

A Brief History of the Zonta Club of Woodstock, Ontario, Canada.

Prepared by the Archives Committee April 2014

- District IV Area 01 Club # 0472
- Club Formation:
- SOM Committee: Olga Cloke and Mary Smale, ZC Hamilton 1
- Charter presentation: June 4 1960
- Charter officers
- Charter President: Jean Deans
- Vice President: Cleda Bursaw
- Secretary: Kit Brand
- Treasurer: Blossom Tunks
- Directors: Ethel Johnson, Betty Mayberry, and Jessie Pook.
- Club Meetings:
- The 4th Tuesday except July, August; dinner meetings have been held in Woodstock at various institutions, restaurants and hotels; currently at Quality Hotel and Suites, Bruin Blvd, Woodstock. Sometimes speakers are invited.
- CLUB COMMITTEES: meet as often as needed.
- Club has had Program Committee or rotation to individuals
- Membership Committee
- PR Committee
- Service Committee
- Fundraising Committee International Women's Day Committee. cooperates with likeminded organizations to advocate for women's rights, against trafficking, violence on women on March 8.
It is also a fundraiser, recognition of women for achievement.
at IWD.
- Past Committees include, AE, United Nations and Fellowship
- Service projects: International
- Donations to ZIF, AE, Ramallah, Anne Frank's Village, Columbia Urban Medical clinics, Sri Lanka water wells, UNIFEM, UNESCO, Niger, Bosnia, Afghanistan Moscow Club, Earthquake disaster in Haiti, flooding in Quebec Zonta says no, Yellow Roses, YWPA,
- LOCAL PROJECTS: since inception the club has
- Donated to the Woodstock and District Association of Mentally Challenged, part of Woodstock 100th anniversary celebration, Women's Emergency Center, Woodstock & District Community Complex, Alcohol & Addictive Center, Palliative Care Alexander Hospital & von, Woodstock Public Library, Big sisters, Ingamo Family Homes, family & children's services, elevator for Woodstock Collegiate, WCA St Auditorium Stage & Windows' Drapes, Careers' Days for 4 area High Schools, Justice Without Fear, Breast Education, Bursaries, \$100,000.00 to Woodstock General Hospital Foundation, Presentation of Plaque to the City in honor of Bernadette Smith, first elected female mayor in Canada, Bursary for Local Schools, Education Seminars for Cancer Patients. Golden Z club University of Western Ontario, Woodstock Minor Ball girls, Baseball Team, Dragon Boat for Breast Cancer Survivors, Sakura House (VON)
- FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES:
- Autumn Tea and Bazaar, Penny Sales, Baked goods, Bingo, Raffles, Fashion Shows, Roses, Chocolate Smoothies, Dinners. Golf Classic
- MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS: have varied over the years from the low of 16 to a high of 35
- Area Activities: Over the years the club has been active in area meetings especially when the Area Director for Area 1 (Maria Odumodu) was from this club.
- DISTRICT ACTIVITIES: The Club was active at the District level, attended Conferences especially when a member was at the District for 8 years, Maria Odumodu held the following

- chairmanship, PR, AE and UN
- Club was represented by proxy some years and attended 2013 District Conference. Club hosted area workshop 2005
- INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES: the club was represented at all International Conventions. Maria has attended all International Conventions from 1980- 2012 except two. At the Helsinki Convention three members attended. Club was active in hosting 1986 Convention in Toronto, and welcomed many Zontians as part of the “Open House”

Addendum History of Woodstock

- Breast Health Oxford Committee(2002-2006) :
- Supported and a participant for education programs re:BSE and purchased TV/VCR unit for teaching in the county.
- Purchased a Lifelike Breast Model for teaching BSE at Relay for Life and nurse practitioners to use in the county.
- Lobbied for Breast Screening Program to start at WGH
- Purchase of new mammography equipment and contributed to Cat Scan fund for WGH.
- Purchase of hygiene products such as toothbrushes and shaving supplies for inpatients on emergency admissions.
- Zonta baskets with hygiene products have been filled on each ward since 1993 as needed
- Purchased a Dosimeter (\$2365) for T, burg hospital as a diagnostic tool for breast cancer in the Radiology Dept.
- Display racks for education brochures needed by our local Can. Cancer Soc. as well as purchase of breast prostheses when needed by clients
- Gifts for Moms staying at Ingamo at Christmas time since 1996
- Zonta was represented on the Oxford County Cancer Services Network for 2005-2006 for the purposes of co-coordinating services in the county and identifying needs. Zonta was the only Service club in the health network

Seven past presidents are still active from 1974.

Archives stored with a past president.

Maria S. Odumodu,
 Chair Archives Committee,
 Elaine Nadalin, Committee Member,
 Ann Campbell, Committee Member,
 Donna Willoughby, Committee Member