

AREA 1 DIRECTOR REPORT
January, 2014

Below is a summary of the Area 1 club activities since November to December 31, 2013.

Cambridge: no report

Guelph

- Engaged in a strategic planning session to examine the current club and to position it for the future. The discussion will be continued in January.
The club also collected personal care items for Women in Crisis

Kitchener-Waterloo: No report

Stratford

- The 14 Roses Bursary was presented to Northwestern student, Kayla McIntyre on November 15
Two very full baskets were dropped off to the Basketeers, a group which provides baskets to women moving from shelters to either second stage housing or on their own
Some of our members participated in a silent march over the lunch hour on November 25 to kick-off the 16 Days of Activism
Three of our members attended Timea Nagy's talk at the Zonta Club of Woodstock's kick off for the 16 Days of Activism
Christmas party on December 5

Owen Sound

- The golf committee has started it's planning.
In November they held a strategic plan implementation meeting which was well done and the Presidents believes will move the process forward.
The Vice President has taken on the task of improving/keeping current their Facebook presence. They are hoping this will attract new/younger members
Donated a total of \$350 to those in need in the area and fundraising grew by \$780.
Two members attended the K-W film festival and they are planning for an event in the fall
A book club was formed which is a great addition to the club

The club is experiencing some tensions between members and as a result, Donna Beatty the immediate Past President has resigned. I am calling into their executive meeting on January 7th to provide support and discuss next steps.

Woodstock

- Had a float in the Woodstock Santa Clause Parade on Nov. 16th. The theme of the float was Zonta Says No!
Several events were done for the 16 Days of Activism in support of the Domestic Assault Review Team (DART). At most of the events, the club supplied cookies with orange ribbons on them. The following is a list of the events they supported and attended.

- International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. At the launch for this Campaign Timea Nagy was the speaker.
- Survivor's Voices lit a Christmas tree with purple lights in front of the Police Station. Zonta supported this event and invited them to attend their General meeting following the Ceremony and speak about their organization.
- International Women Human Rights Defenders Day in conjunction with Oxford County OPP and VASOC
- International Day for the Abolition of Slavery with the Domestic Abuse Services Oxford – Downtown Woodstock
- International Day of Disabled Persons
- Members present at Woodstock General Hospital, Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital, Alexandra Hospital Ingersoll and St. Joseph's Regional Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Treatment Centre.
- Dec. 4th Canadian Mental Health Association – Woodstock Office
- International Volunteer Day for Social & Economic Development
- Survivors Voices & College Secondary School had a purple Beanie Sale at lunch at the school
- Remembrance of the Montreal Massacre UNIFOR locals presented film Screening of "Sin By Silence" with Zonta support at noon.
- Dec. 10th International Human Rights Day: Zonta, Ingamo Homes, Children's Aid Society & Family Violence had a closing at noon at UNIFOR Hall
- Christmas Social Dec. 10th. Everyone brings a gift that a child can give to their mother and they are delivered to Ingamo-the local women's shelter