

Governor's Newsletter

Nr. 7 – April 2010

Dear Presidents
Dear Zontians of District 28

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In the last Board Meeting in Berne two weeks ago, there were reports on a variety of initiatives and activities in the Clubs and Areas. So many subjects worth to be taken up and so many ways to tackle them! Thank you, all of you, Presidents, and Zontians who take so much effort to spread the idea of gender equality in our daily lives. As an example, I just name the Equal Pay Day, a subject taken up in several clubs and a great symbol for advocacy efforts.

One day in March, I had the big pleasure to find just two requests for new clubs in my mail, ZC Engiadina in Switzerland and ZC Odenwald in Germany. We can look forward to chartering at least one club later this year and are confident that the second one will follow in 2011. Some clubs have been successful in recruiting new members, so it looks that at the end of the biennium we have a slight increase of about 1% in membership. Thank you all who work on getting new members – and new clubs!

San Antonio Convention

These days, the Presidents got a large envelope with informations from headquarters. Mostly they refer to the International Convention. You can also find these documents at <http://www.zonta.org/>, Member Resources. Please read them carefully. I will point out the most important items for you:



1. Who is your **Club Delegate**? Who will carry your **Proxy**?

Please make sure that your voice is heard. If no member of your own club can travel to Convention, find out which club is going and ask them to carry your proxy. It is not necessary that the club carrying your proxy belongs to the same Area or even District. But it is very important that our European clubs are duly represented.

Please send **the credential or proxy form**, possibly online, to Headquarters **until 15 May**. Copies (also online) are to be sent to the Governor and to your Area Director. An online form has already been sent to you by e-mail.



2. **Discuss the documents** on Convention in your clubs. The slate of candidates gives a short survey of the Zontians willing to assume an International function. The financial statement provides useful information as to the running of ZI and ZIF: There are also the Proposed Amendments to the Bylaws and the Biennial Goals. Furthermore, the proposed International Service Program for 2010-2012 is highlighted. One request often heard in our Zonta clubs has now been fulfilled: There are now only 3 projects, and all 3 of them continue the work started in the previous biennium. This makes it much easier for us all to remember and to identify with these projects.
3. **Club Officers' Form.** Please send the form with your new club officers for 2010–2012 to headquarters, with copy to me. You can find the electronic version on ZI website, Member Resources, Club Tools. **Deadline is 1 May.**
4. **Club Dues.** Please pay your club dues **by 1 June** and make sure to send the official club member list together with it. Your club will only be considered "in good standing" – necessary for the Convention – if these two requirements are fulfilled.

District Meeting at the Convention

We will have a District Meeting at the beginning of the Convention, it is now provided for Friday, June 25 in the afternoon. Please enquire for precise room and time when registering.

New ZI Website

It seems the new website www.zonta.org will finally be launched (soon!) You will get instructions on how to enter the website and especially the members' section. Basically, as before, it is important to know your Zonta number which you find on the envelope of your copy of *The Zontian*.

Once you have done all these things, you may relax, leave your job to your successor and prepare your trip to San Antonio. I wish you a very smooth annual meeting and a good time for the rest of your office. I am looking forward to meeting you at the occasion of the last Area Meetings in this biennium.

With kind regards,

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District Diary
16-17 April, 2010
23-25 April, 2010
28 April, 2010
8 May, 2010
14-16 May, 2010
25-30 June, 2010

Area 02 Conference in Giessen
50th Anniversary ZC Bad Homburg
Area 02 Visit Council of Europe, Strasbourg
Area 04 Conference in Lausanne
Area 03 Conference in San Remo
International Convention San Antonio