day event on January 26 in 2008 at the Sanibel Library. Over 60 volunteers worked most of the day rolling, folding, inserting, checking and counting to create over a thousand kits. Volunteers included Zonta members from Sanibel, Fort Myers, and Bonita Springs, as well as prospective members and volunteers from the Sanibel community, volunteers from SWFAS (one of the club's local partners), midwives from the Foundation for Women's Health in Naples, and even a vacationing mother and daughter. With the support of Sanibel Library staff, an assembly line was set up in the library meeting rooms and some 1,300 kits were assembled. Supplies were provided and delivered by Lee Sar, a local medical supply distribution company, which has contributed to many international missions and will contribute supplies to other local clubs.

In addition to the January 2008 Sanibel-Captiva assembly day, 1,000 kits were produced in 2007 by the Sarasota and Bonita Springs clubs, the Zonta clubs of Bonita Springs and Naples co-hosted an assembly day, the Punta Gorda/Port Charlotte clubs held assembly days, and additional kits were produced in Sanibel in the Spring of 2008.

While individual clubs may have hosted assembly days, this has very much been an Area project and the goal to complete 6,000 kits in the first four months of 2008 was achieved.

¹ Research compiled by Eva Nielsen.

² District 11 website.

The birthing kit project was adopted by Zontians in District 11 as a result of work with Miracles in Action, an organization based in Collier County which works to improve the quality of life in Guatemala and other Latin American countries. The kits were shipped free of charge by American Airlines and distributed by local in-country nonprofits to midwife organizations for use in the lowest income areas of Guatemala, many of which have few or no health care facilities available to local women.

Area 06 Zontians have also worked together to install plaques honoring Amelia Earhart in three area airports in Sarasota, Naples and Fort Myers by sharing the costs of plaques and supporting and attending ceremonies in each of the airports³.

Zonta International Presidents from District 11

1964–1966: Ruth S. Knight, Zonta Club of Atlanta in Georgia.
1988–1990: Ruth Walker, Zonta Club of Myrtle Beach in South Carolina.

Zonta International Conventions held in District 11

1950: Miami Beach, Florida
1966: Miami Beach, Florida
2012: Orlando, Florida

District Conference locations

1947	Jacksonville, Florida	1982	Clearwater, Florida
1948	Birmingham, Alabama	1983	Hilton Head Island, South Carolina
1949	Lake Worth, Florida	1984	Chattanooga, Tennessee
1950	Location information unavailable	1985	Key West, Florida
1951	Daytona Beach, Florida	1986	Freeport, Bahamas
1952	Orlando, Florida	1987	Mobile, Alabama
1953	Memphis, Tennessee	1988	Savannah, Georgia
1954	Atlanta, Georgia	1989	Naples, Florida
1955	Miami Beach, Florida	1990	Jacksonville, Florida
1956	Birmingham, Alabama	1991	Birmingham, Alabama
1957	Tampa, Florida	1992	Key West, Florida
1958	Fort Lauderdale, Florida	1993	Greenville, South Carolina
1959	Daytona Beach, Florida	1994	Palm Beach, Florida
1960	Montgomery, Alabama	1995	Captiva Island, Florida
1961	Memphis, Tennessee	1996	Fort Walton Beach, Florida
1962	Jacksonville, Florida	1997	Boca Raton, Florida
1963	Asheville, North Carolina	1998	Hilton Head Island, Florida
1964	Tuscaloosa, Alabama	1999	Montgomery, Alabama
1965	St. Petersburg, Florida	2000	Port Canaveral, Florida
1966	Nashville, Tennessee	2001	Atlanta/Boca Raton, Florida
1967	Greenville, South Carolina	2002	Sarasota, Florida
1968	Palm Beach, Florida	2003	Myrtle Beach, South Carolina
1969	San Juan, Puerto Rico	2004	Key West, Florida
1970	Atlanta, Georgia	2005	Nassau, Bahamas
1971	Tampa, Florida	2006	Hilton Head Island, South Carolina
1972	Mobile, Alabama	2007	San Juan, Puerto Rico

³ District 11 website.

1973	Memphis, Tennessee	2008	Tampa, Florida
1974	Tampa, Florida	2009	Boca Raton, Florida
1975	Lake Worth, Florida	2010	Savannah, Georgia
1976	Montgomery, Alabama	2011	Sanibel/Captiva, Florida
1977	Charlotte, North Carolina	2012	Montgomery, Alabama
1978	Nashville, Tennessee	2013	Location information unavailable
1979	Fort Lauderdale, Florida	2014	Location information unavailable
1980	San Juan, Puerto Rico	2015	Location information unavailable
1981	Birmingham, Alabama	2016	Location information unavailable
1982	Clearwater, Florida	2017	Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

Timeline of district history highlights.

1936: Zonta International's District Plan included District I with Region A and B, District II with Region A and B, District III with Region A and B, and District VI and District VII.

The Zonta Club of Atlanta in Georgia belonged to District II, Region B.

1946: Clubs from Alabama, Florida, Georgia and Tennessee belonged to District III, Region C.

A district VIII might have existed from 1946 to 1947 with Mary Wood Davis from Memphis, Tennessee as governor. She is listed as a member of the Zonta International Board from 1946 to 1947. District 11 listed her as governor from 1946 to 1947 and Gladys Shaftall from Jacksonville, Florida as governor from 1947 to 1949.

1947: In a major re-districting, District XI was established for clubs in:

- Alabama
- Florida
- Georgia
- Mississippi
- North Carolina
- South Carolina
- Tennessee

District XI was founded with 11 clubs from: Alabama (one club), Florida (eight clubs), Georgia (one club), and Tennessee (one club).

1952: 16 clubs, including one in Mississippi.

1957: 17 clubs.

1960: 25 clubs. By this date, clubs had been chartered in North Carolina and South Carolina.

1962: 28 clubs.

1966: Puerto Rico joined the district.

1974: 37 clubs in four areas, designated as Areas 01, 02, 03 and 04.

1979: 43 clubs in five areas.

1981: 52 clubs organized in five areas. Area 01 had 11 clubs, Area 02 13 clubs, Area 03 14 clubs, Area 04 ten clubs and Area 05 four clubs.

1982: The Bahamas and Jamaica joined District XI Area 03.⁴ (Jamaica was lost in 1984.)

1990: Zonta International Board decided to replace Roman numerals with Arabic numerals. District XI became District 11.

63 clubs and 1,944 members.⁵

1993: 62 clubs in six areas. Area 01 had 11 clubs, Area 02 12 clubs, Area 03 16 clubs, Area 04 nine clubs, Area 05 five clubs and Area 06 nine clubs.

2000: The Zonta Club of Dominicana in the Dominican Republic joined District 11 because District 22, the Central American district, was closed. (The club disbanded in 2003.)

2002 – 2008: 43 clubs in six Areas.

2010: The British Virgin Islands joined District 11.

2016: The district included the Southeast United States, the Bahamas, Puerto Rico, and the British Virgin Islands. However, no clubs have been chartered in the Bahamas or Puerto Rico since 1997, Alabama since 1979, Mississippi since 1977, and Tennessee since 1965.

40 clubs in 10 states, organized in six areas:

- The Bahamas were in Area 03
- The British Virgin Islands were in Area 03
- Puerto Rico was in Area 05
- Alabama was in Area 01
- Florida clubs were in Areas 03, 04 and 06
- Georgia was in Area 02
- Mississippi was in Area 01
- North Carolina was in Area 02
- South Carolina was in Area 02
- Tennessee was in Area 01.

2017: District 11 sustained a loss of 65 members between 2016 and 2017. The district had 781 members in 40 clubs.

2018: 818 members.⁶

2019: 740 members.⁷

⁴ Zonta International directory 1983–1984, p. 22.

⁵ *The Zontian* 1990–1992 Program issue.

⁶ Zonta International directory online.

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History of formation of District 11 clubs.

The Bahamas

Year Chartered	Club Number	Club Name	Area as of 2018	Closed
1982	1021	Zonta Club of Freeport-Lucaya		2001
1982	1029	Zonta Club of Nassau	03	
1997	1582	Zonta Club of New Providence	03	

British Virgin Islands

Year Chartered	Club Number	Club Name	Area as of 2018	Closed
2010	1866	Zonta Club of Tortola	03	

Dominican Republic

Year Chartered	Club Number	Club Name	Area as of 2018	Closed
1997	1590	Zonta Club of Dominicana		2003

Jamaica

Year Chartered	Club Number	Club Name	Area as of 2018	Closed
1982	1031	Zonta Club of Kingston		1984

Puerto Rico

Year Chartered	Club Number	Club Name	Area as of 2018	Closed
1966	0568	Zonta Club of San Juan	05	
1968	0612	Zonta Club of Ponce	05	
1975	0764	Zonta Club of Caguas	05	
1978	0860	Zonta Club of Rio Piedras		1984
1982	1008	Zonta Club of Mayaguez		1997
1992	1371	Zonta Club of Carolina		2004

United States

Alabama

Year Chartered	Club Number	Club Name	Area as of 2018	Closed
1940	0174	Zonta Club of Birmingham	01	
1948	0209	Zonta Club of Montgomery	01	
1951	0253	Zonta Club Tuscaloosa		2016
1965	0543	Zonta Club of Mobile		2018
1979	0909	Zonta Club of Dothan Area	01	
1984	1101	Zonta Club of Selma		1993

Florida

Year Chartered	Club Number	Club Name	Area as of 2018	Closed
1937	0149	Zonta Club of Greater Miami I	03	
1940	0166	Zonta Club of Jacksonville	04	
1940	0168	Zonta Club of Tampa I	04	
1940	0169	Zonta Club of St. Petersburg		2003
1947	0194	Zonta Club of Ft Lauderdale		2008
1947	0199	Zonta Club of Greater Palm		2014

		Beaches*		
1947	0200	Zonta Club of Palm Beaches		1997
1947	0201	Zonta Club of Delray Beach		1986
1948	0203	Zonta Club of Orlando Winter Park		1987
1950	0237	Zonta Club of Dayton Beach		1989
1951	0260	Zonta Club of Pensacola		1990
1957	0401	Zonta Club of Pompano Beach		1987
1959	0458	Zonta Club of Bartow	04	
1961	0493	Zonta Club of Bradenton		2005
1962	0496	Zonta Club of Pinellas	04	
1968	0600	Zonta Club of Cape Kennedy Area		1983
1971	0684	Zonta Club of Greater Miami		1986
1973	0722	Zonta Club of Naples	06	
1974	0748	Zonta Club of Fort Myers Area	06	
1975	0763	Zonta Club of Coral Springs-Margate		1980
1975	0765	Zonta Club of Boca Raton Area	03	
1979	0881	Zonta Club of Punta Gorda-Port Charlotte Area	06	
1980	0925	Zonta Club of Tallahassee	04	
1980	0941	Zonta Club of Coral Gables		2004
1981	0965	Zonta Club of Lake Worth II		1993
1981	0971	Zonta Club of Key West	03	
1982	1000	Zonta Club of Tampa II		1989
1982	1032	Zonta Club of Palm Beaches West/ Wellington Area		1996
1983	1055	Zonta Club of Fort Walton Beach Area		1999
1983	1065	Zonta Club of Melbourne	04	
1984	1090	Zonta Club of Miami Lakes Area	03	
1984	1095	Zonta Club of Lakeland Area		2002
1985	1111	Zonta Club of Sarasota	06	
1985	1124	Zonta Club of Northern Palm Beach		1990
1985	1125	Zonta Club of Downtown Miami		2006
1987	1186	Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva	06	
1989	1233	Zonta Club of Boynton Beach		1994
1989	1251	Zonta Club of Collier County		1999
1989	1266	Zonta Club of St. Lucie-Martin County Area		1993
1990	1283	Zonta Club of Marathon	03	
1990	1284	Zonta Club of Cape Coral Area		1994
1990	1286	Zonta Club of Venice Area		1996
1991	1329	Zonta Club of Murdock Area		2002
1994	1482	Zonta Club of Bonita Springs-Estero	06	
1995	1511	Zonta Club of Upper Keys		2000
1996	1543	Zonta Club of Highlands County		2006
2005	1800	Zonta Club of Top of the Bay		2010

2006	1816	Zonta Club of Ocala		2014
2007	1833	Zonta Club of Doral (Kendall)		2011
2012	1902	Zonta Club of Greater Deerfield Beach	03	
2013	1920	Zonta Club of The Villages	04	
2014	1929	Zonta Club of e-Club of Orlando**	04	
2017	1960	Zonta Club of Cape Coral	06	

* In 1990, the club was renamed the Zonta Club of Lake Worth

** The club was previously the Zonta Club of Greater Orlando. It became the Zonta e-Club of Orlando in 2014.

Georgia

Year Chartered	Club Number	Club Name	Area as of 2018	Closed
1936	0140	Zonta Club of Atlanta		1979
1960		Zonta Club of Glenn County		1964
1960		Zonta Club of Savannah		1972
1967	0595	Zonta Club of Macon		1991
1979	0887	Zonta Club of Atlanta		2012
1980	0914	Zonta Club of Savannah	02	
2010	1863	Zonta Club of Buckhead		2011

Mississippi

Year Chartered	Club Number	Club Name	Area as of 2018	Closed
1952		Zonta Club of Clarksdale		1969
1963	0511	Zonta Club of Jackson		1986
1977	0798	Zonta Club of Pascagoula Area	01	

North Carolina

Year Chartered	Club Number	Club Name	Area as of 2018	Closed
1958	0414	Zonta Club of Charlotte		1999
1960		Zonta Club of Asheville		1974
1977	0800	Zonta Club of Raleigh		1991
1978	0843	Zonta Club of Durham-Chapel Hill		2002
1980	0927	Zonta Club of Greensboro		1989
1981	0969	Zonta Club of Winston-Salem		1993
1998	1617	Zonta Club of Franklin Area	02	
2002	1729	Zonta Club of NC Carolina Blue Ridge		2006

South Carolina

Year Chartered	Club Number	Club Name	Area as of 2018	Closed
1958	0419	Zonta Club of Greenville		2008
1958	0420	Zonta Club of Spartanburg		2002
1963	0513	Zonta Club of Columbia	02	
1967	0580	Zonta Club of Charleston		1986
1970	0642	Zonta Club of Anderson Area		2016
1979	0910	Zonta Club of Hilton Head Island	02	

1987	1172	Zonta Club of Beaufort	02	
1993	1405	Zonta Club of Myrtle Beach	02	
1999	1649	Zonta Club of Charleston		2017
2001	1689	Zonta Club of Bluffton	02	

Tennessee

Year Chartered	Club Number	Club Name	Area as of 2018	Closed
1927	0137	Zonta Club of Memphis	01	
1960	0475	Zonta Club of Nashville		2005
1964	0535	Zonta Club of Chattanooga		1994
1965		Zonta Club of Knoxville		1972