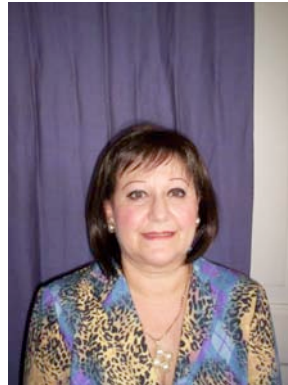


# District 28 Governor's Newsletter



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- District Conference in Luzern
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## District Board :

Governor:

**Renata Giunchi Palandri**

Lt. Governor:

**Regula Dannecker**

Treasurer:

**Christel Levedag**

AD 02:

**Anita Schnetzer-Spranger**

AD 03:

**Daniela Monaco**

AD 04:

**Kathrin Laubacher**

Parliamentarian:

**Elke Duriez**

Secretary:

**Elisabetta Mirra**

## *Dear Zontians,*

after nearly two months from my operation I want to thank all of you (Board, Presidents and single members) for your good wishes and nice words written, phoned and emailed.

We have closed a very positive year for our District with two new clubs, excellent performing of all the clubs and a positive attitude.

I could attend the last Presidents meetings of 02 and 03 Areas. Not the one of Area 04, but I had already seen the Swiss Presidents in Basel. As we all know, the first Area meeting should be used by ADs to share with Presidents all the news, advices, challenges received by Governors and International Board and the last one should give room to the reports, comments and mutual suggestions of the Presidents to know their problems, their activities, their success.

## *Reports*

The quarterly reports should help to know, time by time, the life of clubs and how they work to give advise to those in trouble and share the good stories as example and incentive. The reports that you have sent to your ADs (not all and not completed) are transformed in statistic that help ADs, Governors and HQ to know the members

of the zontian world, what they prefer to do, what kind of association we belong to. If we are members of an international organization instead of a local one, it is surely because we want to be a world family that has a typical peculiarity all over and that we can recognize in every country and continent.

All together we can do a lot, we have chosen to help women in the world with service and advocacy. Together we can!

The International Board has however listened to all the opinions through the Governors and the intolerance toward the various reports and surveys, so decided to ask only three more reports till the end of the biennium and I'm sure that you agree that this is possible. I've to make my next Governor's report in September and by the end of August I hope to receive from **all** the clubs news from their last report or of all the year if they have never sent one. I've prepared a file with a page for each club of the District and at least 10 forms are painfully empty. I'm sure that all these clubs exist and are doing a wonderful job but I would love to have a proof of it. Come on! You have at your disposal two months to fill the next report. The second is due on February 2008 (5 months later), then the final one at the end of May 2008. Please do this effort considering that if you



## District 28 Committees Biennium 2006-2008

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Nominating Committee

**Liane Meisel Gehl**

Leadership Development

**Ursula Gehring**

Centurion

**Massimiliana Martini**



Liaison

**Karin Nordmeyer**

don't, your AD will have to do it since I must have a report of all the clubs of my District and know their situation time by time not when it is

too late to save a bad situation. What kind of family are we if we don't reward the merits and don't try to solve the problems?

## *District Board*

There are some changes in the District Board. Elisabetta Mirra, already secretary, has been appointed PR Chairman. I thank her for disposability and Heike Reinhardt-Jeinsen that dismissed, burdened with work and family activities, but will always be of great help to her club and District with her PR experience. Ursula Gehring, Chairman of Leadership development committee,

attended the last Board meeting with a report on the relevance and meaning of this new committee much wanted by the International Board and will share with you experience and knowledge. I enclose the pictures of all the District Board so that we are for you not only names. Unfortunately they are small pictures but they can give you an idea of how we are.

## *District Conference*

I've met the Conference organizers in Luzern: they have done a wonderful job that you will see and appreciate. You are receiving in these days their invitation to the Conference and later mine with the agenda. The District rules, activities and Board are voted at the District Conference. You are the

decision makers. Don't let other people decide for you. Come all with your members, friends, relatives to meet the District people and beautiful Luzern. Karin Nordmeyer, our Liaison, will be the International Board representative and will bring the address of Olivia Ferry.

## *Foundation and awards*

A very special young girl presented by the Basel Zonta Club, Laura Muller, is the District YWPA award winner and one of the five winners of the International YWPA award. I'm looking forward to meeting her in Luzern at the District Conference. Congratulations to her and the club of Basel! Our two Foundation ambassadors worked extremely well with enthusiasm and competence and I'm sure that they will succeed in having all clubs contributing to the Foundation services and awards. We **must** support the services voted by your delegates at the Convention. We belong to an organisation that improves the status of women at the global and local level, but at the end of March we had reached only the 24% of our target and many clubs had not sent 1/3 of their income to the

Foundation. I'm sure that by now things have changed and I'm waiting for more cheering news from the Foundation. You all have already paid the dues. I know that from the HQ you have received all the information to pay in Euro in a special account and you all bring to Luzern your receipts to be allowed to vote. In the [www.zonta.org](http://www.zonta.org) site is available a new Power Point presentation for new members orientation. It is a very useful tool for PR and please "Share your story" in the proper site and in our District site. Liane Meisel Gehl will soon send the candidates list for the new Board and I hope to meet in Luzern the new elected AD too.

**Have a nice summer!**

**In Zonta friendship**

**Renata**