



# Zonta International District 4

*Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide*

## Area Director's Activity Report Board Meeting

**Date:** September 2, 2011

### **Clubs Visited**

Zonta Club of Rochester 5/5/11, 5/10/11  
Zonta Club of Buffalo 5/17/11  
Zonta Club of Amherst 5/24/11  
Zonta Club of Hamburg-Orchard Park 6/13/11  
Zonta Club of Batavia 6/15/11  
Zonta Club of Cheektowaga-Lancaster 6/23/11  
Zonta Club of Geneva ZING! 8/23/11

### **Meetings Held**

The second President's meeting was held on Saturday, June 4, 2011 at 10:00 AM at Donna Ketchum-Colletta's home, Area 4 Director, In Elma, NY.

### **Clubs Special Events/Functions Attended**

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  
5/17/11 Conducted the Installation of new officers for the Zonta Club of Buffalo  
5/24/11 Conducted the Installation of new officers for the Zonta Club of Amherst  
5/26/11 Participated in The Betty Thompson Golf Classic sponsored by the Zonta Club of Kitchener-Waterloo  
6/3/11 Attended the garage sale held by the Zonta Club of Amherst  
6/7/11 Cooked with the Zonta Club of Hamburg-Orchard Park at the Ronald McDonald House in Buffalo, NY  
6/9/11 Attended a fund raising breakfast for the Family Justice Center  
6/11/11 Attended the fundraiser for the Zonta Club of Buffalo held at the Buffalo Raceway (and won!)  
6/13/11 Attended a business meeting of the Zonta Club of Hamburg-OP  
6/15/11 Conducted the Installation of new officers for the Zonta Club of Batavia and conducted and Induction of two new members.

6/20/11 Attended a planning meeting for the September District 4 Conference in Buffalo, NY  
6/22/11 Attended a training session at the Family Justice Center to be a volunteer for the domestic violence office  
6/23/11 Conducted the Installation of Officers for the Zonta Club of Cheektowaga-Lancaster Club  
7/11/11 Attended the summer picnic fro the Zonta Club of Hamburg-OP  
8/6/11 Attended the garage sale held by the Zonta Club of Cheektowaga-Lancaster  
8/15/11 Attended a planning meeting for the September District 4 Conference in Buffalo, NY  
8/22/11 Area 1 Director Cathie Wheeler and I met at my home to update and change the President's and the AD's Year End Reports  
8/23/11 Attended and spoke at the Zonta Club of Geneva's ZING!  
8/24/11 Attended a meeting at the Family Justice Center for the poster project  
8/25/11 Chaired the wine tasting for the Zonta Club of Hamburg-Orchard Park

### **Club Update**

#### **Zonta Club of Amherst President Anita Sandecki**

**Membership:** 15 members

**LAA:** Nothing to report

**Service:** Nothing to report

**UN:** Nothing to report

**Birthing Kits:** Participated in the Birthing Kit assembling hosted by the Zonta Club of Buffalo

**Fundraisers:** A Garage Sale was held on June 3, 2011

The membership is in the process of preparing for the **Clothing Warehouse Sale** to be held on November 27, 2011

**Community PR:** Club members entered a team to take part in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure held in June,

**Awards:** 2 High School Scholarships were awarded at the May meeting.

**New Project:** The Zonta Club of Amherst is exploring the possibility of financially supporting a group of Middle School aged young ladies considered to be at risk. These young ladies attend Sweethome Middle School and meet weekly with their advisor.

#### **Zonta Club of Aurora President Pat Spahn**

**Membership:** 15

**LAA:** Actively participated and planned the Susan B. Anthony Luncheon. Their nomination of Marlene Roll, Director of Veterans Services of Erie County was the winner of the award.

**Service:** Purchased items to be donated to the FISH and Aurora food bank

**UN:** Nothing to report

**Birthing Kits:** Participated in the assembling of birthing kits hosted by the Zonta Club of Cheektowaga-Lancaster. Also, made a donation for the transporting of the birthing kits.

**Fundraisers:** Members are busy preparing for their Lucky Ladies Luncheon on October 22.

**Community PR:** Nothing to report

**Zonta Club of Batavia President Lee Cummings**

**Membership:** 32. \*Highest membership in Area 4. Seven new members joined The club this year and there were no loses. The club hosted a formal new member orientation and rewrote the new member folders as part of the orientation.

**LAA:** Nothing to report

**Service:** Volunteer at **MY Sister's Closet** a used clothing store at the local YWCA. Profits go for the YWCA'S domestic violence program. Club members volunteer their time to be mentors for the **Power-Up Program** assisting women to rejoin the work force. Volunteers assist with resume building skills, interviewing skills, computer skills, and provide coaching on how to dress for success.

**UN:** Nothing to report

**Birthing Kits:** Nothing to report

**Fundraisers:** In June, the held a very successful **Lucky Numbers Luncheon**. The luncheon was held at the Batavia Downs Raceway. The club raised over \$10,000

**Community PR:** Monetary donations were made to **Simply Beautiful**, which provides wigs to women completing treatment for cancer. Donations were also made to **RAP** (Regional Action Phones), which takes phone calls from people in crisis.

Articles were placed in the Batavia Daily News regarding the Lucky Numbers Luncheon and the Scholarship winners.

**Awards:** 9 scholarships were awarded to local high school students in

**New Projects:** The club is exploring the possibility of starting a new **Z Club** at Batavia High School

**Zonta Club of Buffalo President Irene Majchrzak**

**Membership:** 27

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

**Service:** Members participated in the **United Way Day of Caring** at Cornerstone Manor. Cornerstone Manor provides shelter for victims of domestic. Members volunteered their time washing walls, tables, chairs, and bookshelves.

The ZC of Buffalo continues to be a part of the "**TRY**" mentorship program working with young women living in Buffalo. Members will be assembling birthday bags for the residents.

The members continue to network with the International Institute. Plans are being made with the Institute on how they might be able to better assist immigrants and refugees coming into the Buffalo area.

**UN:** Nothing to report

**Birthing Kits:** Members held a workshop assembling birthing kits. The kits have been transported to Costa Rica, Africa, and Central America by Zontians traveling in that direction.

**Fund Raisers:** The club sponsored a Belmont Night at Buffalo Raceway. The club also raised money with their "Big Buffalo Basket Raffle".

**Community PR:** Club members donated baked goods and funding for the Women's Respite Program in May for "Grandmother's Raising Grandchildren." Club members continue to provide clothing to the SANE program. This project continues to provide clothing for rape victims in the emergency room.

Club members participated in the Susan G. Komen Race

**Special Projects:** 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.

### **Zonta Club of Cheektowaga-Lancaster President Phyllis Dickinson**

**Membership:** 26

**LAA:** Letters were sent to their state senators urging them to support the passage of CEDAW.

Club members volunteered to be a part of The Summer Institute for Human Rights and Genocide Studies. They also provided scholarship money for students wanting to attend this summer program. Students studied and visited the Susan B. Anthony House and Seneca Falls Women's Rights museum.

**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.

**UN:** Nothing to report

**Birthing Kits:** The club hosted the largest assemblage of birthing kits in Area 4. 1,000 kits were made. Two other clubs (Hamburg/OP, and Aurora) joined this host club and all clubs donated money for transportation of the birthing kits. The kits were taken to Costa Rica, Bagishu, Uganda, Africa, Peru, and Ghana.

**Fundraising:** The club held a "Lucky Ladies Luncheon" and raised \$9,000 for their service projects.

The club held a Garage Sale and raised \$1,400.

The club members are busy selling tickets for A Comedy Night to be held October 21.

**Community PR:** Donations were made to the Lancaster/Depew Girls and Boys Club. The donations were used to send girls to summer camp.

Members worked in the basket tent at the Relay For Life, which raises money for the American Cancer Society.

**Awards:** The club awarded 2 High School scholarships, 1 YWPA scholarship and 1 adult returning to school scholarship.

### **Zonta Club of Geneva President Mary Brainard**

**Membership: 12** The club held a ZING! in August. Three ladies have indicated an interest in joining Zonta. Speakers at the ZING included the Habitat for Humanity Women's Build Project, Lt. Gov Lee Fogarty, who spoke on the Birthing

Kit Project, and Area 4 Director Donna Ketchum-Colletta, who spoke on “How is Zonta Different from Other Organizations”.

**LAA:** Nothing to report

**Service:** Club members are currently setting their dates to work at the new build Habitat for Humanity Women’s Build House.

**UN:** Nothing to report

**Birthing Kits:** The club is busy making plans to host a workshop to assemble birthing kits in the near future. Several members are attending the birthing kit session at the District 4 Conference.

**Fundraising:** Nothing to report

**Community PR:** Nothing to report

### **Zonta Club of Hamburg-Orchard Park President Judy Powers**

**Membership:** 24

**LAA:** Bonnie Clesse, D4 chair for LAA, spoke at a meeting on what is advocacy. In March, professor, lawyer, and author Dr. Nadia Shahram spoke on the topic of “Women in the Shadows”. The talk focused on Muslim women and their role in Tehran and sexual usage.

Coming in October 2011, Karen O’Hara will be attending a meeting and speaking on Human Trafficking in WNY.

**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. Members also assist with their annual fundraiser.

Club members serve on the board and assist the Hamburg Domestic Violence Unit. They volunteer time to babysit children while women are in court.

Members were present at the dedication of the new Family Justice Center in Orchard Park. The club 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 Area 4 Director has contacted all Zonta Club presidents in Erie County to participate in this project.

11 members have gone through training to be volunteers at the FJC.

The club volunteered to assist the FJC with the “Voices Ending Violence” fund raising breakfast held in June

The ZC of Hamb/OP is actively involved in the planning of the Zonta District Conference to be held in Buffalo on September 23-25, 2011.

**UN:** Nothing to report

**Birthing Kits:** Participated in the assembling of 1,000 birthing kits. The ZC of Cheek/Lanc hosted this activity. The club also donated money for the shipping of the kits.

**Fundraisers:** The club held its Spring Lucky Ladies Luncheon April and raised money for their service projects.

In the months of Aug. and Sept., the club is hosting 4 wine and cheese pairings. Money from the sale of tickets will be donated to the FJC, ZISVAW, and the ZI Foundation projects.

**Community PR:** Club members prepared and served food for the Ronald McDonald House on June 7.

Club members participated in the "Ride For Roswell".

The Zonta Club of Hamburg/OP is now listed with the Erie County Central Referral System under the Service category as a community resource.

The club is also listed with the Erie County Commission on Women with contact info.

**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.

**Awards:** The club awarded 4 high school female students scholarships and 4 adult student scholarships.

### **Zonta Club of Rochester President Amy Irish**

**Membership:** 25 The club held a ZING! in August. 13 guests were invited, with one possible new member resulting.

**LAA:** Nothing to report

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

Club members assisted with the *Pluta Cancer Center* assisting with the Emerald Ball. Members volunteered to help with registration and cash out.

The club continues its 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".

**UN:** Members will attend a UN presentation in October sponsored by the Rochester's Women's Network. The speakers will be UN journalists and their talk will be on their work in developing countries and issues concerning the empowerment of women and girls around the world.

**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".

The club continues its relationship with Catholic Family Center "Healthy Sisters Soup and Bean Works"

**Awards:** The club awarded a YWPA scholarship in May.

**Special Projects:** 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. They also provide toiletries to St. Joseph's Neighborhood Center.

Printer cartridges are collected for Mt. Hope Family Center.

### **Positive Notes**

The Zonta Club of Geneva was reinstated and they had a successful ZING!

There have been many very successful fundraisers. ZC of Batavia, ZC of Rochester, and the ZC of Cheektowaga/Lanc. all raised closed to \$10,000 with their fundraisers!

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

The clubs service projects are aligned with the Zonta mission statement.

**Upcoming Area Events**

Zonta Club of Hamburg/Orchard Park -Upcoming Wine Tasting Events in August and September 7, 14, 29, 2011.

Zonta Club of Cheektowaga-Lancaster Comedy Night on October 21, 2011

Zonta Club of Aurora Lucky Ladies Luncheon on October 22, 2011

Zonta Club of Batavia Lucky Ladies Luncheon on April 28, 2011

**Important: Area 3 & 4 Workshop is scheduled for April 21, 2012.  
Host club is the Zonta Club of Cheektowaga-Lancaster.**