**Zontasangen**(mel. Tordenskjold)

**Merket vårt, vår Zonta-nål**

**et symbol for våre mål.**

**Del for del det mening gir,**

**samlet det et hele blir.**

**Dette tegn er solens glød,**

**gir oss håp mot vold og nød.**

**Solens stråler bringer liv,**

**lys og varme, mere giv.**

**Vær lojal er tegnets ord,**

**ekte vennskap setter spor.**

**Gir deg styrke, håp og tro,**

**over avgrunn bygger bro.**

**Samhold, fred i tegnets ånd,**

**Zontasøstre hånd i hånd.**

**Danner kjede, sterk og stor,**

**gjennom alle land på jord.**

**Trygghet, ly et tegn for vern,**

**om oss alle, nær og fjern.**

**Zontaklubben den har fått**

**ord for noe trygt og godt!**

**Zontamerket trinn for trinn,**

**som til slutt kan rammes inn**

**av ”kvadratet” nå det er**

**et symbol for Zonta her!**

**The Story of the Zonta Emblem**

“**Zonta**” is derived from a Lakhota (Teton Dakota), a language of the Native-American Sioux peoples, word meaning **honest and trustworthy**. **It was adopted in 1919 to symbolize the combined qualities of honesty and trust, inspiration and the ability to work together for service and world understanding.**

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.

What appears to be the letter “**Z**” is actually the Sioux symbol for “ray of light,” “sunshine” or “flash of radiance”- and so “**inspiration**.” The entire Zonta movement is an inspiration, and that inspiration stems from the “radiance” of each individual Zontian and so this symbol means to us “ALL of Zonta” and “each individual member of ZONTA,” and becomes the focal point of the emblem.

This Sioux symbol means “to band together for a purpose” or “to stand together”- in a word, “**loyalty**.” With loyalty, individual members band together into clubs, clubs into districts/regions and districts and regions into Zonta International. So “loyalty” surrounds the “radiance” and “inspiration” as we begin to see a familiar pattern.

This is the Sioux way of saying “to carry together.” **Carrying together** is a most important ingredient for the accomplishment of Zonta’s purpose: to work for the advancement of women worldwide through a global fellowship of business executives and professionals. This symbol has been conventionalized to lend itself to the total pattern and slips over the “inspiration” and the “loyalty” to draw us closer together.

This is the Sioux symbol for “shelter.” Zonta’s many service projects are **a shelter** for those in need. This symbol therefore lends itself importantly in significance and design, embodying Zonta’s aims and aspirations.

The symbolism of **the square** is not exclusively Sioux, nor is it exclusively Native American. It perhaps dates back even further than all of these other symbols in its representation of “**honesty” and “trust**.”

This symbol - composed of many symbols - became Zonta’s emblem signifying a radiant group of successful professionals who are **loyal, honest, trustworthy and inspired to empower women worldwide through service and advocacy**.

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 International throughout the world.