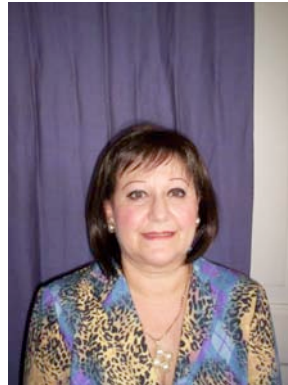


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Dear Zontians,

five months far from the beginning of our biennium I hope that this my second letter reaches you in a full immersion of activities inspired by our "mission" to help women through service and advocacy.

The 5th of December was the deadline for the second club data report to your ADs and me. I deeply thank you for sending the first one when there still was very little to say (10 reports on 11 from Area 04, 18 on 26 from Area 02, 6 on 21 from Area 03). We all know that July and August are sleepy months for zontian activities, but September, October and November have no doubt seen all of you involved in important events and fund raisings for local and international services.

I'm grateful to the clubs that send me minutes of their meetings (in German too) and give me the chance to appreciate how you are helping women in your community and in the world. I'm waiting information of your anniversaries and relevant events, especially about the 16 days of activism against gender violence (November 25-December 10, 2006) as CWGL and ZI asked you. The 16 days campaign has been used as an organizing strategy by groups and individuals across the globe to focus attention on the need of the

elimination of all forms of violence against women, and I'm sure that you have given a suitable answer to the expectations.

2nd District Board Meeting

It was held in Rome, November 11th. All members of the Board were extremely well integrated and active. The ADs are informed and efficient and the Chairs competent in their fields. I believe that you will receive a lot of mail from all of them. Please answer, get in contact and your work will be easier!

The third Board Meeting will be in Luzern in April to complete the last details for the District Conference of November 2007. The Luzern Presidents are working hard for us and I'm sure that everything will be perfect. I'm looking forward to meet all of you with club members and friends there. Luzern is beautiful, the Presidents are kind and thoughtful: I met the Swiss Zontians in Basel and I was impressed by their positive and purposed attitude. The training was conducted by the Lt. Governor Regula Dannecker and followed with attention and enriched by many questions.

The 03 Area meeting too was well





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Attended and conducted. Unfortunately there was just a short time for the training, but I thank the District Foundation Ambassador for Italy, Elena Federici, for the detailed report she presented. The Turkish President Sitare Erkan was missing (she was with me in Melbourne, the only delegate of Area 03) and I hope to see her soon. I'm very sorry I have missed the Area 02 Presidents training in Mainz, on the 2nd of September.

But September is for me a very particular month and I cannot leave my family. Anita Schnetzer-Spranger and the Parliamentarian Elke Duriez (who, very kindly, represented me in Kiel to the meeting of 02 Area and Union), prepared the event with great care. The training and the meeting were followed by the almost totality of Presidents and vice Presidents: about fifty people.

Thank you so much Anita and Elke!

Wishes

My warmest greetings to the District Ambassador Monika zu Erbach-Schoenberg wishing her a fast recovery and all the Board joins me. Her role is very important for our District and we all hope to see her soon in action again and in good form.

Silvia Meuli, President of the Zonta club of Vaduz (Liechtenstein), was

appointed member of the Status of Women Committee. Best wishes to her and to the Chairman Benedetta Insinga Castelli for their work!
Welcome to Monika Mang that will cooperate with Meike Rieken in the hard and extremely important role of IT/Webmaster of our District website. Congratulation to the last born club in the Area 03, Potenza, that will soon celebrate its Charter.

International Liaison

The international Director Karin Nordmeyer, our Liaison, back from the international Board in Chicago (9-11 November), urges me 1) to appoint a Chairman for the "District leadership committee", 2) to make the Jane M. Klausman Women in Business scholarship program well known and to consider a District Award funded by the District, 3) to remind clubs to use the "sharing our stories" function on the website as examples of good practice. I met Karin in Basel in November and she will be with us at the District Conference in Luzern. Warmest greetings to her too from all the Board!

Mini Calendar

- **January 11th : Amelia Earhart Day**
- **March 5th : 3d Quarterly Club Report due**
- **March 8th : Rose Day**
- **April 14th : District Board Meeting in Luzern**
- **April 21st : 02 Area Meeting in Mainz**
- **May 5-6th : 03 Area Meeting in Bologna**
- **May 12th : 04 Area Meeting in Zurich**

I wish all members a happy holiday season.

Yours in Zonta friendship

Renata