

WHO IS EMMA L. CONLON?

1900-1995

Past International President, 1956-1958

Emma Conlon died August 3, 1995, in New Jersey, USA. She was a retired textile executive and civic leader, and a Zontian since 1944. During her International Presidency, the organization added 50 new clubs, for 380. She traveled more than 200,000 miles while in office, just before jet passenger service came into general availability. Previously, she had held several local and national offices, including president of her club (Paterson Area) and governor of District 3. Following her term of office, she focused much of her Zonta work on young people, especially through Z clubs. She conceived and funded the Emma L. Conlon Service Awards (established 1961) to encourage and recognize promising youngsters.

Mrs. Conlon entered the textile industry at age 20 as a clerical worker and, before her retirement in 1964, rose to become chairman of Colonial Piece Dye Works. In addition, she was a leader in several textile and fabric professional organizations over the years. Her late husband, Frank, was also an executive in the industry. Mrs. Conlon's professional interests after the Second World War ventured into the experimental and futuristic temper of the times. She spoke with enthusiasm of new easy-care fibers that might someday be permeated with breathable medications; disposable travel garments; and a future demand for high-grade synthetic furs.

Emma Conlon could claim many "firsts" among her considerable achievements. She was appointed Paterson's Commissioner of Fire and Police services, the first woman to hold that office in any New Jersey city; first woman board member of the Greater Paterson Chamber of Commerce; and first woman on the Paterson Board of Finance. In 1951 an all-male civic club voted her Paterson's Outstanding Citizen. In 1954, President Eisenhower appointed her to the National Board of Field Advisers for the U.S. Small Business Administration. From 1958 to 1960 she traveled and did research for the United Nations as chairman of the Refugee Camp Study Committee. In addition to her Zonta and civic commitments, she gave generously of her energies to charitable enterprises, with emphasis on hospitals and the nursing profession.

Friends, family, and sister Zontians of Mrs. Conlon will continue to think of her with fondness and admiration. We are reminded of the journalists who often sought her out for interviews and features. In 1958 one reporter wrote, "All of her achievements Mrs. Conlon credits to Zonta, where her active public life first started".

EMMA L. CONLON SERVICE AWARD

CONTEST FOR Z CLUBS AND GOLDEN Z CLUBS *OFFICIAL APPLICATION*

Name of Z Club or Golden Z Club: _____

Certificate Number: _____ Date of Charter: _____

Month Year

Total number of members in Z Club or Golden Z Club: _____

Mailing Address of Z Club or Golden Z Club: _____

Advisor's Name: _____

Daytime telephone: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Is this the first entry submitted by the Z Club or Golden Z Club? ___ Yes ___ No

Sponsoring Zonta Club: _____

District: _____ Area: _____ Club number: _____

Signature of Zonta Club President: _____ Date: _____

DEADLINE: 30 APRIL

Submit all completed entries (4 pages) to:

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Emma L. Conlon Service Award

Guidelines for Completing the Application

The Emma L. Conlon Service Award contest for Z clubs and Golden Z clubs aims to recognize those Z clubs and Golden Z clubs whose projects and programs best express the ideals of Zonta International, the Z Club Program and contribute to the advancement of the status of women worldwide. Please complete the application naming no more than your top four service projects in each of the three categories of service as explained below.

Types of Service

The award application is divided into three types of service: school, community, and international.

1. School Service

School service consists of projects or programs that benefit the school that sponsors the Z club or Golden Z club. In the case of off-campus Z clubs or Golden Z clubs, programs or projects that directly benefit the sponsoring Zonta club may apply.

Examples of school service:

- ◆ Hosting an international fair that focuses on the role that women play in different countries to teach others about different cultures and the status of women internationally;
- ◆ Establishing a tutoring network for the school or university;
- ◆ Creating a Z Club Program table at a school orientation night for incoming students to raise awareness of the Z Club Program and Zonta International.

2. Community Service

Community service consists of projects or programs that benefit the local community where the Z club or Golden Z club is located.

Examples of community service:

- ◆ Enlisting the expertise and network of their sponsoring Zonta club to host a reception for women candidates for public office in their community;
- ◆ Volunteering for the community's literacy program to read to children or to assist adults to learn to read;
- ◆ Hosting a fund-raising event or donating resources (time, money, material goods) to contribute to a local charity, crisis center, or special project of the sponsoring Zonta club.

3. International Service

International service is service that benefits a specific international community other than the one that the Z club or Golden Z club is located in. International service may be a project that raises funds or resources for an international organization, such as UNICEF or UNIFEM, or contributing to one of Zonta International's designated international service projects.

Examples of International Service:

- ◆ Raising awareness for the United Nations by hosting a United Nations Day celebration on 24 October;
- ◆ Creating an international pen pal club to develop a unique friendship abroad;
- ◆ Hosting a unique fund-raising project and donating the proceeds to a self-help project for women that Zonta International and UNIFEM co-sponsor during a biennium.

General Guidelines:

- In order to keep your club anonymous from the judges, please do not include the name of your club or sponsoring club in your entries.
- Each service type is assigned a certain point value and judges base their scores on criteria in each type. Failure to fill out a service type will result in a significant number of points.
- Please neatly print or type your entries on the application. Illegible applications will be disqualified.
- The deadline for submitting applications is 30 April. Applications must be received by the deadline, or be postmarked 30 April.

Good luck!

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School Service: Please describe no more than four service projects that benefited the school or university that sponsors your Z club or Golden Z club. Include the following: a general description of the project, a brief statement on how the project supported or reflected the goals of Zonta International, and a brief statement of how the project impacted your school or school's community.

Community Service: Please describe no more than four service projects that benefited your local community. Include the following: a general description of the project, a brief statement on how the project supported or reflected the goals of Zonta International, and a brief statement of how the project impacted the community that it served.

International Service: Please describe no more than four service projects that benefited an international organization, international cause or an international community. Include the following: a general description of the project, a brief statement on how the project supported or reflected the goals of Zonta International, and a brief statement of how the project impacted the international organization, international cause, or international community which it served.