

## **District 4 Awards Biennium Summary – April 2018**

The District 4 Awards Committee is primarily responsible for selecting the District 4 Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA) and the Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship (JMK) award recipients. The District Governor, with the help of the District 4 Awards Committee, then forwards the District 4 winners on to Zonta International to be judged at the International level.

### **District 4 Awards Committee Goals**

The District Awards Committee continued working the following goals:

- 1) To actively promote awareness of the JMK and YWPA awards in District 4 clubs and communities.
- 2) To identify award leads in each club.
- 3) To increase financial support for ZIF for scholarships from District 4 clubs.
- 4) To involve past winners from District 4 in Zonta.

### **Awards Committee Activities and Communications**

The Awards Committee communicated with the clubs at various times throughout the biennium.

**May** Emails sent to all clubs reminding them of July 1<sup>st</sup> JMK submission deadline and to submit applications electronically to [awards@zontadistrict4.org](mailto:awards@zontadistrict4.org).

District 4 Website Awards Pages updated for any changes in process. Both District JMK and YWPA awards are paid by Zonta International.

**June** Announcement of Zonta International YWPA recipients emailed to all District 4 YWPA contacts and club ECP's. By July 1, Zonta International selects 10 YWPA Award winners receiving \$4,000 each.

**July & August** The District 4 Awards Committee evaluates the JMK applications received from the District 4 clubs. Announcement of the District 4 JMK award recipient emailed to all JMK club contacts and club ECP's. A brief bio and photo of the District 4 JMK Scholarship recipient is posted on the District 4 Website.

### **Club Participation**

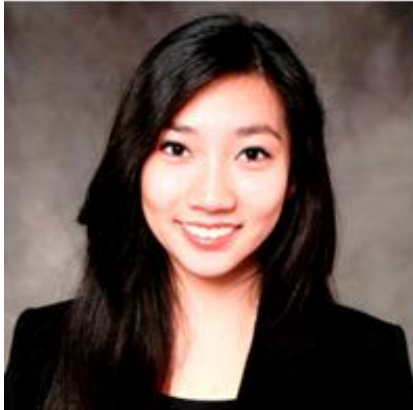
2013	5 clubs
2014	5 clubs
2015	4 clubs
2016	7 clubs
2017	7 clubs

### **September**

At the District 4 Conference 2017, the District YWPA and JMK Awards are on the agenda, with past winners invited to attend or to send in remarks through videos.

At the District Conference we also undertook an extensive survey of all the clubs in our district allowing us to identify awards contacts in many clubs. The survey results were shared with Zonta International and are also a great tool for the District Awards committee.

Many smaller clubs do not offer the JMK and/or the YWPA award but often these clubs focused on their community base instead by offering other substantial awards at the local level.



The 2016 JMK Women in Business Scholarship Award winner, **Helen Shen**, submitted by the Zonta Club of Toronto was not present at conference but was introduced by Alyce van Patten, D.4 Awards Co-Chair and conference attendees enjoyed her video presentation. Helen Shen was also an International JMK Women in Business Scholarship Award winner.



The 2017 YWPA Award winner, **Eva Chen**, submitted by the Zonta Club of St. Catharines was not present at conference but was introduced by Karin Eckart, D.4 Awards Co-Chair and conference attendees enjoyed her video presentation. Eva Ren was also an International YWPA Award winner.

**October** Announcement emailed to District 4 JMK club contacts and club ECP's for the 12 Zonta International JMK Scholarship recipients of \$7,000 each.



The 2017 JMK Women in Business Scholarship Award winner, **Elizabeth Van Dyck**, submitted by the Zonta Club of Hamilton 1 was selected as the District 4 Jane M. Klausman scholarship winner for 2017. Elizabeth received \$1,000 from Zonta International as the District 4 Jane M. Klausman Scholarship recipient.

**January** Emails sent to District 4 Zonta club YWPA contacts and clubs as a reminder of YWPA eligibility criteria at the request of YWPA Zonta International Committee Chair.

**March** Emails sent to all Zonta clubs and YWPA contacts regarding YWPA April 1<sup>st</sup> deadline and the request o submit applications electronically to [awards@zontadistrict4.org](mailto:awards@zontadistrict4.org).

## April

The District 4 Awards Committee evaluates the YWPA applications received from the District 4 clubs. Announcement of the District 4 YWPA award recipient emailed to all District 4 YWPA club contacts and clubs. A brief bio and photo of the District 4 YWPA Award recipient is posted on the District 4 Website.



The 2016 YWPA Award winner, **Karen Hakim**, submitted by the Kitchener-Waterloo Zonta Club was selected as the District 4 YWPA award recipient of \$1,000, which is paid by Zonta International.

The 2018 District 4 YWPA Award winner, **Sanha Handu**, submitted by the Zonta Club of Washington County has just been selected and sent on to Zonta International by the May 1 deadline.

### Club Participation

2014	13 clubs
2015	14 clubs
2016	14 clubs
2017	12 clubs
2018	15 clubs

## Ongoing

Communications to YWPA and JMK Zonta International Committee Chairs and ZI staff for questions from clubs on eligibility of applicants and application completion. Respond to questions from interested applicants, assisting them in finding their local club and inquiries from Zonta club members on the application process and any questions that need clarification.

## Updates

In November, the Zonta International Board decided to increase the 32 district and region **YWPA** awards from US\$1,000 each to US\$1,500 each. The number and amount of the international awards will not change. This change is effective immediately. Materials were updated and re-posted in January; however, please note that the only change to the application is the value of the district awards.

In addition, the Zonta International Board decided to make 2 changes to the **JMK Women in Business Scholarship**:

- Zonta International will decrease the number of Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarships awarded annually from 12 scholarships to 6 scholarships; however, the amount of each international scholarship will increase from US\$7,000 to US\$8,000.
- At the same time, Zonta International will increase the 32 district and region scholarships from US\$1,000 each to US\$2,000 each.

These changes are part of an overall evaluation of Zonta International's current education programs. By increasing the value of each scholarship, we hope to attract a greater number of very qualified applicants in every district.

## **Awards Committee Members**

The Awards Committee consists of members from across District 4. The Awards Committee members to be recognized for their strong support for the YWPA and JMK Programs and District 4 Awards are:

Pat Davis, Zonta Club of Kitchener-Waterloo  
Marnie Piggot, Zonta Club of Oakville  
Brenda Ulrich, Zonta Club of Lockport, NY  
Alyce van Patten, Zonta Club of Rochester, NY Awards Co-Chair  
Judith Yorke, Zonta Club of Olean, NY

Thanks also to the District 4 Governor Lori Robinson, Area Directors, District 4 Webmaster and other Zontians for the help provided to the District 4 Awards Committee. It has been an honour to act as Co-Chair of the Awards committee. Thank you for giving me this opportunity.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Karin Eckart, Zonta Club of Hamilton 1, ON  
and District 4 Awards Co-Chair