

District 28 Governor's Newsletter



Zonta International
Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide



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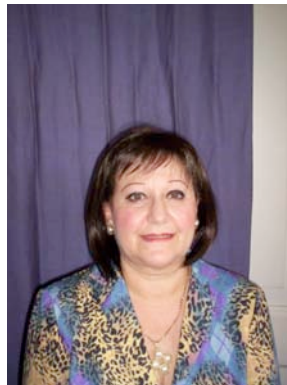
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Dear Zontians,

I want heartfully thank the Conference District Committee, the two presidents of Lucerne, Regula Dannecker and Kathrin Laubacher for their hard work and the success of the Conference, happy to have met almost all the delegates of the District. The Swiss Zontians invested a huge time to guarantee the good organization that we enjoyed: the workshops, the business session, the dinners and their warm hospitality. The topics were important and numerous and the time too short, but we have now the 2008-2010 Board elected, the Areas got again their fees to administrate and the site of the next Conference is decided. I wish the best work in friendship to the elected officers.

The Board elected

The new Board that will be confirmed at the Convention is:
Regula Dannecker, Governor;
Anita Schnetzer-Spranger, Lt. Governor;
Daniela Monaco, Treasurer;
Area Directors: Dietlind Sturz, Sonia Albanese, Anne Gerhards;
Nominating committee: Josephine Borrillo.

Congratulations to all of them! There is a good continuity since Regula, Anita, Daniela and Dietlind are in my Board too and we all know their work and good results! Thanks also to the candidates who were not elected: please, consider a future District position! We are grateful for your disponibility.

And many thanks to International Director Karin Nordmeyer for her presence and untiring help.

In Lucerne, Benedetta Castelli, Status of Women Chairman, shared with us a global vision of the woman legal situation in our District and the group of Presidents cleared better how to combine service and advocacy. Some Swiss Presidents wrote giving good advices for a more efficient working at the Conference and I'm sure that they will be useful for the next one. Any way, the workshops gave me and you some interesting inputs to work about: raising the awareness about human trafficking in your social contest; educating Zontians and others about, distributing material; sharing information; having seminars about laws concerning women, their empowering and leadership; developing partnership with other similar associations; keeping contacts with civil authorities, media, social assistants, police, lawyers, medical personnel and legislators; contacting high schools and universities for our awards. (Please contact Dietlind Sturz for District and International Awards applications). We could meet our District and International YWPA fellow and I know that some Italian clubs intend to invite the A.E. fellow for a speech in their special events and fund-raising for Foundation. We wish Giorgia Sironi and Laura Muller all the best for their future and hope to meet them as Zontians soon!





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The 2008 Convention

I hope to greet all of you again at the pre-Convention meeting in Rotterdam (Friday afternoon-June 28th 2008).

You will find the Call to Conference in the November issue of the Zontian and on the Zonta International website. The Convention is not only for the Presidents and I urge all the

Zontians to attend it to see how an international organization works. Rotterdam will be my ninth Convention and I'm glad that it will be in Europe.

Please, if not done already, register on the Zonta website to access to members information. And please, if you have some photos made in Lucerne send them to our District website and to me.

Mini calendar

Areas meetings scheduled for 2008:

Area 02: April 12th,

Area 03: May 6-7th,

Area 04: May 18th.

Next District Board April 26-27th.

How many clubs acknowledge Zonta International 88th Birthday and the 16 Days of Activism against gender violence?

I've done it in Rome and in Bologna but I would love to know the Clubs actions. December 5th was the Quarterly Report's deadline and before the date of my report to the H.Q. I would like to know what Clubs have done in these last months.

Milano Clubs have been holding the A.E. award ceremony and we were all proud to meet this very deserving young woman. Bologna and Parma celebrated their 25th anniversary. I was with them with much love and friendship. The President of Parma, Silvana Metri, prepared a CD with the story of the Club and services that was given to the many authorities and Zontians present at the event.

I'm sorry not to be able to attend all your events of December and January. I heartly thank you for all the invitations but I cannot be everywhere. I only accepted to have the season's celebrations with the four Clubs of Rome (easier for me, don't you agree?)

Last news

Do not forget to donate one third of your service funds to the Foundation! Through our Foundation we can help women in Niger, Bolivia, Afghanistan and Bosnia Herzegovina, help many young students with our scholarships and be part of the world.

Be proud to be Zontian and inform your Ambassador about your donations! I have just received from Glenne Harding, Z.I. OMC Chairman, the History of our District from May 2000 through August 2007 and now I share with you some figures.

Members in Area 02 were 640, with 21 Clubs and are now 836 with 26 Clubs.

Congratulations!

In Area 03 members were 521 in 21 Clubs and are now 516 in 23 Clubs.

More additional steps must be taken to help small Clubs to grow!

Area 04 had 317 members in 11 Clubs and now.....317 members and 11 Clubs.

Let us hope to have a few members more in 2008!

Many thanks to the Leadership and UN Chairmen for their work and messages to the Presidents and a warm encouraging to all the Chairpersons to often contact all Clubs.

Dear Zontians, I send you my last letter of the 2007 with my best wishes for a very special Holiday Season and a joyous New Year filled with health, peace and happiness

Renata