

2008 LUNCHEON PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES FOR ROSA E. FIOL MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

Zonta Clubs, as a part of Zonta International, focus locally and world-wide on advancing the status of women through service and advocacy. It is clear that, although significant progress has been made in managing and improving women's issues, the challenges we face in working to improve and resolve many of them continue to persist. Strong membership is the key to being able to our being able to volunteer and provide the service needed to make a difference. In these economic times, it becomes an increasing challenge to maintain and strengthen the membership of our clubs. As work places continue to do more with less, people tend to have much less time to commit to volunteer activities. Further, there are a number of service organizations in our communities that compete for the same type of members.

District 11 continues to focus on recruitment and retention of committed members in order to maintain and strengthen our clubs. As we all struggle to become and/or remain strong, we celebrate and recognize those clubs in our District who have demonstrated success over this year in their efforts to recruit and retain members. The membership of District 11 has the good fortune, through the generosity of former Zontian Rosa E. Fiol, to receive an annual gift from the Rosa E. Fiol Trust Fund. In keeping with Dr. Fiol's wishes, District 11 has established a membership award to be given to the club in each area that has achieved the greatest percentage net increase in membership. Additionally, newly organized clubs also receive a membership award.

Each winner of the Rosa E. Fiol Membership Award receives a trophy to keep for the remainder of the club year, along with a certificate of recognition for the club's permanent records. Additionally, each winning club and the clubs of Puerto Rico - Caguas, Ponce and San Juan, receive a \$200.00 credit for conference

attendance. As your Area and the winning club is announced would your representative please come forward to receive your trophy and certificate.

Area 1

The Zonta Club of Birmingham increased its membership by a net of 2 members for a 7.4% increase.

Area 2

The Zonta Club Franklin increased its membership by a net of 3 members for an 11.1% increase.

Area 3

The Zonta Club of Miami Lakes Area increased its membership by a net of 4 members for a 17.4% increase,

Area 4

Unfortunately, no club in Area five had a net increase in membership.

Area 5

The Zonta Club of Caguas increased its membership by a net of 1 member for a 3.7% increase.

Area 6

The Zonta Club of Bonita Springs increased its membership by a net of 3 members for a 9.1% increase.

Congratulations to this year's winners of the Rosa E. Fiol Membership Award!!

Protocol Chairman-Rosa E. Fiol Awards

Area 1 ---- Birmingham

Area2 ---- Franklin

Area3 ---- Miami Lakes Area

Area 4 ---- **No One**

Area5 ---- Caguas

Area 6 ---- Bonita Springs