

Zonta Three Rivers Pittsburgh North Club.

Brief history:

The club was chartered on December 29, 1980 by the Pittsburgh Club and was one of three clubs that were chartered the same day – Pittsburgh East and Pittsburgh West. Mary Salsbury was the first President.

The club meets on the second Wednesday of the month from September to June at Fresco's in Wexford.

Fundraising: In 2004 the club produced the first Glass Slipper Ball featuring the best of the chefs. Since the inception of the ball, the club has raised over \$550,000. \$90,000 has been donated to Zonta International. The rest of the money has been donated to local agencies: Crisis Center North, Hearth, North Hills Community Outreach, Girls Hope, Power with a focus on education. Most notably, the club helps the agencies buy books and computers to encourage women to go back to school and become independent. The club also hands out 3 scholarships a year: young women in public affairs, Jane Klausman and Penny Smith.

Service: The club is connected to the local agencies it funds, and provides small projects with great impact. Each Christmas, we organize a Christmas party at Girls Hope a home for girls at risk. We provide birthday presents to Power, a recovery home for women. We also provide home items as part of a shower organized by Hearth, an agency providing lodging to a woman and her children while she goes back to school.

This year the service committee interviewed each agency to find out their needs and published a guide for our members to give them the opportunity to do hands on service.

Birthing Kits: The club has participated on several occasions to the assembly of birthing kits organized by the Pittsburgh club.

Advocacy: The club has been involved in many projects over the years. We focused our efforts on human trafficking and sex trafficking of girls in the US. For a couple of years. We organized the showing of the movie: "Sex and money, a national search for human worth" in collaboration with Carnegie Mellon University. We also collaborated with the WYCA to organize a panel discussion on the subject.

We are now following the lead of Zonta International and focusing our efforts on the Zonta says NO to violence against women. We are selling tee shirts, and walked on Pittsburgh bridge with our fellow zonta sisters at the 2013 district conference.

District conference and area workshops: We just organized the area 5 and 6 area Spring workshop in April 2014.

Z Club: The club has sponsored a Zclub at North Allegheny high school for a number of years. The club is composed solely of girls who organize their own projects. They participate every year to the Glass Slipper Ball. They received the Emma Colon Award.

PAST PRESIDENTS: Some of the past presidents have taken further responsibilities: Gerry Johnson was area director.

2 of our members have been part of the club for over 25 years: Debra Dion Krischke and Jane Langan.