



ZONTA
INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 13
EMPOWERING WOMEN
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY



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District Goals 2018-2020

The district board for the biennium 2018-2020 took office at Convention in Yokohama in July.

The board members are Dorte Olesen, governor, Jane Bordal, lt. governor, Aase Schmidt, AD Denmark, Rasa Birutienė, AD Lithuania, Thora Akadóttir, AD Iceland, Elin Hetland Mong, AD Norge, Ellen Skartvedt, treasurer, and Berit Birkelund, secretary. The board held the first meeting in Copenhagen on April 22nd, after attending a joint meeting of the outgoing and the incoming boards of district 13. The board will hold its second meeting on September 6th in Sauda, in connection with the area meeting in area four, Norway.

The goals for the biennium are in accordance with the Zonta International biennium goals, adopted at convention, covering the 3 areas:

- 1) maximise our impact through service & advocacy and educational programs that empower women and girls,
- 2) strengthen our resources by increasing membership,
- 3) enhance our profile through centennial anniversary activities.

We aim at having all clubs support the international projects via donations - this also goes for the educational programs via the Zonta International scholarships.

We also focus on more collaboration and mutual inspiration between clubs and areas in our district, and to this end we now revitalize the district committees and encourage all clubs to keep in mind to recruit and retain committed and skilled members.

Dorte Olesen Governor 2018-2020

International Liaison

Sigrid Duden is the international liaison to district 13 in 2018-20. She was governor of district 30 during the biennium 2016-2018 and is now on the Zonta International Board. Professionally Sigrid studied law and has held leadership positions in the City Administration in Heidelberg, Germany.



Young Women in Public Affairs

All clubs in the district are encouraged to invite applications for the Young Women in Public Affairs Scholarships 2019. This program looks to the young women of today - 16-19 years old - as the leaders of tomorrow. There are 10 international scholarships of 4000 USD and 32 district scholarships of 1500 USD, so international winners get altogether 5500 USDollars. There are plenty of resources at www.zonta.org and there is also a YWPA Facebook page. Download application forms from the website and approach your local high schools to identify young women committed to volunteer leadership!

The deadline for submission of club winners to the District YWPA Committee is April 1, 2019.

Zonta and the UN

Zonta International works closely with the United Nations on projects advancing the status of women and girls. UN Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) no. 5 is *Achieve gender equality and empower women and girls*. ZI encourages all clubs to work on endorsing that goal which is completely in line with Zonta's mission of empowering women and girls through service and advocacy. More information on Goal no. 5 is [here](#). District 13 UN Committee now chaired by Hanne Friis from ZC Aarhus follows the work of ZI UN committee and keeps clubs up to date.

Members are encouraged to take part in the CSW meeting in New York in March 2019. More information will be on ZI website www.zonta.org

News from Areas

A new club will be chartered on August 24, 2018, in Vigrestad, Norway. The club has 25 charter members. It will be the first new club in Norway for 14 years. District 13 warmly welcomes this new club and thanks the SOM-club of Egersund, which itself experienced solid growth in 2016-18 and for this reason was called on stage at the Convention in Yokohama.

Sadly, the ZC Sandnes and Jæren was disbanded at the end of the 2016-18 biennium.

Area 04, Norway, will have an area meeting in Sauda on September 7-9, hosted by the ZC Sauda. The district board will have a board meeting in Sauda on September 6, and several board members will attend the ensuing Area meeting, where we will congratulate Zonta Norway with the new ZC Vigrestad og Omegn .

Area 01, Denmark, will have an area meeting late in September, from 21st-23rd, in Karrebæksminde close to Næstved, hosted by ZC Næstved.

Remember ZIF

To celebrate Zonta's 100th anniversary in 2019, a special Centennial Anniversary Endowment Campaign has been launched. Zontians are called up on to consider a donation to this to make our organization stronger.

All clubs are encouraged to donate at least one third of the funds they raise to ZIF, in order to support the important Zonta International projects like "Ending Child Marriage".

New Webmaster 2018-20



Berit Birkelund is our webmaster this biennium. Please submit news for the district website to birkelund.zonta@gmail.com.

The District PR Committee 2018-20 is chaired by Xenia Nedergaard and members are Berit Birkelund, Lena B. Mortensen, Ruta Jasioniene, Bryndis Valdemarsdottir and Karin Randi Holmen. All the four areas are thus represented in the PR-committee now, and we aim to have a much more lively and vibrant District 13 website. Hopefully it should now become easy to access information on what is going on, everywhere in District 13. Information will be added on a running basis to the website, so please remember to check it regularly.

Inter-District Seminar February

8-10, 2019, the 8th European Inter-district Seminar will be held in Tartu, Estonia. The topic for discussion in the Centennial Anniversary Year is called *DO VALUES BECOME OLDER?* More information on how to register is on the district13 website.

Membership Updates

At convention in Yokohama the success of the new pilot youth membership category was confirmed and the *Young Professional Members* was made a regular category. Clubs are encouraged to look into recruiting members in this category: professionals under the age of 30. More information on this category is on the ZI website. The international dues for these members are half the normal dues.

Recall that clubs may charter with 15 members, although it is encouraged to go for 20 members.

District 13 worked hard on increasing the membership in the district and the result for 2016-2018 is positive: we grew by 1.4%, where Zonta globally decreased by 1.9%. Thank you to the Membership Committees at all levels: district, areas and clubs - and keep up the good work!

Young Women in Public Affairs District Winner

Amy Goodman from Grenaa in Denmark received the District 13 Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA) award. The award recognizes young women ages 16-19 for showing leadership skills and commitment to public service and civic causes, and encourages them to continue their participation in public and political life.



District Conference Copenhagen 2019 - save the dates September 12-15

The Centennial District Conference will be in Copenhagen from September 12th to 15th 2019. The venue of the conference is Scandic Hotel Sydhavnen. There will be a centennial reception by the Lord Mayor of Copenhagen at the Town Hall on September 13. Further preparations are underway. Do not miss out on our Centennial Conference ! We hope to see at least 200 Zontians at this memorable event .

