**Report from District 4 Presidents- June 1- December 1, 2014**

**CLUB: Area 4 Mary Jane Wajmer**

**Biennial Goal#1 – SERVICE**

1. **During the last 6 months did your club focus on any service project? If so, please explain.**

**Amherst –Members volunteered with the June “Girls in the Run” 5k race at UB.**

**Aurora – Donated gift cards for gas and groceries to Rural Outreach to be given to single mothers.**

**Buffalo – Donated cookware to Cornerstone Manor for residents to learn cooking skills when they are ready to return to the community.**

**Cheektowaga/Lancaster – Donated bags with cosmetics to girls earning their GED at Response to Love Center which services an economically deprived area. Also donated pajamas and other gifts to girls at St. Monica’s School another deprived area of the city.**

**Geneva - Donated money to KIVA also made donations of books and magazines to the Ontario County Women’s deentio Center. Made**

**donations of personal items to the Victim’s Resource Center.**

**Hamburg/Orchard Park – Continued to work with the Family Justice Center volunteering at the City Site. Volunteering and providing items for St. Luke’s Mission Baby room.**

**Rochester – Assembled 500 birthing kits.**

1. **Was the focus in line with Zonta’s mission and vision? All clubs answered yes.**
2. **Did your club cooperate with any other like- minded organization on this service project? If so, please explain.**

**All clubs answered no.**

**Biennial Goal # 2- ADVOCACY**

1. **As a club did you initiate advocacy actions in cooperation with like – minded organizations during the last 6 months? If yes, please describe the action and with whom you cooperated?**

**Buffalo – Advocacy committee planned and implemented a community forum focused on domestic violence issues with the help of many local agencies.**

**Cheektowaga/Lancaster – Yes with the Zonta Club of Buffalo and Family Justice Center.**

**Geneva – Collaborated with community groups for the film screening of Girl Rising. League of Women Voters, Hobart and William Smith College, Geneva Public Library, Boys & Girls Club of Geneva, Peace Corps and Girl Scouts.**

**Hamburg/Orchard Park -Collaborated with ZClub planning programs focusing on Teen abuse and bullying.**

1. **As a club did you initiate any advocacy actions during the last 6 months? If so, describe. Buffalo – Presented forum and invited local agencies, political figures, and law enforcement to present their concerns and network to provide ideas for prevention and education regarding domestic violence.**

**Geneva – Participated in the 16 days of Activism by maintaining a store front display in the City of Geneva with the club banner.**

**Rochester – Posted daily on facebook during the 16 days of Activism and served on the Community Accountability Committee for the Domestic Violence Consortium.**

**It is understood that many clubs might have a nil report for the Advocacy component as you are awaiting further direction regarding the District project.**

**Biennial Goal # 3- Resources**

1. **Describe the level of active participation of your members in your club endeavours?**

**Amherst –Small club with high involvement from all members. All are extremely engaged.**

**Aurora –All members are active.**

**Buffalo – A good degree of participation. About 85% of members active in club endeavors.**

**Cheektowaga/Lancater – Majority of club supports and actively participates.**

**Geneva – Leadership of three new club officers has promoted member accountability.**

**Hamburg/Orchard Park – Meetings are well attended 76-80% of members.**

**Members participated in events and generosity is amazing.**

**Rochester – We have been able to fill all our needs.**

**Challenges**

**Amherst – Losing members to illness or work load and difficulty in getting new members to commit to a club.**

**Aurora – Small club with about 60% employed.]\**

**Buffalo – Aging member not as willing to participate.**

**Cheektowaga/Lancaster – Choosing projects and fundraisers so all members can participate.**

**Geneva – Challenged by varying levels of member involvement related to personal/career and family responsibilities.**

**Hamburg/Orchard Park – getting everyone on the same page.**

**Rochester – Getting new members involved in coming to meetings and participating in projects.**

1. **Recruitment and retention are vital to Zonta and a club’s success. Please describe the above as it pertains to your club to date.**

**Successes**

**Amherst – New members have been active and enthusiastic.**

**Buffalo – Welcomed 4 new members.**

**Geneva – have 2 potential new members**

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**Challenges**

**Amherst – Few members facing health issues. Have made efforts to get new members.**

**Geneva – Women that may be interested have other commitments to family or career.**

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**Thank you for sharing your thoughts and updates about your club. As a District we appreciate the dedicated work that you do on behalf of Zonta and your members.**