



Presentations of Candidates 2024 – 2026 : Motivation letters

Kathrin Laubacher	Liestal	Area 04	Governor
	<p>Personal background:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Born and raised in Basel, I started my professional life as a nurse. After ten years I switched to the pharmaceutical industry and worked in various positions at Roche for 30 years until retirement, including monitoring, training and auditing of clinical trials according to ISO 9000 standards. <p>Zonta</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the summer of 1997, shortly before moving to Japan for a year, I joined the Zonta Club Liestal and during that time regularly attended one of the Zonta Clubs in Tokyo. I have been President from 2004-2004, 2012-2014, 2016-2018 and Area Director for Area 04 from 2006 to 2008. In the District, I have also served in several positions, most recently as Lt. Governor. <p>Serving as Lt. Governor in our District is always exciting and has been a pleasure for me so far. I am known as a motivator for other Zontians and also as a supporter for those who need it.</p> <p>A special concern for me, besides the mission of Zonta, is to find new members for our clubs without losing the current Zontians, some of whom have been with us for many years. Let us work together to create a better world for women and girls.</p> <p>Besides Zonta, I have been president of Quartierjobs - formerly NachbarNet in Basel - for 4 years, where we support people who need help such as handicraft, computer support or administration.</p> <p>During the pandemic I worked in the vaccination centre in Muttenz, which was also an enrichment.</p> <p>I would be very happy if you would give me your vote.</p>		


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Gabiella Fumarola	Taranto	Area 03	Lt. Governor
	<p>I have been a Zontian since 2001. I had various elective roles in Zonta. In over twenty years I have convincingly believed in this worldwide organization and I have always carried out with commitment the roles entrusted to me, both elective and nominal.</p> <p>I care about the protection of women's rights as Human Rights at all levels and in every country. The issues of respect and gender equality, inclusion and environmental protection are close into my heart.</p> <p>In the last three years I have collaborated on artistic projects on the dissemination of the UN 2030 Agenda and on environmental protection.</p> <p>I have been Club President, Vice Area and Area Director, I currently have the role of Advocacy for Area 03. I think I have a good Zontian experience and I would be honored to continue to contribute to ZI with new and more challenging experiences. Thank you for your attention.</p>		


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Zelinda Legge	Roma 1	Area 03	Lt. Governor
	<p>I am Zontian since 2005 and I have seen many Zontians come forward to take on Club, Area, District, International positions, and from all these wonderful, inspiring women I have learned how to be a better Zontian and a better person too, but first of all I did understand how is Zonta, as a living entity it only can continue to grow and live if there are Zontians committed to making it grow and continue the work of those wonderful women that started it.</p> <p>I think there is a time for every Zontians to step forward and offer their skill and committment to the growth of Zonta, now I feel it is my time, so there I am, ready to take my share of the work.</p>		


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Laura Santagada	Bologna	Area 03	Treasurer
	<p>Born in Bologna, I am the third generation of economically independent women in mine family and second generation in zonta, before me my mother was zontana.</p> <p>I joined Zonta in 1999, and I like to define myself as a Zonta of the last century. Professionally, I am a chartered accountant in the office where I work, a statutory auditor, an auditor for public bodies, a consultant to the Court of Bologna and a qualified mediator.</p> <p>In the ZC of Bologna I have been councilor, treasurer, secretary, vice-president and then president. I was Area Director for the two-year period 2018-2020 and deputy area director for the two-year period 2016-2018. I was District Auditor for the two-year period 2020-2022. I participated in the International Conventions of Turin, Nice, Yokohama, Hamburg in presence and online at the Convention in Chicago. I participated in the conferences of the District of Munich, Winterthur, Hanau , Milan and Basel , in person and online at the Koblenz Conference.</p> <p>These years have served me to meet many interesting women and with different opinions on how Zonta could be served, opinions to be taken into consideration. I think „building a better world for women and girls“ is not just a slogan, but a life philosophy to pursue. The task of treasurer is essential for the smooth running of a company like for Zonta, it is necessary to set up a good budget in order to make good decisions.</p> <p>I put my long work experience at Zonta's disposal, I think I can help the board prepare a good budget and a correct and clear final balance sheet, with my candidacy for treasurer I wish to support the District, for a correct and transparent management of the resources disposition.</p>		

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Uorschla Rupp	Engiadina	Area 04	Treasurer
	<p>I am Uorschla Rupp. I was born in Tschier, Switzerland, where I also live. My first language is Romansh, the fourth national language of Switzerland; other languages are German, English, Italian and French. My club is the Zonta Club Engiadina – Area 04. I was founding member and I am Zontian since 2011. 2016 – 2018 I was president of my club. Currently I am auditor of my club and treasurer of the Area 04.</p> <p>Although I am retired, I still work part-time as accountant at the WPS Revision AG. I am member of the board of WPS Revision AG. Furthermore, I am president of the board of F. Pitsch SA and of the Cooperativa Butia Tschier Dorfladen, president of the Cadonau Fund and Age representative of the Seniors Val Müstair.</p> <p>I want to offer, as I have done in the past in my club and in the Area 04, my abilities to the service of Zonta. The accounting and financial data are essential to an efficient administration. I have many years of bookkeeping experience and I am sure to be a help of the Board to prepare a correct, clear, and understandable budget.</p>		


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Claudia Wiotte-Franz	Saarlouis	Area 02	Auditor
	<p>I hereby run for the position of auditor for Zonta District 28.</p> <p>As a founding member of the Zonta Club Saarlouis e.V., I have been committed to the ideas of Zonta for over two decades. It is essential for me that women stand up for women.</p> <p>With Zonta I raise my voice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Against the unequal treatment of women - Against poverty among women - Against violence against women - For equal rights - For the integration of women who had to leave their home country due to the political situation - For increasing women's participation in the labour market - In memory of the women's movement <p>With our projects and diverse activities, it is possible to improve the status of women and girls locally, nationally and worldwide.</p> <p>Already during my presidency I followed the motto "Words and deeds - together we are strong". I would like to continue this motto in my work as treasurer of Zonta District 28.</p>		

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Christine Wirtz	Trier	Area 02	Auditor
	<p>I am Christine Wirtz from Germany and an economic mathematician by training. After completing my studies in Germany, I worked for a Belgian consulting company as computer analyst and statistician for four years. In that role, I worked with people from many nationalities with very different backgrounds not only from all around Europe but also globally. This triggered my interest to join the European Commission and ever since 1994 I am working for Eurostat, the statistical office of the EU based in Luxembourg. I went up the organisation over the past almost 30 years and I am now director for social statistics.</p> <p>I am in daily contact with numbers, be it as statistics or as budget that requires sound management and oversight.</p> <p>I am a member of Zonta in the Club of Trier since 2012. I have served as Treasurer (2012-2016), as Vice President (2016-2018) and currently I am President (2021-2024).</p> <p>Attending conventions in Nizza and Hamburg, area conferences and interdistrict seminars in Brügge and Frankfurt enabled me to get to know many Zontians and I am delighted to be part of Zonta.</p> <p>I would be glad to serve Zonta as District auditor.</p>		

Isabella Boselli	Bologna	Area 03	Auditor
	<p>Born in Parma, I have been living in Bologna for years and I am the first generation of economically independent women in my family.</p> <p>Since 2017 I have actively dedicated myself to the projects of ZC Bologna in the role of Councilor and Vice President and then President (two-year period 2018-2020, 2020-2022 and 2022-2024). Furthermore, I was elected Advisor of Area 03 D28 for the two-year period 2020-2022.</p> <p>Professionally I work as a chartered accountant owner of the firm in which I work, statutory auditor, auditor of public bodies, consultant of the Court of Bologna.</p> <p>I am a partner and special audit attorney for public bodies, NGOs, etc., of an important international auditing firm https://www.allrevision.it/ with German Presidency.</p> <p>I am President of the Mixed Conciliatory Commission of the Integrated University Hospital of Verona, appointed by the Regional Guarantor of Personal Rights of the Veneto Region, from 2017 underway in the second term and President of the Mixed Conciliatory Commission of UISS n. 4 Eastern Veneto, appointed by the Regional Guarantor of Personal Rights of the Veneto Region, from 2022 in progress. Finally, I am an administrator/board member of important public and private entities appointed following comparative curriculum vitae procedures.</p> <p>I am applying for District Advisor, because I firmly believe in Zonta and have always respected Accountability. From the time of my experience as a contract professor at the University of Bologna in the field of Advisor of Companies and Entities for over 10 years (from 2000 to 2017), due to my cultural background in the sector (since 2000), to the gained knowledge of Zonta regulations, to be passionate about respecting rules and legality as per the II level Master's degree I obtained in 2017 and above all because I firmly believe in the sense of belonging in Zonta and for this reason I put myself at the service of a role that requires responsibility and commitment.</p> <p>Finally, I believe, responsibly, that I am able to cover this role for the time to be dedicated to the function for which I am applying, and taking into account the professional requirements assumed during my experience as an auditor/auditor of public bodies/in public control and bodies similar to that of Zonta, for a supervision that can guarantee transparency and correct financial management of the economic-financial resources of the governance of the District of Zonta.</p> <p>Thank you for your attention and I send you Zontian greetings.</p>		


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Fabiola Dueri Sonderegger	Schaffhausen	Area 04	Auditor
	<p>I am a Bolivian-born, Swiss citizen with 25 years of residency in Switzerland. I am married and have two adult sons. After completing my studies as a licentiate of psychology in Bolivia, I pursued my passion for continued education and specialization by earning a scholarship to study in Japan. I attended during six years the University of Tokyo and earned a Master's degree and a PhD in Cognitive Neuroscience (1998).</p> <p>Upon arriving in Switzerland, I established myself as an independent practitioner and have been working as a psychologist in private practice during the last 15 years.</p> <p>In addition to my work as a psychologist, I have also gained significant experience in accounting and finance. During my university years in Bolivia, I worked for five years in our family business, where I was responsible for accounting duties. Since moving to Switzerland, I have been involved in my husband's company's accounting department. I have also served as treasurer and auditor in local voluntary associations, acquiring practical experience in the field.</p> <p>I have been an active member of Zonta since 2017 and was warmly accepted into the Zonta Club of Schaffhausen. I strongly identify myself with the club's principles and goals and participate actively in club activities. Currently, I serve as the Club Treasurer and am also responsible for managing our club's social media presence. In 2018, my club sent me as a delegate to the Yokohama Convention, where I was inspired to establish an e-club in Switzerland. After a long recruitment process, I found the required 15 women, and the e-club of Switzerland 1 was founded and it is still active today.</p> <p>I am excited to continue serving in Zonta, that's why I happily accepted the nomination as auditor at the District.</p>		


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Susan Georgijewitsch	Frankfurt am Main	Area 02	Nominating Committee
	<p>I look back on successful 15-years as a management consultant with one of the top international management consultancies. In 2005 I transferred to the third sector and worked as a fundraiser for two German universities and the European Molecular Biology Laboratory until my retirement in October 2020. I hold degrees in mathematics, history, and information science.</p> <p>The experience of engaging with other female managers and partners in creating a European Women network in the management consultancy made me also aware of existing external women networks. The goals of Zonta convinced me most and so I joined Zonta Club Frankfurt am Main in May 2011 and was its president from 2018 to 2020. I am still on the board of ZC Frankfurt am Main and engaged in several of its committees. I have also been leading the ZONTA says No campaign of the club for the last three years. Furthermore, I was a member of the organizing committee for the 9th European District Zonta Seminar on 28 to 30 April 2023 in Frankfurt am Main.</p> <p>I am also on the supervisory board of 'Pfortenpiloten' (www.pfortenpiloten.org), a German NGO.</p> <p>I am very honored to be asked to stand as a candidate for the Nominating Committee of District 28. I do hope that my experience in Human Resources and my network within the district can be useful. And I relish the idea of working for Zonta beyond my club activities.</p>		

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Sonia Albanese	Roma Capitolium	Area 03	Nominating Committee
	<p>I present my candidacy for the position of Nominating Committee 2024-2026 to make available to the entire organization and in particular to District 28 and Area 03 to which I belong, my Zontian experience, obtained for thirty years with continuity of membership in Zonta and with respect for its bright ideals.</p> <p>The passion that binds us to our organization makes the role of the Nominating Committee a crucial one. Working together to select empathic leaders who are respectful of the past but also attentive to current changes in society is an ethical role. Working to find Leaders ready to intervene to keep the organization current and protect the conquests that women have achieved in recent years by extending these rights also to fringes of the population who are not as fortunate as us is a guarantee role.</p> <p>Working to find courageous leaders, capable of seizing opportunities and implementing the rights of all of us, but also tolerant of diversity and capable of conciliation, is a role for the future.</p> <p>I am applying for these reasons with the passion and respect that we all have for Zonta and its ideals, grateful for what I have received from the organization, to try to give back to it and to all of you at least part of the knowledge I have received, putting it at the service of choosing the new leaders called to guide us.</p> <p>If you feel you are in tune with my thoughts, vote for me, I will be happy to represent you.</p>		

Emanuela Tanzi	Parma	Area 03	Nominating Committee
	<p>I have the honor and the pleasure of being a member of Zonta for more than twenty years. I believe in the mission of Zonta International and I've always supported with my action the opportunity that ZI offers to women and girls to be able to improve their lives.</p> <p>I'm strongly committed in collaborating locally, together with the Zonta Club to which I belong, to disseminate Zonta projects and goals both on the institutional and the personal level, but also at the national level: I had the honor of holding District positions during some years of my zontian career, as Ambassador and Area Director, and I'm actually member of the Board of Directors in the National Council of Italian Women.</p> <p>These roles gave me the opportunity to visit many Zontian clubs, to promote new members entry, to share Zontian objectives with members of other Associations at the national level and to confront with people from different backgrounds and personal histories.</p> <p>All these experiences have strengthened my ability to support Zontian ideals and recognize people who can support them while creating positive and energized communities with the aim of making the world a better place for women and girls, and consequently, for humans.</p> <p>My Club has encouraged me to run for the Nominating Committee, because in their opinion this role is suited to my skills and experience.</p> <p>Thus, in a Zontian spirit of service, I submit my name for the office of Nominating Committee.</p>		

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Doris Rutishauser	Liestal	Area 04	Nominating Committee
 A portrait of Doris Rutishauser, a woman with short grey hair and glasses, wearing a patterned jacket over a dark top, against a blue background.	<p>I am Doris Rutishauser, mother of two adult children, CPA and self-employed. As a member of Zonta for the past 13 years I have served in various roles: as club president, club treasurer, as auditor on various levels and, most recently, as District Treasurer.</p> <p>While I am quite busy professionally, I do want to continue to contribute to the cause of Zonta, be it in an elected formal position, be it more informally at Club level with fundraising, projects or awards.</p> <p>Having been the District Treasurer for the past three years and being a regular participant at club and area meetings I think I am in a good position to serve as member for Area 04 of the Nominating Committee of the District.</p> <p>I would be honoured to continue to serve at District Level. That is why I ask for your trust and your vote.</p>		