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District Governor 2008 - 2010

## **Governor's Info.**

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Dear Zontians in District 13

Looking out on a snow - covered  
Copenhagen, my thoughts go to hot  
Texas, and

### **Convention in San Antonio June 25-30, 2010**

Changing "the guards" to the next  
biennium 2010-2012, takes place in  
San Antonio, at a fine ceremony. I  
will pass on the old, beautiful,  
golden, governor pin - covered with  
small pearls - to our next governor  
Ragnheidur Hansdottir.

International President Beryl Sten  
will also pass her pin on to the new  
President Dianne Curtis, who many  
of you met at the district  
Conference in Roskilde in 2009.

Election of new members to the  
international board will also  
take place. Maria Jose  
Landeira Østergaard,  
Copenhagen 1, who is past  
Governor and International  
Director, runs for the position  
of Vice President of Zonta  
International.



You can now register for  
Convention, and find relevant  
information on:

[www.zonta2010.org](http://www.zonta2010.org)

Please have your Zonta member  
number ready when you register  
online for Convention. If you don't  
have it, you can get it with your  
club cashier or in your club  
member Directory. Your number  
can also be received from  
Headquarters, within 72 hours.

Deadline for early registration is  
April 1<sup>st</sup>. where registration fee of  
US\$ 475 is lowest.

The district has 44 clubs. All clubs  
in good standing have the right to  
one delegate. Clubs with more than  
40 members have the right to two  
delegates. (Reykjavik, Copenhagen  
1 and Copenhagen 3.)

Club Presidents are encouraged to report the club delegate (an alternate or proxy) via the online form. **The deadline is May 15<sup>th</sup> for reporting delegates.** If mailing your form, please allow sufficient time to ensure it is received at HQ by May 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### **4 Scholarships for San Antonio**

The district board (and the district conference) has wanted to support zontians possibility to go to San Antonio, by giving grants of 4 x 10.000 d.kr., to support one from each area to go to Convention.

Convention is a great opportunity to learn more about Zonta and Zontas mission, meet zontians from 67 countries, see old friends and get new ones.

The district board has chosen the following scholarship winners:

*Denmark: Marianne Nörmark  
Silkeborg Zonta Club*

*Lithuania : Rute Jasioniene , Alytus  
Zonta club.*

*Iceland: Fjóla Björk Jónsdóttir  
Akureyri Zonta club.*

*Norway: Nina Erdal, Ålesund  
Zonta club.*

Congratulations to the winners – we wish them a nice experience and look forward to read their reports !

#### **New Zonta Clubs in Denmark**

The new Ikast Zonta Club plans to Charter on April 10<sup>th</sup> 2010.

The new Skagen Zonta Club plans to charter on Oct.10.2010. AD Ruth Hoegh and I are meeting with the new Skagen Club on April 18th.

Silkeborg Zonta Club has done a marvellous job in establishing the new clubs !

We expect that a third new Club is on its way in Slagelse, with the clubs of Koege and Naestved as “midwives”.

ZI has just decided that minimum membership is 20 - but that 25 is desirable.

#### **Goal for this biennium: Donation of USD 100.000 to ZIF**

The status is, that we have collected 66.000US D, with Norway ahead. I know that the financial crises has an impact, but I hope that we will be able to collect some more for Zontas serviceprojects, during the next months. Our Foundation Ambassador Aud Aakre says it this way: “Give a cup of coffee for Zonta”. Many small amounts can have a great impact!

If ZIF shall have sufficient money for the International Service Projects, we need to send money.

According to bylaws we are expected to send 35% of collected service money. Payment from the Clubs sent to ZIF before March 31, 2010, will be registered in the ZI report showing how much money district 13 has sent this biennium to ZIF. The information sent out to Convention will also show the status before April 1<sup>st</sup>. Please consider this when the clubs want to send money to ZIF.

I would like to thank the many members and clubs who have already given money to ZIF and the international service projects.

### **Club Officers Report Form.**

Deadline is April 30, 2010 to send Club Officers Report Form to ZI and governor [kvi@kl.dk](mailto:kvi@kl.dk) Please send it cc. to your AD. You can find the form on, <http://intranet.zonta.dk/lib/files.asp?ID=1054>

### **YWPA**

The Young Women in Public Affairs Awards (YWPA) encourage young women who have demonstrated leadership skills, interest in civic causes and dedication to advancing the status of women.

Last year we had 12 candidates from Denmark, but none from the other areas. We got a district winner ( US\$ 1000) who also became an international winner ( +US\$ 3000)

among 5 young women from other districts. The winner Ida Sørensen, was proposed by the Zonta Club of Nordvest-sjaelland , and she was a guest at our District Conference. A regional Newspaper, Naestved Tidende, wrote an article about her and about Zonta.

I hope that we get YWPA applicants from all four areas this time. Our YWPA District Chairman Eva Nielsen , who also is a member of the ZI YWPA Committee, has done a great job to inform the areas and clubs about the scholarship. Eva has also been very active on the international committee. [eva.nielsen@fanonet.dk](mailto:eva.nielsen@fanonet.dk)

Eva has in January sent relevant information to ADs, to pass on to the clubs.

Deadlines for application:

**Marts 1st, 2010** The clubs receive applications,  
**March 29<sup>th</sup>** , Governor shall have received the applications [kvi@kl.dk](mailto:kvi@kl.dk)  
**July 1<sup>st</sup>** HQ inform about district and international winners.  
**August 1<sup>st</sup>** The club chairmen contact the applicants who did not win the award.

### **March 8<sup>th</sup> 2010**

It is 100 years since Womens International Day was founded. Zontaclubs all over the world are very active marking this day. Many

activities takes place, such as meetings, conferences, selling yellow roses, collecting money for service –projects etc.

### **Other international news**

Big changes is coming to the ZI Website. A new website is to be launched in February, with a new design which is fresh, clear and contemporary, with user – friendly navigation and site map. It will provide:

Improved visibility of international service and advocacy efforts, to highlight what Zonta International is doing to promote women, rights.

Improved visibility of international award programs.

A simple online donation form to make giving to ZIF quick and easy.

**ZI board** has:  
appointed Past International President (PIP) Margit Webjörn to chair the 2008-2010 International Bylaws& Resolutions Committee.

adopted the Conflict of Interest and Policy paper which now refers to all levels at ZI.

told us, that International Directors are reviewing all manuals and policies.

ZI has informed us, that the 31th of May 2009 Consolidated financial statements of ZI and ZIF, will be distributed soon to the Clubs etc.

### **Next District 13 Board Meeting**

The District Board 2008-2010 holds it's last meeting in Copenhagen March 5-7th 2010.

The new board 2010-2012 will join us. The idea is to secure continuity from one board to the next one.

The focus at the meeting will be on the membership situation, new clubs, service projects and events from the district.

Working with the skilled and engaged board members in D-13 this biennium has been very rewarding, with lot of fun, but also serious discussions, listening and learning, about the challenges we are facing, but also the the positive things which are going on in our district. Let's remember the slogan from the District Conference in Roskilde,

**”Women can”.**

Clubs and members of our District have done a great job ”advancing the status of women”.

Best regards  
*Kari Vieth*

Governor

