



Governor's letter no 1. September 2010

Dear Zontians in District 13.

It is a great pleasure and honour for me to address you as your governor. At the Convention in San Antonio I took over from Kari Vieth who did an excellent job. I promise to do my best and I look forward to working with you. It is a privilege to be a Zontian. Our goals are very important. We are all women and we care about other women in the world.

I want to introduce the board 2010 - 2012

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Goals.

Our goals are of course to retain members and get more members and clubs. Furthermore we want to support Zonta International Foundation with 125.000 USD in our biennium as our ambitious Foundation Ambassador Aud Aakre says in her first letter in this biennium. Her letter is now on the homepages in our District.

Board Meeting.

Our first board meeting will be in Reykjavík on the 23rd of October. Then we will discuss our goals and plan our future activities. On the 24th and 25th of October there will be a unique and empowering international conference and a mass – demonstration against gender based violence and the gender pay gap in Reykjavík **The Women strike back.**

We hope that at least some board members will participate.

Convention.

Thirty seven Zontians from District 13 participated in the Convention in San Antonio. There were 20 from Denmark, one from Lithuania, nine from Iceland and seven from Norway

All together, about sixteen hundred Zontians participated in this Convention in the sunny Texas.

Dianne Curtis from California took over from **Beryl Sten** from Sweden as International President. **Lynn Mc Kenzie** from New Zealand was elected President Elect and she is the liason for District 13. **Maria Östergaard Jose Landeira** from Denmark was elected Vice President. We congratulate her and we are proud of her and wish her all the best in the future. **Ragna Karlsdottir** from Iceland is the Chairman of OMC International Committee. We wish her all the best in the future and we are so proud of these Zontians from District 13 holding these important posts.

Head Quarters

Now Head Quarters are on the ninth floor in a condominium in Oak Brook. Zonta International rents this place and has sold the house on Randolph Street and also the place on Walker Street. This decision to rent instead of owning a house is believed to be both more convenient and rational. The staff is very satisfied with this house and the computer system has been renewed as well as the homepage. On Friday the 25th of June there was a Financial Forum at the Convention. My conclusion after that was that we can trust these people to handle our money. Most Zontians are likely to have come to this same conclusion because the proposal to have the dues 2011 to 2012 80 USD was passed.

The Service Projects

Dianne Curtis suggested that we proceeded with the same projects as in the last biennium. The outcome will be better if we support these projects for a

longer time. The Convention voted for that.

Scholarships.

A young lady from Lithuania got the award Young Women in Public Affairs in District 13. Her name is **Agne Mankeviciute**. She said in a letter to me that she was so happy and her family was so happy with the award. She said that this would change her future and that she has gained more self confidence because Zonta believes in her. We sent one application for Jane M Klausman scholarship from our District and we find the applicant very well qualified

Area Meetings

Unfortunately I could not attend the Area Meeting in Norway that was on the first weekend in September. I am sorry about that. I will attend the Area Meeting and 75 years jubileum in Copenhagen on the 24th and 25th of September and I look very much forward to that. I will also attend the Icelandic leader meeting in Reykjavík on the 18th of September. I do not know when I will go to Norway and Lithuania but I look forward to meeting our Zontians there.

Homepage

Our webmaster is working on the homepage for District 13. I hope that it will soon be in order. I advise you to go into the homepages regularly. There you can get so much information about what is going on. A letter from Aud Aakre should be on the homepages.

Zontians supported to go to the Convention.

District 13 supported four Zontians, one from each area to go to San Antonio. They were required to make a report about their experience of the Convention. All four have now written such interesting reports about the Convention. The reports will soon be on the homepages and they have also been sent to Dianne Curtis. Please take a look.

Price for recruiting new members.

At the Convention two Zontians from District 13 got prices for recruiting new members. They are **Nina Allin** from Denmark and **Annelise Welde** from Haugesund. We congratulate them and thank them for their unselfish work for Zonta.

I wish you all a good Zonta year.

Enjoy your work improving the status of women around the world. Enjoy the fellowship of each other. Let us make our own lives better and the world better for all women.

With best regards

Ragnheidur Hansdóttir

Governor District XIII.



Kari Vieth carried the Danish flag



Ruta Jasioniene carried the Lithuanian flag



Gudrun Hansdottir carried the Icelandic flag.



Danish Zontians at the Convention. Maria Östergaard Jose Landeira our new Vice President on the left hand.



Second from the left Lynn McKenzie President elect and Liaison in District 13.



Torbjörg Sandberg carried the Norwegian flag



Ragnheidur and Kari