



### **Zonta International District 13**

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### **Governors letter no 2. December 2010.**

Dear Zontians in District 13.  
Now I have served as your Governor since the Convention in Texas. It has been a great pleasure and also a challenge and lot of work. I thank you all for your work for Zonta. I hope that it gives you great pleasure and you can be sure that you are helping other women in the world to improve their lives.

#### **Board Meeting.**

Our first board meeting was in Reykjavík on the 23rd of October. All board members were able to attend the meeting and our Webmaster Sigrún Magnúsdóttir Thorunn hynna Zontaclub also attended the meeting. She is the webmaster for

the Icelandic homepage and also District 13's homepage.

#### **Goals.**

The following goals for this biennium were approved at the board meeting.

1. We want to retain our members and we want them to be active and happy Zontians.
2. We want to add **one more member** to every club in the District and we want to found **two more clubs**.
3. We have to make Zonta more visible and we must tell people about our mission.
4. We are an international organization and we have made a commitment to give money to The International projects. On the **8th of March the International womens day** we encourage all Zontians in clubs that do not have any special events to donate **10 US dollars** to Zonta International Foundation.

#### **Area Meetings and Leader meetings.**

I went to the Danish area meeting and the 75 years anniversary of the Zontaclub Copenhagen I. It was a great pleasure for me. The Danish Zontians are energetic and this meeting gave a good picture of their good work for Zonta.

I attended the Icelandic leader meeting on the 18th of September and I found that all the Icelandic clubs have more than 20 members and none of them seem to have any problems now.

I will go to a leader meeting in Trondheim on the 4th and 5th of

February. I look very much forward to meet our energetic Norwegian Zontians. Our next board meeting will be in Vilnius and then I am hoping to meet all the club presidents in Lithuania.

### **Homepages**

Our homepage [www.zontadistrict13.org](http://www.zontadistrict13.org) is now in the air. The web page has been well received and we would like to extend our gratitude to our webmaster for her good work. I encourage all Zontians to go into the homepages **zonta.dk** , **zonta.no** and **zonta.is** and of course the international homepage **zonta.org**

They are working on a homepage in Vilnius but Alytus has a homepage **zonta.alytus.org**. All these homepages give much information and are a great help and pleasure for us.

### **The Service Projects**

Our Foundation Ambassador Aud Aakre has set the goal for this biennium to give 125.000 USD to ZIF. I am optimistic that we can do so. In the last biennium we gave 124.000 USD and let us hope that the crisis is coming to an end and that better times are ahead.

### **Clubs and members**

According to a report from Head Quarters there are 3 clubs in District 13 that have some troubles with dues and memberlists and cannot be counted as valid members of Zonta. As a result of that we have only 42 clubs in the District instead of 45 and only 1124 members instead of 1202.

This is not good news and the board will work on this and try to solve the problem.

### **New clubs**

Fortunately we also have some good news. In Denmark the Køge club and the Næstved club are founding a club in Vestsjælland and the Zontaclub of Reykjavík is founding a Zontaclub in Borgarnes and surroundings. We thank these SOM clubs (sponsoring, organizing and mentoring) clubs for their good and great work.

The goal that all clubs add one more member requires an explanation. If a club loses one member they must add two members because the goal is one member netto.

### **Scholarships**

**Amelia Earhart.** The chairman for that committee in District 13 is a former receiver of that scholarship. It is Ljiljana Djapic Oosterkamp in the Zontaclub of Haugesund.

**Young Women in Public Affairs.** The chairman is Eva Nielsen in the Zontaclub of Esbjerg .

### **Jane M. Klausman.**

The chairman is also Eva Nielsen. She has asked for contact persons in all four areas to help her to announce the scholarships and also to help her to evaluate the applications.

### **History of District 13**

Eva Nielsen in Esbjerg Zontaclub has been asked to write the history of District 13 i.e. the new district since 1986. All former governors have been contacted and asked to submit to her all the material that they have from these years.

Eva Nielsen is a member of the **Centennial Anniversary Committee**. The Committee proposes plans to

celebrate the 100th anniversary of Zonta International with the publication of a centennial history together with a range of celebratory events around the world. We are proud of Eva and congratulate her on that important post and wish her all the best in her work.

### **District Conference 2011**

It will be held on the 8th to 11th of September 2011 in Akureyri.

The theme of the conference will be. **“Gender and climate change”**

We have formed a Conference Committee with members from both Zontaclubs in Akureyri. The conference will be held in **Hof** the new **Concert and Conference Center** in Akureyri. We have got two young ladies to give lectures on this theme. One of them is a Zontian. We will send out information about the conference in January 2011 and you will also be able to find all information on the homepage of District 13.

I wish you all **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year** and I thank you for your work for Zonta. I find it a privilege to work with you and for you. It is a privilege getting to know so many interesting and clever women who have the same interests as you have that is to improve the status of women around the world. I look forward to meeting you and working with you in the new year. It will be a great pleasure.

With my best regards

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Governor District 13.



Princess Alexandra and Anne Mia Lykner, club president of Copenhagen I



75 years anniversary of Copenhagen I



Maria Östergaard Vice President of Zonta International  
Lisse-Lotte Rosenkilde Area Director of Denmark



The board of District 13



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Akureyri



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