

Service Committee Report to the Zonta District 4 Board (US clubs)

May 2011

1. The Service Committee co-chairs sent a letter to all clubs in February highlighting the International Service programs and directing them to documents on the District 4 web site. (I believe directing them to articles on the D4 site helps make them aware of other resources we have there) At that time we stressed the importance of club and member donations to these important projects. This communication also provided information about our Ambassadors and their willingness to make club visits.

2. Focus for the US clubs is on providing the best way to disseminate and gather updated birthing kit information.
 - a. A number of new documents will soon be added to the District web site Birthing Kit section (with Sandra Cronk's assistance), where everyone can access when needed. These include:
 - i. Approved Logo
 - ii. Sample Sponsor or Fundraising Letter
 - iii. Distribution Partner Requirements & Sample Liability Release Form
 - iv. Supplier Information
 - v. Sharing of successes
 - b. A letter from the Service Committee co-chairs is ready for distribution as soon as the documents are added to the web site, directing them to the site for resource updates.
 - c. With assistance from the Area Directors, I am developing an email list of US club Presidents so that other birthing kit information can be provided or shared as needed. This will allow us to keep up to date on upcoming assemblies which can also be added to the District web site calendar
 - d. I have written a letter to the Uline company president to ask for donated supplies or a discount since many of our clubs use their products for the birthing kits. I will let everyone know the outcome.

3. The majority of US clubs have participated in the District Birthing Kit Project, either with their own birthing kit assembly or with assistance to another club, bringing the number of kits to date to more than 7500. Current known club information is listed below:

AREA 3	
Tonawanda, NY	They partnered with the Kenmore Club to assemble 1,000 kits in March of 2010 with 500 going to Haiti and 500 going to Tanzania. They have another 1,000 kit assembly planned for 3/26/2011.
Kenmore, NY	See above
Area 4	
Buffalo, NY	They did their first assembly of 100 kits in April 2010 which were distributed to Africa. Their distributor recently gave a presentation about how well the kits were received.
Batavia-Genesee County, NY	Although no assemblies are currently planned, they are interested in sharing their assembly knowledge with other clubs
Hamburg-Orchard Park, NY	They have a joint assembly planned with Cheektowaga-Lancaster and Aurora for 2/12/2011 and plan to assemble 1,000 kits for Africa.
Cheektowaga-Lancaster, NY	See above
Aurora, NY	See above
AREA 5	
Jamestown, NY	They recently completed an assembly of kits to be sent to Nepal.
Warren, PA.	Their first assembly was scheduled for 1/20/2011
Bradford, PA	They completed their first assembly with 450 kits & plan 500 more.
Corry, PA	They have begun planning their program and have visited the Jamestown Club for information on a successful assembly.
Erie, PA	They did their first assembly of 800 kits in November 2010 which were combined with the Pittsburgh Club's kits for distribution to Africa.
Area 6	
Oil City-Franklin, PA	They plan their first kit assembly on May 21, 2011.
Pittsburgh, PA	They are assisting Erie in kit distribution and plan another in May.
Three Rivers-Pittsburgh North, PA.	They assist the Pittsburgh club with their assembly.
Washington County, PA	They have partnered with the University of California, Pa. to do an assembly in June or July 2011