



HISTORIAN REPORT FOR SEPT. 2019

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CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS SUGGESTIONS

Based on Zonta History

Knowing when the fall Conference takes place is important (Sept 26-29, 2019), planning to have a large number of club members attend is great, but equally important is what each club will do during the 2 years of the biennium to share the history of Zonta within their own club and their local community. And knowing some essential elements or Zonta history helps to determine possible celebrations.

Mary Yunker was the leader for Centennial Celebrations Round Table Discussions at the Areas 3 & 4 Spring Workshop – These notes are from those discussions, but slightly revised for this report. We hope this information can be posted to the District website for use by clubs.

It is possible and recommended that clubs make use of the full 2 years for celebrations that begin shortly after the 2018 Convention. *It goes without saying that all clubs usually celebrate the founding of Zonta in November. Then it can easily slide over to a party in December of 2018 because the seed of the idea of the club for women began on December 18, 1918 - at a Kiwanis Christmas Party... 100 years ago. **SO WHY NOT HAVE A CHRISTMAS PARTY WITH THE LOCAL KIWANIS CLUB MEMBERS.***

The next opportunities to celebrate are in January (for Amelia Earhart Day – recognizing her membership in Zonta and her accomplishments in aviation) and then in March of 2019 - to mark the 100th anniversary of the Quota Club of Buffalo – the first Quota Club and Marian deForest is its first president. Unfortunately the Quota organization didn't meet the idea completely for Marian and some of the other members of Quota Clubs in other cities - they wanted something different for bringing in members, closer to what Rotary used for membership qualification – yup, you can plan a party with a local Quota or a Rotary Club.

(Of course, March is also Women's History Month and March 8 is International Women's Day/ Zonta Rose Day and April is the month to recognize Volunteers.)

Nearly one year had passed since the Christmas party in December 1918 – on November 8, 1919 The Confederation of Zonta Clubs is formed. So we can always celebrate every November. And celebrate throughout the years with club's for their Charter Date Anniversaries.

Of course you can celebrate at the D-4 Conference in Sept 2019 and United Nations Day on October 24 this year and next year (we are a NGO with the UN since it's formation in 1946 and the UN has a whole list of observance days <http://www.un.org/en/sections/observances/united-nations-observances/>) plus the 16 Days of Advocacy.

The best part is, none of these parties should add to the club's budget expenses, they are just a regular meeting with special guests. And you should get some free publicity from the party and photos to post to your facebook page.

ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR MORE CELEBRATIONS ???

Suggestions from people in the round table discussions: Junior League is also celebration 100 years; banners on main streets; joint dinners with other clubs; *reading of the play* Little Women by Marian deForest, perhaps with a local book club; do something with a music group to honor Marian; have a party with your own club's "sponsor club"; plant yellow roses (Batavia will be planting forget me not flowers to honor past members); Cheektowaga will celebrate 50 years and Olean 90 years; Buffalo hopes to do something with IIB; combine a wine tour and visit the Women's Hall of Fame as a ZING; donate books about women to a local library or school; contact city hall to get a proclamation written; put 100 items in to a time capsule; or have an event wearing old fashion clothes.

WILL YOU CREATE A CLUB CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE TO COME UP WITH A VARIETY OF SPECIAL MEETING PROGRAMS??? Will you ask your own club historian to do a special presentation? Will you include both Zonta International and Club history in your monthly newsletter? Will your Publicity Chair work with the Membership Chair to create an informational brochure to share with prospective new members? (And we hope this brochure is passed on to the

District Historians). Will you make use of the District 4 History Power Point from the 2015 Conference that is available on the D4 website? Will you ask District Historians Mary Yunker or Vivian Cody to visit your club?

ANY IDEAS ABOUT LOW COST PUBLIC RELATIONS – will you be writing press releases, designing window displays, contacting a local museum to create a display about Zonta and important women from the community, holding membership ZINGS during summer picnics, marching in local parade, have several members participate in a 5K Walk and wear their Zonta Shirt, making arrangements to do something special during a regular annual fund raiser???

WHATEVER YOU DO THAT IS VISUAL – PLEASE USE THE NEW 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY LOGO – check ZI website for all the tools available... including guidelines for use of logo (you can easily add the logo to your existing stationery). There are power points on the site for you to use at meetings.

WILL YOU DEVELOP A NEW PROGRAM/PROJECT OR DO A JOINT PROGRAM WITH ANOTHER CLUB??? Remember to follow the Zonta Objects and Mission Statement in selecting the programs or projects.

COULD YOU FIND A FEW MORE DOLLARS TO DONATE TO THE VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL FUNDS OR FINALLY REACH 100 % MEMBER DONATION???
On the topic of member's donations – **from 1959 and Zonta's 40th Anniversary – the suggestion was to Collect 40 Nickles from each club member.** For the Centennial can we take that a step higher and Collect 100 Quarters from each member – that is only \$25 for each member – and you have 2 years to do it.

FINAL QUESTION --COULD YOU WORK TOWARDS GETTING A Z-CLUB OR A GOLDEN Z-CLUB STARTED???

YOUR INDIVIDUAL CLUB HISTORY INFORMATION FORM - help members know about your club's formative years.

OFFICIAL CLUB NAME as listed on the Club's Charter. Your club name is **Zonta Club of** _____ you are NOT the _____ Zonta Club. Each club has a "charter" with Zonta International, do NOT refer to your club as a "chapter club".

Every club has a "Charter Date", what is yours?

Every Club has a **4 digit "Charter Number"** _____ and **we are District 04**. Every club member has an ID number - check mailing label on The Zontian Magazine or ask Membership Chair.

There were originally 9 Zonta Clubs - clubs formed after those first 9 will have either a "sponsor person" or a "sponsor club". Who was your club sponsor? Did your club sponsor any new clubs?

Your club's Charter from headquarters should have the name of the Zonta International President on it - who signed your Charter?

As part of the organizing process, proposed new clubs have to submit an application - this includes names, addresses, and professions of the Charter Members - do you know this information?

Some clubs would have had an "organizing President", the person who worked with the sponsor person or sponsor club to find prospective members and arrange meetings and the actual Charter Presentation Night Dinner. Otherwise, do you know who your Charter Officers were?

Do you know who came from Zonta Headquarters to present your Charter to your club?

Do you know what your club's First Fund Raiser was, the First Service Project, the names of members who have been on the District Board or served in some capacity with Zonta International?