



ZONTA
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DISTRICT 7
EMPOWERING WOMEN
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

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Governor's Message

It is bittersweet for me to be writing my final message as District 7 Governor. Convention is just a couple of weeks away and Mary Reed will be installed as the new District 7 Governor in Nice. It has been a wonderful experience for me and I am very grateful for all the love and support I have received during my tenure as Governor. A special thank you to our District 7 Board. They have provided insight, ideas, friendship and unyielding commitment to Zonta. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

As we enter the new Biennium it is a good time for us to reflect on our successes and make plans to address our continuing challenges. I hope all of you will continue to serve Zonta with Conviction, Commitment and Courage!



Polly Holten

Area Meetings

Area meetings were held in April. Area 1 and 3 met in Fargo. Area 2 and 4 met in Jefferson City. Both agendas were packed and inspiring. Painting seemed to be the trend for the Area Meeting socials. What fun it was to paint and socialize. We sure do have a lot of talent in our District. A special thank you to the Fargo and Jefferson City Clubs for your hard work and hospitality. The Board has taken the key topics from the Area Meetings and have created dynamic, informational workshops for our Seminar in September.

Area 1 and 3



Area 2 and 4



Membership

There is a lot of hard work and effort in the Clubs for recruiting and retaining members. We maintained our growth in the District over the biennium, the first time in over 6 years we did not decline. We will receive recognition at the Convention for our Membership efforts. However, we did lose the Topeka Club in June and although some of their membership transferred to the Atchison Club we will see a decrease in our overall membership. May renewals also tend to lose some members, so I encourage you to keep the membership momentum going. Let's see if we can stay strong and build. It is a lot of hard work, but the rewards are plentiful.

District Seminar

The new Board will be installed at our District Seminar in September. Please welcome and support them. Seminar will be in St Louis at the Airport Renaissance Hotel. We have a great program planned. I am asking each Club to send at least two members to Seminar. We will need to have at least 60 in attendance to break even. We are taking learnings from the Area Meetings and Convention to make a toolkit for the Clubs on key topics.

Here are the top themes:

1. Convention update - Review 2016 -2018 ZI Service Projects and Goals.
2. 16 Days of Activism – Review the Jamestown Club's Project and rollout District wide.
3. Advocacy – Eliminating Child Brides and Women Empowerment Principles. Educating on the statistics here in our own country and states. Giving you the tools to make an impact.
4. Zonta Branding. How do we sell Zonta and what is your elevator speech?
5. Voices Against Violence. A new toolkit created by Zonta International to help in recruiting and retention.

More specific details will follow in July. I am asking all Clubs to look at their budgets and try to send at least one or two members.



We are Warriors!

