Mississauga, Ontario, Canada

Charter date: June 29, 1966
Charter presented September 30, 1966 by International President Edna Nairn
Sponsored & Zonta Club of Toronto,
Organized by: Ontario, Canada
Chairman: Past International President Helen Cleveland
President: Mrs. Barbara-Ann Skinner 1388 Stavebank Road Port Credit, Ontario, Canada (I to r) District IV Gov. Alice Mooradian; PIP Helen Cleveland; Barbara Ann Skinner, president of the Zonta Club of Mississauga, Ontario; International President Edna Nairn presenting charter.



Information taken from the club's website...

Zonta Club of Mississauga was chartered in 1966. We are a part of District 4 which runs north south from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to Owen Sound, Ontario. Over the years, our Club has raised and donated more than \$1.2 million to community projects. We support projects that address the needs of women. More recently, our focus has turned to women's economic empowerment through entrepreneurship education and micro-skills. These investments can make a big difference in the lives of women.

Zonta Gives Back: Our Zontapreneurs Scholarship awarded to a female student at Sheridan College's business campus in Mississauga who is planning to start her own business. The 2013 scholarship award was won by Tehniat Noorani.

Advocacy and Service

Along with the 11 other Zonta Clubs from Toronto to Stratford, we engage in Advocacy to prevent violence against women and girls. While individual clubs choose their Service focus, the Safe Birthing Kits Assembly project has dozens of worldwide Zonta clubs joining hands with sister clubs in their areas. These kits are very inexpensive (under \$2 each) and can save three lives – mother, newborn and birth attendant. They are sent overseas through reliable partners.

Z Club - For many years, Streetsville Secondary School was the home of our award winning Z Club, guided by outstanding teacher Ms. Rene Laba. They received the international Emma Conlon Award, and were runners up for that award as well.

Accessible Playground - Opened in year 2001, this unique playground project was made possible through creative funding partnerships at many levels. Provincial, municipal, corporate, service clubs, and personal contributions were gratefully received. The budget was approximately \$300,000. Our Zonta Club made a commitment to the City of Mississauga to raise \$100,000 for this important venture. We accomplished that within several years.

In 2009, we launched our " **Woman to Woman**" Campaign: "Give to a Woman In Your Life!", which encourages women to mentor, advocate, share, and educate each other.

In 1967, they joined with other clubs in Canada for Zonta Day at the World EXPO in Montreal.

The Mississauga club is mentioned in the 1970 D4 Conference Report – one of eight clubs that held special meetings and programs to inform their members of the potential for activities in the challenges to women. They were one of seven clubs to hold a program on Pollution and the Environment.

In 1973, they were one of eighteen clubs to donate 25% of their funds raised to the ZI Foundation.