

AREA 5 REPORT

The **Bradford Club** celebrated their 16 Days of Advocacy by inviting 16 clubs to share items and then donate all to the YMCA. They also had 3 members speak on a radio broadcast regarding Zonta's goal to end child marriage and bring awareness to domestic violence. The club participated in the Elf Fund which brings gifts to those in need, did a sock drive and volunteered at the United Way soup kitchen. Members also volunteered for Empty Bowls and Baskets to aid the Friendship table. Amelia Earhart day was celebrated by recognizing 9 high school seniors who were chosen by their guidance counselors for their Amelia Earhart spirit and courage. The students attended a luncheon and each received a rose, gift and certificate.

The **Corry Club** held their big fund raiser on December 5 (good old Mother Nature prevented me from attending). They sell only 225 tickets at \$100 each. All were sold and some money gets returned as prizes. The grand prize winner received \$10,000 and she was thrilled as she needed a new roof. The club also donated money to the local home for abused women at both Thanksgiving and Christmas. The club works with a shelter and donated items for Christmas for the women and children that live there. The members also donated items for Christmas stockings to two homes for the aging in their town.

The **Erie Club** sponsored SafeNet's conference on Intimate Partner Violence, which several members attended. They participated in their Heartland Fundraiser in November. On November 19th the club celebrated their 100th birthday. Much history was displayed and the Centennial flag was signed. They held their annual Christmas Party on December 6 which proved to be a fun evening for all.

The **Jamestown Club** had large "Zonta Says No to Violence" banners posted as you entered downtown Jamestown as well as members displaying lawn signs. A Panera Bread fundraiser was held in November and there is another planned for January. The proceeds will go to buy sweats for the ER for women in need. The club is planning to host Luna Fest in March. They will be holding a new fundraiser this year....a Kentucky Derby party. The proceeds will go to the Princess Club, a

local group whose goal is to encourage and educate disadvantaged girls in the pursuit of education and careers to improve their lives.

The **Olean Club** held their Women in Business Fair in November, Approximately 35 businesses owned by women set up and sold their wares. The club does not charge for the women to set up so that they can come and get their name out in the public. One of the local dance studios had a recital in December and the club volunteered to help with watching the children, selling snacks, water and flowers. The dance studio made a sizable donation to the club and the members will help again in May. The club made 120 blessing bags for the food pantry. The Christmas Party was in December and was hosted by one of the members of the club. It was a fun evening of fellowship.

The **Warren Club** participated in the CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) 5K race, They assisted the Salvation Army with Bundle up Days and gifts for moms at Christmas. A High Tea was held to celebrates the passing of the 19th amendment. They also recognized 3 outstanding women in their community. The club is planning a Lucky Numbers Luncheon. This is a giant fundraiser and will be held in March.

Respectfully submitted,

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