

### Area 3 Summary November 2012

Presidents meeting was held on November 3, 2012 10-12 at Panera Bread Niagara Falls Blvd, Amherst, NY. Summary below:

-Review of previously distributed materials including conflict/disclosure paperwork and the President manual and orientation powerpoint.

-Summary of club specific matters was presented (suggestion of “7Minutes” as an agenda item, Committee name changes, review of meeting protocol, strategic plans, Guests, Archivists dues)

-Kathy Smith ,Ambassador, reported on ZI. Kathy stressed the goal of each member contributing to ZI and gave a few examples of how clubs are doing this. Also Kathy reminded the attendees to invite either Vivian Cody or herself to speak at each club over the course of the next year and a half.

-Discussion on membership. Each club was encouraged to set realistic goals as is being done in D4 regarding membership. Both the Kenmore Club and the Niagara Falls, Ont club held Zing funded affairs resulting in new members. Some clubs with lower membership voiced concern with keeping up with club commitments while preventing member burnout. Tonawanda is experiencing problems and Kathy Smith suggested the club take advantage of the D4 board members who may be able to facilitate discussion and resolution to their problems.

- Report on D4 activity per retreat minutes and a request for D4 board members for open positions was made. I will update the clubs after our 11/10/12 board meeting.

- Roundtable and Announcements – Inter District Conference, Workshops,(NIAGARA FALL, NY 4/20/12 at NF Country Club), Advocacy meeting and individual club’s activities were presented. We also had a discussion on the possibility of having electronic meetings for our clubs , creating or formalizing a “Friends of Zonta” category. Z CLUBS-St. Catherine’s has a Z club and Kenmore will be sending in the charter paperwork for their Z club by the end of this month. 4/7 clubs have websites . All clubs with the exception of Lockport participate in the Birthing Kit project. Lockport was invited to observe Fort Erie who will be assembling kits later this month.

-All present expressed frustration with getting press coverage for activities. We spent some time discussing various ways to address the reluctance of older (not necessarily age) members to try new ideas. We will make a greater effort to attend each others activities.

Meeting ended at 11:50

Kathy Kanaley , Area 3 Director