

THE HISTORY OF ZONTA CLUB of GUELPH, ON, CANADA

DISTRICT 4, AREA 1, CLUB # 0903

Formation of Club: SOM- ZC Burlington, ON Can. (no longer active)

Information mtgs..... September/October 1979

Organization mtg.....November 1979

Charter Event..... April 1980

of Charter members ...28

Catherine Bandeen was the first President. Area Director Bonnie Duke helped organize the club.

Meetings.....2nd Wed. each month except August....the past 34 years mtgs have been held at mtg rooms at Golf Clubs.....social/dinner/program/meeting. Programs may be zonta related or speaker of interest.

Club Committees:

MEMBERSHIP: #'s range from 15 to 40 over the past 34 yrs. with invitation to attend a mtg. If interested, this committee holds a "wine and cheese" afternoon event to familiarize those interested in joining with details of requirements/dues/ committees/ activities. etc.

ADVOCACY: International Women's Day Breakfasts for 20 years with female speaker (activists, authors, educators, athletes, artists, media, journalists etc.).

Join us on the Bridge event...also on March 8 or near the date....since 2011..message is "say NO to Violence".

Special events...with Authors on Women's issues.....at rented facility on Sunday afternoon.....ticket sales to cover costs only.

Senior's Residence...Host Valentine day event with food and entertainment in the 1980's.

Join Women in Crisis for "Take back the Night" event in Sept. and the December 6 Vigil honoring the memory of female students murdered in Montreal.

Collaborate with other women's groups to host a Gala event (March 2014) to empower women entrepreneurs.

Acknowledge the CEDAW reports for Canada and discuss the issues that require improvement.

Connect with our politicians on women's issues.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: We have a Website, a monthly newsletter, and a good relationship with local media.

SERVICE: YWPA award annually since 1992, Donation to ZIF annually, Catharine Collins bursary since 2004, Funding Pledge to local Hospitals, 2 Z-Clubs chartered in 1994 and 2000.

PROGRAM: Speakers /Activity for monthly mtgs.

GOLF Tournament: Annual Betty Thompson Tourney...funding to Breast cancer Research, Women in Crisis, Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Program.
May of each year since 1998.

DISTRICT and AREA: At most of the area annual workshops and most of the District conferences we have had one or more members attend.

At the International Conventions, we have had a delegate and one other member attend 12 of the the past 17 conventions since 1980. The other conventions we sent proxies.

We have hosted 4 area workshops during our 34 yrs.

One member has been area director, LT. Governor, Governor, Int'L Director. (2000-03)

Archival information from 1979 - 2000 is stored at Guelph Public library.

Thanks,

If you need other info please email me.

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