

Area Report

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Period: 1 June 2022 to August 2023

The Area Board consists of four members:

- Katja Kamphans, Area Director
- Meike Rieken, Vice Area Director
- Bärbel Riemann, Vice Area Director
- dr Monika Maiworm-Baatz, Treasurer.

Area 02/28 currently has 24 Zonta Clubs and two Golden Z Clubs, with a total of 713 club members. This makes Area 02 one of the largest areas in Germany and in District 28. That is why our area is special in that there are two Vice Area Directors. Together with the two vice area directors, the area director shares the visits to the clubs in the area.

The following Zontaclubs belong to Area 02:

ZC am Taunus, ZC Bad Bergzabern, ZC Bad Homburg, ZC Bad Nauheim-Friedberg, ZC Bad Soden-Kronberg, ZC Burg Staufenberg-Gießen, ZC Darmstadt, ZC Frankfurt am Main, ZC Frankfurt II Rhein-Main, ZC Hanau, ZC Koblenz I, ZC Koblenz Rhein-Mosel, ZC Ludwigshafen-Pfalz, ZC Mainz, ZC Marburg, ZC Neustadt-Weinstraße, ZC Nidda-Oberhessen, ZC Rheingau-Rheinhessen, ZC Saarlouis, ZC Seligenstadt, ZC Speyer-Germersheim, ZC Trier, ZC Wetzlar , ZC Wiesbaden

Golden Z Club Main Taunus, Golden Z Club Marburg

Area 02 currently has 36 delegate votes from the clubs plus 4 votes from the Area Board.

At the beginning of the 2022-24 biennium, the following Area Board meetings took place:

- May 4, 2022 - Presence
- June 12, 2022 – Online
- July 21, 2022—Online
- August 28, 2022 – Online
- August 31, 2022 – Online
- October 26, 2022 – Online
- November 23, 2022 – Online
- February 11, 2023 – personal talks within the Union Conference
- March 2, 2023—Online
- June 1, 2023 – Online

Area conferences

In Area 02, conferences take place in the Biennium 4 Area (every autumn and spring).

1st Area Conference

With the beginning of the biennium, the first area conference took place on September 10, 2022 in Giessen. All but three of the 26 Zonta clubs in the area were present. Two of the three clubs who were not present (ZC Bad Vilbel-Karben, ZC Landau-Südpfalz) assigned proxy,

one club (ZC Ludwigshafen Pfalz) was neither present nor assigned proxy. In total over 50 Zontians, including delegates and guests took part in the conference.

In addition to the regulations, the content of the conference included:

- Keynote speech by ZI Amelia Earhart Award 2022 winner
- Training of the new Presidents and Treasurers
- Updates from the Zonta Union and District 28
- Advocacy - issues and structures within the Zonta organization
- Lecture on poverty in old age
- Miscellaneous / Appointments

2nd Area Conference

The second area conference took place on March 25, 2023 in Wiesbaden. 20 club delegates from 26 Zonta clubs of Area 02 were present, six clubs (ZC am Taunus, ZC Bad Vilbel-Karben, ZC Koblenz Rhein-Mosel, ZC Landau-Südpfalz, ZC Seligenstadt, ZC Wetzlar) gave proxy. Thus, all Zonta clubs in the area were represented with delegate votes. In total over 40 Zontians, including delegates and guests took part in the conference.

The main topics of the area conference were:

- Updates from the Zonta Union and District 28
- Workshop: Inspiring women for Zonta - ideas for club formation
- The District STEM award
- State women's councils – the voice of women
- Lecture: Zonta helps Ukraine
- Miscellaneous

The third area conference will take place on September 8, 2023 in Chur/Switzerland. For reasons of time and cost, the Area Conference in Wiesbaden voted that the third Area Conference should take place as part of the District Conference and that the new Area Board 2024-26 be elected in addition to the regulations.

The fourth Area Conference will take place in March 2024 - the exact date and venue have not yet been decided.

Current

Unfortunately, during this biennium, two Zonta clubs have decided to resign from the Zonta Fellowship. ZC Bad Vilbel-Karben and ZC Landau-Südpfalz have applied to ZI for their dissolution as of May 31, 2023. As a result, both clubs were liquidated. The reasons for their dissolution of the club were: aging of the clubs, members leaving the club and no new members step into. As a result, the remaining club members were unwilling to take on various Zonta offices within the club. For many years there has been no willingness to assume the presidency, so that the incumbent presidents have held these offices for several years. Both clubs have increasingly lost members over the past 10-15 years (among other things for reasons of age) or have not been able to gain any new members. Most recently, there were eight members in the ZC Bad-Vilbel-Karben and 15 members in the ZC Landau-Südpfalz. Unfortunately, existing members could not be persuaded to join surrounding Zonta clubs. In many telephone calls and face-to-face meetings, both clubs were discussed and worked out how a club dissolution can be avoided. Unfortunately, both clubs could not be

persuaded to think about dissolving the club again. Thus, both clubs were dissolved on May 31, 2023.

Club anniversaries

The following clubs celebrated their club anniversaries this biennium:

May 20, 2023: ZC Bad Soden-Kronberg - 35 years

June 15, 2023: ZC Frankfurt am Main - 60 years

June 18, 2023: ZC Burg Staufenberg-Gießen - 30 years

I took part in the celebrations of ZC Bad Soden-Kronberg. Unfortunately, I had to cancel my participation in the ZC FFM and ZC Gießen for professional reasons.

Club visits

Participation in the following club evenings:

ZC Hanau - in June 8, 2022, July 13, 2022, September 14, 22, October 12, 22, November 9, 22, January 11, 23, February 8, 23, May 10, 23, June 14, 2023 (regular update about Area / District and Union topics)

ZC Frankfurt am Main - July 11, 2023 (Presentation of Zonta goals and structures)

ZC Bad Nauheim-Friedberg - July 26, 2023 (Presentation of Zonta goals and structures)

District

In addition to my area and UdZC duties, I have attended all previous online district board meetings, as well as the face-to-face district meeting on April 28, 2023 in Frankfurt.

The willingness of the clubs from my Area 02 to donate to the ZI Foundation is very gratifying. All 24 Zontaclubs have fulfilled their donation obligations.

Zonta Union Germany

As the acting area director in this biennium, I am also president of the Zonta Union Germany (UdZC), which is the union of all Zonta clubs in Germany. That's currently 136 Zonta Clubs, 2 eClubs and 4 Golden Z Clubs.

As part of my work as Union President, there are also monthly meetings with the Union committees (13x online board meetings, 1x face-to-face board meeting at the weekend), a general meeting for all German Zonta clubs was organized and held in Hanau in February 2023, a seminar conference will take place in February 2024 in Bad Nauheim and during the year I took part in various working group meetings on Zonta says No and Advocacy (5x working group meetings).

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