



Area Director's Activity Report Board Meeting

Date: May 9, 2011

Clubs Visited

Zonta Club of Hamburg-Orchard Park 4/11/11

Zonta Club of Buffalo 4/19/11

Meetings Held

The second President's meeting has been scheduled for Saturday, June 4, 2011 at 10:00 AM at my home in Elma, NY.

Clubs Special Events/Functions Attended

3/12/11 A letter was sent to the 8 Zonta presidents in Erie County requesting participation by their clubs in the disbursement of posters from the Family Justice Center. These posters would be placed in bathrooms and break rooms with information of where to go for assistance with domestic violence. Each poster would have a tear off tab with the phone number of the Family Justice Center. Nicknamed the "Bathroom Stall Project", Zontians would be asked to deliver the posters and return for maintenance of the posters.

4/2/11 Attended the workshop hosted by the Zonta Club of Lockport for Area 3 "Leading With Passion and Purpose"

4/3/11 Attended the Lucky Ladies Luncheon fundraiser for the Zonta Club of Hamburg/Orchard Park

4/6/11 Attended a planning meeting at the Buffalo Family Justice Center for the "Bathroom Stall Project"

4/9/11 Attended the Lucky Ladies Luncheon fundraiser for the Zonta Club of Batavia

4/16/11 Attended the workshop hosted by the Zonta Club of Bradford Area 5 "Leading With Passion and Purpose"

4/19/11 Attended the business meeting of the ZC of Buffalo

4/26 /11 Attended the planning meeting for the September District 4 Conference to be held in Buffalo, NY

5/4/11 Attended a planning meeting at the Buffalo Family Justice Center for the "Bathroom Stall Project"

5/5/11 Attended the fundraiser for the Z C of Rochester held at the Rochester Planetarium

5/10/11 Conducted the Installation of new officers for the Zonta Club of Rochester

Club Interaction

Zonta Club of Batavia President Lee Cummings

- *Membership: 32. *Highest membership in Area 4.
- *Advocacy: The Holland Land Office Museum now has a display honoring local women in history. The Z C of Batavia has a prominent spot in this new display.
- *Advocacy and Service: The club participated in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service. 72 volunteers made 30 fleece blankets for the children of migrant workers and 110 cards for military personnel.
- *Fund Raiser: The club held a Lucky Ladies Luncheon April 9, 2011. The theme was "Woodstock" and the event raised \$10,000 for service projects.
- *Service: Power-Up Program started 2/26/11 and will run until April 30. This is a mentorship program through YWCA
- *Service and Advocacy: Volunteer to work at "My Sister's Closet" Used clothing store on Thursday nights. Proceeds go to YWCA Domestic Violence Unit. Members wear their Zonta name tags when the work.
- *The members participated in the Area 3 Lockport workshop.

Zonta Club of Cheektowaga-Lancaster President Phyllis Dickinson

- *Membership: 25
- *The members participated in the Area 3 Lockport workshop.
- *Fund Raising: The club held a "Lucky Ladies Luncheon" on April 9, 2011 and raised \$9,000 for their service projects.
- *Fund Raising: The club ran a Lottery for the month of February and raised over \$1,000 for service projects
- *Service: A previous donation of \$6,000 was made to the Erie County Family Justice Center. The Justice Center will use the donation as the seed money for the 2011 Bathroom Poster Project (Rip off tabs of who to contact at the Justice Center for Domestic Violence help) The club will continue to support this project throughout 2011-2012.
- *Service and Fellowship: On Feb 12, the Z C of Cheektowaga/Lanc hosted a workshop assembling the Birthing Kits. 1,000 kits were made. Joining ZC of Cheek/Lanc and working side by side were the ZCs of Hamburg/OP, Aurora and Amherst. The ZC of Buffalo will be delivering some of these kits to Costa Rica and Africa.
- *At the April business meeting, Zonta International Director Kathleen Douglas did a Power Point Presentation on ZISVAW and the International Service Project on Acid Burns.
- * Networking With Other Professionals: The club has volunteered to work at the Junior League Show House on 5/12/11 and 5/14/11. The funds raised by this event will benefit local agencies, many of which benefit women and children.

Zonta Club of Hamburg-Orchard Park President Judy Powers

*Membership: 29

*Service: Club members prepared and served food for the Ronald McDonald House on Feb. 28. The next scheduled date to work at the Ronald McDonald House is June 7.

*Service: Participated in the assembling of Birthing Kits on Feb. 12, 2011. The ZC of Cheek/Lanc hosted this activity. The ZCs of Aurora and Amherst also participated in the making of the birthing kits. The ZC of Buffalo is assisting in the delivery of some of the kits to Costa Rica and Africa.

*Service: The ZC of Hamb/OP continues to support the Kathleen Mary House (shelter for families of domestic violence) with clothing and supplies for the women and children.

*Service: On February 12, 2011 the new Family Justice Center in Orchard Park was dedicated. The ZC of Hamb/OP was present for this dedication and is actively and is actively involved in a public awareness campaign to assist in the dissemination of information on where help can be found for victims of domestic violence. Informally, this project is called the "Bathroom Stall Project". The club has also volunteered to assist with the "Voices Ending Violence" fund raising breakfast on June 9. The Area 4 Director has contacted all Zonta Club presidents in Erie County to participate in this project.

*Fund Raising: 10 days of Christmas Wrapping in December at the McKinley Mall raised \$4,447.47 for service projects.

*Fund Raiser: The club held its Spring Lucky Ladies Luncheon April 3, 2011 and raised \$4,090.29 for service projects.

*Networking With Other Professionals: The club has volunteered to work at the Buffalo Junior League Show House on May 13, 2011. All monies raised by this month long event will benefit Buffalo agencies and projects. Members will wear their Zonta nametags.

*The ZC of Hamb/OP are actively involved in the planning of the Zonta District Conference to be held in Buffalo on September 23-25, 2011. The host club for this event is the Zonta Club of Buffalo.

*Club members participated in the Area 3 Lockport workshop and the Area 4/5 workshop in Bradford, PA.

Zonta Club of Buffalo President Irene Majchrzak

Membership: 29

*Service: Club members donated baked goods and funding for the Women's Respite Program. This relaxing get away weekend was held on February 25-27, 2011 for women with cancer. An additional Women's Respite program is being planned in May for "Grandmother's Raising Grandchildren."

*The ZC of Buffalo is busy planning the Zonta District 4 Conference to be held in Buffalo from September 23-25, 2011 at the Adam's Mark Hotel. Other Zonta clubs in District 4 have volunteered to assist with this event.

*Service: In March, the Zonta Club of Buffalo donated professional attire needed by the women at the "Every Woman Opportunity Center".

*Fund Raising: In April the club donated "Pennies for Piggies". The money is to be used to purchase pigs and/or cows for women in undeveloped countries. This money allows these women to set up their own businesses.

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*Service: The ZC of Buffalo continues to be a part of the "TRY" mentorship program working with young women living in Buffalo.

*Advocacy: For International Women's Day, the ZC of Buffalo was able to obtain permission to have the Peace Bridge lit with yellow Zonta lights. The American Falls was ablaze with yellow light. Mary Alice Demler did a TV report on the event.

*Service: A member from the club will be transporting Zonta made birthing kits to Costa Rica and Africa.

* Club members participated in the Area 3 workshop hosted by the Zonta Club of Lockport, NY.

Zonta Club of Rochester President Lesia Telega

Membership: 30

*Fundraiser: The club hosted the second "Reaching for the Stars" event at the Strasenburg Rochester Planetarium. The fundraiser included many silent auction items, a wine pull, various raffles and a laser light show under the "stars".

*Service: Club members volunteered to at the "Mercy Outreach Center" at a recent fundraiser assisting with registration and auction.

*Service: The club continues it work with the "Step by Step" program to educate women who have been incarcerated. Club members volunteered to work at a recent performance of "All That Jazz".

*The Zonta Club of Rochester made a donation of a WiFi to the St. Joseph' Neighborhood Center. This is a community outreach program, which is staffed with medical personnel, and assists those who are uninsured.

*The club is continues it search for candidates for the YWPA scholarship.

*Club members participated in the Area 3 Workshop in Lockport.

Zonta Club of Geneva President Mary Brainard

Zonta International disbanded this club on December 1, 2010 for nonpayment of dues and fees as per Article V, Section 7. The Zonta International board may consider reinstatement if this club if the following conditions are met:

*Payment of the 2010-2011 International Dues

*\$15.00 reinstatement fee per member

*Payment of the 2011-2012 International Dues

*Current membership list of club members

*Application to the Zonta International board for consideration of reinstatement

Zonta Club of Amherst President Niki Tarbell

Membership: 19

*The Zonta Club of Amherst is currently collecting items to be donated to Compass House. Compass house is in need of personal care items, household items, food and school supplies.

*Fund Raiser: Club members are busy preparing for a rummage sale to be held June 4 and 5, 2011 at a member's home.

*Fund Raiser: Plans are currently underway for a Fashion Show, which will take place May 12, 2012.

*Scholarship applications are currently being accepted.

*Advocacy: The ZC of Amherst will be entering a team to take part in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure in June.

*Club members attended the 100th Anniversary of International Women's Day held at the Niagara Falls Convention Center. The highlight of the day was a presentation by Lilly Ledbetter who spearheaded the Fair Pay Act in the US.

*Club members supported other Area 4 fundraisers by attending the Lucky Ladies Luncheons in Batavia, Hamburg, and "Reaching for the Stars" in Rochester.

*Club members participated in Area 3 Workshop in Lockport.

Zonta Club of Aurora President Pat Spahn

Membership: 19

*Service: The Family Justice Center will be one of the recipients of money raised at this year's fundraiser. Plastic bags were also donated for the constructing of the Birthing Kit project.

*Service: Club members' filled hand made bags with travel toiletries for the Domestic Violence shelter.

*Applicants are being sought for the club's scholarship.

*In March, the ZC of Aurora gave the "Woman of Distinction" award to a community person who made a difference.

Outstanding Issues

The ZC of Aurora and ZC of Amherst have low membership.

Positive Notes

There have been many very successful fundraisers.

There has been very good support by Zonta members attending each other's events.

The clubs service projects, by in large, are aligned with the Zonta mission statement.

Upcoming Area Events

Zonta Club of Hamburg/Orchard Park -Upcoming Wine Tasting Events in August and September