



## DISTRICT 27 NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2022

Dear all,

Almost six months of Zonta business and real Zonta life lie behind us. This newsletter will try a little resumé and will show you what we have achieved and done up to now.

After the end of the wonderful Convention in Hamburg/Germany those who were elected and appointed in advance started full of energy in our new Zonta business.

First of all, there the Committee chairs were to be appointed (28 persons) to build up with the executive Board (4 persons) the new District 27 Board (2022-2024). <https://www.zonta-district27.org/zonta-team>

The **ZI-GOALS** for the next Biennium remain aligned with Zonta's mission (new mission: Build a better world for women and girls) and vision and are centered around five objectives:

1. **Stand Out for Gender Equity**
2. **Represent Global Citizenship**
3. **Develop Future Leaders**
4. **Celebrate Ourselves**
5. **Position Zonta for the Future**

As I wrote to you about my goals and main focus ([Notification II, updated version](#)), the Board started to fulfill its tasks aligned with the goals and programs of Zonta International.

Since July, I have met up with the District Board and Committee Chairs a lot of times. Thanks a lot to the seven Area Directors and the Committee Chairs and Committee Members for all their patience and goodwill.

Because of the special situation of our Area 04 (the three clubs in Ukraine) and our responsibility of the donations given from around the world for this

Area we have to hold some meetings with the special focus on this country and its needs. ([Newsletter of our Refugee Aid Coordinator in Ukraine](#)).

A special thank you to **Régine Dequelle**.

### **AWARDEES**

Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship (JMK Award)

All in all, District 27 had 5 candidates for the JMK Award 2022.

A big thank you to the clubs of Area 01, Area 06 and Area 07 that looked for candidates and submitted applications to the JMK Women in Business Committee. Sandra Renaud has taken over the JMK-Award Committee from Chantal Plateau.

Thanks a lot to the Committee for the great work and to **Chantal Plateau** for her support.

The participants of District 27 are:

*1<sup>st</sup>: Kerstin Arndt ZC Göttingen Area 07*

*2<sup>nd</sup>: Anneleen Huyghe ZC Waasland Area 06*

*3<sup>rd</sup>: Alina Firkatovich Area 01*

*4<sup>th</sup>: Luzviminda Virag Julesz Area 01*

*5<sup>th</sup>: Yehvenia Klymenko Area 01*

A wonderful result was the gaining of the first and second place in the Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship 2022.

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As District 27 is the second largest District in the Zonta world we are qualified to submit the first 2 winners for the international prize. (This is a new international guideline of this Biennium). Congratulations to the two awardees!

### Zonta Awardees Connected

One of my goals for this Biennium was to join ZAC (Zonta Awardees Connected) they do this virtually by LinkedIn ([See attachments ZAC Flyer, Flyer English, Flyer Deutsch](#)). An Initiative of District 29 which grows and grows. They were at the Convention in Hamburg and they will be in Frankfurt at the EIDS.

I'm very happy that at our DBMI we decided unanimously to join this network.

In April 2023 the 9. European Interdistrict Zonta Seminar (EIDS) will take place in Frankfurt am Main (April 28th-30th, 2023).

There all Awardees will be invited and this Seminar will be a good possibility for networking. ([See the invitation: 9. European Interdistrict Seminar – Frankfurt am Main 28-30 April 2023.](#))

### First DBM in Hanover

In November we had our first DBM of the Biennium in Hanover. There, we celebrated the 103<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of Zonta International. It was all in all a wonderful experience, we laughed heartily, worked in a concentrated manner and achieved our goal to reach a consensus about working together with District 29 concerning the Youngsters (see above).



Unfortunately, **Carola Schäfer** (Young Women in Public Affairs Awards) was excused from participating in the DBM in Hanover that is why we postponed this part of the agenda to the next DBM in **Antwerpen (14.-16.04 2023)**.

As you know I have planned that we in the District learn more about each other and our activities in the field of advocacy, this - in the best case – may result in "best practices" as well as a reporting system about what is being done and thought about these activities inside and also outside the Zonta world. This is what is called policies in the Istanbul Convention.



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### **On our special topic of the Meeting: “Advocacy”**

Firstly we were told competently about the way things are going at present at the UN and CSW by **Karin Lange**.

Secondly the Advocacy Country View which gave us the strong connection regarding the international ideas of Advocacy and what this means to us as a District, and last but not least our own and personal view on Advocacy was reflected very intensively and understandably by **Christiane Lemberg**.  
(See: [Advocacy Country view 2022-11-12](#))

Her talk ended with a schedule of three steps:

1. Structure: Build a D27 Advocacy network
2. Information: Becoming experts on the field of causes
3. Networking: Exchanging ideas in D27 to be more effective and become stronger

Unfortunately, we were not able to organize a Meeting as Kick-Off for ADs and Delegates in December 2022.

This is our task for January 2023. I hope in all the 75 Clubs there is one Zontian, who would like to be Area and/or Club officer for Advocacy.

The third part of this theme was prevention and protection in a very practical sense. This means for me to bundle all the work around ZsN that is done by the clubs on the ground. Unfortunately, Lut de Baene couldn't take part in the DBM.

In the context of Advocacy Helena Kovalschuk (Area 04) showed us a short video of their latest projects. (see:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1AHKnPh6e2nQzRk1->

[ceJ1zk\\_kbvR70DuT/view?usp=drive\\_web](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1AHKnPh6e2nQzRk1-) I have already mentioned above the contribution of our refugee Aid Coordinator in Ukraine.

All ADs of the other Areas reported on their work and goals. Latest news from the 16 days of activism shows that my goal:

“All clubs in the District take part in the Activities of ZsN” is fulfilled.

**I thank you all very much for your efforts!**

**Please send your best practice examples and photos** from your 16 days - campaign work to **Liesbeth van Landegem** our greater visibility promoter.

### **More members**

The next focus is on the never-ending question how to gain more members and recruit more young professionals. At the DBM Florence Fischer-Herber explained and spoke about the new position of a Club Creator which is the function she performs. At the moment, we try to start again a new club in Poland.

Also, a new country: Tunesia is an inquiry at the ZI Board Meeting in December.

**Last but not least I would like to remind you of the Zonta Foundation:** You all know that it is also in our hands to gain the money base of our work.

Our Foundation Ambassador Chair has drawn up a very informative and understandable “light version presentation” (Attachment). Thanks a lot to **Maria Uhlenkamp**.

**With this you all could be experts in this field!**

I would like you to take this chance to speak out for our foundation wherever you are and whenever the opportunity arises.

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In each Area we now have a Foundation Ambassador who all work with the elaborated presentation from Maria.

You as Area Directors or Club presidents could ask for a presentation in your clubs or Area Meetings so that the good work of the foundation is spread again and again.

**It should be a never-ending story!**

In the coming months don't forget to practice the Zonta Spirit. It is the heart and soul of clubs and it supports clubs to create a strong culture of community, fun, friendship and an inclusive approach.



*Here are some dates and events for the coming months*

### **January**

January 11 Amelia Earhart Day

WiB Scholarship Materials available

### **March**

Global week of action

March 8 International Women's Day and Zonta Rose Day

CSW 67

### **April**

Add your voice membership campaign

Annual dues invoices created

April 1 New members can be added for the following membership year

April 1 YWPA club applications due to district

April 28 – 30: 9. European Interdistrict Seminar – Frankfurt am Main



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## **Save the Date**

### **District 27 Conference**

**September 22.-24.09.2023, Luxembourg**

More information will follow.

Ending with a little Christmas poem by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow:

## **Christmas Bells**

***I heard the bells on Christmas Day***

***Their old, familiar carols play,***

***And wild and sweet***

***The words repeat***

***Of peace on earth, good-will to men!***

I wish you all and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Warm regards



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If you want to go far, go together!*  
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