

## History of the Zonta Club of the Aurora Area

Club Number 702, District 4, Area 4

The Zonta Club of the Aurora Area was chartered on June 14, 1972 and sponsored by the Kenmore Zonta Club. The first club president was Frances Sauer. The club serves the towns of Aurora, Elma, Marilla, West Seneca, Holland, Strykersville and Arcade. In 1975, it was decided to make its major project raising money for scholarships for women over 30 returning to the workforce. Since then, the Club has awarded over 40 scholarships in fields as diverse as nursing and interior design.

At its height, the Zonta Club of the Aurora Area had 36 members. Today, 40 years later, the club has 14 members, two of them charter members. It also boasts having three generations of members who also became Presidents of the club.

Although the club is smaller now, it still produces big results. We have raised money through horse shows, fashion shows, donations, candy sales, flea markets, and service money-raising projects of each member. Our major fundraiser, the Lucky Number Luncheon, is now in its 36<sup>th</sup> year.

The Aurora Area Zonta Club supports Zonta International projects and donates to groups that benefit women and girls in the southtowns, such as Haven House, Everywoman Opportunity Center, the Family Justice Center, FISH, Hospice, the Boys & Girls Club and Bosom Buddies. Our Helping Hands project encompasses volunteer time with deserving individuals and organizations such as the Adult Day Care Center and a nursing home.

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