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Governor's Current News and Trends

Dear District 28 Zontians,

the Call fo Conference has been sent out – and I am very much looking forward to welcome many of you in the beautiful city of Parma.

The Zontaclub of Parma is busy to prepare for you rewarding weekend. The Zontaclub of Bologna wants to show you the best of their medieval city.

I personally invite all Zontians of our District to participate in this most important event of our District biennium. For those of you who have never attended a Zonta conference please make an effort and come !!

“Why you are Zontian?” Why do you want to make a difference ?

Take an active part in our round table discussion Sunday morning. Tell all in what you see the advantage of an International Organization.

I sincerely hope you will come and go home with

- increased knowledge of Zonta and Zonta activities
- renewed friendship and having made new friends
- a feeling that together Zontians do make a difference.

We have the great pleasure to welcome International Director Simone Ovar as International Representative. Simone at the same time is our International Liaison since July and our District works efficiently with her. Our International Liaison last year Past International Director Mary Ramstan-Vangdal will also be present.

The workshop on Zonta International Foundation on Friday afternoon will be headed by Past Z.I.Foundation President Gerda Senkyr. She will certainly prepare a complete and informative two hours session for you.

The Z.I. Foundation is the start of our commitment for Zonta International.



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The Round Table Sunday morning will conclude our reflexion:
“Why - Zonta” “Perchè - Zonta” “Warum - Zonta”

headtable

Simone Ovar - Zonta International Director
Kornelia Dietsch, ZC Wetzlar, municipal official gender equality
Kyra Nehls, ZC Bad Vilbel-Karben, Lawyer
Dr. Anne Gerhards, ZC Vaduz, Technical Engenieer, Innovation and
Technology Management
Dr. Andreas Bong, Chief Technology Officer Hilti AG.
Dr. Cesarina Mitaritonna, ZC Bologna, Lawyer penalist
Prof. Susanne Zerbini, ZC Bologna, Atmospheric Space Scientist, and
Amelia Earhart Fellow

I hope for a lively discussion with all of you !

Recruit – Retain - Rejuvenate

as you all know our membership is the crucial point of our organization. Clubs who loose members are of “concern” even when still quite large. Clubs with less than 20 members are of “concern” and should be actively working on this.

During next Presidents Meetings of the Areas I would like to talk to these clubs in a special hour designated to this problem and ask the Areadirectors concerned to organize time and room for this discussion. Especially in Italy I want Lt. Gov. and OMC Chairman, Renata Giunchi Palandri, to participate. One idea is to create a mentoring system.

All clubs and each single member of our District I kindly ask to work on rejuvenation of membership. Not only in my home community but everywhere the Lady Lions clubs are growing. About 12% of Lions Clubs are ladies. That is disturbing for our Zonta movement. Please – consider this fact.

PR Activities

Questions:

- have all your members registered on the ZI website
- do you access on a general basis for information
- have you made contacts and submit club news items to the media
- do you celebrate specific events like Rose Day
- does your club have a brochure to hand out to interested persons
- do you share your club’s event with our District website
- **please start !**

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2nd District PR Seminary in Frankfurt 10./11. March 2006

same place – same referent – same date !
as promised to all participants who certainly have spread the results of their enriching PR knowledge to their clubs and friends our PR chairman, Heike, will organize the continuance of our PR information.

Support the Z.I. Service Program Goals

1st June the four years term of new ZIF officers began.

Anne Silvester, President
Irene Wiese-von Ofen, Vice President/Secretary
Betty Jane Bourdon, Treasurer

New in the ZIF Board are Betty Jane Bourdon, Lollie Harper, Kirsten Theissen.

Congratulation of District 28 to all of them!

By the end of the fiscal year 31. May 2005 the Foundation received a total of US\$ 1.531.421 for the year. We are well on our goal for the biennium of US\$ 3.620.000.

Our District ranking by 31. May 05 is the 16th place. Our contributions in US\$:

A.E.	JMK	YWPA	Int.Service	ZISVAW	Rose Fund	WHIPPI	
5.688	100	300	26.854	4.165	2,320	500	39.927
17 th	25 th	24 th	6 th	18 th	24 th	5 th	16 th rank

From this statistic you can realize where our preferences are. However, I would like to stress the importance of our educational programs.

We – our District 28 - have a 2005 Amelia Earhart Fellow Dilek Kurtulus of Middle East Technical University Turkey

Her Wing Pin and Certificate was sent to me and I am in contact with ZC Istanbul and Dilek for presentation.

YWPA District winner is Belkis Wille and ZC Zürich has organized the presentation in a ceremony with public attendance Sept. 2nd.

Congratulations and Thankyou to all the clubs and chairmen for their efforts. It was not easy to choose the winner – so many outstanding applications.

Please continue with your events for donations for the ZI Foundation with special attention to the A.E., YWPA, JMK programs.

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Governor's activities

The summer break is almost over. I hope you all enjoyed wonderful holidays.

Back to normal and to many Zonta events:

- 02. 09. YWPA presentation to Belkis Wille – ZC Zürich
- 10. 09 Presidents Meeting 28/02 in Koblenz
- 11.-14.09 Ceremony / donation of Lavastone sculpture from ZC Naples to the University of St. Petersburg - ZC St. Petersburg
- 16.-18.09 District 30 Conference in Yverdon, meeting with International President Mary Ellen Bittner
- 25.9 30yrs ZC Darmstadt
- 01.-03.10. Presidents Meeting 28/03 in Roma
- 04.-05.10. ZC Parma + ZC Bologna organisation of D. conference
- 07.-09.10 25yrs. ZC Baden-Baden
- 15.10. Presidents Meeting 28/04 in Schaffhausen
- 23.10 Special Meeting Union of German Zontaclubs / Area 02

02.10.

04. – 06. November 2005 District 28 Conference in Parma / Italy

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General Information

- Zontaclub Neustadt an der Weinstraße has received Charter Number!
Welcome ! - Charter Ceremony will be in May 2006.
- visit the Zonta Int. website: www.zonta.org for all information
You find all questions answered and all material you need.
- visit the District 28 website: www.zonta-district28.com it's getting better and better, soon all will also be in Italian language. You also find the District conference information if you are looking for.
- I have confirmed to the Int. Board the dropping of Area in some of our clubs – the clubs concerned please take notice of your name change.
- when planning your club calendar do not forget some for internal purpose
you need to inform your members and to built club friendship.

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Zonta International Board

Board Highlights – 3rd meeting in April 2005

- Agreed that any clubs formed in Italy in the area East of Venice will be in District 28
- Inter-District meetings are positive for Zontians to join together from different districts, gives an opportunity for exchanging ideas. But such meetings cannot in any way be seen as a substitute for a district conference.
- a club project outside the club's geographical area is still defined as a club project. Clubs are encouraged to focus on Z.I. projects and on projects in their own local communities which support Zonta's mission.
- Membership has declined since March 2004. This is a real concern to the Board. More than 30% of our clubs are in this situation, i.e. with less than 20 members. The goal should be 22 members by the end of the present biennium.

Tsunami

The following letter I sent to Governor Dilruba Ahmed, District 25.

Greetings from all Zontians of District 28 – Governor Elke Johler—Duriez to District 25 Conference – Governor Dilruba Ahmed.

Dear Dilruba,
Dear Zonta friends,

Zontians of my District have developed a close relation to you when feeling great sorrow with your countries so terribly affected by the disastrous tsunami.

We admire the great effort of the two ZCs. Colombo involved in efficient help to the poor regions near Colombo. We know how much time and concern you put into your helping hands. We felt and still feel with you.

Zontians are friends over the borders – our German, Swiss, Italian Zontians wanted to help and organized events for donations to tsunami help by you.

My District is proud to have transferred total = € 26.000.-
to Zontaclub Colombo I = € 13.000 and Zontaclub Colombo II = € 13.000

We sincerely hope that with this funding both clubs were able to follow up their projects in Hekkita Road, Wattala, to a successful ending.

Congratulation to your efficient activity.

I wish you a pleasant and enriching Conference and will see some of you next year at the Convention in Melbourne.

Most fondly

Elke Johler-Duriez
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District 28 Diary

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8. November 2005
Zonta International 86 years
04. November 2005
District Board Meeting in Parma

17. September 2005
25 yrs. ZC. Rheingau-Rheinhessen

25. September 2005
30 yrs. ZC. Darmstadt

21. – 22. October 2005
Union deutscher Zontaclubs
in Köln

16.-18. September 2005
District 30 Conference
Yverdon, Switzerland

4. – 6. November 2005
District Conference Parma Italy

10.– 11. March 2006
District Seminary in Frankfurt
PR and Communication
2. September 2005
YWPA presentation to District
winner Belkis Wille, ZC Zürich

10. September 2005
Presidents Meeting 28/02
in Koblenz

02.-03. October 2005
Presidents Meeting 28/03
in Rom ZC Roma II

15. October 2005
Presidents Meeting 28/04
in Schaffhausen

Z. I. Convention in Melbourne, Australia

In one years time we will meet in Melbourne – that means the second year of our biennium is on the way. Thank you for our first year, so much done and still so much to do! From Annual Reports and your club minutes I see all of your many fruitful, successful activities. Congratulations.

Convention special points:

Local Service: I did inform you about the Footprint of Service. You find all material in word on Z.I. webpage in the Committee Material Section. Due time March 2006.

PR & Communication:

“Eyes on Club Success” - Photographic Exhibition

Action shots that depict virtual service project outcomes. A photo of your favourite service project. Entry guidelines can be downloaded from ZI website – www.zonta.org . Entry deadline is: to Governor by 24th February 06

Call to Convention will be published in the next edition of The Zontian.

See you in Parma !

Most fondly



Governor District 28