

## **Zonta Club of Brampton-Caledon - History in Brief**

District 4, Area 2, Club # 0754

### **Chartered in November 1974**

SOM Club: Zonta Club of Mississauga

Information Meeting held at Caledon Golf Country Club: November 1973

Charter Presentation: November 1974. President: Irene Biggs

### **Meetings**

Business meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month except for July and August. Our meetings consist of a speaker, dinner, followed by the business portion. We recognize important dates in the Zonta calendar: Amelia Earhart, International Women's Day, and Zonta's birthday. Our December meeting is a social and June is our annual general meeting and social.

### **Club Board and Committees**

The board consists of President, President-Elect, Treasurer, Secretary, and four Directors. The board meets monthly on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, except for July, August and December. The Past President also attends board meetings.

The Nominating Committee is composed of 2 annually elected members plus the immediate Past President who is automatically appointed as the Chair of the Committee.

Current standing committees are: Service, Advocacy, Membership, Fellowship & Program and Public Relations. The President-Elect is the chair of Membership. Directors act as board liaisons and chairs for the other standing committees. Committees meet on needs basis.

Special committees:

- Project Achieve Awards
- Z Clubs/Golden Z Clubs
- International Women's Day
- Women of Achievement
- Golf Tournament
- 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

### **Membership**

The number of members have fluctuated from 18 to 45. In 2014, Brampton-Caledon has 24 members, 15 Z Clubs and 1 Golden Z Club.

### **Advocacy projects**

Every year our club has organized a very successful International Women's Day breakfast. The City of Brampton and the Town of Caledon has presented proclamations to our club annually honouring March 8<sup>th</sup> Zonta International Women's Day.

### **Service projects**

Local service has included women's health, education in prevention of violence against women, support of women's shelters and education awards given to young women. Select projects include:

- Z Clubs/Golden Z Clubs – sponsorship and support.
- Birthing Kits- joining with other Zonta clubs and friends of Zonta and Z-Clubbers to complete 1000 birthing kits to send to third world countries.
- Project Achieve Awards - this project supports young women in secondary schools who have gained high academic achievement in science.
- Shirley Ellison Award - Given to a Z-Club member who has demonstrated excellent service in their community.
- Barbara Fendley Taylor Memorial Bursary - This is an educational award for a foster child selected by the Children's Aid Society.
- Young Women in Public Affairs Award.
- Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship.
- Donations to Zonta International Foundation every year.
- Donations to Breast Cancer services at the local Hospital.
- Donations to Mental Health services for women at the local Hospital.
- Donations to local women's shelters every year.

### **Fund Raising**

Bingo has been our greatest revenue source, followed by numerous fund raisers such as Cash Lotteries, golf tournaments, fashion shows, Women of Achievement Galas, silent auctions, pancake breakfasts, trade shows, card parties, sale of Hummel Greeting Cards and travel brushes. Close to \$700,000 CAD has been returned to the community.

### **Area Activities**

The Club has been represented at all area meetings since charter and has hosted workshops.

### **Area Projects**

In 2014, all six Clubs in Area 2 introduced the Zonta Says No Award to be awarded annually to an organization and to an individual.

The award to an organization was presented to the Toronto Argonauts, a CFL football team at a game event on October 25<sup>th</sup>. The team was honoured for their "Huddle Up" bullying prevention program as well for their Argo Cheerleaders program, "Make the Call. This event also included a Zonta information booth.

The award to an individual was presented to Hamilton's Westdale S.S. Principal, Mr. Timothy Powell-McBride. He has served as a Status of Women representative within his teaching profession and speaks to male students and student leadership forums about their responsibility they should take to end this violence.

### **District Activities**

The Club has always been well represented at district conferences. Many of our members have served on the board: Kathleen Douglass, Governor; Shirley Ellison, Z/Golden Z clubs Co-Chair; Elizabeth Bindon, Amelia Earhart Co-Chair, Z/Golden Z clubs Co-Chair; and Jessie Bannerman, Secretary. Lori Robinson is currently the Lt. Governor.

### **District Projects**

The Club has supported the Birthing Kits project in 2010, 2013 and 2014, completing 1,000 kits each year.

### **International Activities**

The Club has been represented at all International Conventions since charter. We have had various members on the board: Kathleen Douglass, International Director, Bylaws and Leadership Development Committee and current member of the Nominating Committee; and Lori Robinson, Chair Z Club and Golden Z Club Committee.

### **Zonta International Foundation**

The club has contributed a percentage of the funds raised to Zonta International Foundation as have individual members. The club has supported the YWPA and the Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship by funding local awards and by contributing funds to the international programs.

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