

AREA 5 DIRECTOR'S REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR  
FOR THE PERIOD September 2012 to November 2012

All six of the Area 5 clubs, Bradford, Corry, Erie, Jamestown, Olean and Warren, have started their regular meetings in September. The clubs are extremely excited about the coming Biennium. Here are some highlights the clubs would like to share. I have visited two clubs and plan on visiting all six in the near future.

The Bradford Club had a dynamic Organizational meeting where members were asked different questions about what Zonta meant to them and what they wanted to get out of the club. Including good discussion about the need for another hands on service project.

Their representative to the Convention gave a report and part of her talk focused on the International Service Projects. In October the club was presented with a award during Domestic Violence Awareness Month by the YWCA's Victims Resource Center for our on-going support of the agency. We began our fundraising projects – candy making and a new fundraiser for us this year – Calendars of Cash. November we continued with fundraising projects. Committees are beginning to meet to make plans for the New Year.

Corry's club started off their season with a dinner meeting at the Corry Country Club. This meeting was combined with College Women and hosted Sgt. Detective Joe Spusta and 1<sup>st</sup> District Attorney from Erie who presented a program regarding domestic violence and abuse and identity theft. In October, the International Dinner was held. Fran Runyan, AD, presented an overview of happenings in Zonta and the upcoming events in our Area and District as well as International emphasis. Plans were reviewed & tickets were distributed for the Corry club's main fundraising event, Car/Money Raffle in December. November had "Freedom4You" speak regarding Human Trafficking. The public and other organizations were invited. Member Sandy Crowell coordinated the sale of Beads for Life products to benefit Uganda. Plus, OkindaKids were featured. They spoke about the women in Kenya and brought products to sell to benefit Kenya. 80 people attended.

The Jamestown Club reports the following. Fundraising amounts raised for this period our Calendar sales=\$540; bake sale \$793; and raffle \$855. Service Projects (hands on) other than Birthing Kits for this period: Lily's Hope; ER Clothing; Donations Women's Shelter; and Domestic Violence Walk. The Jamestown Club has a formalized strategic plan. Focus on our mission – Service was discussed at meetings. Examples of the Club working on local service projects that advance the status of women during this quarter include, Support of Birdie Turner and Anew Center and Domestic Violence Coalition. We have focused on this during the Board of Directors and general meetings. Focusing on our Mission – Advocacy: Book Marks and information sheets were distributed to educate our Club on LAA activities aiming at advancing the Status of Women. We continue to encourage use of scorecard. Membership goal was attained but have lost members. We have potential recruits and we continue to encourage participation. We are looking at inviting other school districts to consider Z or Golden Z clubs. We are asking local Junior College and will ask high schools as well. We are encouraging a goal of 33 percent of Local funds going toward ZIF. Rose Day/International Women's Day plans are underway to collaborate a program with AAUW and invite women's groups in area.

The Warren Club, under the direction of President Barbara Swanson, has been busy planning Area 5 & 6's Spring Workshop. It will be Saturday, April 6, 2013 at the Warren Holiday Inn. The cost is \$40.00. More details can be found on the District website.