



Historians Report for District Board Meeting January 2020

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At one time a telephone slogan was “let your fingers do the walking” as a reference to finding information in the telephone book. In many ways, we still do this, our fingers are sliding across the smart phone or tablet screen or clicking on keyboard keys as we do Google searches, send out email messages, follow tweets and go to countless social media sites.

This is what is happening now as we track what is happening in our clubs and our district – websites and face book pages are showing others what our events and activities are as we fill Zonta International’s Mission/Vision of empowering women through service and advocacy.

We have a terrific district website – it’s interactive with information coming in from clubs as they hold fund raisers and advocacy or service events. Clubs shared their photos from the Fall Conference in September and their 16 Days of Advocacy events; there was a lot of orange being worn or lights ablaze to share our message to stop violence. The district’s Centennial Flag is making its rounds with club presidents adding their signature to the flag. The Board and Area Directors are busy planning for the spring workshops – a great opportunity to bond with others and learn more about what is happening throughout the Zonta organization. As clubs prepare for end of year fund raising events they are being added to the “events calendar page” on the website.

The Buffalo club is putting finishing touches on the video to be shown at the convention and it is a great honor for Buffalo club member Nellie Brown to be asked to be harpist for the Memorial Service at convention. Prior to being shown at convention, the video is scheduled to be shown on February 27 (Marian's birth date) at the North Park Theater on 1428 Hertel Ave in Buffalo.

The Zonta International Centennial Committee has our district history information as they continue their work on gathering information from every district. A District 4 History Book is still in the works.

The Zonta organization, the Buffalo club and Marian DeForest were highlighted in the winter issue of Western New York Heritage magazine. The article was written by Jessica Nantka, a graduate student at SUNY Buffalo. Along with writing the article, there was a two week exhibit at the Karpeles Manuscript Library Museum with photos.

The chairs for all the various committees will be sharing their own details so we'll let them list the multitude of activities and any awards they wish to report.

The celebration is not over - district 4 Zontians will travel to Chicago in July when Zontians from around the world gather for a huge centennial celebration as part of the Convention.