



COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT TO THE BOARD

DATE: September 2019
ADVOCACY COMMITTEE (CANADIAN)

HIGHLIGHTS:

In the spring, the Canadian Advocacy co-chairs were requested to facilitate the selection of the Canadian Zonta Centennial Award winner. Connie Deckert had previously made contact with all of the Canadian club presidents, setting up an email list of contact, which Julie Brown then used to send out a request for nominees. Clubs submitted nominees, which were then collated and sent back out for voting. Nominations received were as follows:

Club	District	Nominee
Halifax	1	Hon. Mayann Francis
Waterloo	4	Timea Nagy
Hamilton 1	4	Beverly Jacobs
Brampton/Toronto	4	Louise Arbour
District 8	8	Girl Guides
Victoria	8	Dr. Lorraine Greaves
Chatham-Kent	15	Michelle Schryer

Ottawa and Montreal responded, as well, but stated that they didn't have any candidates at the time. Votes were then sent back to the committee. Sometimes a vote representing an entire district was sent back and at other times individual clubs within a district sent in votes. If individual clubs responded all of their votes were tallied and a single choice for the district was determined. The winner was Dr. Beverley Jacobs, who will be attending the conference as a guest speaker.

Clubs were active: Toronto continued their work with the White Ribbon Campaign, Kitchener-Waterloo submitted an application for a Centennial Grant and were successful. Owen Sound was very active, doing something almost every month. They raised the Flag, donated money to like-minded organizations and educated attendees at their golf tournament about Child Marriage.

In June, Connie Deckert presented at NAIDM in Dallas. The topic was "Advocacy Issues in Canada"

CHALLENGES:

Getting information from clubs about their activities

Respectfully submitted:

Connie Deckert/Julie Brown