

## **Zonta Club of Boca Raton Area Fact Sheet**

### **Facts about club:**

- The Zonta Club of Boca Raton Area is a local club chartered on March 1, 1975 by Zonta International, a global organization of executives and professionals working together to advance the status of women, worldwide, through service and advocacy.
- Zonta International is divided into functional Districts and Districts into functional Areas
- The Boca Raton Club is in Area 3 of District 11.
  - District 11 includes: Southeast U.S. (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, & Tennessee) plus the Bahamas and Puerto Rico.
  - Area 3 includes the clubs in Bahamas (2) and Southeast Florida (7).
- The Boca Raton Club provides service and advocacy to the local area through its projects and contributes to the worldwide Zonta International service projects.
- There is a Club Board elected by the membership annually and consists of a President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Immediate Past President and four Directors.
- The Zonta Club of Boca Raton Area is a classified organization, which means that executives and professionals, as decision-makers, are invited into membership under a major classification, as identified in the Zonta International Classification Manual.
- The club operates on money from the annual membership dues. Funds raised from any fundraising efforts go totally to the charities, organizations, or individuals selected to receive service funds.
- There are six Standing Committees:
  - Status of Women Service (STWS) Committee: Responsibilities include service projects, Z Club/Golden Z Clubs, and Scholarships
  - Organization, Membership & Classification (OMC) Committee: Responsibilities include membership recruitment, retention & classification, as well as starting new clubs if appropriate.
  - Public Relations and Communications Committee: Responsibilities include publicity, newsletter, website and history/archives
  - United Nations Committee: Responsibilities include providing members with information on Zonta International's work with the United Nations and its agencies, plan recognition of such events as 16 Days of Activism, United Nations Day, and International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women.
  - Finance Committee: Responsibilities include budget preparation, monitoring and audit.
  - Nominating Committee: Members are elected annually and are responsible for identifying potential nominees based on the qualifications for each elected office and preparing/presenting a slate for election.
- Meetings: The club meets on the second Wednesday of every month. Committee meetings are in addition to the club meetings and are called by the chairman of each committee.

### **Membership Responsibilities:**

- General Responsibilities:
  - Attend regular business meetings.
  - Sign up for and actively participate in committee activities.
  - Participate in the service projects selected by the club.
  - Participate in fundraising activities of the club.
  - Participate in fellowship activities of the club.
- Financial responsibilities of membership.

Required: Currently approximately \$466.00 annually

- Payment of membership dues annually-\$130.00
- Payment monthly of cost of dinner at business meetings-\$28.00 each month (\$336.00 annually). There may be a small additional cost for the annual Installation Dinner.

Expected: Currently \$75.00 minimum.

- Participation in annual fundraiser( Jazz Brunch)-purchase of at least 1 ticket-\$75.00. Encouraged to sell table of tickets for event
- Encouraged to sell ads for program book-\$35-\$150.00
- Encouraged to solicit raffle/auction prizes.
- Participation in annual Holiday Service Contribution-\$25.00 to \$50.00.

Optional (but encouraged): Minimum cost range could be approximately \$70.00 to \$500.00 for registrations depending on which events attended. All would have additional expenses as described below.

- Attendance at annual Area 3 Spring Workshop (one day event), which provides interaction with other clubs and Zonta information and education. Registration is approximately \$70.00 and includes meeting, materials and luncheon. Extra expense includes travel, hotel cost (depending on where in the Area the meeting is held), additional meals during travel and hotel stay.
- Attendance at the annual District 11 Conference (a two day event held in late September), which provides an opportunity to participate in the District business, attend breakout education sessions and enjoy the fellowship of members in clubs throughout the District. Registration is approximately \$170.00 to \$200.00. Additional expense includes travel, hotel stays, additional meals, any other entertainment while there.
- Attendance at Zonta International Convention held every other year (a 5-6 day worldwide event in late June in the even years). It is held in various countries around the world and provides opportunities to participate in the Zonta International business, attend educational sessions, and meet Zontians from all over the Zonta world. Registration is approximately \$400.00 to \$500.00. Additional expense is for transportation, lodging, meals, extra events at the convention and any tours chosen (if any) before or after convention.

Totally Optional: minimum cost is based totally on choice of activity.

- 50/50 Raffles at club meetings and at any other event held by the club-usually \$1.00 to \$5.00.
- Participation in Boca Chamber of Commerce events, such as Successful Women in Business Luncheon, monthly at a cost of \$15.00 to \$20.00