

**AREA DIRECTOR'S REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR  
FOR THE PERIOD December 1, 2011 to May 31, 2012**

**AREA:**              6  

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**Membership:**

**Total # for Area June 1, 2012\_**       121  

**Total # for Area at period end**       124  

**Contributions to Zonta International Foundation during the period:**

**\$**   7990.00  

(ZI recommends 1/3 of funds raised Club manual p15)

**Contributions to local projects for the period including local awards: \$**   50,364  

(scholarships, YWPA, Klausman etc)

**Area fundraisers and the amount raised for this period:**

The total monies raised this period was 68,707 the fundraisers included Glass Sipper Ball the highest at \$50000, Purse Auctions, Movie Preview, Rose Day, Road Rally, Women who make a difference dinner, and other smaller monthly fundraisers. Meadville had no fund raisers.

**Area service projects (hands on) other than Birthing Kits for this period:**

Pgh, Amelia Luncheon and Awards, Washington, Jogging Suits for Rape Victims. Service awards to Jr.'s in High School, Working at Washington City Mission for the homeless women. donations to the Washington Women's Shelter, Awards to 2 on traditional nursing students. Oil City mailed Christmas cards to residents of local mental facility. Three Rivers Girls Hope Christmas Party, gifts are provided to the teens. Club members purchased and assembled about 60 birthday bags to be given to POWER a local drug and alcohol rehab for women. These bags contained pampering items. POWER used these to give to their residents on their birthdays. These bags gives them a sense that someone cares and that they are special. Meadville had no service projects

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**BIRTHING KITS:**

What has your area done during the period?

Oil City put together 200 kits that were sent to Africa. The Washington Club put together 400 with the help of the nursing students of California U of Pa. Then they partnered with Washington and Jefferson College . A professor personally took them to Gambia Africa. Their partner organization there is GAMCOTRAP which provides health/advocacy services to women and works to eradicate genital mutilation. Kits were delivered in Jan.

If assembled, how many? \_\_\_\_\_600

Where were they sent? \_\_\_\_\_400 to Gambia Africa      200 to Africa\_

**COMMUNICATION / DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION**

	Completed to Date during the <u>period</u>	Remarks
<b>Area Director's Newsletter</b>	Informal emails	
<b>Others (e.g. media coverage or information submitted to media without receiving coverage):</b> Please Describe:		

**List Club functions attended during the period including meetings and special events:**

Meadville Meeting with Lee to discuss clubs activities and membership. Attended board meeting and regular meeting in Oil City. Club is very active and stable. Attended Three Rivers Meeting another active/stable club. Spring Workshop Partial attendance.

**ALIGNMENT OF CLUB STRATEGIC PLAN, GOALS AND STRATEGIES TO THE BIENNIAL GOALS AND THE STRATEGIC PLAN APPROVED AT CONVENTION**

The approved Strategic Plan can be retrieved through the link:

<http://www.zonta.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=MaiUk9l64cl%3d&tabid=323>

The approved biennial goals can be retrieved through the link:

<http://www.zonta.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=v8V6nA5RILA%3d&tabid=323>

**Do your area clubs have formalized strategic plans? Yes # 1 semi formalNo # 4**

**1. Focus on our mission – Service**

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What actions are being planned or being carried out in the Area by the Club Boards to educate club members on the International Service Projects?

The international Service Projects can be retrieved through the link:

<http://www.zonta.org/WhatWeDo/InternationalPrograms.aspx>

Washington's Club had a presentation of ZI service projects presented at Rose Day Celebration by Joanne Raymond. Three Rivers had both the Governor and Joanne Raymond visit the club and showed web clips on ZI service projects. In addition various projects were spotlighted at select member meetings, Pgh. club distributes materials to members. Oil City had a meeting program on international service programs and I spoke at the meeting regarding ZI service programs. Meadville answered NA.

Are Clubs in your Area working on local service projects that advance the status of women? Please give examples of local service projects that advance the status of women during this quarter.

Three Rivers: Girls Hope Christmas Party, Birthday Bags for Drug and Alcohol ctr. An Apartment Shower was held for Hearth, a local residence for women who are victims of domestic violence. Washington. They have initiated Jogging Suits for Rape Victims and teddy bears for children rape victims. Awards for our Amelia Earhart Junior Girls. as well as \$500 awards to 2 non traditional nursing students. They provide clothing for Dress for Success and provide Christmas presents for Women Shelter residents.. Oil City does work with their local womens shelter providing supplies and clothing. Pittsburgh club gives computers and clothing certificates to high school girls at their Amelia Earhart event. Meadville does not have any programs.

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If your Area's Clubs have projects NOT focusing on advancing the status of women, give examples of actions taken by the Club Board that have resulted in decreasing this number.

Meadville who picks up trash said they will seek out projects to advance the status of women.

**2. Focus on our mission – Advocacy**

Are Clubs in your Area working with the Legislative Awareness Advocacy (LAA) "scorecard?" (After logging in at [www.zonta.org](http://www.zonta.org) you find the Advocacy/Service scorecard at <http://www.zonta.org/MemberResources/Tools/AdvocacyTools.aspx>)

Washington Club and Oil City does not at present it is on agenda for next president. Meadville does not. Pittsburgh club is doing some things and the Three Rivers Club is our shining example. They have done an email and letter writing campaign in support of US passing the CEDAW and the renewal of the Violence against Women Act for another 4 years. The club has a KIVA lending group. Members along with the Advocacy Committee is funding microloans to women business interests in developing countries. Their advocacy chair Michelle Simon shared the club's 3 year journey in taking action against Human Trafficking at the D\$ Workshops for Areas 5 - 6.

If no what action is being taken to educate your Clubs on LAA activities aiming at advancing the Status of Women?

Washington Club and the Oil City Club are discussing programs to get them started in this area. Meadville put NA.

What are you, as Area Director, doing to support this process?

I have been providing ideas to the clubs for advocacy projects.

**3. Membership (Recruit, Retain, Rejuvenate)**

What is your Area's membership goal and how are the Clubs aiming to achieve it? For the present reporting period: how close is the Area to reaching this goal?

Three Rivers would like to reach 50 members They align themselves with like minded organizations and recruit thru them. Members have access to printed materials to give to give

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to prospective members. They have started an email marketing list for keeping interested women informed. Pittsburgh's goal is to recruit 4 new members as of May 1 they have recruited 1. Oil City would like to gain 10 members over a 3 year period. They each actively recruit. Meadville knows that they need to recruit. "The gain some they lose some." Washington's goals are to reach 25 members. They have added 5 new members and hope to add another 4. After the Rose Day event there are 6 prospective new members interested. They will be holding their annual recruitment event a Purse Auction in July.

Does your Area have Z- or Golden Z-clubs?

The only club that sponsors a Z-Club is Three Rivers North Allegheny HS

Are your Area Clubs taking any actions to start new Z- or Golden Z-clubs? If yes, please specify

No one at present is looking to start a new Z Club

As Area Director, what have you done to work on this?

I have asked the club I visited to consider expanding the Z clubs in this area.

**4. International Service and educational program commitments**

The global Service & Educational program commitments as approved by the Convention can be found at

<http://www.zonta.org/MemberResources/Tools/FoundationTools.aspx>

What are the goals for your Area's Clubs donations to Zonta International Foundation for the biennium? And, for the present reporting period: how close are they to reaching this goal?

Washington is gradually increasing their donations and have approved \$25 donation in Oct. toward the service projects. Three Rivers has give \$6000 to ZI during this Biennium it is their hop/plan to increase this amt. over the next 2 years. It depends on successful fund raising. Oil City and Pittsburgh are working to continue their support of ZI. Meadville is just getting by and need to get back on their feet.

**5. United Nations activities**

**What activities have been initiated, are being carried out or have been concluded at your Club and Area level highlighting Zonta's role with the United Nations?**

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Three Rivers had Joanne Raymond in to speak. Pittsburgh emails information to their members, Washington had Joann Raymond speak at their signature event. Oil City has had none. Meadville has done nothing.

What actions have your Area Clubs made to promote the International Awards:

Amelia Earhart Fellowship	Action/Activities: Washington and Three Rivers , Oil City, Pittsburgh, Provided Baskets to District 4. .Three Rivers made \$1000 donation
Jane M Klausman Scholarships	Action/Activities: Three Rivers donated \$1000, Pgh sent poster and flyers to colleges. Oil City supports this and Washington Club speaks about this at all most of our events. <Meadville NA
Young Women in Public Affairs Awards	Action/Activities: Three Rivers \$1000 donation.Washington We give out applications at our Amelia Earhart event and send in names. Pittsburgh sends posters and flyers to schools. Oil City makes recommendations and tries to recruit. Meadville NA

Actions by your Area clubs to promote the Special Days listed below in the clubs? Have these opportunities been used for fundraising to our international programs or to disseminate LAA information. If yes, how?

Amelia Earhart day January 11	Action/Activities: Washington and Pittsburgh hold an annual event honoring High School students and giving awards. Three Rivers and Oil City does their celebration at their meeting Three Rivers does not and Meadville does not.
Rose day/International Women's Day March 8	Action/Activities: IWashington Club notifies the winners of their Rose Day Award on International Women's Day and the Ceremony is in April. They honor 6 outstanding women who stand as and example to other.s. Three Rivers and Oil City celebrate it at their meetings. Pittsburgh has a dinner and presents Women who make a difference award. Meadville does nothing.
International day of peace September 21	Action/Activities: None of the clubs do anything.
United Nations day October 24	Action/Activities: None of the clubs do anything.

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Zonta International "birthday" November 8	Action/Activities:          None of the clubs do anything.
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