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Beryl Sten **President, Zonta International**



Beryl Sten is President of Zonta International. As President, Ms. Sten serves as chief executive officer and exercises a general supervision over the interests and welfare of Zonta International, its districts and clubs.

President Sten joined Zonta in 1985 as a charter member of the Zonta Club of Sodertalje. She is currently a member of the Zonta Club of Vaxjo in Sweden. Since joining Zonta, she has held leadership positions at all levels of the organization including Club President, District Governor, International Convention Committee Chairman, and International Director, Vice President and President-Elect.

President Sten is also active in her community. She has served as Chairman of the local association of the Swedish Federation of Private Enterprises; Chairman and Director of KRUT, an association of enterprises for development of industry and trade in community; and elected member of the County's Council of Equal Opportunities. She also served as a member of the Information and Communication Council of the Swedish Forest Industry and KVIST, an association of professional women actively engaged in the Swedish Forest Industry.

Since beginning her career in the 1960s, Ms. Sten has worked in companies that have been international, either through subsidiaries and/or agents all over the world. These have included an international asset and investment company, a patent and trademark bureau, and steel and iron works company. She spent 25 years with ASTRA, today AstraZeneca, including 12 years as Head of the President/Chief Executive Officer's (CEO) and Chief Financial Officer's offices. She then went on to serve as Corporate Manager of Information/Communication and Public Affairs, company secretary and a member of the Executive Committee over an 11 year period with KLIPPAN – a paper producing company with three paper mills and one pulp mill. In 2005, she intended to retire, but instead took up the position as President/CEO. By the end of 2006, the mills had been sold or were closing down and she was able to resign. At the time, she was one of a total of nine female CEOs of companies listed on the Stockholm Stock Exchange.