

## **GOVERNOR REPORT**

Dear Zontians from Germany, Italy, Liechtenstein, Switzerland, and unfortunately no one from Turkey

As you all know, ZI has a mission and a vision:  
Zonta International is a leading global organisation of individuals working together to create a better world for women and girls.

Zonta International's vision is a world in which women's rights are recognised as human rights and every woman can reach her full potential. In such a world, women have access to all resources and are equally represented with men in decision-making positions. In such a world, no woman needs to fear violence.

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1. 100% of clubs should participate in Zonta Says No campaigns with local activities. [We have achieved this in two areas and hopefully the third area will also become more active.](#)
2. Active participation of the three areas in parity activities and raising their profile. [Partially achieved, especially in terms of visibility.](#)
3. Establish a new club in each area. Unfortunately, we have not yet succeeded in this, as the club creator has left Zonta.
4. All members should begin to address climate change and raise local awareness of it: [our clubs are individually responsible for promoting this, under the motto: start with yourself!](#)

We have achieved some of this, but not everything, which means there is still a lot to do for my successor. However, I am very pleased with the clubs that participated in AE, YWLA, JMK (or now YWBLA) and STEM. Many thanks to all of you for this.

And I'm sure you sometimes ask yourselves, what did I do as Governor?

I took part in the following events:

- First interactive district board meeting in Frankfurt, followed by others via Zoom
- Governor calls, both global and regional
- All area meetings in Darmstadt and Trier, Potenza and Parma, as well as Lucerne and Zurich
- Three wonderful anniversaries, in Lucerne (60 years), Wiesbaden (70 years) and 35 years of Lucerne Landschaft. Unfortunately, I missed the fourth anniversary in Hanau due to my accident
- The 10th Interdistrict Seminar in Copenhagen
- The Zonta Italia awards ceremony in Milan
- Preparations for this DC here in Bologna since September 2024.
- And then there were also lots of emails, phone calls, WhatsApp messages, etc. with Zontians in our district.

So it wasn't boring for me...

### **Membership:**

Unfortunately, our district has also been affected by a decline in membership, with a drop of 7.96%. In September 2024, we had 1,268 Zontians, but by May 2025, that number had fallen to 1,237.

We are still one of the larger districts, but for how much longer? We have not lost any clubs, but we have lost members. To date, we have not been able to open any new clubs, which was one of our goals. However, we are pleased to report that we have welcomed 13 new members.

### **Foundation:**

Our district has improved somewhat in terms of donations to the Zonta Foundation, as a few clubs have donated more money. Unfortunately, only 38 of 55 clubs donated to the Foundation last year. We could also catch up in terms of individual donations, as only 4% of Zontians have donated individually. There is room for improvement here, because we should remember that the fewer members we have globally, the less money flows into the Foundation for our projects.

It is a pleasure for me to see the Zonta spirit alive and well in our district. Sometimes it's just little things, but they count too. Whether at area meetings or Zoom meetings, there is always a good atmosphere. I would like to express my gratitude to the entire District Board for the support I have received.

Yours: Governor Kathrin