



AREA DIRECTOR REPORT TO BOARD

DATE: 10-29-201

COMMITTEE Area 6

HIGHLIGHTS: It has been a pleasure to visit the clubs in Area 6 and participate in their activities. I have been amazed at the dedication of these Zontians in making their service and fundraising projects so successful. The clubs in Area 6 each have less than 30 members and it is not unusual to find that each member is engaged in more than 2-3 projects or programs.

In addition to these activities, the clubs over the last two years have worked diligently to increase their membership base. Oil City-Franklin, Pittsburgh and Washington County have had successful membership events, resulting in new members, who have become active participants in Zonta service and advocacy events.

It also was an honor to represent Area 6 at the District 4 Conference. Reports from these clubs reflected enthusiasm for Zonta's mission and biennial goals/projects. The birthing kit project has been adopted by 4 out of the 5 Area clubs. Zonta Says No activities have been implemented. Service projects that benefit women in the clubs' local communities continue to be a top priority for all.

CHALLENGES: I have found my greatest challenge to be learning about all the activities, programs and projects that the Area 6 clubs are doing. Because of geographic distance and time constraints, I have not been able to visit all the clubs on a regular basis. Not all clubs have newsletters or up-to-date newsletters, again making it difficult to be aware of club activities.

On a club level, clubs continue to ask for help in attracting new members and sustaining members' engagement.

Respectfully submitted:

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