



Zonta International District 4

Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

Welcome to the 56th District 4 Conference

September 27-29, 2019

Hyatt Hotel, Buffalo, New York, USA

Presiding Officer, Governor Bonnie Clesse

Hosted by the Zonta Club of Buffalo

To My Zontians, Who Will Carry On



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Zonta International



Dear Governor Bonnie,

Dear District 4 Zontians,

I wish I could be with you at your District Conference which promises to be a truly inspiring weekend. Thank you to the organizers for their hard work to make it a very special one!

The Centennial Anniversary invites you to reflect on Zonta's origins and mission, not least since Buffalo is located in your District. I'm confident that the good energy coming from this will encourage us to take bold steps that lead us into Zonta's second century. Young members today value our objects as much as the first Zontians did, but times have changed when it comes to the ways they want to be engaged. Kindly supporting each other is one of the key elements that empowers us to make a difference for women in our communities and the world. In our own way, we are all leaders in Zonta, and have to bring about the future. When we look at the challenges of today's world, the push-back that women's issues get despite all the progress that has been made, Zonta's voice is more important than ever.

Therefore, whatever thoughts you have for the years to come, this is the time to address them. The Open Forum is only one of the opportunities to share with International Director Judy what you have on your mind.

A big thank you to each and every one of you for all your good work. Especially for your dedication and your most generous support of our Foundation. You have improved the lives of many women and girls, not only in your local communities, but around the world.

Have a great conference and a very happy Centennial Anniversary celebration!

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susanne von Bassewitz". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. Susanne von Bassewitz
President
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Zonta International Director Judy Gorton

I am delighted to be joining Governor Bonnie Clesse and fellow Zontians from District 4 at your conference in Buffalo, New York, in September 2019.

When our first Zontians came together in 1919 as a small group of women leaders with the aim of promoting the status of women, they weren't following a trend, rather they were taking a radical step. They believed that women's rights were human rights and this is what drove the women's movement early in Zonta's history. They knew that they wanted change and if they worked together they could make a difference to the lives of women and girls.

Today in 2019 we are all members of a global, vibrant organization of like-minded women who, in our clubs and districts, are taking action to oppose child marriage, educate women and girls, and address gender equality and gender based violence.

Your District Conference is one of the most important events to be held during the biennium and it is for you to contribute to debate and make important decisions about the future of your District including electing your next Zonta leaders.

I am coming to you from Perth, Western Australia where I have been a committed member of the Zonta Club of Perth for 31 years.

I am honored to be representing International President Susanne Von Bassewitz, the Zonta International Board and Zonta International Foundation at your Conference and I look forward to meeting you all.

In this our centennial year, let us reflect on the past, celebrate our achievements, and find joy in working together to make the world a better place for women by empowering them.

Judy Gorton

Zonta International Director



Governor's Welcome

It's a pleasure to welcome you to our 56th Zonta International District 4 Conference. I am so pleased that each one of you chose to spend your precious weekend time with us. I want to thank you for helping this Conference. I listened to you and your workshop evaluations. The presentations, socializing, and workshop topics - are all what you asked for. And your voices at Conference will help to plan what you want next in D4.

Zonta's Centennial is a special moment in our history – a time for the Janus effect. We look back at how outstanding past Zontians brought us to this point and look forward to what we will leave as our legacy. We celebrate how their achievements in empowering women have changed our world. Their progress inspires us to make an impact on today's issues of gender equality and to create new opportunities for women to reach their full potential to contribute to society. We are the ones who will work together with others to solve these problems. We bring here our ideas and skills. We take back others' ideas and a shared commitment to create the needed changes.

To Marian de Forest's, "To my Zontians who will carry on", our response is a resounding **"We Will!"**
Bonnie Clesse, Governor- District 4



Welcome Zonta Women from District 4

I am so excited to welcome you to the 56th District 4 Conference and to have it be here in the “City Where Zonta Started”. We have many of the traditional programs continuing within this biennial gathering. We have processions, business meetings, the Foundation table, moments to learn about our future leaders, voting, workshops, and of course, there is the Zonta District 4 Memorial service to honor our departed members in a beautiful way. The traditions of the Conference give members Pride of Purpose, and the feeling of belonging. We all feel the strength of belonging to an organization that provides structure for our lives. This is the easy part!

What we are called to do is to make these moments memorable:

We will have a ZI Representative Cocktail Party - a personal Meet and Greet for Judy Gorton

We will have a Gala dinner with Music from the Decades. Feel free to wear outfits from your favorite era

We will laugh and talk and have great fun being entertained by our very own Divas

We will have History Hunts and the winners will find the answers all over the Conference area

We will have Vivian host our hospitality room, and spill out into the hall with Prosecco, wine and snacks

Please come and enjoy our time together.

Irene Majchrzak, Conference chairman

Thank you for coming!



Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul Guest Speaker

New York State Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul was elected in 2014 and re-elected for a second term in 2018. She was formerly a member of Congress in New York’s 26th Congressional District, served as Erie County Clerk, and began her career in public office on her local town board.

The Lieutenant Governor chairs the statewide Regional Economic Development Councils, which have reinvented economic development in local communities, and co-chairs the State’s Heroin and Opioid Abuse Task Force, working to combat the epidemic. She also spearheads the administration’s efforts to advance equality, championing campaigns for fair wages, paid family leave, ‘Enough is Enough’ to combat sexual assault on college campuses, and eliminating the gender wage gap.

She is dedicated to her role as the Governor’s eyes and ears on the ground, making it a point to travel to all 62 counties in New York State each year.



Jacquie Walker Gala Speaker

Jacquie Walker, Channel 4 anchor and reporter, will be the Master of Ceremonies for the Centennial Gala Banquet on Saturday, September 28 at the Hyatt Hotel. She will weave her own experiences and observations during her 40 year career as a woman in the communications field into the story of Zonta and its role for women in business and service.

Come Join Us Where It All Began

Marian de Forest was a woman of extraordinary talent, and a visionary who could see beyond her time and place. She was a woman who was shaped by her times (1864-1935), and who shaped the times. She was a vital force in the social fabric of Buffalo and was tireless in her efforts to improve the quality of life in her city. She did not proclaim lofty goals and ideals, but rather was a woman of action, who by the sheer force of her magnetic personality, keen mind and sharp wit, was able to empower others to reach beyond themselves.



She was a trailblazer who was a first in many arenas: as a journalist, as a playwright, as a musical director, as an executive and civic leader. She played a pivotal role in the events of the 1901 Pan American Exposition as Executive Secretary of the Board of Women Managers Pavilion. As a civic leader, she was the first woman member of many boards.

Marian graduated as one of the youngest students from the Buffalo Seminary in 1884 and began her career as a newspaper reporter, one of the first women in this profession in Western New York. In 1911, as a playwright, producer and director, she published her play, "*Little Women*", an adaptation of Louisa May Alcott's book, and directed its performance in New York, London, Paris, and then back in the USA for a highly successful national tour.

A driving force in Marian's life was that as a gifted and talented woman, she owed her community the fruits of her talents. This conviction took form in her greatest challenge and the jewel in her crown, the founding of ZONTA, the embodiment of her ideals of service to improve the status of women.



Where It All Began

The Statler Tower is where Zonta was founded in 1919.

Zonta Club of Buffalo, #001, District 4

In March 1919 she brought together, at the Buffalo Statler Hotel, a group of like-minded women who held prominent roles in the professional world and organized Zonta. On November 8 of that year, the nine Clubs who left the Quota organization - Buffalo, Rochester, Binghamton, Elmira, Syracuse, Erie, Utica, Ithaca and Detroit- chartered as the Confederation of Zonta

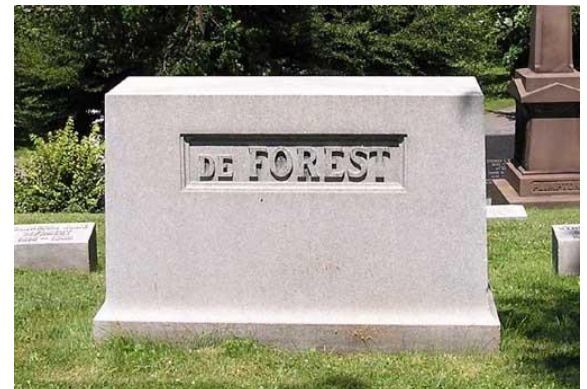
Clubs. She envisioned Zonta stretching across the country and beyond. She was the second Confederation President and saw Zonta grow from 9 to 124 clubs that were established in the US, Canada and Europe. The Buffalo Statler is the site of the founding of Zonta in 1919 by Marian de Forest.

Marian de Forest was inducted into the Western New York Women's Hall of Fame in 1998 and the National Women's Hall of Fame in Seneca Falls, NY in 2001. She was the inspiration behind the Larry Griffiths, Jr. statue *Spirit of Womanhood* in Delaware Park and is prominently featured in the Women's Walkway, a cobblestone path commemorating 100 Women from Western New York. Marian de Forest is buried in Forest Lawn Cemetery.



In recognition of Marian de Forest's commitment to community service and to improving the status of women, the Zonta Club of Buffalo presents the Marian de Forest Community Service Award bi-annually to those women who embody the interests of Marian – in journalism, music, theater and the arts.

Spirit of Womanhood in Delaware Park



Forest Lawn Cemetery

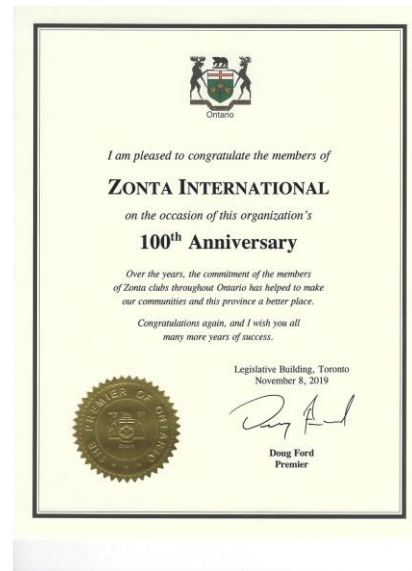
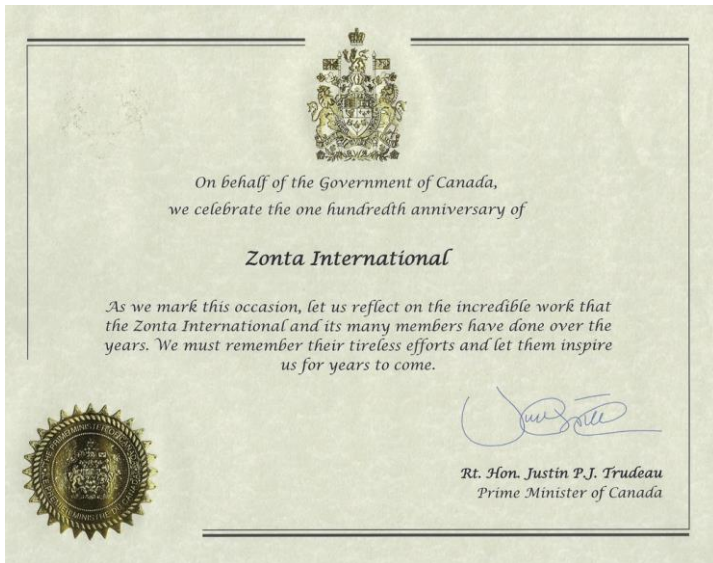


Zonta Centennial Proclamation from Prime Minister Justin Trudeau

The proclamation will be presented by Marie Boutillier, wife of Senator Tony Dean of Canada, Jenny Johnston, AD Area 3, Brenda Graham, AD Area 1, and Nita McCown, AD Area 2, as the three Area Directors from District 4 with clubs in Canada. In addition, a proclamation from Senator Tony Dean will be presented.

Left to right: Senator Tony Dean, Cindy O'Neal, President of the Zonta Club of Ottawa, Marie Boutillier, wife of Tony Dean, from the Zonta Club of Toronto, and J. Greg Peters, the Usher of the Black Rod. (The Usher is the Queen's personal attendant and messenger in Parliament and the most senior chief protocol officer in the Canadian Senate.)

Also shown is the proclamation from Ontario's Premier Doug Ford.



Canada Centennial Country Award to Dr. Beverly Jacobs



Dr. Beverly Jacobs, C.M., LL.B., LL.M., Ph.D., Mohawk Nation of the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) Confederacy, Bear Clan, is recognized for her pivotal work on empowering indigenous and vulnerable women and girls across Canada. From a diploma in Office Administration Legal in 1985 she worked her way to a Ph.D. She helped catalyze the founding of the Sisters in Spirit Movement, which pushed government, police, and media to pay attention to the growing number of missing and murdered Indigenous women of Canada, and the large number of unsolved cases. In 2004 Jacobs entered the world of Indigenous politics, running and winning the election for President of the Native Women's Association of Canada until 2009. Beverly is a Member of the Order of Canada. She received the Franco-German Prize for her human rights fight relating to missing and murdered indigenous women and girls in Canada.

District 4 Centennial Recognition Awards

Mary Travers Murphy, Chief Executive of the Family Justice Center of Erie County, is the recipient of the District 4 New York Centennial Recognition Award

Mary Travers Murphy is the Chief Executive Officer of the Family Justice Center of Erie County. Since 2006 Mary has been the driving force behind the Family Justice Center whose mission is to provide free comprehensive services to domestic violence clients and their children through an extensive collaboration with 13 partner agencies; thus far serving 21,788 domestic violence victims. Through Mary's leadership the FJC expanded to provide satellite offices in Amherst, Orchard Park, and Grand Island, NY providing same day onsite video conferencing services with the Buffalo location.

Susan Evans, author and teacher, is the recipient of the District 4 Pennsylvania Centennial Recognition Award (not able to attend)

Sue Evans is a native of Bradford, PA and was an English teacher at the Bradford High School for over 30 years. She is an ovarian cancer survivor, and authored "Don't Write the Obituary Yet". She and her husband established the Evans-Krivak Cancer Research and Educational Fund. She has presented to more than 150 groups, succeeded in having September designated as Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month throughout Pennsylvania, and received proclamations from Pittsburgh Mayor William Peduto and the State House and Senate.

Timea Nagy, author and survivor of trafficking, is the recipient of the District 4 Ontario Centennial Recognition Award (not able to attend)

Timea Nagy is a human trafficking survivor and the founder of 'Walk with Me' Canada Victim Services which works with victims of human trafficking and provides counseling and a safe environment. In 2014, she reorganized, as a for-profit organization, as 'Timea's Cause' which now offers training, public speaking, events, and manuals for purchase in raising awareness of how to combat human trafficking. She wrote two books: "Memoirs of a Sex Slave" in 2010 and "Out of the Shadows: A Memoir". Nagy, born in Budapest, Hungary, came to Canada when she was 20, answering an ad in the newspaper for temporary domestic work. Once Nagy arrived in Canada, she found herself in the centre of an operation run by both Hungarians and Canadians, working in Toronto's sex trade to pay off a debt to her traffickers. She returned to Hungary after three months, having escaped with the help of employees of the strip club she worked in.

Advocacy Committee Report from Canadian Clubs: Connie Deckert, Kitchener-Waterloo ON, Co-chair, and Julie Brown, Stratford ON, Co-chair

In the spring, the Canadian Advocacy co-chairs, Deckert and Brown, were requested to facilitate the selection of the Canada Zonta Centennial Award winner. Connie Deckert had previously made contact with all of the Canadian club presidents, setting up an email list of contacts which Julie Brown then used to send out a request for nominees. Nominations were received from the four districts (1, 4, 8 and 15) which have Canadian clubs. Seven nominees were submitted from nine clubs which were then collated and sent back for voting. 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.

D4 clubs were active: **Toronto** continued their work with the White Ribbon Campaign, **Kitchener-Waterloo** submitted an application for a Centennial Grant and was successful, **Owen Sound** was very active, doing something almost every month including donating money to like-minded organizations and educating attendees at their golf tournament about Child Marriage.

In June Connie Deckert presented at the North American Inter District Meeting (NAIDM) in Dallas and spoke on Advocacy Issues in Canada.

Proposed Standing Rules for District Conference 56th Zonta District 4 Conference 2019

1. Meetings of the Conference shall be called to order promptly, at the time specified on the program. Delegates and Voting Alternates shall be seated five minutes before.
2. The voting members of the Conference shall be the elected District Officers and the accredited delegates or proxy holders of each club in good standing within the District.
3. A majority of the delegates registered, including proxies, shall constitute a quorum.
4. Transfer of voting privileges from a delegate to an alternate shall be made only through registration with the Credentials Committee.
5. The voting members of the Conference shall be seated in the front of the hall in assigned seats.
6. Only those officers and delegates validated by the Credentials Committee as voting members of the Conference may make motions for a vote. To exercise these privileges a voter must have her/his voting card at all business sessions. Any member of a club in good standing with the District may speak on any subject at the Conference.
7. To obtain the floor, a member shall rise and address the chair, with an opening such as "Madam Governor", receive recognition, state her/his name and club, and then state the business for which she/he has obtained the floor.
8. Motions shall be in writing, signed by the maker and seconder, and sent immediately to the Secretary.
9. Except by permission of the Conference, granted by a two-thirds votes without debate, no one may speak more than twice to the same question on the same day, or more than once if someone who has not spoken wishes to do so, or for more than two minutes at a time, and a time limit of 20 minutes shall be set on discussion on any subject.
10. At the Conference, as long as notification has been made to the Nominating Committee 4 days prior to Conference, additional nominations may be made from the floor immediately after the report from the Nominating Committee provided the consent to serve has been obtained from the nominee and the nominee is qualified. A delegate presenting a candidate from the floor shall be limited to presenting the name and club only.
11. Only members of Zonta International or invited guests may be present during the transaction of business.
12. The Governor shall make Conference appointments as appropriate.
13. Any scheduled business not finished at the time a recess is taken shall be resumed at the next business meeting at the point of interruption.
14. Announcements shall be made from the platform or head table.
15. Robert's Rules of Order – Newly Revised" shall govern Conference when not inconsistent with Zonta International bylaws.

D4 Communications Committee – Sandra Cronk, Hamilton 1, ON, Kat Bunyan-McClendon, Niagara Falls, NY, and Sheena Poole, Woodstock, ON

The D4 Communications Committee acts as a team to raise awareness about Zonta D4 and its committees, to promote club initiatives, and to recognize club and member achievements. We do so by posting on three media channels; social media, Facebook and Twitter (Kat), email/Mail Chimp (Sandra), and D4 website (Sheena). ***We rely on content from you, our membership, to help us spread the word about Zonta and what we do.*** In the past year we have released a new District website focusing on sharing successes and best practices. We are harnessing the power of 'Go To Meetings' and setting up online meetings. Event Expresso, an online event management program, has been updated and offers online event registration and tracking. We are streamlining membership communications by compiling announcements and information in weekly Mail Chimp emails. Send inquires and images in an MS Word document to: communications@zontadistrict4.org

Delegates' Responsibilities

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Your club members have put its trust and faith in you to represent their club at the District Conference. In some cases, you also may carry a proxy vote for another club. You have significant obligations as a delegate. You are to arrive informed of the issues, but not instructed how to vote. Keep an open mind and listen to any debate. Here is what you need to know to be a successful delegate:

1. Check in at the Credentials Committee table upon arrival to verify your delegate status.
2. Attend all business sessions.
3. Check in at the Credentials Committee table fifteen minutes prior to each business session. If your alternate must take your place at any time during the Conference, you should go together to the Credentials Committee to make that change.
4. Delegates are to be seated at least five minutes before each session begins.
5. Delegates are seated in designated delegate area only. (No non-delegates are to be seated in the delegate area. Alternates do not sit in the designated area unless taking the place of a delegate.)
6. Be prepared to speak to the issues.
7. Step to the microphone – wait for recognition – state your name and the name of your club.
8. Study all items in your registration package.
9. When in doubt, ask questions.
10. If making a motion, be sure to obtain the motion form from the Tellers. Write out the entire motion. Sign the motion form. Have the motion seconded and have the seconder sign the form. Give the form to a monitor/page who will then forward it to the Governor.
11. Use your voting cards – green (YES) card and red (NO) card – when asked to vote in the business sessions.
12. Represent your club (and the club(s) for which you carry proxies) as they would want to be represented.
13. Be prepared to write a report to present to your club (and to the club(s) for whom you carry a proxy) on the conference activities.

Awards Committee: Alyce Van Patten, Rochester, NY and Beth Zak, Three Rivers Pittsburgh North, PA, co-chairs; members: Bonnie Crogan-Mazur, Niagara Falls, NY, Pat Davis, Kitchener-Waterloo, ON, Jane Newman, Kitchener-Waterloo, ON, Brenda Ulrich, Lockport, NY, Marnie Piggot, Oakville, ON

The committee received 9 applications for the Young Women in Public Affairs award. The application of Amal Qayum, was selected to represent D4. Amal is from Niagara Falls, US. We are excited to report that Amal was selected as one of the YWPA International winners! The committee received 6 applications for the Jane M. Klausman award. The applicant selected has been forwarded to ZI awards review committee. The last award program under the committee's purview is Women in Technology, a new ZI program this year. Watch for additional updates from the Awards Committee through D4 Communications!

Congratulations to the three D4 Clubs to win a Centennial Grant!

Of the 300 applications received from 41 countries for the Centennial Anniversary Grant program, 12 were submitted by clubs in District 4. A total of US\$296,271 will be distributed to 62 community-based organizations in 18 countries partnering with a Zonta club to improve the lives of women and girls at the local level. Three D4 clubs are among the winners: **Kitchener-Waterloo & Sexual Support Centre, Niagara Falls, NY & Pinnacle Community Services, and Rochester & Resolve of Greater Rochester, Inc.** are to be congratulated for being successful in their efforts. The other clubs who competed were: Brampton-Caledon, Buffalo, Cheektowaga-Lancaster, Hamburg-Orchard Park, the e-club of Canada-1, Stratford, Toronto, Warren, and Woodstock.

Conference Schedule

Thursday, September 26th

8:15 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Seneca Falls Tour – Optional ticketed event – Meet Gail Willsky in the lobby
 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. International Representative Reception Sun Garden Room

Friday, September 27th

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Optional Ticketed Event: Forest Lawn for Tour
 Tour participants should meet in the Hotel Lobby at 8:45 a.m.

**Buffalo Niagara Visitor Center will be on site
 to assist with directions to local architectural sites, shopping and the Marina**

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Registration and Credential Tables	Grand Ballroom Hallway
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Zonta Store & Amelia Earhart Basket Raffle	Regency Room A
2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Delegate & Alternate Training	Ballroom D south
2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	First-Timers' Orientation	Ballroom D north
2:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.	Nominated Candidates Training	Grand Ballroom
2:45 p.m.	Gathering of Flag Bearers & Head Table for Procession	Grand Ballroom Hallway

Delegates are reminded to stop by the Credentials Table to check in and receive instructions

3:00 p.m. – 5:50 p.m. First Business Session Grand Ballroom

Opening Ceremonies	Announcer Anna Parenti-Conn, Buffalo, NY	
	Head Table Officers	
	Posting of Colors	McKinley High School ROTC
	American flag	Vivian Cody, Buffalo, NY
	Canadian flag	Julie Brown, Stratford, ON
	Australian flag	Holly Anderson, Toronto, ON
	Zonta flag	Carol Spedding, Lockport, NY
	Centennial flag	Linda DeGain, Cheektowaga-Lancaster, NY
	National Anthems	Jackie Davis
	Call to order	Bonnie Clesse, D4 Governor, Hamburg-Orchard Park, NY
	Proclamation for 100 Years of Zonta	Deputy Mayor of Buffalo Ellen Grant
	Conference Invocation	Joanne Raymond, Kitchener-Waterloo, ON
	Introductions of Head Table	Governor Bonnie
	Presentation of Conference Program	Irene Majchrzak, Conference Chair, Buffalo, NY
	Zonta International Welcome	Zonta International Director Judy Gorton, Perth Australia
	Roll Call of Delegates	Marianne Chiumento, Conference Secretary, Hamburg-Orchard Park, NY
	Credentials Committee Report	Phyllis Dickinson, Cheektowaga-Lancaster, NY
	Registration Full Report	Carol Spedding, Chair, Lockport, NY
	Conference Standing Rules	Kris Fletcher, Parliamentarian, Kitchener-Waterloo, ON
	Acceptance of the 2017 Niagara Falls	
	Conference Minutes	Governor Bonnie
	Nominations Committee Report	Lori Robinson, Chair, Brampton-Caledon, ON
	Candidates' Speeches	
	Remarks and Announcements	Irene Majchrzak
	Close of the First Business Session	Governor Bonnie

7:00 p.m.	Procession into Dinner	
7:30 p.m.	Dinner, Cash Bar, and Entertainment	Grand Ballroom
	Diva by Diva, A Celebration of Women	
After entertainment –11:45p.m.		Hospitality Suite

Saturday, September 28th

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast on your own	
7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Registration and Credentials	Ballroom Hallway
5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Zonta Store & Amelia Earhart Baskets	Regency Room A
8:00 a.m. – 8:10 a.m.	Silent Auction and Raffle	Regency Room A
8:10 a.m. – 8:20 a.m.	District Board Voting	Niagara Room
	Delegate Voting	Niagara Room
8:00 a.m. – Noon	Second Business Session	Grand Ballroom
8:30 a.m.	Call to order	Governor Bonnie
	Roll Call of Delegates	Marianne Chiumento
	Credentials Committee Report	Phyllis Dickinson
	Daily Registration Report	Lisa Noe, Buffalo, NY
	Treasurer's Report	Marcia Bliss, C.P.A., Jamestown, NY
	Foundation Ambassadors' Report	Lori Robinson and Kathy Smith, St. Catharines, ON
	Teller's Report	Julie Brown, Stratford, ON
10:00 a.m.	Speaker	New York State Lt. Governor Kathy Hochl
10:20 a.m.	Break	Ballroom Foyer
10:35 a.m.	ZI Open Forum	ZI Director Judy Gorton, Perth, Australia with Facilitator Sandra Cronk, Hamilton I, ON
11:40 a.m.	Canada Centennial Country Award	Dr. Beverly Jacobs Introduced by Karin Eckert, Hamilton I, ON
Noon - 1:00 p.m.	Buffet Lunch	Grand Ballroom
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Third Business Session	Grand Ballroom
1:00 p.m.	Call to order	Governor Bonnie
1:00 p.m.	Roll call of delegates	Marianne Chiumento
	Credentials Report	Phyllis Dickinson
	Registration Report	Lisa Noe
1:30 p.m.	D4 Centennial Recognition Award	Mary Travers Murphy, introduced by Peggy Minnich, Hamburg-Orchard Park President
1:45 p.m.	Advocacy & United Nations Panel	Lee Fogarty, Pittsburgh, PA, Connie Deckert, Kitchener- Waterloo, ON, Julie Brown, Stratford, ON, Kyle Patterson, Niagara Falls, NY, Margaret Geare, Brampton-Caledon, ON,
2:45 p.m.	Break	
3:00 p.m.	Workshops	Regency Room B,C, Niagara, Grand Ballroom
4:00 p.m.	By Laws Report	Carma Horner, Bradford, PA
4:10 p.m.	Membership, Centennial Flag, Quilt	Lt. Governor Janice Durmis, Erie, PA
4:30 p.m.	Service Committee Report	Sheena Poole, Woodstock, ON, Judy Powers, Hamburg- Orchard Park, NY Kyle Patterson, Margaret Geare
4:45 p.m.	ZI Centennial Endowment	Vivian Cody
5:00 p.m.	Close of Third Business Session	Governor Bonnie
5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Zonta Store, AE Basket Raffles	Regency Room A
6:30 p.m.	Reception, Cash Bar, Receiving line	Ballroom Foyer
7:30 p.m.	Gala Dinner, Jacquie Walker speaker	Grand Ballroom
9:00 p.m.	Ladies First Big Jazz Band	
After Gala until 11:30 p.m.	Relax and Converse	Hospitality Suite

Sunday, September 29th

7:45 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Memorial Service	Niagara Room
8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Zonta Store & Amelia Earhart Basket Raffle	Regency Room A
8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Breakfast Buffet	Grand Ballroom

Fourth Business Session

Grand Ballroom

9:00 a.m. – Noon

Call to Order	Governor Bonnie
Roll Call of Delegates	Marianne Chiumento
Credentials Report	Phyllis Dickinson
Registration Report	Lisa Noe
Canadian Prime Minister Trudeau's Proclamation	Presented by Marie Boutillier, wife of Senator Dean
Canada ZI Centennial Award	Dr. Beverly Jacobs
ZI Centennial Anniversary Awards	Governor Bonnie
ZI & D4 YWPA Recipient	Amal Qayum, by ZC of Niagara Falls, NY
D4 Jane M. Klausman Recipient	Katie Chen, by ZC of Kitchener-Waterloo, ON
ZI 2018 Amelia Earhart Fellowship	Emily Gleeson, by ZC of Toronto, ON
ZI Emma Conlon Service Award, Third Place	North Park School, by Margaret Geare
D4 Golden Z Club Award	McMaster University, by Karin Eckert
D4 Z Club Award	Central Peel Secondary School, by K. Eckert
D4 Area Director Awards	Newsletter, Communications, Membership, Service/Advocacy
Installation of newly elected Officers and Nominating Committee- Australian style	ZI Director Judy Gorton
Call to Conference in 2021	Janice Durmis, Governor-Elect
Closing Remarks	Judy Gorton, ZI Director
Closing Remarks	Governor Bonnie, Irene Majchrzak
Retire the colors	American: Marcia Bliss, Canadian: Ellen Blahitka, Australian: Kris Fletcher, Zonta: Marianne Chiumento, Centennial: Mary Yunker

12: 15 p.m.

District 4 Board & Committee Chair meeting

Niagara Room

Candidates for Office for the 2020-2022 Biennium

Governor: Janice Durmis is a member of the Zonta Club of Erie. She has been a member of Zonta International for 10 years, as a member of the Zonta Club of Corry for 9 years and the Club of Erie for 1 year. Janice is currently serving as Lt. Governor. She would like clubs to become more involved on the district and international level and would like for clubs to become more visible in their communities. She feels if members are dedicated and happy members of Zonta our objectives will be met. Hands on service projects will be done and we will advocate on a local and global level. She is willing to learn new skills and use those skills to enhance her leadership. Janice feels open and honest communication is the key and is willing to communicate and inform members on an ongoing basis.

Lt. Governor: Sheena Poole has been a member of Zonta Club of Woodstock for 13 years. She is currently holding the appointed positions of District 4 Communications Co-chair and District 4 Service Co-chair. Sheena was Area 1 Director 2016-2018. Her goals are in line with ZI President Susanne to be effective, efficient, engaging and enjoyable for advancing the mission and vision of ZI and District 4. Sheena enjoys collaborating and brain storming with peers on the new website and other District 4 tasks.

Treasurer: Nancy Peacock has been a member of the Zonta Club of Cheektowaga-Lancaster for the past 8 years. Nancy was appointed to the UN Committee this past biennium and has been an active member of the 2019 Conference Committee. She feels her work with grant administration of Federal programs will give her the knowledge and skills needed to let her name stand for District 4 Treasurer. Nancy's leadership, organizational skills and ability to work with diverse groups and individuals from various socio-economic backgrounds were demonstrated while serving in management on the national and local levels. These will be an asset to the position of District 4 Treasurer.

Nominating Committee

Diane Balaban is currently Area 5 Director and has been an active member of the Zonta Club of Olean for 12 years. During that time Diane actively recruited new members bringing awareness to Zonta's great name in her community. Diane feels it is very important to have a strong succession plan for Zonta. She values the elected leadership position from handling funds in trust of our members and administering our projects. She feels that strong leadership is vital in an organization as diverse as Zonta and moving up the "chain of command" is one way to ensure that our organization will continue to thrive.

Brenda Graham has been a proud member of the Kitchener Waterloo club for 18 years. She has served on the District 4 board in the appointed position as Secretary 2014 -2016 and is currently the Area 1 Director. She is a very committed individual, always willing to roll up her sleeves to help wherever she can. Brenda feels it is the small things that make the difference and that in recognizing people; she hopes she makes them realize how important they are to others. Brenda would love to put her leadership skills to work to help D 4 create a strong succession plan for the 2020-2022 biennium.

Karen Grant has been a member of the Oakville and Toronto Clubs for the past 6 years. She has held the appointed position on the District 4 Leadership Committee 2016-2018 and is currently the Vice AD for Area 2. Karen feels her business experience and leadership experience in governance while at the Zonta Club of Oakville will be an asset on the committee. Because it is important for our planning to focus on sustainability, she feels an ongoing cycle will need to be adopted instead of a short term approach.

Jenny Johnston has been a member of the Zonta Club of Kenmore for 9 years and is currently the Area 3 Director. She enjoys being a part of Zonta and meeting all the wonderful and committed members who are fulfilling the mission of Zonta. Jenny feels that the focus of the nominating committee should be on dedicated Zonta members who want to further the mission of Zonta and also position Zonta as a leader in advocacy for women everywhere.

Nita McCown has been a member of the Zonta Club of Toronto for 15 years and is currently the Area 2 Director. Through the position of Area 2 Director she has met and talked with presidents and committee chairs of other clubs in the District and feels she has built solid relationships that she will continue. Nita strongly believes our success as Zonta relies in the trust of our stakeholders and this trust has to be continuously maintained by the commitment of all members, but particularly at the leadership positions, with the highest ethical principles.

Gina Orsini is a member of the Zonta Club of Cheektowaga-Lancaster where she has served for 20 years in many club positions. Gina is currently on the District 4 Board as Area 4 Director. She feels that it is important to ensure people are seen and recognized for their leadership potential. Gina feels her work in Human Resources with succession planning and meeting people every day is a skill she can share with Zonta in this role.

Judy Powers has been a dedicated member of the Zonta Club of Hamburg-Orchard Park for the past 19 years. She has held the appointed position as the District 4 Service Co-Chair since 2014. Judy has been at 9 District conferences and worked with many members in her club who have needed a little guidance to step into leadership roles in her club. Judy believes that succession planning is important to ensure the continued strength of Zonta in the future. She feels that members should be encouraged to explore the Leadership Training which can help develop their skills.

Doreen Thompson has been a member of the Zonta Club of Brampton-Caledon for 14 years. She has been the appointed Co-Chair for the Z and Golden Z Clubs. As a teacher, Doreen has been very involved in her school Z Club and sees the value of nurturing leaders at all levels. She feels that it is very important that Zonta obtain excellent leaders to move forward in the 21st century so that the work and mission will continue, and the overall organization will retain members and experience growth.

Alyce Van Patten has been an active member of the Zonta Club of Rochester for 20 years. Alyce has been appointed as co-chair for District 4 Advocacy, Service and is currently co-chair for Awards. She feels that the

Nominating Committee is the most important committee with the responsibility of succession planning. Alyce would like to see potential leaders be given special projects or be asked to serve at the District committee level with the potential to lead in the future.

Area Directors

Area 1: Jane Newman has been a member of the Zonta Club of Kitchener-Waterloo for 36 years. She is currently holding an appointed position on the District 4 Awards Committee. Jane would like to raise awareness of Zonta in her community and the world. While recognizing that Zonta has helped women advance the past 100 years, we have many obstacles to still overcome. Jane feels our international service projects are always so powerful and humbling she wants to make sure each Zontian knows what we do internationally and she hopes that this can also help attract new members to our organization.

Area 2: Marion Reeves has been an enthusiastic and dedicated member of the Brampton – Caledon club for 30 years. Marion has held many elected positions in the club including treasurer, secretary and president. Marion's goal for advancing the objects of Zonta International are to seek out opportunities with Clubs to ensure greater understanding of how the status of women in our individual communities can be improved. She feels that we need to take the time to be thoughtful and reflect on the outcome we are having in our lives and those of the women around us. Marion feels her professional experience as a business owner responsible for managing staff in multiple locations with many different workplace cultures will help her as an area director.

Area 3: Nicki Inch has been in Zonta over 10 Years in the Niagara Falls, Ontario Club. In Nicki's career as an Executive Director, she is able to make decisions quickly and able to see both sides of a discussion. She feels she is very organized and highly skilled at fundraising and marketing. Women's issues have always been at the core of her being. Nicki is very passionate about speaking out against the inequities she sees women facing in our society, as well as those faced by women around the world. She wishes to continue to advocate for women at every chance she has.

Kyle Patterson has been an active member of the Zonta Club of Niagara Falls, New York for 11 years and is currently the appointed Advocacy Co-Chair for District 4. While working with a wide variety of College departments to define specific needs; formulate ideas into specific goals and then secure funding, she can articulate ideas into action plans to achieve results. She feels she has the skill to assess how she can help the clubs to achieve the Zonta mission. Kyle will encourage each club to fulfil Zonta's mission in a variety of ways. Sharing this uniqueness can inspire clubs to expand what and how they accomplish activities that empower women through service and advocacy, both locally and internationally.

Area 4: Lindsay Edwards has been an enthusiastic member of the Zonta Club of Niagara Falls, New York for the past 5 years. She is in the last year as the President of the Club in Area 3 but will be moving to an Area 4 Club for the next biennium. As a newer member, Lindsay brings a new prospective to an organization that is at a crossroads for staying relevant in a new digital millennial generation. She would like to work so that members of clubs better understand the impact that ZI makes and how combining our talents and resources on a club, area and district level will make us resilient in a rapidly changing future. Lindsay would work to help bridge interconnectivity between clubs to create larger impacts and utilize member talents that may not exist in all clubs.

Mary Vacanti is the President, and has been a loyal member, of the Zonta Club of Buffalo for the past 8 years. She was an appointed D4 UN Co-chair in 2016-2018. She currently is on the Buffalo Conference Committee. Mary feels she has extremely good organizational, social skills and is known as a team player to work for the good of the order. She plans on advancing the status of women by working with the various clubs in the district as well as ZI to help immigrants and refugees assimilate to our culture to create a better life for themselves and their families. Mary will also promote donations to the Rose Fund to help ZI accomplish their goals.

Area 5 (No candidates at this time)

Area 6 (No candidates at this time)

Vice Area Directors

Area 1: (No candidates at this time)

Area 2: Margaret Geare is an enthusiastic five year member of the Zonta Club of Brampton-Caledon. She is currently an appointed member of the District 4 Board as UN Chair (Canada). Margaret thinks the best way to advance Zonta's mission is for clubs in the district to form partnerships with like-minded organizations. This provides the local club more visibility in the community through exposure to the connections of the like-minded organizations.

Area 3: Kathryn Bunyan-McClendon has been a dedicated member of the Zonta Club of Niagara Falls, New York for 10 years. In that time she was awarded the Club Zontian of the Year award in 2014 for making the club more technologically savvy. She currently is on her second term as an appointed member of the District 4 Communications team. As a member of the District 4 Board, Kat's dream would be getting all clubs involved in social media. Her goal would be to schedule information sessions on how to safely and effectively utilize this important communication tool to ensure Zonta continues for another 100 years.

Area 4: Elaine Barkowski is a dedicated 10 year member of the Zonta Club of Hamburg-Orchard Park. During that time she has been honored as Zontian of the Year in 2013 and 2018. Elaine has attended many Zonta workshops and worked within her club to develop her personal strengths. She feels these give her the skills needed to be a Vice Area Director. Her 33 years of classroom experience in organization, conflict resolution and leadership skills will be an asset in moving forward with the clubs in Area 4.

Area 5: (No candidates at this time)

Area 6: (No candidates at this time)

DISTRICT 4 BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT FOR DISTRICT 4 2019 CONFERENCE

- Notification sent to clubs and published on the District 4 website in November 2018 regarding the amendments adopted at the 2018 Yokohama Zonta International Convention. Informed clubs that any of the amendments adopted pertaining to clubs needed to be included in club bylaws.
- Request sent to clubs through District 4 E News March 4, 2019 for suggestions to changes in the International Bylaws and Resolutions.
- Kitchener-Waterloo sent rationale for recommendation for changes to:
 - International Bylaws Article XIII, Section 6 and 14, Article XIV, Section 4 and 8 dealing with Elections.
 - Zonta International Policy on Reproductive Health
- Reviewed those bylaws submitted for recommendation to District 4 Board to forward for vote at the September 2019 District 4 Conference.
- The District 4 Board recommended at the May 2019 meeting to forward those submitted for vote at the District 4 Conference.
 - Since this time Zonta International has adopted a new policy on Reproductive Health. They abandoned the existing policy and developed a statement. The Kitchener-Waterloo club is satisfied with the change. Therefore a resolution vote is no longer necessary. The new statement can be found on the Zonta International website:
<https://membership.zonta.org/Portals/0/Membership/Tools/AdvocacyTools/Womens%20Sexual%20and%20Reproductive%20Health%20Statement.pdf>

Respectfully submitted by Carma L. Horner, District 4 Bylaws Chair

Workshops	Presentors/Facilitators
<p>Achieving Gender Equality How are clubs advocating for gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls in District 4? Come prepared to discuss your favorite projects, ideas and ways we can work together across clubs and areas, as a district.</p>	<p>Kyle Patterson, (Nancy Peacock), Margaret Geare, Lee Fogarty, Julie Brown, Connie Deckert Regency Room B Workshop # 1</p>
<p>Invigorating Your Club! Is your club working together to its fullest potential? Do you look forward to meetings? When prospective members walk in the door is the atmosphere welcoming or is there palpable tension? Does everyone sit by the same people at every meeting and are there little cliques? Is your meeting dragging on and on without learning anything? Each club has their own unique culture. Before your club is in crisis and members leave for “little things” that add up over time, figure out what works for your club and what doesn’t any longer. Learn how to assess your club culture and strategies to improve the flow of your meetings. In a time when our membership is declining, we need to strive to thrive.</p>	<p>Ann Marie West Regency Room C Workshop #2</p>
<p>Zonta Club Life Cycle- Surviving to Thriving “This workshop will give participants an insight into where their club fits into the Zonta Lifecycle. Participants will gain information on who will help them. They will be given tools, communication skills and fundamentals to take their club from Surviving to Thriving.</p>	<p>Janis Durmis Niagara Room Workshop #3</p>
<p>Zonta Website Navigation – Frustrated to Confident This workshop will adapt to a participant’s website experience. D4 Communications and facilitators will help you navigate ZI & D4 web pages, Leadership Development Program modules, and guide you to areas of information. Write down and submit your questions or area of concern when registering; bring your charged laptop or tablet for an engaging hands-on workshop and leave confident to “click” the button. Learning Levels: 1) Working through the login process, changing passwords & primary areas of ZI & D4 websites, 2) Refresh and continue building from Spring Workshop to navigate websites, locate information & build confidence; 3) Accessing & learning about Zonta Leadership Development Program.</p>	<p>Sheena Poole Sandra Cronk Kathleen Douglass Grand Ballroom D south end Workshop #4</p>
<p>The Marriage and Divorce Fund... An Expanded (and sometimes funny) look at our history. We go beyond the usual 5 minutes of highlights or one page press release.</p>	<p>Mary Yunker Grand Ballroom D north Workshop #5</p>

Service Committee Report – Sheena Poole and Judy Powers

Thank you to our members and clubs for helping others through your service projects. Current District Service projects include birthing kits and the poster project. Free the Girls (FTG) is not being submitted this biennium as a District project. FTG assists victims of Human Trafficking by providing merchandise to help establish micro-establishments or be sold at second-hand stores. New or gently used bras are collected and shipped to Mosambique, El Salvadore, and Costa Rica. FTG will be filing for non-profit status in Canada. Additional information is on the D4 Service Committee web pages.

- Many clubs are actively participating in the assembly of Birthing Kits and US bra collection for Free the Girls
- 12 D4 clubs nominated projects for Centennial Grants. Thank You.
- \$5000 Centennial awards were made to the clubs of **Kitchener-Waterloo, Niagara Falls, NY, and Rochester**. Congratulations!
- **ZI Service Recognition Awards** – Nominations are due November 1, 2019: The easy application requires a short summary of project in 200 words and a photo. Last year the Niagara Falls, NY club won first place at the ZI Convention in Japan.

D4 Foundation Ambassador Report – Kathy Smith, St. Catharines, ON, Lori Robinson, Brampton-Caledon, ON

Once again clubs in D4 are doing a wonderful job of contributing to Zonta International. As of August 1, 2019, D4 has contributed \$88,199 US to ZI, representing participation of 32/34 clubs. Six clubs and 8 individuals have made donations to ZI Endowment Fund of \$4,116. Our goal this biennium is to have 100 D4 members make a contribution of \$100 to ZI. **Remember, together we can make a difference.**

Credentials Committee Report

	Friday Evening September 27	Saturday Morning September 28	Saturday Afternoon September 28	Sunday Morning September 29
Elected District Officers				
Accredited Delegate Votes				
Accredited Proxy Votes				
Total Votes Authorized				

Final Credentials Report

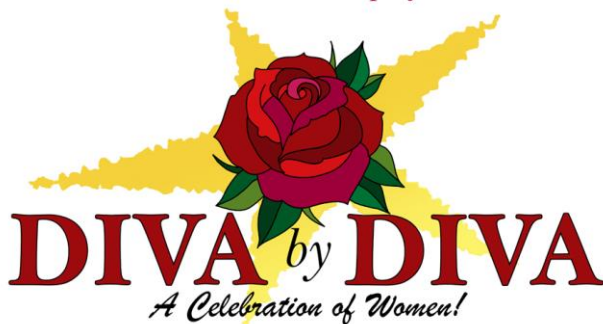
Total Number of Clubs in District	
Clubs Represented by Delegates	
Clubs Represented by Proxies	
Clubs Not Represented	

Attendance Report

District Board	
International Representative	
Delegates and Alternates	
Other Zontians Registered	
Guests Registered	
Total Registered	

Friday Night Entertainers

O'Connell & Company's



Join Mary Kate O'Connell and Company for a fast-paced cabaret style show filled with songs, readings, poetry, humor and quotes by, for and about women. Diva by Diva: "A Celebration by Women" was created by Mary Kate O'Connell in 1999 as a two-week performance honoring Women's History Month.

Saturday Night Program



Ladies First Big Jazz Band

The Ladies First Big Jazz Band is a 16-piece all-female group formed by bassist Jennifer May in 2003. The band had its roots in a six piece ensemble started in 1994.

The Band also celebrates Women's History Month by donating the proceeds of a concert to a women's group. The Zonta Club of Buffalo has been a recipient of such performances.

Area Director Reports

Area 1 – Brenda Graham

Area 1 is comprised of five clubs – Guelph, Kitchener-Waterloo, Owen Sound, Stratford and Woodstock.

Centennial: We were the first area in D4 to receive the Traveling Flag. Each club proudly displayed the flag at a club event. More Centennial celebrations are scheduled in the coming year.

Advocacy: All clubs participated in the 16 days of Activism. Some examples...Guelph held the Moccasin Project, KW turned Waterloo orange, Owen Sound sold roses, Woodstock worked with DART, and Stratford partnered with Victim Services.

Fundraising: Our area raised \$125,027 during the past year. All clubs sent some funds to ZI. Stratford held Lunafest, four clubs held golf tournaments, and KW, in addition held the KW Film Festival.

Service Projects/Awards: 2,482 birthing kits were assembled over the year, and 600+ bras have been collected for Free The Girls.

Celebrations: Big biennium for celebrations...KW celebrated 40 years in November 2018, Guelph celebrates 40 year in November 2019, Stratford is 20 in 2020, and Woodstock is 60 in June 2020.

Challenges: Like many other areas, membership continues to be our biggest challenge.

Area 2 – Nita McCown

Charitable Donations: During 2019, the clubs in Area 2 had a successful year. Three of five clubs participated in Bingo, which allowed them to give substantial amounts in charitable donations. (A club by club breakdown is available on request). Total Charitable donations: \$133,185.

Scholarships & Awards: Most of the clubs have established scholarships or awards. Not all of the clubs include the Klausman and YWPA in their awards. Total Awards or Scholarships presented in Zonta's name: \$21,485.

Service Projects: All clubs participated in Birthing Kit Builds. Three clubs collected bras and we expect another to do so next year. Some clubs have additional service projects in their own communities. (Descriptions of club projects can be made available on request). Total Birthing Kits: 4,000; Bras: 475; Dignity Bags: 100.

Advocacy: Brampton-Caledon undertook a letter writing campaign to protest changes to sex health programs in schools. Oakville posted Zonta Says NO Posters, Toronto works with The White Ribbon Campaign to prevent gender based violence. All clubs participated in 16 days of Activism. Club Presidents and the Area Director meet on a quarterly to talk about District and ZI programs and how to incorporate them into our Canadian clubs.

Area 3 – Jenny Johnston

ZC of St. Catharines ON: The Club lost a dear and long-time member, Janet Penny. A "Celebration of Life" was held on June 15, a bursary is set up in Janet Penny's name and contribution can be made through their club. **ZC of Niagara Falls, ON:** A "Flag Raising Ceremony" was held on May 23, 2019 with the Zonta Centennial Travelling Flag. Mayor Jim Diodati helped celebrate at City Hall, the 100 years of working together to make gender equality a reality for women and girls worldwide. **ZC of Fort Erie Area, ON:** The club has disbanded and two members have joined the St. Catharines Club, ON. **ZC of Lockport, NY:** Two new members were installed at a dinner on June 14 - Gretchen Powers and Yvonne Michaels. **ZC of Niagara Falls, NY:** The Club held a "Dance the Decades" event as a Centennial Fundraiser. They chartered a Z Club at Niagara Falls High School. **ZIF chose the Club to receive a Centennial Award for "Zonta Fresh Start Initiative" for Passage House.** Celebrated their 95th Anniversary on May 8, 2019. This Club is active in supporting the mission of ZI. **ZC of Grand Island, NY:** Held a Centennial Event on Friday June 21, 2019 (the Summer Solstice" at the "Tribute Garden" on Grand Island). Zontians in attendance wore "teal" t-shirts and formed the number 100 with a drone taking a picture. A proclamation was given by the Erie County Executive, Mark Poloncarz. **ZC Kenmore, NY:** Held a successful spring 2019 Workshop for Area 3 & 4. Installed new officers on May 8. Walked in the Memorial Day parade on 5/27 with the Centennial Flag. Wrote more than 100 note cards to Meals on Wheels recipients. Collected over 200 bottles of shampoos for the Women's Veterans at the 2019 Salad Fest.

Area 4 – Gina Orsini

Not available at this time. We wish Gina a speedy recovery from her surgery. Our thoughts and prayers are with her.

Area 5 – Diane Balaban

Area 5 has 6 clubs. The New York clubs are Olean and Jamestown. The Pennsylvania clubs are Bradford, Corry, Erie and Warren. Each club has had a fantastic year. A few highlights: **Jamestown** hosted the Spring Workshop which was successful with 65 Zontians in attendance; **Warren** celebrated their 90th birthday and **Bradford** celebrated their 65th. Both hosted wonderful events to mark the occasion; **Corry** had a “Just Say No” banner hung in their community for three weeks; **Erie** hosted a wonderful Amelia Earhart dinner and scholarship awards presentation; and **Olean** hosted Assemblyman Joseph Giglio who talked about violence to women.

All clubs held centennial events throughout the year and had many fundraisers. Scholarships were given to high school students and many organizations benefitted from monies raised to help their particular causes. The clubs in Area 5 are very active and keep Zonta’s mission at the forefront of all they do.

Area 6 – Ann Marie West

The **ZC of Three Rivers Pittsburg North** shared the history, mission and vision of ZI and their local club’s focus in April at their *Women Empowering Women* Luncheon. This successful event raised funds for Hearth, an organization dedicated to assisting homeless women, ZIF, and a scholarship to a former club Klausman awardee. The club gained three new members this year.

The **ZC of Washington County** nearly doubled their membership during the first half of the biennium. They have continued the D4 “Poster Project” in partnership with Domestic Violence of Southwest PA. The club provides jogging suits to women victimized by domestic violence at three community hospitals. On Rose Day, the club honors seven women from different disciplines. Their Amelia Earhart Scholarship dinner recognizes 15 junior girls, one from each of the county high schools; one girl is selected to receive their \$1000 scholarship.

The **ZC of Oil City-Franklin** celebrated the 100 Years of Zonta by marching in the Oil City Heritage Parade; they won third prize for their float. The advocacy projects include working in the community to educate victims of domestic violence through the distribution of the D4 “Poster Project”. Their next endeavor is to host a Women’s Roundtable to discuss how to empower women to run for political office and highlight women’s groups in the area.

The **ZC of Meadville** after many years of service to the mission of ZI has disbanded as of May 31, 2019.

Membership Committee: Janis Durmis, Lt. Governor, Erie, Membership Chair.

Our key to growth is retaining our current membership and attracting new members. We continue to look at Zonta as being a lifetime journey. We begin with Z and Golden Z Club members and encourage them as young professionals to become a member of Zonta. We also encourage our award and scholarship recipients to join our clubs. Our goals are aligned with Zonta International.

We have been able to utilize the D4 Centennial Traveling Flag to encourage members to socialize with other Zonta members. Many District 4 members have attended Centennial celebrations of other clubs.

Membership has encouraged clubs to invite them to one of their club meetings. Membership continues to send welcome letters to new members in our district and quarterly updates to clubs. This has helped to maintain open lines of communication between the district and club.

In the second half of the biennium we will continue to focus on our current members as well as new ways to grow our membership. Zonta International has new Membership Recognition Awards which individual members and clubs will be recognized as well as districts. Membership will also implement new programs such as a District 4 Zonta Book Club.

Officers of Zonta International

Zonta Club

International President	Susanne von Bassewitz	Dusseldorf, Germany
President-Elect	Sharon Langenbeck	Santa Clarita Valley, CA USA
Vice President	Ute Scholz	Verden, Germany
Treasurer/Secretary	Mari McKenzie	Saginaw, MI USA

2018 - 2020 District 4 Board

Governor	Bonnie Clesse	Hamburg-Orchard Park, NY
Lt. Governor	Janice Durmis	Erie, PA
Treasurer	Marcia Bliss	Jamestown, NY
Secretary	Marianne Chimento	Hamburg-Orchard Park, NY
Area Directors		
	Area 1 Brenda Graham	Kitchener-Waterloo, ON
	Area 2 Nita McCown	Toronto, ON
	Vice Area 2 Kary Grant	Toronto, ON
	Area 3 Jenny Johnston	Kenmore, NY
	Area 4 Gina Orsini	Cheektowaga-Lancaster, NY
	Area 5 Diane Balaban	Olean, NY
	Area 6 Ann Marie West	Batavia-Genesee County, NY
Nominating Committee	Lori Robinson, Chair	Brampton-Caledon, ON
	Jill Coburn	Jamestown, NY
	Nancy McCulloch	Rochester, NY

District 4 Committees

Advocacy	Julie Brown	Stratford, ON
	Connie Deckert	Kitchener-Waterloo, ON
	Lee Fogarty	Pittsburgh, PA
	Kyle Patterson	Niagara Falls, NY
Amelia Earhart	Donna Ketchum-Colletta	Hamburg-Orchard Park, NY
	Holly Anderson	Toronto, ON
Awards	Alyce Van Patten	Rochester, NY
	Beth Zak	Three Rivers Pittsburgh, PA
Bylaws and Resolutions	Carma Horner	Bradford, PA
Communications	Sandra Cronk	Hamilton 1, ON
	Kat Bunyan-McClendon	Niagara Falls, NY
	Sheena Poole	Woodstock, ON
District Ambassadors	Lori Robinson	Brampton-Caledon, ON
	Kathy Smith	Niagara Falls, ON
Finance	Jill Coburn	Jamestown, NY
	Carol Spedding	Lockport, NY
Historian/Centennial	Vivian Cody	Buffalo, NY
	Mary Yunker	Batavia-Genesee County, NY
Leadership Development	Kathleen Douglass	Brampton-Caledon, ON
Membership	Janice Durmis	Erie, PA
Parliamentarian	Kris Fletcher	Kitchener-Waterloo, ON
Service	Judy Powers	Hamburg-Orchard Park, NY
	Sheena Poole	Woodstock, ON
United Nations	Margaret Geare	Brampton-Caledon, ON
	Nancy Peacock	Cheektowaga-Lancaster, NY
Z and Golden Z Clubs	Lucille Disanto	Batavia-Genesee County, NY
	Nancy Zilvytis	Hamilton 1, ON

Conference Chair Appointments

Conference Executive Committee	Irene Majchrzak	Buffalo, NY
	Vivian Cody	Buffalo, NY
	Mary Vacanti	Buffalo, NY
	Nancy Peacock	Cheektowaga-Lancaster, NY
Conference Treasurer	Caren Shapiro	Buffalo, NY
Conference Registration	Carol Spedding, Lisa Noe	Lockport, NY, Buffalo, NY
Credentials	Phyllis Dickinson, Mary Lou Ardino	Cheetowaga-Lancaster, NY
Timekeeper	Rosie Papalia	Jamestown, NY
Tellers	Julie Brown	Stratford, ON
Audio Visual	Marie Somerfeldt	Cheektowaga-Lancaster, NY
Photographers	Karen Keefe; Nathan Keefe	Grand Island, NY
Protocol	Barbara Fera, Daisy Waters,	Guelph, ON, Niagara Falls, NY
	Anna Conn, Lee Fogarty	Buffalo, NY, Pittsburgh, PA
Zonta Store, Amelia Earhart	Donna Ketchum-Colletta	Hamburg-Orchard Park, PA
Pre Conference Tours	Gail Willsky	Buffalo, NY
Media	Karen Keefe	Grand Island, NY
Centennial Time Capsule	Jenny Johnstone	Kenmore, NY
Centennial flag Schedule	Janis Durmis	Erie, PA
Memorial Service	Nellie Brown	Buffalo, NY
Displays, Signage	Mary Yunker, Diane Balaban	Batavia-Genesee County, NY, Olean, NY
Conference Committee Secretary	Cheryl Baker, Kate Wehrmeyer	Buffalo, NY
	Nellie Brown	Buffalo, NY

Conference Planning Committees

We are grateful for the assistance of members from the Zonta Clubs of: Amherst, Batavia-Genesee County, Bradford, Brampton-Caledon, Buffalo, Cheektowaga-Lancaster, Corry, Erie, Fort Erie, Grand Island, Guelph, Hamburg-Orchard Park, Jamestown, Kenmore, Lockport, Niagara Falls, NY, Olean, Pittsburgh, Rochester, Stratford, Washington County, and Woodstock, for their dedicated efforts in helping to plan this event. It is not possible to list all the members who contributed time and effort to make this Conference and Centennial events a success. THANK YOU ALL!

Amelia Earhart Fellowship Committee – Holly Anderson, Toronto ON, and Donna Ketchum-Colletta, Hamburg-Orchard Park NY

For over 80 years Zonta International has encouraged women to undertake advance studies in aerospace engineering and space sciences through the Amelia Earhart Fellowship Program. Highlights of the last year include: meeting with two 2018 Fellowship winners who are studying at Cornell University in Ithaca, NY- Sarah Morris from Australia and Doga Yucalan from Turkey who were present at the Zonta Club of Bradford's centennial celebration; Presentation of AE wings and certificate at the Toronto club to Emily Gleeson who is studying Ryerson University.

Support for AE programs were spear-headed by multiple fundraising efforts by D4 and club activities including co-chair Donna Ketchum-Colletta organized a cruise in May 2019 along the Iberian Peninsula from Lisbon to Barcelona that raised \$600 for the AE program, clubs have provided baskets for raffles at the D4 Conference; club and individual donations to the AE fund at Zonta International.

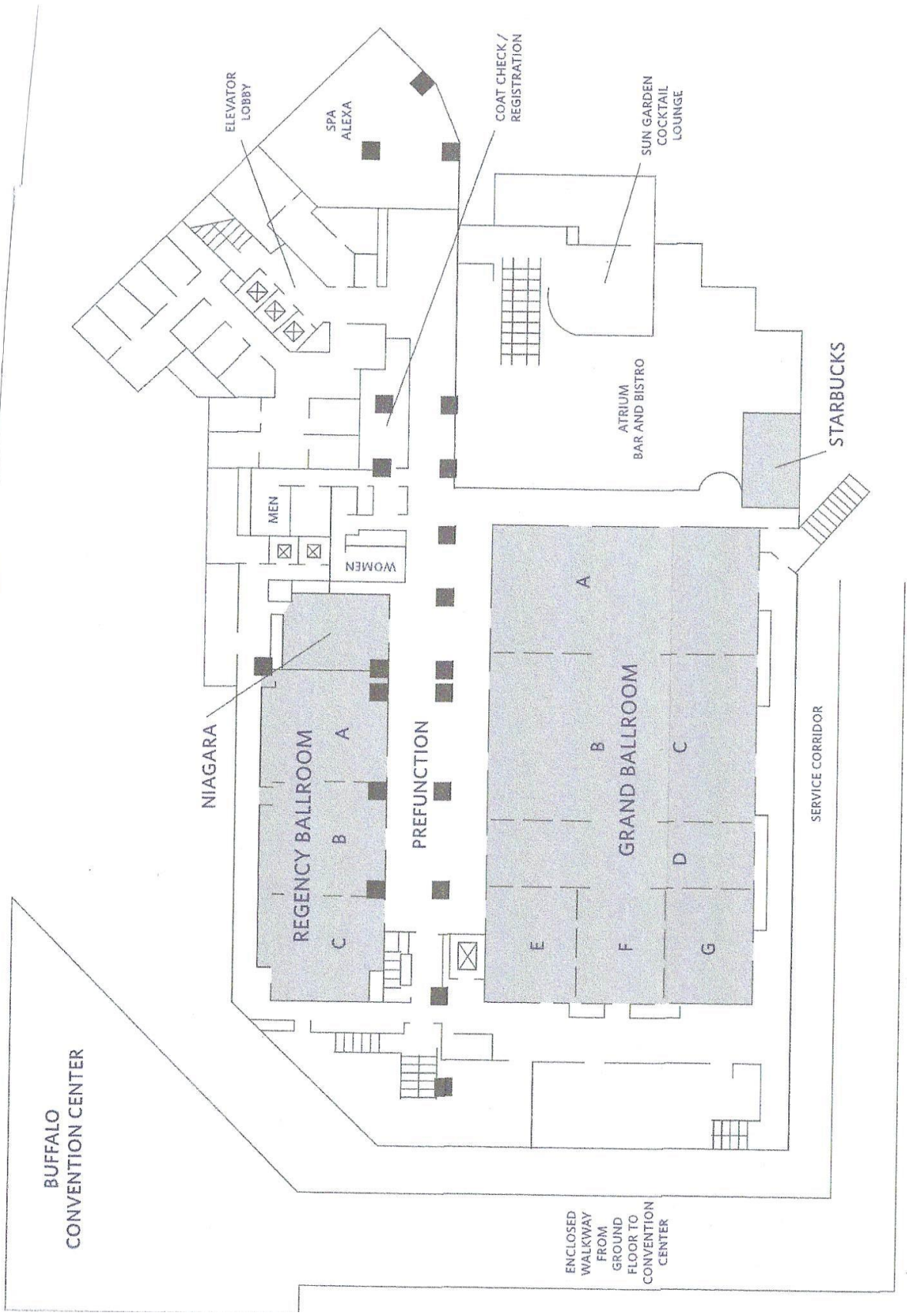
In June Zonta International and the Amelia Earhart program were recognized in the Canadian Senate as part of the Centennial celebration of Zonta.

District 4 Governors (present and past)

Year	Governor	Zonta Club
2018 – 2020	Bonnie Clesse	Hamburg-Orchard Park
2016 - 2018	Lori Robinson	Brampton-Caledon
2014 - 2016	Joanne Raymond	Kitchener-Waterloo
2012 - 2014	Lee Fogarty	Pittsburgh
2010 - 2012	Bonnie Crogan-Mazur	Niagara Falls, NY
2008 - 2010	Kathleen Douglass	Brampton-Caledon
2006 - 2008	Sandy Travers	Kitchener-Waterloo
2004 – 2006	Sandra Cronk	Hamilton I
2002 – 2004	Anna Parenti-Conn	Buffalo
2000 – 2002	Dr. Vivian Cody	Buffalo
1998 – 2000	Barbara Fera	Guelph
1996 – 1998	Joyce McMaster	London
1994 – 1996	Daisy Waters	Niagara Falls NY
1991 – 1994	Elma Patterson	Niagara Falls NY
1990 – 1991	Tressila Truby	Hamilton 2
1988 – 1990	Andrea Moreau	Grand Island
1986 – 1988	Joan Hutcheson	Hamilton 2
1984 – 1986	Brenda J. Kagle	Pittsburgh
1982 – 1984	Barbara A. McKinley	Oil City – Franklin
1980 – 1982	Joan E. Smith	Mississauga
1978 – 1980	Ony Oas	Erie
1976 – 1978	Betty Hall	Lockport
1974 – 1976	Elizabeth McCance	Pittsburgh
1972 – 1974	Lorraine L. Raczewicz	Lockport
1969 – 1972	Ella Knight	Buffalo
1967 – 1969	E. Olga Cloke	Hamilton I
1965 – 1967	Alice Mooradian	Niagara Falls, NY
1963 – 1965	Anne H. Crowe	Jamestown
1961 – 1963	Mary E. Smale	Hamilton I
1960 – 1961	Lucille H. Barry	Rochester
1959 – 1960	Dorothy Meggeson	Toronto I
1957 – 1959	Marguerite T. Weisflog	Niagara Falls NY
1955 – 1957	Hollis Terry	Olean
1953 – 1955	Elvira Manning	Toronto
1951 – 1953	Bertha M. Fox	Buffalo
1949 – 1951	Rachel Shafer	Erie
1947 – 1949	The Hon. Ellen Fairclough	Hamilton I
1945 – 1947	Agnes Wesselman	Buffalo

Zonta District 4 Spring Workshop Schedule

Year	Group 1 (Areas 1,2)	Group 2 (Areas 3,4)	Group 3 (Areas 5,6)
2020	ZC Brampton-Caledon, April 4	ZC Hamburg-Orchard Park, May 9	ZC Oil City-Franklin, April 25



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