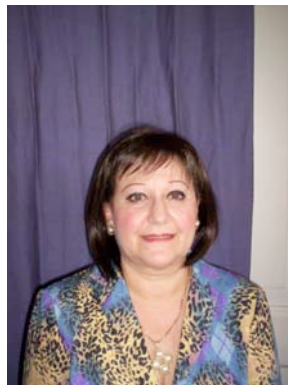


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Dear Presidents,

I hope that this 7th Governor's letter finds you in good health and good standing. The District Board had its last meeting of the biennium in Rome in a very friendly and active mood and we could sum up the District situation. Elections were held in all the clubs and I have received many Club officers report forms, but not all! They were due on May 1st to Z.I. and me and it is extremely important that Governor and Headquarter receive up to date information about new presidents and treasurers. So, please, complete your sending.

Reports

This biennium the quarterly database reports replaced the annual club report of the past. The final club database report was due May 5th. This is a very important deadline so I can prepare my final District report to H.Q. before the June International Board Meeting. My deadline is May 15th. You were informed about in time and received the appropriate form. This report covers the period from December through May and you should estimate service hours and dollars devoted to improving women's legal rights, health, economic status, self

esteem, prevention of violence against women, advocacy and fundrising for a better knowledge of local services of Zonta clubs around the world.

I hope to give a realistic statistical representation of your work. Please help me to make known the wonderful work done by Zonta Clubs of District 28!

Foundation

I'm happy to communicate that we have increased our contributions to the Foundation of 67% compared with the past biennium and in the April Foundation report we were at the first place in the International Service contribution.

Congratulation to all the clubs and to our perfect District Ambassadors Monika zu Erbach and Elena Federici!

The ZI and ZIF Boards have approved additional ZISVAW grants to the following projects:

- 1) UNIFEM- preventing trafficking in women in Thailand: \$100.000;
- 2) DEPDC (Development and Education Program for Daughters and Communities) - preventing trafficking in the great Mekong sub-region: \$63.000;
- 3) UN Trust Fund – combating violence against women and girls

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in Sierra Leone: \$50.000.
You can go to the ZI website to get a full description of these projects (Go to Int.Serv.Projects, click on Preventing violence against women, then click on ZISVAW grants).
It is my pleasure to announce that Diana Ihring, whose application was submitted by the Z.C. Burg

Convention

As you already know, club presidents may register delegate (s) and alternate (s) on line or through paper forms logging onto the ZI website <http://www.zonta.org/>. The deadline for online registration is May 22nd, but please don't wait the last day, register now. If you have not registered, you will have to submit forms to ZI Headquarter by mail or fax by May 8th. June 1st Convention registration increases to €475. Convention on site registration begins in Rotterdam June 27th. Please try to arrive on Friday morning so to attend District meeting early Friday afternoon. We will use this

Position papers

International president Olivia Ferry announces the publication of Zonta's most recent position paper: improving the access of women and girls to science, mathematics and technology education.

Dear Zontians,

I'm very proud to have been your Governor. I had a wonderful Board and very efficient and motivated Presidents. I wish you a very friendly end of your biennium and don't forget to pass on to your successors

Staufenberg-Giessen, has been selected as the District 28 YWPA award recipient, and another Italian from the Politecnico di Milano University, Gabriella Gaias, is the 2008 A.E. fellow from our District. Congratulations!!!

meeting to review the issues that will be discussed at the business sessions, will help the first-timers and share useful information, meet old and new friends and most probably the new Board which includes most of the officers and chair persons of this biennium and will be a Board of good friends who know well each other.

During the Convention there will be a Service project raffle, with prizes donated by all Districts.

Tickets will cost €5 each, 2/3 of the proceed will go to local service projects drawn from the clubs that submitted photos, and 1/3 to the ZI Foundation. Good luck!

The paper is available on the ZI website and I encourage Zontians to discuss it. Club are encouraged to use the paper for advocacy purpose in accordance with Zonta's policies.

all the necessary material (District conference minutes included). You can always count on my friendship and I shall remain at your disposal, looking forward to meeting you in Rotterdam.

Best greetings

Renata