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**I send my best wishes for you, your families
and Zonta clubs for 2016**

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Convention

1 July 2016 through 6 July

“Don’t miss a convention!” It is here the policies of Zonta International are determined, the officers and directors elected, reports are given and you have an excellent opportunity to meet Zontians from all over the globe. ZI president now knows that Bylaws will occupy lesser time than at the latest conventions even if 15 minutes will be given to each proposal. This means that there will be room for more workshops.

Please find all information at this address: <http://zontaconventionnice.com/>

Registration is open now. Please, notice that you need to know **your international ID number to register**. HQ will issue an email with the number to all members after 1 January.

In addition, you can find your ID number at the address label on your Zonta Magazine or ask your club treasurer, who has access to the international register.

There is a special offer to the **Early birds**. Early bird registration **ends on Monday February 29 2016**. This early registration is cheaper than the one for Torino Convention in 2012. If you register as an Early bird, you will get a discount of 65 USD.

ZI President Maria Jose tells that the convention committee has negotiated fair rates at the hotels on the list. Note that Zonta benefits if attendees book rooms through the Zonta room block so please book this way. You might also find accommodation at other hotels; please, book in a timely manner, “Nice is Nice”, as Maria Jose says, “and it is summer season”.

Club Delegates. ZI Bylaws article X sec 4 (a) says that each club in good standing is entitled to one delegate and one alternate. If the membership **based upon the dues payment through 1 March**, exceeds 30 the club is entitled to a second delegate and alternate. A delegate may carry the total votes to which the club is entitled.

As governor, I kindly ask club presidents and club treasurers to look carefully at the membership list at www.zonta.org (leadership access) and notice that the **number of members on this list 1 March 2016** decides how many delegates your club is entitled to.

Delegates’ credentials will only be handed out to delegates of clubs, which have paid dues to Zonta International for **2016–17 no later than 1 June 2016**. It is a good idea for delegates to carry with them the receipt showing that international dues are paid within due date.

Proxies. ZI Bylaws article X section 4 (b) says: “Any club unable to send a delegate to convention may be represented by proxy. A club electing to be represented by proxy shall be entitled to its total votes by proxy. A club may carry the total proxy votes from each of two other clubs except that the total votes carried by one club may not exceed five.”

Please notice, that only delegates may carry proxies.

Registration of club delegates and proxies.

Convention Delegate Registration Form and Convention Proxy Form will be available in March. It is the duty of the **club president** to fill in these forms and forward them to ZI.

Please, inform governor of the name/s of the delegate/s (name of club, name of delegate, email address and hotel in Nice) and to whom proxy will be given. I will be in contact with the delegates before and during convention.

March Mailings to the clubs from HQ.

The next official club mailing will be in March 2016. This mailing will contain all the information necessary to prepare for the Nice convention. **Please be sure there will be time at club meetings to work with this material.**

Workshops at convention.

Until now 6 workshops are on the program

1. Workshop #1 – Advocacy: What is advocacy and how can clubs empower women locally through advocacy.
2. Workshop #2 – UN and CoE: How do the United Nations and Council of Europe work? What is Zonta's role at the UN and the CoE? How can clubs be involved?
3. Workshop #3 – Post 2015 Agenda and the SDGs. Priorities for empowering women in the Post 2015 agenda. Zonta's focus on Sustainable Development Goal number 5.
4. Workshop #4 – Building and securing strong clubs. Building up the club spirit, conflict resolution, effective and meaningful meetings.
5. Workshop #5 – Our giving matters. Good fundraising practices focus on projects in line with Zonta's mission and vision.
6. Workshop #6 – Club Presidents' leadership TTT training. Strengthening the leadership skills of club presidents, tricks, tips and traps.

Maria Jose tells that roundtables/workshops will be added to the program. These are intended for the attendees who are not voting members so that they have sessions to attend parallel to the bylaws sessions. The sessions will be interactive allowing for the exchange of thoughts and ideas, foster networking and provide suggestions for actions that help Zonta to move forward as the leading organization empowering women through service and advocacy. Currently, there is space for approximately four sessions.

ZI president Maria Jose has asked the governors if they know of any wishes for workshops. Please, share your ideas with governor no later than 20 January 2016 stating **topic and objective for a one hour session concisely. If you know a candidate for leader, facilitator or rapporteur to the roundtable please provide the name, Zonta club and email.**

District meeting in Nice

District-13 meeting will be in the morning Saturday 2 July at 10.35 am–11.20 am. Please be sure to be there at 10:30 that the meeting can start on time. This means that you should arrive in Nice on Friday 1 July in time for attending the meeting. Governor will inform you of the exact time and location.

There will be a designated area for delegates from D-13. The location will probably rotate from day to day. Here D-13 delegates will have a chance to meet shortly before each business sessions.

Happy Hour before the Closing Banquet

A tradition worth keeping is the Happy Hour for convention participants from District-13 before the Closing Banquet with the installation ceremony. In Orlando, we welcomed our incoming ZI president Maria Jose, in Nice we will acknowledge her for a job well done. Please mark it in your calendar. Governor will inform you on the exact time and location.

New ZI website is coming look for it by the end of January!

Zonta's New Website Will Deliver Five Major Upgrades:

1. Zonta's Public Website – Delivering Zonta's message about our Mission and Vision, with our new brand identity, and sections for Zonta Says No to violence against women, a club finder, scholarships and other frequently sought items by visitors.
2. Improved navigation – Your voice has been heard. The website team has done user focused design to improve navigation and the new website will provide a better search function.
3. My Zonta – A personal web experience with Zonta – just for you. With one login, you will be able to access:
 - a. Your Zonta profile and member information.
 - b. Your quick links to the materials needed for your job as an officer in a Zonta club, area or district, and
 - c. Links to your preferred areas in the Zonta Community.
4. Zonta Community – Zonta will provide a private social network for Zontians to share, talk and connect. This part of Zonta's new website will provide more security and privacy and allow us to connect worldwide.
5. Zonta Foundation – A dedicated section for the materials and tools of the Zonta International Foundation.

District and Area and Club websites

Committees are working to find new solutions for websites. More information to you as soon as it is ready.

Please update your club websites. It would be nice to be able to find all activity calendars.

Position Papers

ZI Board has now approved these Advocacy Position statements, which will be uploaded soon at the website:

1. Position Paper on Women's Rights and Non-State Terrorist groups.
2. Position Paper on prostitution.
3. Position Paper on Migration and the Rights of Women Migrants.
4. Position Paper on human trafficking.

The United Nations Committee on the Status of Women (CSW)

The CSW have meetings in New York every year in March. Planning for UN CSW 60 is continuing now, and Zonta International has forwarded a statement, which you can find here

<http://www.zonta.org/Portals/0/PDFs/New%20PDFs/Zonta%20CSW60%20Statement-final.pdf>
<http://www.unwomen.org/en/csw/csw60-2016>

There will be an informal training session for Zontians on Sunday 13 March 2016. On the following days there will be meetings for Zontians at the Westin Hotel between 5 and 6 pm to share experiences and ideas and plan the next day.

Dinner with ZI President Maria Jose will be Friday 18 March 2016 – it is a ticketed event.

You must book your own accommodation.

If you are thinking of participating, please contact Megan Radavich, Director of Programs and Advocacy at mradavich@zonta.org

Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA)

It is time for your club to decide promoting this program.

You find all guidelines and application at this address

<http://www.zonta.org/ClubsLeadership/Tools/Award,ScholarshipFellowshipTools.aspx>

Due dates:

Clubs in area 01 (Denmark) – 1 March 2016 to area committee chair Helle Klietsch:
hellekli@gmail.com

Clubs in area 2, 3 and 4 – 1 April 2016 to district committee chair Ruth Juul Høgh:
ruth@ruth.dk

District 13 YWPA – winner 2015 was 19-year old Sofie Amalie Poulsen from Frederiksberg



At the District 13 meeting in Billund Sofie Amalie Poulsen from Frederiksberg received the District 13 Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA) Award for "having demonstrated leadership-abilities and social engagement".

Sofie Amalie first won the Zonta Club of Copenhagen I YWPA Award, and then had her application forwarded to the District Committee. When she applied for the award in early 2015, Sofie Amalie was still a very active student at Frederiksberg Gymnasium, where she together with a friend shared the roles of "student-ombudsman" and Chair of the Student Council. She has also been active in other kinds of voluntary work, for example, for exchange students at the Nordic level.

In the summer of 2015, Sofie graduated from Frederiksberg Gymnasium and then started to do voluntary work for The Union of Danish Upper Secondary School Students while at the same time holding a job in a shop during a "sabbatical year" before going on to university, most probably to Copenhagen Business School. Sofie has learned Chinese in school and hopes to be able to use this in a future international career. She finds Zonta an exciting organization, which she hopes to join in the future.

Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship (JMK)

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Due dates:

Clubs in area 01 (Denmark) – 1 May 2016 to area committee chair Birthe Jastrup:
jastrup@privat.dk

Clubs in area 2, 3 and 4 – 1 June 2016 to district committee Chair Ruth Juul Høgh:
ruth@ruth.dk

District 13 JMK winner 2015 received International Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarship

This year the District 13 winner Julia A. Kositzki from CBS has also been awarded one of the 12 international Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarships, so all told Julia has received 8,000 USD to help finance her studies this semester at COPPEAD Graduate School of Business in Rio de Janeiro in Brazil.

The Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarships puts a focus on the students of today as the leaders of tomorrow, taking into account that still only a few women have become Top Leaders in the business sector.



Julia Kositzki is an outstanding student who graduated top of her class when she got her Bachelor's degree at the Otto-Friedrich University in Bamberg, Germany, and she has continued to get very high grades in the Master's study of International Business at CBS in Copenhagen. In her spare time, she has been "Buddy" for exchange students in Bamberg as well as tennis-coach for both children and adults, and as an Intern with Audi AG in Ingolstadt, she was chosen for the "Audi Talent Program". Julia was born 26 years ago in Augsburg, Germany, and plans to finish her Master's degree at CBS in the summer of 2016.

After getting her Master's degree, Julia plans to work in an international business, and having studied a full year in Ecuador and now half a year in Brazil she has a preference for starting to work in Latin America, for example with Mærsk or Audi.

Dues to ZI.

It is always important that dues be paid correctly. This year it is very important, because the club's number of votes at convention is due to the membership list 1 March 2016, and the right to vote depends on payment of dues 1 June 2016.

1. Please check that ZI dues are paid for new members chartered during the period 1 June 2015–28 February 2016. Club presidents/treasurers please have a look at the membership at www.zonta.org (secure access)
2. Due date for 2016–17 dues is 1 June 2016. At this date, the amount must be at the ZI account, and you should have a receipt of the payment.
 - a. Pay dues online is easy to use. Please note that the online dues system is only accessible to club treasurers. You must be logged in to access the dues payment screen. District treasurer Berit Birkelund is ready to help if needed.
 - b. Wire transfer can also be used, here you need to fill in some forms, which you will find at <http://www.zonta.org/MemberResources/Forms.aspx> . Be sure you pay to the correct account. Countries with Euros pay to the Euro account, other countries pay in USD. District treasurer Berit Birkelund is ready to help, if needed.
 - c. More instruction in the March Mailing from HQ

Highlight from the areas

Area 01

Zonta District 13 celebrated its 80th anniversary at Christiansborg.

On November 15, more than 225 Zontians and friends celebrated the 80th anniversary of the first Zonta Club in District 13, the Zonta Club of Copenhagen I.

The celebration took place at Christiansborg, the home of the Danish Parliament. The event also celebrated that Danish women obtained voting rights for Parliament in 1915.

A series of eight talks by women illustrated the enormous range of jobs and educations now available to women in Denmark, thanks to the effort of several generations of women. Speakers were an astrophysicist, a gynecologist, an editor of a women's magazine, a former minister of culture and science, a young Greenlander now doing a PhD in arctic ecology, the first female President of the Danish Engineering Association, a current member of the Danish Parliament and our International President Maria Jose, who works as a metallurgist.



Lone Kuhlman, a well-known reporter and event facilitator, facilitated the talks. Music entered the room with a choir normally led by a member of Zonta Copenhagen I and a high-point was the thank you speech by former Danish Prime Minister Helle Thorning-Schmidt, who received a Prize from the Zonta Club of Copenhagen I for having broken the “glass ceiling” as the first Danish female Prime Minister. Helle immediately donated the money coming with the Prize to a project against prostitution and “sugar dating” that Copenhagen I has chosen to support in its jubilee year. Excellent “Zonta wines” had been donated from Copenhagen I wine importer Annelise Ladegourdie and were served during a break and at the reception following the talks, and together with catering from the Parliament kitchen contributed to making this a very joyful event.

Zonta science lecture in Aarhus

100 participants were entertained and educated during the public Zonta-lecture given by PhD student Mie Birkbak in November. The complex topic of X-ray nano physics and bone biology was communicated with humor and many parallels to everyday life in the lecture entitled “The secrets of bones revealed by 3D X-ray vision”

“Bones are in principal very simple and build by few components – basically just a single hard and a soft part mixed together, actually not too far from regular chalk and gummi bears. The secret of the exceptional mechanical properties of bone lies in how they are structured on the nanoscale”.

“Many people envision the skeleton as a static and dead material, but in reality our bones are filled with a complex network of cells, that has the capabilities of regenerating the skeleton multiple times during our life – to me this process is extremely fascinating and I was very surprised to discover that we know so little about it”, says Mie.

After the lecture, all participants were invited to a reception and a tour of the facilities at the nanoscience center.

Zonta Club Aarhus II, the interdisciplinary nanoscience center iNANO and the department of Chemistry at Aarhus University hosted in collaboration the public lecture in connection to *Zonta Denmark Science and Technologi Scholarship/award for Woman under the age of 45 researching for a PhD Thesis* awarded to Mie earlier this year.

ZC Roskilde has many fundraising events on the program. In spring a fashion show, in summer the club took part in a local light show and in December, the club arranged a Christmas fair during two weekends. The weather was bad, the first weekend with a snow-storm, the next with heavy wind. Nevertheless, many people showed up and spent their money on the products manufactured by club members and the students of Roskilde Technical College.

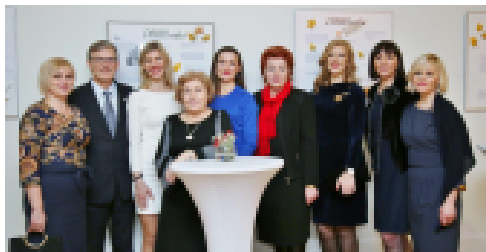
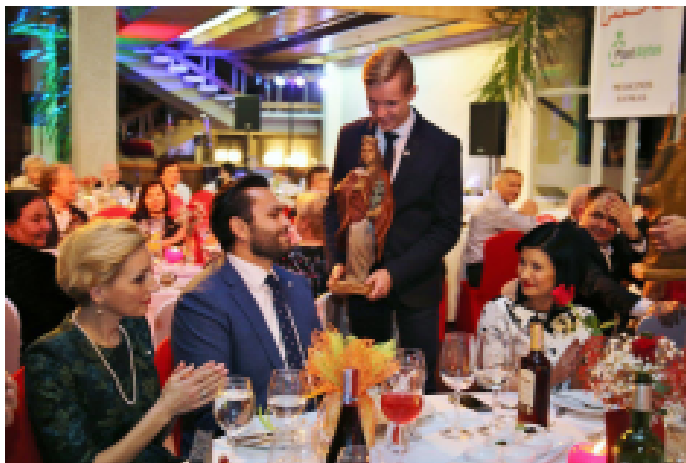
In a year, ZC Roskilde has donated a huge sum (200.000 DKK) to Zonta International Service Projects.

Well done Roskilde!

Area 02

ZC Vilnius has started a new website <http://zonta-vilnius.lt/> and is preparing new and interesting projects.

ZC Alytus has had a very successful fundraising event together with Rotary and Lyons. The incoming AD is from **ZC Marijampole**, she is the first member from ZC Marijampole to be part of the D-13 board.



Alytus. Fundraising event together with Rotary and Lyons.