

The Story of Trondheim Zonta Club

By Margot Tønseth, Aagot Holt-Seeland & Margit Ryum

Founded and Chartered on October 16th 1967 Club Nr. 594 District 13.

(Denmark, Island, Norway, Sweden, Finland) (Lithuania joined us in 1988)
(Sweden and Finland left District 13 to form their own Districts 21 & 22)

Organised by Oslo Zonta Club with Magnhild Haarberg and Barbara Jakhelln.

An interim board was elected on Tuesday May 23th 1967

Gerd Hinsværk Gjønnnes, President
Inger Johanne Størseth, Vice President
Nanne Kindt Grut, Secretary
Hallfrid Sand, Treasurer

Charter Members

Kitty Bruun Andresen
Gerd Kvaal Bakken
Gerd Hinsværk Gjønnnes
Astrid Karlsen
Nanne Kindt Grut
Anna Herrem
Adelaide Innset
Nikka Tiller Johansen
Anne Birgit Lindgard
Hildur Nordseth
Herta Nørstrud
Karen Bachke Ronæs
Hallfrid Sand
Brita Selberg
Inger J. Størseth
Gerd Søråa
Elin Solem
Else Vogt Thingstad

The Charter Party was held on Friday February 2nd 1968 at Prinsen Hotel in Trondheim. Charter presented by Magnhild Haarberg.

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Charter Party

Menu: Canapes Varies, Ryper med Waldorfsalat, Sitronparfait
Wine : Ljutomer Riesling and Egri Bikaver
Kaffe Avec

Point of interest, a three course dinner, with wine & coffee avec cost NOK 53.

There were 15 speeches and many gift presentations. The party went on until the early hours of the morning.

The festivities continued the next day with an interesting programme and an excursion to The Nidaros Cathedral.

Meeting day was declared as being the third Tuesday each month, except July and August. (10 meetings per year).

Presidents

These members have been presidents:

Gerd Hinsverk Gjønnnes 1967-69

Karen Bachke Ronæss 1969-71

Gerd Søråa 1971-73

Nanne Kindt Grut 1973-75

Gerd Kvaal Bakken 1975-77

Johanne Hoel Erichsen 1977-79

Brita Selberg 1979-81

Margot Tønseth 1981-83

Aagot Holt-Seeland 1983-85

Turid Elsås 1985-87

Inger Alette Guldahl 1987-89

Bodil Rohde 1989-91

Margit Ryum 1991-93

Bodil Brøgger 1993-95

Eva Grete Storengen Skaar 1995-97

Rosemary Talbot 1997-99

Vigdis Midtbust 1999-2001

Margot Tønseth 2001-03

Trine Wettergren Strømman 2003-06

Anne Grethe Flatjord 2006-09

Linda Røst 2009-10

Trine Wettergren Strømman 2010-11

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Area Directors

Our club has had two Area Directors, Margot Tønseth and Aagot Holt-Seeland.



District Meeting 1995, Reykjavik. From the left: Ellen Birgitte Tryti, Aagot Holt-Seeland, Margit Bjørnerud and Liv Hembre.

Organisation of New Clubs

We Chartered Ålesund Zonta Club on July 18th 1988, and Trondheim Zonta 2 on January 14th, 1987. We attempted to form a new club in Bodø and we worked together with Trondheim Zonta 2 to charter clubs in Levanger and Steinkjer without success. But Tromsø and Kristiansand were successful with help from Stavanger and Oslo.

International Projects

The international projects were very important to us. We supported faithfully the projects suggested by Zonta International.

Area Projects

“Livet etter strålebehandling,” Cancer research;
A donation of US \$25.410 to the center in St. Olav’s Hospital in Trondheim for young mothers with rheumatism for their need with help to self help;
Tsjernoble Students to Kristiansand University College;
Sponsoring for two new Zonta Clubs in Lithuania;
Anti Trafficking;
Fistula Projects.

Local Projects

Trondheim County Jail, kitchen utensils for the women’s section;
Silk production from Thailand Ban Reng Khai from Lea, Trondheim krisesenter;
Redd barna;
Munkvold farm: garden group, plants, flowers, seeds, and books for the reading room;
Christmas Party for young people with mental handicap;
Woman of the Year presentations.

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Club meetings

We have had many really exciting lectures both from our own members and outsiders.

Area Meetings

We have attended meetings in Tromsø, Oslo, Bergen, Stavanger, Ålesund, Stavanger and Trondheim. Trondheim Zonta has arranged several Area and District Meetings.

District Meetings

Participating at the Inter-District meeting in San Remo and in the District Meetings in Reykjavik, Copenhagen and Oslo.



Area Meeting. From the right (No. 2): Aagot Holth-Seeland, AD.

Conventions

We have always tried to represent our club at Convention and treasure the fact that our club has one vote directly into the international scheme of things. (In the 80 's when our membership was over 40 we had two votes at Convention and District meetings.) We have been to Paris, Sydney, Helsinki, St Louis, New York, Dallas, Melbourne, Hong Kong, Rotterdam and Gothenburg.



Convention in Melbourne 2006. From the left: Kirsten Mendelsohn, A Finnish member and Margot Tønseth.

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Our Club

Our club has celebrated 25th, 30th and 40th Jubilees with successful dinner parties and traditional songs and speeches.



Visit from Lithuania, 1996. Hostess Margot Tønseth, also Margit Ryum (left)

Club Membership and recruitment of new members functioned well and there were always well over twenty interesting and friendly members to meet at our monthly meetings. However it became more difficult to hold our new members during the last three years of our history. After 43 years of sharing lasting friendships, working together with Zonta to improve the daily life of women's world it had all come to an end.

We were very sad when our club was no more in 2011.

Our economy had always been very good and it was a pleasure to be able to donate ca NOK 30 000 to Trondheim Zonta 2, stipulated for the Fistula Project in 2011.

The Archives are deposited at Dora, the public archives of Trondheim.

*Zonta International was first founded in the US
on 8th November, 1919
Oslo Zonta Club founded in 1947
Trondheim Zonta Club founded in 1967*

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Membership list 1968 - 2007

List of 76 members total during 41 years of Trondheim Zonta activity:

Charter Members

1968

Kitty Bruun Andresen

Gerd Kvaal Bakken

Gerd H. Gjønnnes

Astrid Karlsen

Nanne Kindt Grut

Anna Herrem

Adelaide Innset

Nikka Tiller Johansen

Anne Birgit Lindgard

Hildur Nordseth

Herta Nørstrud

Karen Bachke Ronæs

Hallfrid Sand

Brita Selberg

Inger J. Størseth

Gerd Søraa

Elin Solem

Else Vogt Thingstad 18 (members)

1970

Inger Johanne Guldaahl

Mette Kjeldsberg

Margot Tønseth

Anja Øverdahl

Karin Wiksen 5

1972

Ragnhild Isdal

Aagot Holt-Seeland

Liv Schonhowd 3

1974

Targerd Berg

Valborg Borgan

Johanne Hoel Erichsen

Ruth Rasmussen

Sissel Ranum

Unn Skårild

Nancy Strøm

Elin Trøften 8

1978

Marit Herrem

Maren Woie 2 (m.)

1980

Inger Boesen

Aud Floridon 2

1981

Lise Skjåk Bræk 1

1982

Bodil Brøgger

Turid Elsås

Bodil Kjeldsberg Rode

Liv Temre 4

1983

Britt Brun Hansen

Sidsel C. Flakne

Lise Hartmann Flood

Margit Ryum

Synnøve Bjørgen Skjønhals

Isla Ulvestad 6

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1984		1996	
Ruth Heggland	1	Bodil Ruud	
		Trine W. Strømman	
1985		Halfrid Fossli	3
Vigdis Midtbust			
Hanne B. Stoltenberg	2	1998	
		Marit Baardsgaard	
1987		Gerd Espmark	
Margit Bjørnerud	1	Ingegerd Karlsson	
		Eli Stav	
1988		Christel Sørлие	5
Marthe Granviken			
Eva Storengen Skaar	2	2000	
		Margit Kulseng	1
1989			
Inger Lise Mæhre Blakstad		2005	
Lilli Buan		Linda Røst	1
Aase Straume	3		
		2007	
1992		Anne Grethe Flatjord	
Ellen Birgitte Tryti		Ingrid E. Kvam	
Susanne Lindquist		Iren Rambraut	
Randi Nypan		Vigdis Vada	
Rosemary Talbot	4	Surur Taso	5

