

## The Story of the Zonta Emblem

The origin of the word "Zonta" is from the language of the Sioux Indian, and it was adopted as the Zonta International name in 1919. The Zonta emblem is just as familiar to members as is the word "Zonta," and there is an equally interesting story about its evolution.

The emblem is not simply a decorative design. It is an adaptation and composite of several Sioux Indian symbols which when superimposed take on a special significance for Zontians.

	Ray of light
	Banding together for a purpose
	To carry together
	Shelter...conveys Zonta's protectiveness of individual human rights
	Honesty and trust.
	This symbol--composed of the above symbols--became Zonta's emblem signifying a dedicated group of successful business executives and professionals who are loyal to the inspired goals of service and world understanding.
"Zonta International"	During the 1996-1998 biennium the Zonta International Board voted to have the words "Zonta International" incorporated into the emblem to standardize its appearance and enhance recognition of Zonta