



### **Area 03 District 28**

Area 03 of District 28 includes 21 Clubs, 20 of which are Italian and one Turkish, and over 300 members. A harmonious and collaborative area where the Zontian values of trust, commitment and honesty stand out.

Area 03 of District 28 is characterized by unity of purpose and sharing. All clubs work successfully in line with the objectives of Zonta International. Numerous initiatives have been put in place for the 16 days of activism for the Zonta says no to violence against women campaign. Every year, individual clubs celebrate Amelia Earhart Day and Rose Day, with events of excellence, which highlight Zonta's mission in the world.

The clubs of Area 03 of District 28 stand out for their work and awards received. Among these, there are, among many: the Zonta Excellence in Service and Advocacy Award received by the Parma club during the Brisbane 2024 International Convention; Zonta International's 2022 Amelia Earhart Fellowship Award awarded to two PhD students identified by the Milano Sant'Ambrogio club.

Area 03 of the district is generous: Fondazione Zonta per le Donne receives constant donations, including through themed services and voluntary proceeds.

### **Area meeting: 19 October 2024 - Potenza**



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**12 April 2025 - Parma**



### **Events**

#### **Zonta Italia Award 2025**



On May 27, 2025, in the prestigious setting of Palazzo Isimbardi in Milan, the official award ceremony of the Zonta Italia 2025 Scholarship took place, an initiative created to support young women working in the sectors of craftsmanship, design, business and fashion.

This first edition, entirely dedicated to the world of fashion, was a great success, registering 143 applications from all over Italy. A figure that testifies to the growing desire, on the part of the new generations, to assert themselves in creative and strategic sectors for Made in Italy.

It is worth highlighting the presence of Fernanda Gallo Freschi President-Elect of Zonta International. An honour for all of us ZONTIANE!

The award was given to Sofia Fabris, a second-year student of the Fashion Design course at the Next Fashion School – Padua campus.

The jury awarded her for her vision, creativity, coherence and determination, as well as for her commitment to interesting research on sustainability in fashion, an increasingly central theme for the future of the sector.

## **Area Board**

**Evelyn Zappimbulso**



Area Director ZC Taranto

**Monica Ghirardini**



Vice Area Director ZC Venezia

**Caterina Di Chiara**



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**Daniela Ferrara**



Secretary ZC Palermo Zyz

## **Area Director**

Since June 1, 2024, as Area Director, I have immediately contacted all the presidents via email and by setting up a WhatsApp group for quick communications. I have met all the presidents once a month with online meetings and, when they requested it, I have organized online meetings with individual clubs, for proposals and problems. Together with the area board, we have recovered two clubs that were intending to close, and we have supported and encouraged them to move forward. I personally contact the presidents by phone for advice and new proposals. I believe I can support their needs and I inform each of them about the objectives and targets of Zonta International, as reported to me directly by the international or by our governor, always present, Kathrin Laubacher. Thanks to the collaboration of Zonta Italia, we have organized two training meetings on the organization, role and functions of Zonta for the Presidents and new members. In the week of July 7-10, 2025, together with other board members, I will personally visit the clubs of Bari and Barletta. In September, I plan to visit the clubs in Rome Capitolium and Naples.

I am honoured and proud to be able to serve Zonta, because I believe that its mission in the world is fundamental for every woman.

## Activities

Area 03 of District 28 of Zonta International, in line with the international objectives, for the social year 2024, as highlighted in the last area meeting held in Parma in April 2025, has implemented numerous activities, divided into the 21 clubs of the area concerned.

The challenges that women and girls globally must face are vast and complex and reflect deeply rooted social norms, systemic inequalities and discriminatory practices. In the face of these challenges, we Zontians are ready to act, because we believe that together we have the power to rewrite the narrative to create a world in which women's rights are considered human rights, for which everyone is responsible. We firmly believe that the promise of a sustainable and equitable future is realized first and foremost by starting from training and prevention initiatives for future generations.

During the year 2024, together, we supported Goal no. 5 of the 2030 Agenda "Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls".

With targeted projects in middle and high schools, in collaboration with institutions and law enforcement agencies, the 21 clubs of Area 03 of District 28 have aimed at preventing gender-based violence through active training. We believe that gender equality can be achieved through education and culture; because only education and culture can truly empower all women and girls. For us, it is not simply a goal, but a promise to ensure that no woman or girl is left behind, so that their voices are heard and their dreams are cultivated and realized.

The biennial objectives carried forward in the 2024 social year by Area 03 District 28 of Zonta International, in line with the global strategic plan of our association, were: combating violence against women, climate justice, supporting and implementing the presence of women in decision-making processes, more educational opportunities and, above all, equality.

The biennial goals describe the most critical aspects on which our global community focuses.

In addition to these biennial goals, we have complete and detailed operational plans, with objectives and key performance indicators for the various daily activities implemented by the 21 clubs in their respective territories. We therefore focus on the human rights of women and girls.

Worthy of note were the educational projects for the prevention of gender violence within the *Zonta Says No To Violence Against Woman* campaign. There were several awareness-raising events during the 16 days of activism and thematic seminars were attended, which saw Zonta sit at the table together with other associations that share our same values.

Area 03 of District 28 of ZI also supports the Foundation's objectives and funds, which are structured as follows:

- Education, training and development of young people, through scholarships and financial support.
- Woman in Aerospace – Amelia Earhart Fellowship, for the achievement by female students of degrees in aerospace science and engineering.
- Woman in Business – Jane M. Klausman Scholarship Fund, to support women in business careers in order to help train deserving female role models.
- Woman in Technology, to encourage women in familiarity with technology.
- YWPA - Young Woman in Public Affaire Award, an annual award to young women for their commitment shown in various fields.

Our Area 03 of Zonta District 28 acts as a credible and visible voice on gender equality, promoting change for gender equality in every field and area.

10 June 2025

*Evelyn Zappimbulso*      Area Director 2024-2026

	Clubs	number of members
1	BARI	5
2	BARLETTA	4
3	BOLOGNA	31
4	BOLOGNA DUE TORRI	16
5	COSENZA	4
6	CREMONA	27
7	MILANO SANT'AMBROGIO	23
8	NAPOLI	6
9	PALERMO TRISCELE	15
10	PALERMO ZYZ	24
11	PARMA	11
12	POTENZA	9
13	REGGIO EMILIA	27

14	ROMA 1	13
15	ROMA CAPITOLIUM	5
16	TARANTO	14
17	VENEZIA	19
18	E-CLUB of ITALY	8
19	E-CLUB of MATERA	8
20	E-CLUB of ROMA PARIOLI	23
21	ISTANBUL	19