

Governor Letter No. 5

November 2017

Dear Presidents, dear Fellow Zontians,

After the most enjoyable District-Conference 2017 in Milan I would like to contact you today to give you a summary of the important conference results and in particular to inform you about the future prospects, significant tasks and occasions awaiting our district.

1.Election results – guaranteeing continuation and building trust

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Governor:	Fernanda Gallo-Freschi	ZC Milano S`Ambrogio
Lt. Governor:	Annemarie Loosli-Locher	ZC Schaffhausen
Treasurer:	Claudia Mastrangeli	ZC Roma Parioli III
Nominating C. Chair:	Gisela Mentzer	ZC Hanau
	Eileen von Goldacker	ZC Basel
	Nicoletta Salviato	ZC Palermo Zyss
Auditor	Caroline Willeke	ZC Frankfurt
	Carmela Buonanno	ZC Matera

Area 02 2018-20

Area Director	Fiona Ruff	ZC Bad Soden/Kronberg
Vice Area Director	Dr. Kirsten Fritsche	ZC Darmstadt
Vice Area Director	Petra Lohse	ZC Trier

Area 03 2018-20

Area Director	Laura Santagada	ZC Bologna
Vice Area Director	Michela Ferrari	ZC Milano S`Ambrogio

Area 04 2018-20

Co-Area Director	Regine Frey	ZC Schaffhausen
Co Area Director	Vreni Knöpfel	ZC Schaffhausen

2. Membership

Currently there is a continuous decrease in membership in district 28. As from October 2017 we number 1487 listed members. We all know that the number of members is fluctuating, sometimes more, sometimes less. Numbers can suddenly change.

Nevertheless we realize that clubs with few members have problems in recruiting a new board. That's why **membership** always remains one of the main concerns. In addition this strongly affects the **leadership structure** of any club.

Exactly for this reason **ZC Prague** is forced to leave the Zonta family and to give back their Zonta membership at the end of the biennium.

We all feel very sorry about this decision but all their efforts to gain more members have unfortunately failed.

In spite of this bad news district 28 has also positive tendencies:

We strongly hope that another club (**ZC Brno**) in the Czech Republic can be established soon. As I have been told they only need two more members to charter the club.

Furthermore we celebrated the charter of the first e-club in our district at the DC, the „**e-club Italy**“. Founding president is the former **AE-Fellow Daniela Pedrini**. May their first steps be successful and enjoyable and hopefully they will find more followers!

In this context I would like to mention that **the 2nd D28-Alumnae-Meeting titled „Great Girls meet Great Women“**, will take place **20./21. April 2018** at the **Spenerhaus <spenerhaus.de> in Frankfurt**. Such meetings may prove a breeding ground for new members introducing promising young women to Zonta activities and networks.

All you „Great Women“ are also cordially invited to attend this Alumnae-Meeting.

Zonta International provides special **membership awards** for the biennium 2016-18. A full description will be sent on February 2018.

2. Service / Advocacy/ Visibility

This November offers two opportunities for supporting the **ZI Foundation** and our **mission**. Your Foundation Ambassador has already contacted you about the „**Every Member-Every November**“ action,

The annual „**Zonta says No**“ **Campaign** is also approaching. I have already received various club invitations from you. They sound extremely interesting and most creative.



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Please read the details of the subject of this year`s campaign, action against „**Trafficking**“ on <zontaSaysNo.com>

To maximize your efforts and your visibility there are different PR possibilities. You can send details of your activities to the following official websites.

Area02 – webpage, co-webmaster Wiltrud Walther, wiwazonta@t-online.de
Area03 – webpage, webmaster Lory Brunetti lorybrunetti@alice.it,
Area04 – webpage, co-webmaster Kathrin Laubacher klaubacher@gmx.ch

Webmaster Lory is able to publish your events on the District28-Facebook page. However she needs the English version of your report.

Anita Schnetzer-Spranger has already asked you to send your reports about the „Zonta says No“ campaign to her. Please don`t hesitate to do so. Later she will present a significant overview of our activities..

Furthermore you are requested to participate in the **Zonta Service Recognition Award 2016-18** in a „**Share your Story Festival**“ at the **Yokohama Convention**.

The only condition for your application is:

A completed club nomination form with a short report and a photo to be sent to me by 1. February 2018.

Please see the attached form !

There are **two categories** of projects to be considered for the awards:

- a) **Service projects** that empower women and girls in general to achieve equal rights and to secure their access to all legal, political, economic, educational, health and professional resources, and
- b) Service projects focusing on prevention of violence against women and girls**

I would like to convince you about this great chance our network provides. Please use it and join in this Zonta action.

3. Yokohama Convention 29. June – 3. July 2018



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Japan offers the perfect, symbolic setting for Zonta to host the convention that officially starts the celebration for the Centennial Anniversary.

The **next district 28-meeting will be held on June 29 in Yokohama**. For further information and registration please refer to **<convention.zonta.org>**.

I would like to meet very many of you in the Far East!
„Zonta Unlimited“- across all borders!

Best regards
Dietlind

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dietlind Stuerz" followed by a stylized flourish.

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