**2016-2018**

**Second Report of the Area Directors Due Date: 5th of May 2017**

 **Please submit completed report to
 Governor Lori Robinson and a copy to D4 Communications for posting on the D 4 Site.**

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| District/Region  | 4 |
| Governor/Regional Representative | Lori Robinson |
| Area Director  | Beth Zak, Area 6 |

After your last report for the February Board meeting, a checklist was compiled with all your comments. We want you to know that something is happening with your comments, but some could take a little more time to answer. If there is specific feedback you need, please contact your board liaison.

Please fill-in responses directly on this form. We recommend that you do not exceed 200 words per field.

1. **What have been the area’s successes / achievements since the prior report?**

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| Meadville We’ve brought in two new members and hope to have a third one join.Oil City-FranklinBirthing kits – planned for June 20,2017 . Typically make 225 and have been able to personally deliver them to Africa. Invited Meadville club to participate.January - collected paper goods and feminine products for women’s shelter.Poster projects. Made 500 posters and posted in restrooms, bars and restaurants. Have rip-off piece with information. Now reaching out to car dealerships to put in their restrooms. Putting stickers in doctor offices.Partnered with Family Services (woman who runs it is in Zonta club).Most members live in Oil City vs. Franklin but the meetings alternate locations. This has been frustrating for Oil City members to drive to Franklin when most members are from Oil City. This year they are meeting in between at Country club in town of Reno with good results.Franklin – Chamber of Commerce mixer – set up Zonta information table to collected information from 6 potential new members.Three Rivers Pittsburgh NorthWe have been focusing on the agency HEARTH and are currently purchasing supplies to donate to them. We also have a Kiva account and continue to make micro loans to woman-owned businesses around the world through Kiva.PittsburghOn March 23, 2017 Pittsburgh Zonta Club held their Women Who Make a Difference Event honoring Natalia Rudiak and all of her achievements and that she spear headed the passing of the CEDAW legislation in the City of Pittsburgh.  The event went very well and was well attended.WashingtonAnnual Amelia Earhart Dinner - We honor a junior girl from each of the 15 school districts within Washington County who perform service to their communities, schools, and churches.  We are impressed with the level of volunteerism that these girls portray, besides they are excellent students and athletes.  Our date this year was March 29. Provide a nominal monetary amount for each girl with an Amelia Earhart bear and certificate; one of the young women is chosen to receive the $1000.00 scholarship.Annual Rose Day Brunch – We honor women in Washington County who do outstanding work in the fields of business, community service, education, government, health services, non-profit, and volunteerism. Held on April 30.We have made 2000 birthing kits in 2016 for women in underprivileged nations, particularly Africa.  Goal is really 10000 per year.  We partnered with the St. Vincent de Paul Society in McDonald, Pa. for the assembly in 2016. We are working with the Elks Lodge #776 for our 2017 project to collect our supplies and assemble the kits by September, 2017.We are providing jogging suits and stuffed animals (usually bears) for women and children who are victims of sexual abuse in the three hospitals in Washington County – Canonsburg, Washington, and Mon Valley Hospitals.  The cost of jogging suits annually is $8,000.00.  In 2016 the number of reported rapes in Washington County was 435. This is an ongoing project. We work closely with the hospitals to continually resupply their needs. We have supported the Dress for Success group with both supplies and baskets for their fundraisers, the LeMoyne House for their needs.One of our members is a nurse who visits Jamaica annually with the Mustard Seed Communities.  We supply them with gift bags for the young mothers who are lucky they are 12 years old or so.  Their babies get loads of supplies.  We supply the young mothers with basic needs – lotions, shampoos, hair braids, scarves, fabric tote bags, nail polish, etc.  Just beauty needs.  It increases their self-esteem.We work very closely with Dr. Mary Jo Podgurski of the Teen Outreach in the various needs that she may have, particularly working with the young people within our community.We are a member of the Joint Service Club Sign Committee that supports the sign that list the service organizations in Washington County. |

1. **What challenges have you encountered since the last report?**

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| MeadvilleGetting members involved and doing more in advocacy area.Oil City-FranklinWe have lost 2 members this year for personal reasons. We want to keep older members satisfied while welcoming new and younger members in order to keep the Chapter growing.Three Rivers Pittsburgh NorthOur main challenge is in acquiring new members and retaining the ones we already have.PittsburghAn ongoing issue we have at this time is the non-partisan issue.  Nancy Crouthamel has drafted a statement for the members but it has not been finalized yet.We have had many members decide to not renew their membership.WashingtonMaintaining members and gaining new members. |

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1. **What guidance or information is needed from the Zonta International level for your district and clubs to achieve the biennial goals?** (For example: 100% club projects focus on women and girls, Women Empowerment Principles are supported, advocacy is occurring at national level, men are engaged in the community, 5% net membership growth will be achieved, one net new club is added, relevant leadership training is happening at all levels, fundraising goals are being achieved/surpassed and so on.)

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| Oil City-Franklin - Very clear instructions on what you want individual clubs to do to meet the biennial goals. |

1. **What do you, your or club members need help with?** (Can be from Governor, Lt. Governor, Treasurer, headquarters, committees, etc.)

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| Meadville - Having committees, not enough members to have them.Three Rivers Pittsburgh North - Any ideas for membership building would be appreciated.Washington - Probably the biggest issue is membership and growing the club. We lose and add at the same level so it is always equal. How to differentiate ourselves from other organizations? We have found that most people think we are well funded by our International Organization and therefore the local chapters don’t need any financial or organizational support. |

1. **Is there anything else you would like to address?**

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| Meadville - The cost of dues is a problem in our area where people are losing jobs.Washington - The International Website needs some work. Everything seems to be in a state of flux or “non-design”. There are deadlines but no access to the information on the website because it is under construction. |

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| **Area Director : Beth Zak** | **Date: 5/1/2017** |