

Governor' s Letter No.01 - January 2019

Dear club-presidents,
District 14 board members and committee chairs,
dear Zontians,

the new biennium has started some time ago and many of us came back from Yokohama inspired by our Convention and impressed of the warm japanese hospitality. I am very proud to serve as your Governor for the next two years in this special, centennial biennium and together we will celebrate, look back and set sails for the future.

If you have any questions or concerns, your Area Director is the one to contact first hand, in special cases the chair in charge of that topic. Communication to ZI should be from the Governor to the Board Liaison.

As I have visited all 4 Area Meetings, I met many of you and learned a lot about your clubs, your achievements, challenges and plans.

Talking about membership, I want to remind you of the new category of Individual Membership, which might be interesting for those who leave their club for different reasons but want to stay a Zontian. Retaining members often seems to be a problem – may be they had the wrong information about Zonta when joining? To enhance that I plan to send out a newsletter from time to time with a short reminder of one basic topic each, for sure in cooperation with the District Chairs, that you can use in your meetings to talk a few minutes about one Zonta topic. As a start you will find attached the list of „who is who in D14“ with a description of all positions.

Looking forward to our Centennial celebrations I want to invite you to our District Conference in Erfurt from 27–29 September 2019. We will celebrate together, look back at our history and current achievements as well as discuss future possibilities for Zonta. For guests we will organize some nice trips around as 1919 was an important year for nearby Weimar: the location of the first democratic German Parliament and the birthplace of the Bauhaus.

You will soon get the information about our new District 14 project „100 Zontians – 100 role models“ from your Area Director. Please take part and give young ladies this support in proceeding a career. The facebook page is already online (Zonta District 14) so please help to spread the impact.

I also want to encourage all clubs to join in the international awards, scholarship and fellowship programs. This is a very good opportunity to get in touch with young women as well as a possibility for media interest.



And I want to remind you all to the Centennial Grants (deadline March 31), Country Awards and the District Award. If you have an idea which person or organization, well known or a hidden champion, should be honored for their significant contribution to the empowerment of women outside Zonta please send it to your Area Director before your next Area Meeting in spring. That can be the moment to decide(if there are more clubs from one country). But for sure you can honor as well somebody locally at club level.

This is it for today, carry on with your club life, projects and enthusiasm to empower women!

Yours

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ina Wäberling". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small 'a' above the 'ä'.

Governor District 14
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