



Heddy Tangen Steffensen,  
District Governor 2006 - 2008

### Dear Zontians in district 13

It's hard to believe that two years have gone so quickly. In a few days I will be leaving for the Convention in Rotterdam where Governor-Elect Kari Vieth will take the reins.

I want to thank my board, club presidents and all of you Zontians for all you have done to make this biennium exciting and positive.

I would like to give very special thanks to all the members of District 13 who have been supportive throughout my tenure as Governor. How could I have done it without you ?

And my board: You have been great!

Maria, our webmaster, thank you for all your hard work !

Not to forget our liaison, Kerry Dixon - Fox, a great supporter and motivator for me and my board. Thanks !

We've seen teamwork and cohesiveness throughout District 13. Many of the clubs are seeking to rejuvenate their programs and inspire their members. We are all working toward the same goals. We will increase membership, not merely to have high numbers, but to further the mission of Zonta.

### District 13

Area 1 Denmark

Area 2 Lithuania

Area 3 Iceland

Area 4 Norway

### Governor's info

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In all it's been an exiting biennium. Let's continue the enthusiasm going forward.

In closing, let me say that it has been an honour and a privilege to be your Governor. I will continue to work toward the future to make Zonta and District 13 successful in every way.

Heddy  
Governor

### NEW CLUB

#### VIBORG

Charter, June 14<sup>th</sup>. 2008

#### Our Congratulations!

Please join me in welcoming this new club into District 13.

Also thanks to those of you involved in the process, - you've been doing a great job!

### Members

Reported from Ad's May 31<sup>st</sup>. 1205 total.

It seem we are always discussing how to recruit and retain members.

Our membership total for District 13, as of May 31<sup>st</sup>., reported from Area Director,- is 1205.

The last report from ZI as of March 31<sup>th</sup>. says 1163 which means an increase in the following period of plus 40 !

Obviously, we would like to see significant growth in the next biennium. I know that all clubs are working hard to increase membership. Remember to set goals and to review them periodically and assess what the club is doing and how it could be done better.

In looking to acquire new members, we should never forget that retaining our present members is just as, if not more, important !

Solicit members' input and encourage them to make suggestions about all aspects of the club. Satisfied members stay members !

Many members say that the best part of Zonta is the relationships that are formed. They will attend meetings, take part in programs and attend events when they feel connected. Focusing on this is important !

### **ZIF CONGRATULATIONS !**

**Pleased to announce that D 13 has increased donations to ZIF this biennium ; US\$ 99.922.- (\$66.245- / 2004- 2006).**  
Thanks to our Foundation Ambassador, Mari Ramsten Vangdal, and not the least all of you members for your donations through these years! Also a thanks to Kirsten Theisen .  
You have set a very high standard for next year's team .

**Letter from Foundation Ambassador:  
Kjære Zontians i D13.**

Det nærmer seg Convention og med det tid for å skifte Foundation Ambassador.

For meg har dette vært to flott år, hvor jeg har sett at bevisstheten om Zonta Foundation og Zontas prosjekter er på topp.

Regnskapets time er ennå ikke kommet, men fordi det er tid for Heddys siste Governors Info, passer det at jeg og takker for meg samtidig.

Jeg trodde nesten ikke mine egne øyne da jeg fikk oversikten over klubbene og enkeltmedlemmenes donasjoner frem til mai: **US\$ 99.922.-** .

Bare siste måned er det komme fra 14000 dollar fra D13. Når vi det magiske beløpet 100000dollar?

Jeg vet også at dere gir tusenvis av kroner til lokale prosjekter. Dette fortjener en fanfare!!!!!!!

Våre penger kan gjøre mye for kvinner som ikke har det så godt som oss. Det vi vet er også at små beløp kan gjøre enorme forskjeller for de kvinner vi retter innsatsen mot.

Takk for en flott innsats. Jeg vet at dere av og til synes at jeg har mast litt mye, men det har vært en del av min oppgave. Ikke la det gode resultatet bli en sovepute, men ha som mål at hvert Biennium skal gi bedre resultat enn det forrige.

Jeg lover at det endelige resultat pr. 31.05.08 skal tilflyte dere via neste Foundation Ambassador.

Jeg ønsker dere en riktig god sommer, et spennende nytt Zonta Biennium. Jeg håper å se mange av dere i Rotterdam!

Hilsen

*Mari*

Mari Ramsten Vangdal

## **Board Meeting and Area 2 Meeting Vilnius, February 21. - 24.**

The Board had busy days in Vilnius.  
Board meeting, Area meeting for Lithuania  
and meetings with our sister Zontians.

It was all together FANTASTIC !  
We are thankful to Ramune, AD, and all the  
Lithuanian Zonta members.  
It is so important to attend and be involved  
and impressed ! I am so thankful that we do  
have an Area like Lithuania. I can also speak  
on behalf of my Board members ! It's so  
important to support and help in any way  
possible in the time to come !

### **YWPA**

YWPA District winner  
Gwen Gruner - Widding, Denmark.  
Congratulations to her and to Denmark !

**Convention / Rotterdam  
27 June - 2 July  
"Global Empowerment through Local  
Action"  
A very special experience awaits all  
Zontians in Rotterdam.**

The opening ceremony will be on Saturday 28  
June, and the Convention will finish on  
Wednesday evening 2 July.  
Approx. 1800 had registered by May 1<sup>st</sup>. , -  
some more will add to this by end May.

From District 13 a total of 75 ;  
Iceland 11  
Norway 26  
Denmark 36  
Lithuania 2

All clubs are represented by delegates or  
proxy.  
Our Governor for the 2008 -2010, Kari Vieth,  
will be installed on the last day of the  
Convention.

### **NEW POSITION PAPER**

**" Improving the Access of Women and Girls to  
Science, Mathematics and Technology  
Education "**

Zonta International has announced this New  
Position Paper. ZI chose to produce this paper  
because the facts are: men outnumber woman  
( by about 3 to 1 ) among those planning a  
career in computer sciences, woman in science  
and engineering are still a minority ( only  
about 10 % ), and women hold just a bit over  
10 % of the seats on boards of directors of  
international companies.

The paper tells of the causes of the lack of  
education for women and girls. It outlines  
Zonta's programs to promote better access of  
women and girls to science, math and  
technology education.  
It also delineates ways for Zonta clubs to  
promote that access.

I encourage all Zontians to read this  
important paper. The full paper may be  
accessed at the Zonta International site;  
[www.zonta.org](http://www.zonta.org).

**Remember: We are members of an international organization.**

- ✓ 1/ 3 to ZI Foundation
- ✓ Local and International projects
- ✓ Find candidates for :
- ✓ YWPA
- ✓ JM Klausman,
- ✓ Amelia Erhart

**Your Zonta Manual / a reminder  
Club presidents / board members ;**

Are you referring to your Zonta manuals as you proceed through the Zonta year? They are an invaluable source of information and save a lot of time in reinventing the wheel.

If you don't have them, access them at;

[www.zonta.org](http://www.zonta.org) ( member resources).

You can either download the whole manual, order one to be sent to you, or just print off the relevant pages you need.

**Visit the web-pages:**

Zonta International [www.zonta.org](http://www.zonta.org)  
District 13 [www.zontadistrict13.org](http://www.zontadistrict13.org)  
Iceland [www.zonta.is](http://www.zonta.is)  
Denmark/ Lithuania [www.zonta.dk](http://www.zonta.dk)  
Norway [www.zonta.no](http://www.zonta.no)

I wish governor-elect Kari Vieth and her team a very successful 2008 - 2010 biennium as we continue to work together; to implement the biennial goals approved at Convention and support the new international Service Projects for the 2008 - 2010 biennium.  
And the best of everything to our district!

Thanks to all of you!

Heddy  
Governor

