

ADVOCACY REPORT D4 – CANADA

In Canada I have continued to file the monthly infomercials for distribution in our District. As well, these infomercials go to all Zonta Clubs across Canada.

I monitor Womenenews daily for news stories about women's issues around the globe. I also receive a monthly newsletter from the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives. This publication contains in-depth articles about various issues here in Canada.

Since the D4 Conference I have had discussions with various stakeholders in the Kitchener-Waterloo area who work in the field of violence against women. It was very informative and may have resulted in an organization for the local Zonta Club to work with. I was trying to learn of any province-wide initiatives that Zonta might partner with. As well, I had discussions with the Executive Director of Victim Services of the Waterloo Regional Police regarding a new personal alarm system they now have for women who are victims of violence. Because this alarm is recognized across the province the various organizations involved may contact Zonta for service funds.

I attended the BridgeWalk done by the Zonta Club of Oakville on a very cold Saturday. It gave the Club great visibility, other Clubs were able to participate and a local elected official spoke.

I have submitted two Advocacy actions done by Clubs in D4 – the various Bridgewalks as well as the 16 Videos done by the Kitchener-Waterloo Club for inclusion in the International Advocacy Newsletter. I will be doing a phone chat with our International Advocacy Chair the week of Jan. 6th.

Respectfully,

Connie Deckert, D4 Advocacy Chair (Canada), Zonta Club of Kitchener-Waterloo