



ZONTA
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DISTRICT 4
EMPOWERING WOMEN
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORT TO BOARD

DATE: Oct. 28, 2015 _____ COMMITTEE: Z/GOLDEN Z CLUBS

SPONSORS HAMILTON 1 & 2

HIGHLIGHTS: McMaster University Golden Z Club – Hamilton

The new school year has brought about renewed interest in the Club. Mac GZC had a good display at the annual University “Clubfest” which promotes all campus clubs. The display attracted 80 students. The event was followed with a general assembly meeting by the GZC to promote Zonta International, the importance of leadership and membership. The President of Hamilton 2 was the guest speaker. The meeting was attended by 15 new students who signed up for membership. The GZC had developed a professional overhead presentation about its club and a trivia quiz that highlighted Canadian women’s achievements. Both presentations were well received and included service projects, last year’s successes and future goals.

The GZC annual event plan and budget are being finalized as scheduled. Plans include new campus partnerships aimed at gender equality and justice for women. Last year’s very popular self defense for campus students will be repeated next month. Regular Board and Membership meetings are in place as recommended by the sponsoring Zonta Clubs. The aforementioned general assembly meeting was the first regularly monthly scheduled for the membership. The GZC President has accepted the volunteer board role (no voting privileges) of the Zonta Club of Hamilton 2. The role is designed to attract youth input and promote leadership development.

The GZC is fortunate to be led by a very capable President who is preparing her executive board for her departure at the end of her two year term. The GZC President is a fourth year Honors Health Sciences student in the Global Health Specialization program at the University. We are fortunate that the Vice President will assume the President’s role next year.

The Mac GZC executive has participated in the Zonta Clubs of Hamilton service projects and will continue to do so this year. They assisted in assembling birthing kits for Ghana and hygiene kits for local homeless women. GZC members are invited to the Zonta Clubs’ special events and the GZC President is an annual speaker at the Zonta Clubs’ annual joint meeting. When local leadership development programs are available and other appropriate events, the GZC executive is encouraged to attend and often sponsored financially.

CHALLENGES:

1. The limited time and irregular school schedules impact on the time available for Zonta activities.
2. The Mac GZC has not had a formal charter celebration. We hope to rectify this at the next Workshop in 2016.

Respectfully submitted:

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