

Area 2 Directors Report – January 22/2011 – Rosita Hall

I am extremely proud of all of the clubs in Area 2 considering that we all lead very busy lives and some of us have more than one volunteer agency that we are involved with. Not to mention our families and full time employment. Nevertheless we are committed to Zonta and it is an honour and privilege to serve.

Zonta Club of Mississauga – report submitted by Club President

Re-building as per President Atiya – in her words....

Our Mississauga Club is edging closer to 40 years soon. Last year, with help from our member Dr. Linda Pickard, a leadership and business consultant, we approved and embarked upon a new Five Year Strategic Plan to meet our five key objectives to achieve greater results:

- Greater and more diverse membership
- Smart use of Technology
- Creative partnerships
- Alternative Funding approaches for our Club and service projects
- Become better known for what we do and stand for

Our small club has exceeded the \$1.2 million mark in community donations! (Over past decade) –

We have worked out some of the kinks that were inherited – also President's husband was running for mayor at the beginning of her terms so she had to switch her priorities. Area Director, Rosita Hall has been an asset and supports us with getting back to basics- we have now ensured that the following foundational pieces are in place...

- Paying attention to protocol'
- Following Robert's rules of order
- Awareness of mandatory committees
- Meeting agenda
- Name tags etc
- Updating membership lists and paying fees on time

Area Director's comments: Small but mighty club – love having me come to meetings – very receptive and open to suggestions and support /ideas....I attended their October, November and December meetings. They have indicated that they loved that I came in and demonstrated my support.

Are recruiting young volunteers who are very good with social media

Are now skypeing some of their committee meeting do to small membership and busy schedules

I have been encouraging the group to take advantage of the wonderful resources from the District 4 board and they have invited Connie Deckert to their December meeting. This club has never had a LAA committee and were quite interested in what Connie had to say. They have started to process of establishing a committee and goals. They will also be inviting Clare Freeman to one of their meetings to address the topic of Women's issues.

Since September they have inducted six new members- they started out in September with six

IWD event will take place on March 10/11 Speaker is Dr. Jean Augustine – Key fundraising event they have been building over the years- usually have about 200 attendees hoping for more this year

Mentorship program – “Woman to Woman Campaign” – to kick off the Zonta mentor Award – the winner was Melissa Punambolam. The club received a full page write up and picture in the magazine – Winner was presented with award at last year’s IWD event and this will also happen at this year’s event- THE AWARD IS SPONSORED BY THE ZONTA CLUB OF OAKVILLE AND THE MISSISSAUGA CLUB

The Z clubbers are organizing an IWD on March 05 (Saturday before)....community fair....inviting agencies to come in and set up displays.....Will have lots of Zonta stuff on display as well.

E-newsletter

E- Invitation for new members

Next Project Goal: to work with the Zonta Club of Toronto on birthing kits

Zonta Club of Brampton Report from Lori Robinson

We have built and delivered 1,000 birthing kits for Haiti thanks to Joan and Muriel!!!!!! From Kitchener We had a very successful Women of Achievement Awards night 16 nominations three winners... and one Young women of Achievement.

We raised over 6,000 for two charities with \$25.00 per ticket

As well as just over 9,000 for our service projects.

Our December meeting we had a wonderful social and put together 40 Christmas gift bags for two Women’s shelters.

All items were donated to make Christmas special for the Mom’s.

The two pictures 3020 our group with the bags 3035 Family Transition Place in Orangeville staff happy to get our bags!

January we had an AE meeting with a fun quiz and special power point on the Spirit and Essence of Amelia...Dare to Dream

Have a wonderful day.

Lori Robinson

President, Zonta Club of Brampton-Caledon

“Reach Stretch Grow”

Area Directors comment: This club seems to be doing very well – I had to decline an invitation to do a club induction ceremony in November due to work responsibilities – will visit soon

Zonta Club of Hamilton 1

January Report for Rosita by Nancy Goodhew

Installed three new members - Donna Felder, Karen Dawson, Maggie Hall

Followed procedure to send letter of advocacy from the club to local MPP to support the CIBC Breast Cancer Assessment Centre as there were rumors in the health field of funds being cut for this project. This June, we are paying the last of a \$100,000 pledge for a resource centre for this project. In January 20 members toured the space where the one-stop breast assessment centre will be.

October – held 3rd Persons Day Breakfast in partnership with Hamilton 2 and the YWCA

2 members regularly assist with breakfast program at a local school

2 members made hats and scarves for a local school

Put together hygiene kits for women's shelters

Have almost succeeded in forming a Z Club with Hamilton 2

Holding a Lady Luck Social on Feb 5

December - President Nancy attended a meeting of the Zonta Club of Madrid Km 0 while visiting family in Spain

November - 2 members attended the UN Day

3 members attended Woodstock's 50th anniversary luncheon

Fellowship – fall tour of waterfalls around Hamilton and lunch at the Old Mill – end of Oct

Presented awards for Jane Klausman and YWPA winners

Used District resource people for our club – guest speakers - Area Director Rosita and Governor Bonnie

- LAA committee met with Connie Deckert

- Lori Robinson at Jan meeting – co-chair of District Amelia Earhart

Started short Zonta Info sessions at each meeting to teach members about website, use of dues, etc.

Each year we have joint meeting with Hamilton 2 club. Our members visited their club in October

Fundraisers – sold candles, Entertainment books, fudge

Doing 2 bingos/month

Donated funds for healthy snacks to a Jump Rope after school program one of our members is running.

September – put together almost 1000 birthing kits with Hamilton 2. These were sent to Ghana.

Area Directors Comments: A fabulous club under great leadership -

Hamilton 11 – By Clare Freeman this includes 2010/11 activities to date

1. Supported the Go Girls Mothers day breakfast
2. Help support and contribute to the Person's Day breakfast for the past two years
3. Club voted to discontinue bingo – fund one large service project and a couple of smaller projects throughout the year
4. President has done a superb job connecting to the goals of Zonta International – during my presidency she and I worked together and my goal was to energize ...and prepare people for the change train meaning we were going to not just focus locally but globally as well. The club and her goal to then start steering the club back to Zonta International – make sure our goals were aligned – Club going through a bit of transition which is the psychological transformation that is the result of change.....
5. **Supported some of our members through personal times of encouragement and support**
6. UN committee sent letters and have now begun to engage in activism through the pen
7. 1000 Birthing Kits to Ghana
8. Organized two “three Cups of Tea events”
9. Now organizing two event:
10. Service Committee has been working hard to develop and recommend to the membership new ways of contributing and processing applications
11. LAA: will explore more ways to join in joint ventures with Hamilton I – have met with Connie Deckartt
12. Founders award will be joint committees
13. WE have a Face book and now have a website with the support of Sandra Cronk
14. YWPA: we have a goal of 10 applications---this can be done by talking to people we know!!
15. Z and Golden Z: we are beginning to develop one!!!!
16. Membership: is hosting its 2nd wine and cheese
17. We are commorating our UN celebrations and commitments
18. Paint the Town Yellow: 3rd year we are working with Hamilton I to bring greater awareness of IWD and Zonta to the community
19. Have all the history of the club scanned

In sisterhood,

Area Directors Comments: Clare is doing an amazing job keeping our club connected to International issues – She is an expert in women's issues which is a great asset to our club!

Zonta Club of Oakville – Submitted by Susan Hunt

Issue across the board – busy lives members don't step up to the plate

Kits were to Mali – shipping costs too expensive so President will connect with Joan Westcott to discuss other avenues perhaps even sending them to another location. – done 800 kits

Z – Club looking at St. Mildred girl's school

Our mission to "Inspire, challenge and support girls...To develop into exceptional young women who have the resilience and character to excel and contribute to society throughout their lives" remains key to our success.

March 08/11 Co sponsor IWD event with WHAM (Women of Halton Action Movement) WHAM is a non-partisan ad hoc feminist lobby and advocacy group consisting of women from various age groups, educational backgrounds, political orientations, and socio-economic status who have joined together to lobby on local through to international issues to improve the status of women in Canada. The group is very issue-specific and usually communicates through e-mail.

Paint the town yellow – encouraging folks to do it for the right reason not so much as a competition

Club making yellow paper roses

Advocacy – would like to set up a booth for a weekend in Oakville place to hand out packages and encourage folks to make their workplace aware of Zonta and UN SAY NO CAMPAIGN

Car Rally was cancelled this year....

Area Director's Comment: Susan Hunt is a great gal and loves advocacy work – she is working hard with her club to make LAA activities a priority. Susan has excellent leadership skills

Zonta Club of Toronto by Nita McCowan

Excellent Christmas dinner and bake sale raised \$1300.00

November - Joanne Raymond spoke to us about the UN

December - Dickens dinner and bake sale

January - Lori Robinson did presentation on Amelia and we presented wings and certificate to Lana Olague a winner of Amelia Fellowship

February - Ukrainian Heritage Night in support of our local service project

March - Hoping to have someone speak about LAA

April - Birthing Kits

Area Directors Comments: A small but mighty club – I have visited the club twice and have enjoyed both visits – energetic club with lots of team spirit

Next Service Project: Birthing Kits