



Chapter 26

District XIV – The European District (1962-1994)¹

Since 1920, Zonta International has grouped clubs by district. The following is information on the formation of District XIV from 1962 to 1994.

Zonta in Europe after World War II

As the number of Zonta members in Europe grew rapidly, Zonta International decided in 1962 to split Europe and establish District 13 for Northern countries and District XIV for Central and Southern Europe. (See *Zonta in Europe. The Non-districted period 1930-1962*)

District XIV grew quickly, because of the great potential in countries such as France and Germany. Women who were highly qualified in business and public life, committed themselves to the ideals of advancing the status of women and advocating for women's rights. Beyond national boundaries, Zonta International offered the inspiring experience of worldwide contacts at conventions, built bridges through friendship districts and friendship clubs, and offered invitations to open houses and Zonta tours.

Women were united in these years in the ideals of friendship, based on integrity and personal commitment. Besides that, it was important that Zonta was an organization of professional women. At that time, European societies were traditionally organized in family structures of stay-at-home mothers and working fathers with less support through childcare services than there is in the 21st century. Creating a female spirit of sovereignty, equality and solidarity was attractive for women in postwar Western Europe when Zonta began to grow rapidly in the 1960s up to the 1980s.

Years later, similar discussions arose for women in Eastern European countries after the Berlin wall had fallen. The rate of working women was much higher, but this was mostly not because of their personal decisions; economic constraints and authoritarian regimes had often forced them to work.

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When established in 1962, District XIV encompassed 27 clubs in seven countries: one in Austria, three in France, eleven in Germany, one in Iran, one in Italy, nine in Switzerland and one in the United Kingdom. The district grew quickly with highly engaged Governors and with Area Directors from different European nationalities united in the Zonta spirit. In the year of division in 1994, District XIV encompassed about 240 clubs, including 18 clubs and clubs in formation in Eastern European countries (Poland, Hungary, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Russia, Croatia, Ukraine) with nearly 7,000 members. During the first 30 years, countries like France, Germany and Italy were the core European group. Switzerland and The Netherlands followed. Austria, Greece and the United Kingdom (Zonta International counted England and Scotland as two countries at this time) did not have many clubs, despite their being mid-sized countries. Regardless of the number of clubs, each Area had one vote and each Area Director had the same rights and possibilities for influence.

Between 1963 and 1994, countries such as Iran, Turkey, Egypt and Israel joined Zonta International and belonged to District XIV

- Portugal had one club between 1971 and 1986.
- Iran started with Teheran in 1963 and expanded to three clubs. These were ended by the Islamic Revolution in 1979. Being close to the family of the Shah, most of the Zontians migrated to Western countries.
- In Turkey, the club in Istanbul was part of District XIV, but in the 1980s, when the country was under military control, money transfer and travel were impossible. At that time, District XIV supported the club financially and through personal contacts. Finally, after ten years the club was reinstated in 1991.
- The club in Cairo, Egypt, had belonged to District 18 from 1980 to 1988, but then requested a redistricting to District XIV. That was accepted at the district conference in Brighton, England, in 1988. The second Egyptian club was in Giza but had difficulties in getting a charter document. Consequently, although Headquarters records have a charter number in the files, the Zonta Club of Giza was not officially chartered in Egypt. However, the club was invited officially to all District XIV Board meetings. Both clubs had difficulties in transferring money and following rules of election and rotation as written in the Zonta Bylaws. Despite many supportive efforts by District XIV, the club in Cairo was disbanded in 1995.
- In Israel, the club of Tel Aviv was established in 1990 and the one in Haifa in 1991. Jerusalem was in formation.

Many of these clubs, while not officially districted to District XIV, were invited to participate in District XIV life, were supported psychologically and often economically, and felt as if they belonged to the district. These multilateral relations, historically not without conflicts but mutually accepted in the large European district, were important aspects of the division process for the new districts.

Life in District XIV

In the first 20 to 30 years, psychological reconciliation and nurturing of mutual respect and understanding between countries formerly opposed in World War II, and later the Cold War, was an important part in the work of District XIV. In this spirit, the district was dedicated to the development of a democratic and peaceful communion of European countries. Zonta supported these efforts by initiatives to connect a new generation of qualified European women across the whole continent. A generation influenced by both national and pan-European ideas and by international participation and experiences, grew up influenced by Zonta's ideals of women's rights and democratic structures and was thus able to allow Zontians to have an impact on public opinion. European Zontians influenced Zonta International in thinking and reflections.

Concerning service, District XIV strongly participated in Zonta International service projects. In the first years, one international project was for displaced persons in Wuppertal and the Anne Frank Village in Oberhausen, both in Germany. In the 1950s, support for refugees in the Middle East and enabling girls to go to school in Ramallah were projects close to European members' own experiences of wartime life and destroyed opportunities. In the 1980s and 1990s, the Balkan War brought the conflicts nearer to District District XIV / 14. German clubs collected enough money to build a shelter in Zagreb for female survivors of rape and to care for orphans.

A strong initiative to care for orphans, and the beginning of programs concerning AIDS prevention in countries in Africa, were initiatives popular in France. Care France was a strong partner of Zonta's.

The international project to eradicate trafficking from Eastern countries to the West was another international service project that generated a lot of empathy in Europe.

District XIV was strongly involved in Asian international service programs that did things such as provide clean drinking water in Sri Lanka, give access to education for girls in South Africa, offer a health center in Guatemala and a vaccine program in Nepal, among many different programs that focused on ending violence against women. Some also gave the women opportunities to make more choices for their lives in countries in South America, such as the project that worked with Mapuche Indian Women in Chile.

More and more European Zontians understood that advocating for women's rights and helping to end violence against women was a necessity to support and uplift half of the world's population: women. Cooperation with the UN increased and Zonta grew to be the major donor to UNIFEM (merged into UN Women in 2011). In this context, Europeans learned to organize non-profit events and sponsoring.

Local service at the level of individual clubs varies vastly among the different European countries. Despite cultural differences, the majority of European clubs are involved in social and educational programs dedicated to giving chances to young women, supporting female artists, migrants and other assistance programs. Violence against women was one of the important themes to connect Zonta International's initiatives with local service programs. Giving beneficial concerts for the elderly or organizing food care for refugees or the homeless, language training and professional aid for unemployed young adults were organized by the clubs. Zonta International's Young Women in Public Affairs Award and Amelia Earhart Fellowship were successfully implemented at the club, area and district levels.

Through the years, the clubs developed a tradition of cultural as well as touristic exchange, thanks to the attractive locations within the district. A united European feeling developed, fostered by the ten Area Directors, to serve locally, nationally and internationally through all 13 countries belonging to District District XIV. District XIV was the first to organize an International Convention in Europe in 1976 in Wiesbaden, Germany. To show the huge variety of Europe united in the Zonta International spirit was the predominant intention of the district members offering this experience to Zontians from all over the world.

The Transformation of District XIV

Because of the rapid growth of Zonta clubs in western and southern Europe, there had been rumors about dividing the large and powerful District XIV since the end of the 1970s. District XIV

comprised many more clubs than districts around the world which mostly encompassed 20 to 30 clubs, comparable to a European Area.

Areas in Europe mostly included one country and one language, so that the challenges and responsibilities of an area director in District 14 were more comparable to those of a governor than those of an area director in the United States, for example. Therefore, in Europe, area directors were elected, had their own budget and had formal area meetings. Sometimes the area had national or international service projects. The area directors took over the duties of visiting the clubs and trained the presidents. Thus, in Europe a structure arose with its own character, and Zonta International had to decide on structural continuity or innovation.

In 1988, a task force was implemented by the International President Ruth Walker to develop ideas for dividing District XIV. Members of the task force were the then-Governor of District XIV, Norma Turbet from the United Kingdom, the then-Lieutenant Governor Irene Wiese-von Ofen, of Germany, and the Past International President Harriette Yeckel from the United States. The discussions were on a highly intellectual level, but until 1990, no results were achieved.

Additionally, a new problem emerged with the fall of the Berlin Wall and the strong interest and many initiatives to establish new clubs in Eastern Europe. The first two clubs and the next ten clubs in organization in Russia, Poland, Czech Republic, and Hungary (not including five new clubs in unified Eastern Germany), showed clearly that District XIV had a dimension that would have an impact on the whole organizational structure of Zonta. Either Zonta would change in general in bigger units – in which case Europe could be a model – or Zonta would continue within its existing structure, in which case District XIV would be divided and follow the dimensions of the other districts in Zonta.

At the convention in Dallas in 1990, then-Governor Irene Wiese-von Ofen was asked to develop procedures for a division in cooperation with her Board and the affected clubs in District XIV/14. Possible models and their impact on clubs, budget, service and procedures were developed by the District XIV/14 Board and given to the clubs for discussion and decision. A final proposal was presented at the district conference in Essen in 1991 and unanimously defeated by the delegates who wanted to continue the multicultural District XIV/14, especially considering the fact that after the end of the Cold War, women of the Eastern European countries wanted to return to Europe and that any division might reopen old European conflicts.

However, according to the bylaws, the Zonta International Board has the power, if there is no agreement, to implement new boundaries for districts and areas. Therefore, Governor Irene Wiese-von Ofen, after intensive consultation with then-International President Leneen Forde and the International Board, proposed a procedure in preparing new proposals for a possible division, based on discussions and decisions in her District XIV/14 Board and based on certain criteria. Her visits and consultations with European clubs other than those in Germany, Austria and Switzerland, and her experience as Governor were especially relevant in developing these criteria. This was accepted by the International Board.

Criteria for the division of District XIV

In 1992, the Governor from 1990–1992, Irene Wiese-von Ofen, and her Board, including Lieutenant Governor Cornelia Klauser-Reucker and ten Area Directors, proposed the following criteria to the International Board for a possible division:

- There should be no National Districts. The “European Internationality” is a crucial element of a lively Zonta world in Europe.

- Big countries need to be divided into two, three or even more (Germany should be five) parts.
- There should be no division between France and Germany after the reconciliation between those two countries after centuries of various wars and especially after World War II.
- There should be no division that would encompass only Eastern countries because of the needed solidarity of the Western clubs /countries with those countries.
- There should be no division between northern and southern countries in Europe concerning cultural and/or economic reasons (discussion in Italy and Greece).
- . No districts should encompass nations with historical conflicts. As a consequence, Turkey and Greece asked not to be in the same district, as did Egypt and Israel. Poland and the Czech Republic were asked to choose the district in which they wished to stay. The Czech Republic, Ukraine and Poland decided to join with Germany; Russia decided for France (but with one club in Germany); Hungary decided to combine with Austria; Estonia with Finland and Latvia with Sweden. (In 1994 Denmark organized a club in Lithuania.)
- Diversity in languages is not to be taken as a barrier.
- Distances are to be compared to other continents in the Zonta world, meaning that they are not relevant in division models.
- For the divided countries, national cooperation models/unions should be allowed because of necessary participation in national legal procedures and advocacy.
- Interdistrict conferences and European seminars should be organized in the future to continue necessary communication between the European Zontians and Zontians of one country now in different districts, as well as for continuing the post-war European spirit of supporting peace and stimulating initiatives with relevance for all Zontians of a country belonging to different districts.

Governor Cornelia Klauser-Reucker at her district conference, the last District XIV/14 Conference in Lausanne in 1993, finalized the necessary procedures by the election of five new Governors and their Boards.

The process and result of the 1994 division had a strong impact on the new districts.

In the following years, each new district began to develop new strategies, based on old experiences and friendly relations and founded new clubs within their new boundaries. They also implemented solidarity funds for newly established Eastern clubs, organized two Interdistrict Conferences, began with their own District Conferences and, with the European Seminars, implemented a special format following one of the division criteria to continue with cross-border meetings. These European Seminars still exist in 2019. The countries, which have been divided in more districts like France, Switzerland, Italy and Germany, implemented cooperation with national women's organizations in order to be able to support or influence national legal procedures, be present in hearings and eager in matters of advocating. French clubs worked to support a campaign against female genital mutilation and German clubs worked to amend a law against prostitution.

District XIV/14 might be seen as a laboratory of learning to balance and overcome conflicts. The old District XIV/14 and the succeeding five districts: Districts 14, 27, 28, 29 and 30, are examples of how to overcome conflicts, how to respect cultural and historical diversity and how to live with various languages and economic disparities.

Diversity is the biggest treasure that Zonta has to offer.

District and Interdistrict Conferences from 1963 to 1993

The first European Meeting or Interdistrict Conference was held in 1955 in Zürich. The European Meeting in Hamburg in 1963 was number four. The meetings were held through 1983, with the last meeting held in Copenhagen. During these Interdistrict Conferences, time was allocated for the District XIII and District XIV/14 Conferences.

- 1963: Hamburg, Germany. Interdistrict Conference District XIII and District XIV. Governor Helene Janni, Switzerland.
- 1965: Bern, Switzerland. District XIV. Conference. Governor France de la Chaise-Mutin, France.
- 1967: Helsinki, Finland. Interdistrict Conference District XIII and District XIV. Governor Ada Sieveking, Germany.
- 1969: London, United Kingdom. District XIV. Conference. Governor Nancy Philips, London, UK.
- 1971: Rotterdam, Netherlands. Interdistrict Conference District XIII and District XIV .Governor Betrix Kempf, Austria.
- 1973: Basel, Switzerland. District XIV. Conference. Governor Danielle Bridel, Switzerland.
- 1975: Malmö, Sweden. Interdistrict Conference District XIII and District XIV. Governor Clara Missiroli-Covi, Italy.
- 1977: Vichy, France. District XIV. Conference. Governor Irène Bellicard, France.
- 1979: San Remo, Italy. Interdistrict Conference District XIII and District XIV. Governor Bernhardine Haringsma, Netherlands.
- 1981: Brussels, Belgium. District XIV. Conference. Governor Ursula Scheid, Germany.
- 1983: Copenhagen, Denmark. Interdistrict Conference District XIII and District XIV. Governor Mary Mavromati, Greece.
- 1985: Athens, Greece. District XIV. Conference. Governor Mimy Raemdonck, Belgium.
- 1987: Innsbruck, Austria. District XIV. Conference. Governor Maria Carla Crippa Mosca, Italy.
- 1989: Brighton, United Kingdom. District XIV. Conference. Governor Norma Turbett, United Kingdom.
- 1991: Essen, Germany. District XIV/14 Conference. Governor Irene Wiese-von Ofen, Germany.
- 1993: Lausanne, Switzerland. District XIV/14 Conference. Governor Cornelia Klauser-Reucken, Switzerland.

Area Directors 1990–1992 and 1992–1994²

Area	Country and Clubs	1990–1992	1992–1994
Area 01	Austria (13 clubs)	Edda Reiner, Zonta Club of Graz	Inge Prokop, Zonta Club of Klagenfurt
Area 02	Belgium (14 clubs) and Luxembourg (1 club)	Josette Hecht, Zonta Club of Brüssels II	Claire de Somer Vergote, Zonta Club of Brügge
Area 03	France (34 clubs)	Monique Candeau, Zonta Club of Aix-en-Provence	Nicole Herb, Zonta Club of Paris III

² Research by Ing. Irene Wiese-von Ofen

Area 04	Germany (71 clubs)	Ingrid Karutz, Zonta Club of Bad Homburg vor der Höhe	Ingrid Gräfin zu Solms-Wildenfels, Zonta Club of Bad Soden-Kronberg
Area 05	Greece (6 clubs)	Vicky Papuis, Zonta Club of Athens	Lila Michael, Zonta Club of Athens
Area 06	Ireland (2 clubs)	Mary Towers, Zonta Club of Dublin	Audrey Lawler, Zonta Club of Limerick, Shannon
Area 07	Italy (35 clubs) and Principality of Monaco (1club)	Lindsay Renzulli-Philipp, Zonta Club of Bari	Dr Angela Tessara, Zonta Club of Aosta
Area 08	the Netherlands (18 clubs)	Idy Casparie-van Velsen, Zonta Club of Zwolle	Regina Smit, Zonta Club of Utrecht
Area 09*	Egypt and Israel (4 clubs)	Bothaina Omara, Zonta Club of Giza	Yael Rom, Zonta Club of Haifa
Area 10	Switzerland and Liechtenstein (16 clubs)	Eva Michaelis, Zonta Club of Bern	Claudine Rosselet, Zonta Club of Neuchatel
Area 11	United Kingdom (5 clubs)	Joan Millington, Zonta Club of Oxford	Dolina Morrison, Zonta Club of Aberdeen
Area 12	Turkey (1 club)		Representative Susan Akpinar, Zonta Club of Istanbul

*The Zonta Club of Lisbon, Portugal, was included in Area 9 from 1971 to 1982

Zonta International Presidents from District XIV/14.

- 1976–1978: France de la Chaise Mutin, Zonta Club of Paris.
- 1992–1994: Sonja Renfer, Zonta Club of Zurich.

Zonta International Directors from District XIV/14.

- 1986–1988: Irène Verschuren, Zonta Club of Antwerp; 1988–1990: Foundation Director.
- 1988–1990: Mimi Raemdonck, Zonta Club of Brussels.
- 1992–1994: Irene Wiese von Ofen, Zonta Club of Essen.

International Committee: Chairman United Nations from District XIV/14.

- 1980–1982, 1982–1984, 1988–1990, 1990–1992, 1992–1994: Danielle Bridel, Zonta Club of Lausanne.
- 1984–1986, 1986–1988: Ursula Scheid, Zonta Club of Berlin.

Timeline of district history highlights

1930–1962: the European Zonta clubs were non-districted.

1960: Zonta International organized the European clubs into two groups:

- The Middle Europa Area with Marlies Wild from Bern, Switzerland, as Area Director. The Area encompassed:
 - Austria with one club
 - England with one club
 - France with three clubs
 - Switzerland with six clubs
 - West Germany with eight clubs.

- The Nordic Countries with the Nordic Council (created in 1958)

1962: Zonta International founded District XIII comprising the 31 Nordic Zonta clubs, and District XIV comprising 21 clubs from:

- Austria (one club)
- England (one club)
- France (three clubs)
- Switzerland (six clubs)
- Germany (10 clubs).

During the Flag Ceremony at international conventions, England and Scotland are presented with their flags respectively, not with the Union Jack as would represent the United Kingdom. Clubs in England and Scotland are listed separately in this register.

1974: District XIV encompassed clubs from the following countries:

- Austria
- Belgium
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Iran (until 1979)
- Ireland
- Italy
- The Netherlands
- Portugal (until 1982)
- Switzerland
- Turkey (until 1978)
- United Kingdom, England
- United Kingdom, Scotland

1980: District XIV encompassed clubs from the following countries sorted into the following Areas:

- Austria: Area 01
- Belgium: Area 02
- France: Area 03
- Germany: Area 04
- Greece: Area 05
- Ireland: Area 06
- Italy: Area 07
- The Netherlands: Area 08
- Portugal: Area 9 (until 1982)
- Switzerland: Area 10
- United Kingdom, England: Area 11
- United Kingdom, Scotland: Area 11

1980–1994: District XIV encompassed the following areas and associated clubs:

1980–1990	1990–92	1992–94
01 Austria + South Tyrol (1989)	Czech Republic 1991	Croatia 1994

	Hungary 1991 Slovakia 1992	
02 Belgium		Luxembourg 1993
03 France	Poland 1991 Ukraine 1991 Russia 1991	
04 Germany	Czech Republic 1991	
05 Greece		
06 Ireland		
07 Italy		Monaco 1994
09 Portugal (1971–1982)	Egypt * Israel	
10 Switzerland and Liechtenstein		
11 United Kingdom (England and Scotland)		
12 Turkey (1963–1978)	Re-instated 1991	

*Zonta Club of Cairo belonged to District 18 Africa 1980–88; it was transferred to District XIV after a conference decision in Brighton 1988. Irene Wiese v. Ofen, 1990–1992 District XIV Governor 1990–92 and 1992–1994 Zonta International Director, reports that the Zonta Club of Cairo, belonging to the African Region from 1980 to 1988, requested a redistricting to District XIV. That was accepted at the district conference in Brighton 1988. In 1994, both Egyptian clubs became part of the European District 28. Both Egyptian clubs disbanded in 1995.

1990: Zonta International decided to use Arabic instead of Roman numerals. District XIV became District 14.

188 clubs and 5,220 members.³

1994: The district encompassed:

- 16 countries with 222 clubs
- 18 non-districted clubs in seven former Eastern European countries (1990–1994) with strong links to District 14.

Below is information on the formation of the clubs in District 14. District XIV/14

Austria*

Year Chartered	Club Number	Club Name	Closed
1930/ 1956	0107	Zonta Club of Vienna**	
1970	0641	Zonta Club of Innsbruck I	
1971	0672	Zonta Club of Linz	
1972	0697	Zonta Club of Salzburg	
1980	0923	Zonta Club of Vienna City	
1980	0950	Zonta Club of Vienna-Parkring	
1982	1020	Zonta Club of Vocklabruck-Attersee	
1983	1039	Zonta Club of Klagenfurt	
1984	1092	Zonta Club of Graz	

³ *The Zontian* 1990–1992 Program Issue

1986	1147	Zonta Club of Innsbruck Tyrol	
1987	1190	Zonta Club of Burgenland	
1989	1249	Zonta Club of Baden Area	2012
1994	1461	Zonta Club of Sankt Poelten	

* Austria had one club when the district was established in 1962 and 13 when it was divided in 1994.

** Zonta never disbanded the Zonta Club of Vienna. Instead, the Gestapo, the Nazi Germany secret police, closed the club in 1938. The club president had to hand over all the club documents and member list as nearly half of the members were Jewish women. The club has no documents about meetings during the War, but there is evidence of club members staying in contact and assisting each other. In 1956, half of the members again were officially registered and already very active. The club never lost its charter number and when District XIV was divided in 1994, it was argued that the "old" district number should remain with the oldest club.⁴

Belgium*

Year Chartered	Club Number	Club Name	Closed
1967	0583	Zonta Club of Brussels	2016
1972 / 1973	0717	Zonta Club of Gent	
1976	0796	Zonta Club of Antwerpen	
1978	0864	Zonta Club of Zuid West Vlaanderen Area	
1979	0878	Zonta Club of Brussel Zavel	
1979	0886	Zonta Club of Brussels	1990
1980	0952	Zonta Club of Brugge	
1985	1121	Zonta Club of Gent II	
1986	1145	Zonta Club of Waterloo Braine L'Alleud Area	2008
1986	1160	Zonta Club of Mons	
1988	1204	Zonta Club of Dendermonde	
1989	1252	Zonta Club of Aalst	
1989	1256	Zonta Club of Waasland	
1993	1445	Zonta Club of Saint Hubert Redoute	

* Belgium had 44 13 clubs when the district was divided in 1994.

Croatia*

Year Chartered	Club Number	Club Name	Closed
1994	1460	Zonta Club of Zagreb	

* Croatia had one club when the district was divided in 1994 and did not belong to a district.

Czech Republic*

Year Chartered	Club Number	Club Name	Closed
1991	1330	Zonta Club of Prague-Bohemia	2018
1991	1341	Zonta Club of Ceske Budejovice	2005
1993	1413	Zonta Club of Prague City	2001
1993	1441	Zonta Club of Nachod-Bohemia	2001

* Czechoslovakia was divided into the Czech Republic and Slovakia 1 Jan 1993. Information on Slovakian clubs is located below. There were four clubs when the district was divided in 1994.

⁴ Ingeborg Geyer, member of the Zonta Club of Vienna and District 14 Archivist

England*

Year Chartered	Club Number	Club Name	Closed
1949	0229	Zonta Club of London	2014
1968	0604	Zonta Club of Oxford	2003
1968	0609	Zonta Club of Birmingham	1986
1979	0874	Zonta Club of London II	
1989	1253	Zonta Club of Brighton Area	1997

* England had one club when the district was established in 1962 and five when it was divided in 1994.

Egypt*

Year Chartered	Club Number	Club Name	Closed
1980	0944	Zonta Club of Cairo	1995
1989	1241	Zonta Club of Giza**	1995

* Egypt had two clubs when the district was divided in 1994.

** Giza did not have a charter ceremony because Zonta International gave the charter document to the Cairo club. Cairo did not accept Giza, did not follow the rules and did not attend board meetings.⁵

France*

Year Chartered	Club Number	Club Name	Closed
1950	0238	Zonta Club of Paris I**	2013
1957	0392	Zonta Club of Lyon	
1959	0439	Zonta Club of Allier	2014
1964	0533	Zonta Club of Vichy	
1966	0577	Zonta Club of Nancy Area	
1967	0582	Zonta Club of Clermont-Ferrand	1986
1968	0610	Zonta Club of Bourges Area	
1969	0630	Zonta Club of Toulouse Midi Pyrenées***	2016
1971	0678	Zonta Club of Tours	
1972	0706	Zonta Club of Sables D'Olonne	
1973	0742	Zonta Club of Aix-en-Provence	2008
1976	0787	Zonta Club of Paris II****	1980
1976	0789	Zonta Club of Lyon II	
1976	0797	Zonta Club of Nevers Area	
1978	0832	Zonta Club of Aix St Victoire	1988
1978	0834	Zonta Club of Toulouse Clémence Isaure*****	
1978	0849	Zonta Club of Le Vesinet Area	1983
1979	0871	Zonta Club of Marseille	1997
1979	0876	Zonta Club of Albi Area	1990
1979	0883	Zonta Club of Roanne Area	
1979	0912	Zonta Club of Luneville	
1980	0919	Zonta Club of Vitry-le-François	
1980	0940	Zonta Club of Dijon Area	
1980	0946	Zonta Club of Paris Port	2013

⁵ Irene Wiese-von Ofen

		Royale*****	
1980	0949	Zonta Club of Marigues Etand de Berre	
1982	1001	Zonta Club of Paris III	
1982	1028	Zonta Club of Montbard Area	2011
1983	1040	Zonta Club of Montpellier Marie de Montpellier	
1983	1053	Zonta Club of Nice/ Côte d'Azur	1988
1983	1066	Zonta Club of Rouen Reine Mathilde	
1984	1076	Zonta Club of Bourg-Mâcon	
1986	1144	Zonta Club of Le Havre Cap de la Hève	
1987	1165	Zonta Club of Rouen Galaor	2003
1987	1169	Zonta Club of D'Orléans et Région	
1987	1182	Zonta Club of Salon de Provence-Empéri	2011
1988	1192	Zonta Club of Montpellier-Castelnau-le-Lez	
1988	1214	Zonta Club of Aix-en-Provence Ste Victoire	
1988	1218	Zonta Club of Ouest de Paris	1998
1988	1224	Zonta Club of Dieppe et Sa Région	
1989	1236	Zonta Club of Pont-à-Mousson	
1989	1245	Zonta Club of Paris-Etoile	
1989	1262	Zonta Club of Nîmes-Romaines	
1992	1384	Zonta Club of Côte d'Azur	2007
1993	1422	Zonta Club of Toulouse Isatis	

* France had three clubs when the district was established in 1962 and 34 when it was divided in 1994.

** Club 0238, Zonta Club of Paris I merged in 1980 with club 0787, Zonta Club of Paris II.

*** Formerly Zonta Club of Toulouse I.

**** Club 0238, Zonta Club of Paris I merged in 2010 with club 0946, Zonta Club of Paris Port Royal and club 1743, Zonta Club of Paris Alliance. The merged club kept the old number, 0238, but had a new name, Zonta Club of Paris Elysees. In 2013, club 0238, Zonta club of Paris Elysees was disbanded.

***** Formerly the Zonta Club of Toulouse II.

***** The club was sponsored and organized by Jacqueline Senghor, former member of the Zonta Club of Dakar in Senegal, assisted by Janine N'Diaye, Past Region II Representative. In 1997, club 0946, Zonta Club of Paris Port Royal was divided into two. Club 0946, Zonta Club of Paris Port Royale continued with the number and name; the new club was club 1592, the Zonta Club of Paris Port Royal-Concorde. In 2010, club 0946, The Zonta Club of Paris Port Royal merged with club 0238, the Zonta Club of Paris Elysees. In 1997, the name caused great difficulty. Each of the two groups wanted to continue under the old name and the Zonta International President was contacted. Irene Wiese von Ofen proposed the name the Zonta Club of Paris Port Royale-Concorde, which was finally accepted.

Germany*

Year Chartered	Club Number	Club Name	Closed
1931/ 1949	0118	Zonta Club of Hamburg**	

1952 (1951)	0287	Zonta Club of Munich	
1954	0322	Zonta Club of Wiesbaden	
1956	0353	Zonta Club of Mainz	
1958	0408	Zonta Club of Bonn-Bad Godesberg	
1958	0416	Zonta Club of Bad Kissingen-Schweinfurth	
1959	0428	Zonta Club of Stuttgart	
1960	0466	Zonta Club of Bad Homburg	
1961	0491	Zonta Club of Garmisch-Partenkirchen	
1963 (1962)	0503	Zonta Club of Essen	
1963	0515	Zonta Club of Frankfurt/Main	
1965	0538	Zonta Club of Freiburg-Breisgau	
1966 (1965)	0552	Zonta Club of Bochum	
1966	0562	Zonta Club of Berlin	
1966	0575	Zonta Club of Wuppertal	
1967	0579	Zonta Club of Munich II	
1968	0613	Zonta Club of Lubeck	
1970	0637	Zonta Club of Tübingen	
1972	0694	Zonta Club of Heidelberg	
1974	0739	Zonta Club of Hannover	
1973	0743	Zonta Club of Düsseldorf	
1975	0766	Zonta Club of Goslar	
1975	0767	Zonta Club of Darmstadt	
1975	0770	Zonta Club of Hanau	
1975	0777	Zonta Club of Mönchengladbach	
1977	0818	Zonta Club of Herborn	2007
1978	0829	Zonta Club of Reutlingen Area	2016
1978	0833	Zonta Club of Aschaffenburg Area	
1978	0842	Zonta Club of Berlin II	1993
1978	0865	Zonta Club of Viersen Area	
1979	0875	Zonta Club of Konstanz Area	
1979	0888	Zonta Club of Leverkusen	
1980	0916	Zonta Club of Baden-Baden	
1980	0918	Zonta Club of Cologne	
1980	0938	Zonta Club of Bremen	
1980	0951	Zonta Club of Rheingau-Rheinhessen Area	
1980	0955	Zonta Club of Koblenz	
1982	0999	Zonta Club of Krefeld	
1982	1013	Zonta Club of Pforzheim	
1982	1019	Zonta Club Iserlohn Area	
1984	1100	Zonta Club of Würzburg Area	
1985	1126	Zonta Club of Heidelberg Kurpfalz Area	
1986	1159	Zonta Club of Bad Sackingen Area	
1986	1162	Zonta Club of Bad Nauheim-Friedberg	
1987	1170	Zonta Club of Braunschweig	

1987	1171	Zonta Club of Hamburg-Elbufer	
1987	1179	Zonta Club of Bad Soden-Kronberg	
1987	1183	Zonta Club of Sudschwarzwald	
1987	1187	Zonta Club of Hagen Area	
1988	1212	Zonta Club of Monchen Gladbach II Area	
1989	1270	Zonta Club of Karlsruhe	
1990	1273	Zonta Club of Mannheim	
1990	1295	Zonta Club of Marburg-Giessen	
1990	1299	Zonta Club of Pirmasens	1996
1991	1315	Zonta Club of Neumunster	
1992	1357	Zonta Club of Niederrhein Area	
1992	1359	Zonta Club of Hamburg-Alster	
1992	1378	Zonta Club of Leipzig***	
1992	1379	Zonta Club of Nurnberg Area	
1992	1386	Zonta Club of Weimar Area***	
1992	1388	Zonta Club of Salzgitter	
1992	1392	Zonta Club of Berlin***	1989
1992	1393	Zonta Club of Burg Staufenberg/Giessen Area	
1993	1404	Zonta Club of Dresden***	
1993	1414	Zonta Club of Suhl Area***	2012
1993	1426	Zonta Club of Essen II	
1994	1457	Zonta Club of Alzenau I UFR Area	
1994	1459	Zonta Club of Lippstadt Area	
1994	1471	Zonta Club of Dusseldorf II	
1994	1481	Zonta Club of Wismar***	
1994	1485	Zonta Club of Oberschwaben Area	
1994	1486	Zonta Club of Ludwigshafen-Oberpfalz	

* Germany had nine clubs when the district was established in 1962, 71 clubs when it was divided in 1994.

** Regained pre-war number in 1956.

*** Clubs in the former German Democratic Republic (DDR).

Greece*

Year Chartered	Club Number	Club Name	Closed
1966	0558	Zonta Club of Athens	
1973	0725	Zonta Club of Larissa	2014
1973	0741	Zonta Club of Volos	
1983	1044	Zonta Club of Piraeus	
1989	1246	Zonta Club of Kallithea	1995
1992	1363	Zonta Club of Chania	2014

* Greece had six clubs when the district was divided in 1994.

Hungary*

Year Chartered	Club Number	Club Name	Closed
1991	1310	Zonta Club of Szombathely	
1992	1382	Zonta Club of Budapest City	

1994	1456	Zonta Club of Veszprem Area	
1996	1532	Zonta Club of Szeged**	2009

* Hungary had three clubs when the district was divided in 1994. All three were non-districted and affiliated to District XIV. The Zonta Club of Szeged was in formation from 1994 to 1996..

Iran*

Year Chartered	Club Number	Club Name	Closed
1963	0522	Zonta Club of Teheran**	1979 (Islamic Revolution)
1976	0792	Zonta Club of Mashhad	1979 (Islamic Revolution)
1977	0806	Zonta Club of Shemiran (Shimran)	1979 (Islamic Revolution)

* There were no clubs in Iran when District XIV was established in 1962 or when District XIV was divided in 1994.

** In 1974, transferred from the Asian region to District XIV . See also: *District 17 History*.

Ireland*

Year Chartered	Club Number	Club Name	Closed
1971	0660	Zonta Club of Dublin Area	1979
1971	0664	Zonta Club of Cork	1977
1971	0677	Zonta Club of Limerick	2000
1978	0850	Zonta Club of Galway	1992
1981	0975	Zonta Club of Dublin	1995
1981	0976	Zonta Club of Cork Bay Area	1991
1983	1045	Zonta Club of Adare Area	2012
1987	1176	Zonta Club of Clare	1990

* Ireland had only three clubs when the district was divided in 1994.

Israel*

Year Chartered	Club Number	Club Name	Closed
1990	1307	Zonta Club of Tel Aviv	2004
1991	1316	Zonta Club of Haifa	1995

* Israel had two clubs when the district was divided in 1994.

Italy*

Year Chartered	Club Number	Club Name	Closed
1964	0518	Zonta Club of Milano	2014
1968	0607	Zonta Club of Aosta Valley	
1969	0636	Zonta Club of Rome	1976
1970	0650	Zonta Club of San Remo	
1971	0665	Zonta Club of Turin	
1972	0686	Zonta Club of Naples Area	
1973	0737	Zonta Club of Genova I	
1976	0781	Zonta Club of Alassio-Albenga	
1977	0805	Zonta Club of Taranto I	

1979	0889	Zonta Club of Milano-Sant Ambrogio	
1980	0917	Zonta Club of Bari	
1982	0998	Zonta Club of Rome I	
1982	1011	Zonta Club of Bologna	
1982	1017	Zonta Club of Savona Area	
1982	1030	Zonta Club of Parma	
1983	1051	Zonta Club of Imperia	
1984	1097	Zonta Club of Bitonto Arae	2009
1985	1119	Zonta Club of Pinerolo Area	
1985	1122	Zonta Club of Rome II	2016
1985	1131	Zonta Club of Val Bormida	
1986	1142	Zonta Club of Reggio Emilia Area	
1986	1146	Zonta Club of Genova II	
1988	1195	Zonta Club of Venezia Area	
1988	1205	Triggiano Area	2013
1989	1234	Zonta Club of Brixen-Bressonanoe, South Tyrol	
1989	1242	Zonta Club of Ventimiglia Area	
1989	1247	Zonta Club of Barletta-Trani	
1989	1248	Zonta Club of Gioia del Colle/Bari	2008
1989	1255	Zonta Club of Taranto II	1997
1989	1259	Zonta Club of Latina	2011
1989	1268	Zonta Club of Cuneo Area	
1990	1272	Zonta Club of Bozen-Bolzano, South Tyrol	
1990	1285	Zonta Club of Asti	
1990	1287	Zonta Club of Roma Pariolo III	
1990	1288	Zonta Club of Portofino-Tigullio Area	
1991	1332	Zonta Club of Firenze Area	2006
1992	1360	Zonta Club of Finale Ligure	
1992	1361	Zonta Club of Sant Angelo Di Brolo Area Sicilia I	2011
1992	1398	Zonta Club of Torino Due	

* Italy had 35 clubs when the district was divided in 1994.

Liechtenstein*

Year Chartered	Club Number	Club Name	Closed
1985	1128	Zonta Club of Vaduz	

* Liechtenstein had one club when the district was divided in 1994.

Luxembourg*

Year Chartered	Club Number	Club Name	Closed
1993	1407	Zonta Club of Luxembourg	

* Luxembourg had one club when the district was divided in 1994.

Monaco*

Year Chartered	Club Number	Club Name	Closed
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1994	1463	Zonta Club of Principality of Monaco	
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* Monaco had one club when the district was divided in 1994.

The Netherlands*

Year Chartered	Club Number	Club Name	Closed
1964	0524	Zonta Club of The Hague	
1966	0565	Zonta Club of Rotterdam	
1968	0603	Zonta Club of Amsterdam	2000
1969	0628	Zonta Club of Groningen	2008
1969 / 1970	0640	Zonta Club of Zuid-Limburg Area	2016
1980	0915	Zonta Club of 'T Gooi Area	
1980	0956	Zonta Club of Utrecht	
1981	0995	Zonta Club of Mergelland	
1983	1049	Zonta Club of Friesland Area	
1983	1067	Zonta Club of Zwolle	
1985	1109	Zonta Club of The Hague II	
1985	1130	Zonta Club of Kennemerland-Zuid Area	
1987	1174	Zonta Club of Deventer	
1989	1240	Zonta Club of Noord Brabant	
1990	1280	Zonta Club of De Baronie Breda	
1991	1321	Zonta Club of Arnhem Area	
1991	1322	Zonta Club of Eindhoven	
1991	1335	Zonta Club of Groningen	1991

* The Netherlands had 18 clubs when the district was divided in 1994.

Poland*

Year Chartered	Club Number	Club Name	Closed
1991	1334	Zonta Club of Warsaw	2019
1993	1411	Zonta Club of Krakow	2005
1993	1424	Zonta Club of Gdansk	2012

* Poland had three clubs when the district was divided in 1994.

Portugal*

Year Chartered	Club Number	Club Name	Closed
1971	0679	Zonta Club of Lisbon	1982

* There were no clubs in Portugal when District XIV was established in 1962 or when District XIV was divided in 1994.

Russia*

Year Chartered	Club Number	Club Name	Closed
1991	1344	Zonta Club of Moscow I	2004
1992	1400	Zonta Club of St Petersburg	1997
1993	1406	Zonta Club of St Petersburg Neva	
1994	1458	Zonta Club of Moscow II	2010
1994	1465	Zonta Club of Borovichi	1997

* Russia had five clubs when the district was divided in 1994.

Scotland*

Year Chartered	Club Number	Club Name	Closed
1966	0539	Zonta Club of Glasgow	1984
1967		Zonta Club of Edinburgh	1972
1967	0587	Zonta Club of Aberdeen	2016
1967	0591	Zonta Club of Dundee	1988

* Scotland had one club when the district was divided in 1994.

Slovakia*

Year Chartered	Club Number	Club Name	Closed
1992	1373	Zonta Club of Bratislava	2008

* Slovakia had one club when the district was divided in 1994.

Switzerland*

Year Chartered	Club Number	Club Name	Closed
1948	0205	Zonta Club of Bern	
1951	0268	Zonta Club of Basel	
1953	0295	Zonta Club of Delmont	
1953	0308	Zonta Club of Zurich	
1959	0430	Zonta Club of Schaffhausen	
1960	0460	Zonta Club of Geneva	2007
1964	0527	Zonta Club of Lucerne	
1964	0529	Zonta Club of Lausanne	
1964	0534	Zonta Club of Lugano	
1974	0744	Zonta Club of Neuchatel Area	
1980	0930	Zonta Club of Fribourg Area	
1981	0974	Zonta Club of Bienne (Biel) Area	
1990	1282	Zonta Club of Luzern Landschaft	
1990	1302	Zonta Club of Bern Ursa	
1991	1323	Zonta Club of Yverdon-les-Bains Area	
1994	1488	Zonta Club of Locarno Area	

* Switzerland had six clubs when the district was established in 1962 and 16 when the district was divided in 1994.

Turkey

The Zonta International Directory from 1974 to 1976⁶ lists club number 0505 and 0551. The Membership Directory for District XIV in 1975⁷ lists the members of the two clubs. The Zonta Club of Ankara is listed as having 18 active members and one merited⁸ member, and the Zonta Club of Istanbul is listed as having 38 active members. The Membership Directory for District XIV in 1979⁹ reports that until 1978, clubs existed in Ankara and Istanbul. Irene Wiese von Ofen visited Turkey in 1980 to meet fellow Zontians. She reported that women wanted to stay with Zonta, and felt as though they were Zontians, but were not allowed to officially be members because of the military government.

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⁷ pages 225–229

⁸ The Zonta International Bylaws in 1962 introduced the “merited” membership category to replace the “past service” category. (See Zonta International history 1919–49)

⁹ page 11

District XIV maintained the relationship unofficially and supported the Turkish clubs by organizing private selling of goods and transferring the money.

Year Chartered	Club Number	Club Name	Closed
1963	0505	Zonta Club of Istanbul	1978
1965	0551	Zonta Club of Ankara	1978
1991	1342	Zonta Club of Istanbul (reinstated)	