

2009 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 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, jobs are lost and businesses close, people tend to have much less time or money 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 are announced would your representative please come forward to receive your trophy and certificate.

Area 1

The Zonta Club of Tuscaloosa increased its membership by a net of 3 members for an 18.8% increase.

Area 2

The Zonta Club Charleston increased its membership by a net of 9 members for a 64.3% increase.

Area 3

The Zonta Club of Doral increased its membership by a net of 7 members for a 700% increase,

Area 4

The Top of the Bay Zonta Club increased its membership by a net of 4 members for a 33.3% increase.

Area 5

Unfortunately no Club in Area5 had a net increase in membership.

Area 6

The Zonta Club of Naples increased its membership by a net of 6 members for a 20.8% increase.

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

Area 1 ----Tuscaloosa

Area2 ---- Charleston

Area3 ---- Doral

Area 4 ---- Top of the Bay

Area5 ---- **No One**

Area 6 ---- Naples