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Letter Area Director 01

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Dear President,
dear Members of the Club Board, dear Zontians,

I am proud of serving and honored to work for all club members in our Area as your new Area Director for this Biennium. As each personality is different, I am bringing my own approach to the position with enthusiasm, motivation and all possible engagement. Since probably I won't have the opportunity to get to know all of you personally, I like to introduce myself:

My name is Heike Schmidt, I am 48 years old, and a company owner in the real estate branches. I am married and mother of three kids. I have been founding member of the Zonta Club Feldbach for 10 years. I promise you I am on fire for the Zonta goals and spirit and I will give my best for the coming biennium. It is a great honor to me standing in front of so many powerful and social engaged women.

The last Area Meeting had taken place in Budapest. It was a pleasure to me being part of it and visitor of such a beautiful city with their warm-hearted Zontian. Attached you can find the minutes of the Area Meeting.

The convention in Japan was very successful. **Susanne von Bassewitz** is the 2018-2020 President of Zonta International and the Zonta International Foundation. For the past three years,



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Zonta has focused on the [Sustainable Development Goal 5](#) (gender equality). As a sign of strong partnership in this Biennium, our Foundation will fund three important projects in partnership with UN agencies. One of them with the highest single sum ever voted on at a Zonta Convention: US\$2 million in the next two years to “Ending Child Marriage.”

Please give your delegate the opportunity to report about the Convention at the club meeting. Hopefully your club could be inspired of the big Zonta spirit.

Our central idea, the core of Zonta, is still strong. It was innovative 100 years ago. And, today, it is as relevant and timely as before. We believe in making the world a better place by empowering women. However, not always we are well-known enough. Therefore, the best way to make a real good visibility of Zonta in your Club and surrounding is to celebrate this 100st anniversary of Zonta. Please be creative and outstanding with your ideas.

Very soon, the next Area Meeting will take place. The Zonta Club Burgenland will be our host and they will celebrate their 30th club anniversary at this meeting too. It would be great if you will attend with many of your club members. It is an opportunity to get in contact with great woman and to inhale the Zonta spirit. It would be useful to bring also your newly

listed members to this meeting for their better understanding of Zonta.

Please save the date:

Area Meeting Bad Tatzmannsdorf 28th – 30th September 2018

Attached you can find the invitation, the registration form and the hotel list.

So, please let us go in this period with enthusiasm and full engagement. I want to thank you for your commitment and loyalty in advance.

With warm regards,



Heike Schmidt
Area Director 01



Yokohama, Convention, Flag Parade Austria