 Area 4 Director’s Quick Summary May 10, 2014 Board Meeting

MEMBERSHIP: I recently checked the Zonta International Directory and our Area 4 Count is 180 members so that puts us over the beginning count in June 2013.

FUND RAISING: Spring has sprung and so has the last of the Fund Raisers: Batavia-Genesee County, Cheektowaga-Lancaster, and Rochester all held their Lucky Number Luncheons. Aurora held a Comedy/Sportz Fundraiser. Geneva members spent the day “Bowling for the Boys and Girls Club”. The Buffalo Club’s 6-month long Lottery Ticket project goes through June – they believe it will be a very successful fund raiser. The Z-Club of Batavia High School raised over $3,000 to build a Water Tower in Uganda – students carried heavy water filled jugs around the school halls to represent what children in Uganda do on a daily basis.

DONATIONS: At their April Meeting, Batavia voted to make the following donations: $1,000 to local agencies and $3,000 to ZI. Geneva sent $200 to ZI. Many clubs still have to hand out their scholarship awards in May and June.

SERVICE: Batavia-Genesee County is working with the Veteran’s Women’s PTSD Clinic in Batavia to develop a monthly visit schedule at the facility. The Aurora Club has joined with other local service clubs in “joint” monthly meetings and they sent a carton filled with supplies to Crossroad Springs Orphanage in Africa. The Z-Club sponsored by the Cheektowaga-Lancaster Club has made blankets for the Family Justice Center.

ADVOCACY: D4 US Chair, Toni, will have her own report, but several Clubs have been supporting her in the letter writing campaign begun by the Aurora Club’s President, Diane Hart, regarding the IVAW Bill and encouraging Congressman Chris Collins to support the bill. The day before the Workshop in Rochester Toni and I attended a presentation in Buffalo that was hosted by Senator Mark Grisanti on Domestic Violence Prevention. The Hamburg-Orchard Park school’s Z-Club will have a program on Self Esteem & Curbing Teenage Date Violence. Pati Aine spoke to the Rochester Club about CEDWA and Aurora had a guest speaker from Family Justice. Geneva made Birthing Kits.

SPRING WORKSHOP for Areas 3 & 4 was hosted by the Rochester Club on April 5 and we had a wonderful turnout of members: 72 registered, 9 First Timers, and 14 of 16 clubs in the two Areas were represented, along with a few others from other Areas. The Club was able to send a check for $679.64 to District.

CONVENTION: I haven’t heard from all the Clubs, but I do know that Amherst, Aurora, and Rochester will be sending a Proxy. Buffalo has at least 6 members going, as does Hamburg-OP.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Buffalo and Hamburg-Orchard Park Presidents, along with Toni M., joined me at the Buffalo Library for March Women’s History Month Kick-Off Day.

Respectfully submitted by, Mary K Yunker