

Governor's Newsletter

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Rotterdam, 27th June, 2008

Outgoing Governor
Renata Giunchi Palandri

Incoming Governor
Regula Dannecker

Dear Presidents
Dear Zontians of District 28

With great joy I greet you all at the beginning of this biennium 2008-2010. The club members, the presidents, the district board and myself we all are called to give our best to make these two years very successful for Zonta. It won't be easy to improve, as we have done really well in the past biennium as regards fundraising and contributions to Zonta International Foundation – and also maintaining members and founding new clubs. Great efforts will be needed just to maintain the high level we have achieved. I am convinced, though, that our Zonta spirit of friendship and solidarity will lead us through two very satisfactory years.

Rotterdam Convention

Always a highlight for Zontians, the Convention 2008 in Rotterdam did meet our expectations. More than 2000 Zontians found their way to this big event. Meeting old friends and making new ones, discussing Zonta goals and means to reach them – yes, I have finance in mind! Presentation of and voting on our International leaders.

Interesting key-notes by outstanding women, a judge, a politician, a sociologist, with special mention of Thea Hilhorst and her speech on "Women in War and Peace". Insights into Dutch companies, doing business in quite different fields, public and private, profit and non-profit organizations. Listening to beautiful music performed by the Rotterdam Philharmonic Orchestra under the wand of powerful woman conductor Xian Zhang with a brilliant solo concerto played by female cellist Quirine Viersen. Get more informations on the Rotterdam convention under <http://www.zonta.org/>! The Convention Newsletters that you also find there will immerse you in the full atmosphere of the event.

International Fees

The proposed increase of the international membership fee from US \$ 50.00 to US \$ 65 per annum was accepted as from 2009, but rejected for the current year, as the majority was of the opinion that it would be inadequate to retroactively raise fees that have already been paid. The International Board is however asking all the clubs for a voluntary topping up for the Zonta year 2008, as the accepted budget is based on the above increase.

Zonta International Board

ZI President

Beryl Sten, Sweden

President-Elect

Dianne K. Curtis, USA

Vice President

Lynn J. McKenzie, New Zealand

Treasurer/Secretary

Gloria Stootman Wristen, USA

Directors 2007-2009

Dilruba Ahmed, Bangladesh

Kerry Dixon-Fox, USA

Ragna Karlsdottir, Iceland

Directors 2008-2010

Ingeborg Geyer, Austria

Lynn R. Goodhue, USA

Heddy Tangen Steffensen, Norway

Maria Victoria P. Vergel de Dios, Philippines

Directors 2009-2012

Sonja Hönig Schough, Sweden

Beryl McMillan, Australia

Kirsi Nickels, Finland

Note:

As from 2010 all International Directors will be appointed for the same term of office, i.e. for one biennium – no more overlapping

Zonta Goals 2008–2010

ZIP Beryl Sten wants to implement **Good Governance** in achieving the objective fixed already previously, namely **Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide through Service and Advocacy**. In this way, we are consolidating our goals. Credibility and visibility are highly important values. They have to be aspired to on the international but also on district and club level.

International Service Program

The International Service Program is linked to major international treaties like the U.N. Millenium Goals etc. ZIP Beryl Sten is of the opinion that being active in various fields increases Zonta visibility.

Projects:

- Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV in Rwanda with UNICEF, US \$ 600,00
- Safe Cities for Women Project in Guatemala City and San Salvador with UNIFEM, US \$ 600,000
- Reduction of Obstetric Fistula in Liberia with UNFPA (U.N. Population Fund), US \$ 450,000

Preventing Violence Against Women / ZISVAW Program:

- Ending Violence Against Women through Community Action in Cambodia US \$ 300,000
- Combating Physical Violence Against Women and Supporting the Implementation of Protective and Anti-Discriminative Laws and Policies in Egypt, US \$ 200,000
- Community-Based Center for Housing and Rehabilitation of Women Victims of Violence in Syria, US \$ 100,000

District Board

The Board will get together for the first Board Meeting on August 30th in Frankfurt. Getting to know each other is of course a top item on the agenda, but we also have to take first decisions on the District Conference 2009 which is to be held in Frankfurt and discuss the District Budget 2008-2010.

Members of the new District Board

Governor	Regula Dannecker	ZC Bern Ursa
Lt. Governor/OMC	Anita Schnetzer-Spranger	ZC Mainz
Treasurer	Daniela Monaco	ZC Roma Parioli III
Area 02 Director	Dietlind Stürz	ZC Burg Staufenberg-Giessen
Area 03 Director	Sonia Albanese Carotti	ZC Roma Parioli III
Area 04 Director	Dr. Anne Gerhards	ZC Vaduz
Secretary	Silvia Meuli	ZC Vaduz
Bylaws & Resolutions / Parliamentarian	Margrit Gilardi	ZC Bern Ursa

United Nations	Eileen von Goldacker Heer	ZC Basel
Legislative Awareness & Advocacy	Magdalena Weidenfeller	ZC Koblenz I + Rhein-Mosel
Awards: Amelia Earhart, J.M.K., YWPA	Dr. Jutta Kaestner	ZC Wiesbaden
Nominating Committee	Josephine Borrillo	ZC Roma Parioli III
Foundation Ambassador	Dr. Heidi v.Leszczynski	ZC Frankfurt II
Foundation Ambassador for Italy	Elena Federici Ballini	ZC Milano S. Ambrogio
IT/Webmaster	Monika Mang	ZC Saarlouis
	Meike Rieken	ZC Darmstadt
Public Relations / Communications	Elisabetta Mirra	ZC Roma Parioli III
Centurion	Renata Giunchi Palandri	ZC Roma Ostia

District Diary

Area 02 Presidents' Meeting, Giessen	12-13 September, 2008
Area 04 Presidents' Meeting, Rorschach	25 October, 2008
Area 03 Presidents' Meeting, Rome	21-23 November, 2008
ZC Berne 60th Anniversary	5-7 September, 2008
Meeting Union Deutscher Zonta Clubs, München	10-12 October, 2008
Interdistrict Seminar, Bonn	13-15 February, 2009
District Conference, Frankfurt	11-13 September, 2009

I am very happy if you inform me at a very early date of special events in your clubs and areas and I will try to attend if ever possible. Please also send me news and newsletters of your clubs, I am glad to know what is on.

With Zontian regards,

Regula Dannecker