

DISTRICT 4 LAA (CANADA) CONFERENCE REPORT

In the past Zonta year there has been an increase in the amount of LAA Activities by Clubs in D4. This is true for both sides of the border.

I have continued to do the monthly informercials for the Canadian side of D4. These informercials are also shared with other Zonta Clubs across Canada. The email list I distribute to has also expanded to include more and more members on the US side of D4.

Clubs have invited me to speak and I have visited Toronto and Hamilton. I will be going to Toronto in October.

In the spring my Co-Chair, Bonnie Clesse and I did presentations at two District Spring Workshops. At these workshops Bonnie gathered information regarding activities by individual Clubs regarding LAA.

Canada had a federal election in the spring. Zontians wanted to get involved and I was asked to consult with an AD to help clarify what members could do as a Club and what they could do as individuals. I have also done the same work with my own Club.

During the summer there was a Zonta Summit in Reno, Nevada. I was asked to help gather information for the LAA Presentation.

Next month there is a provincial election here in Ontario. I have already sent out the monthly informercial with suggestions as to how Zontians might be involved.

I was contacted recently for articles for the International LAA newsletter. I emailed two individuals-Susan Hunt and Joan Westcott who had both participated in high-profile LAA activities and asked them to do articles and they accepted. Susan highlighted their event in Oakville with the 'Say No' campaign and Joan provided articles on the Campaign School and the Birthing Kits.

I continue to monitor Womensenews for their stories and forward the ones that I think might be of interest to Bonnie if they are US focused. I also read the monthly reports from the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives.

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