

## Zonta Club of Hamilton II (Club #663)

### History

Charter event was held Oct 2, 1971, under the direction of Olga Cloke, with 45 charter members, 3 of which are still active. Helen Baldwin was the first President. Hamilton II was the first club to carry this designation.

#### SOM – Zonta Club of Hamilton I

Regular Club meetings are held the third Monday of the month, except when preempted by a statutory holiday, in which case, it is held the second Monday of the month.. There are no meetings July and August.

Current location: Carmen's Banquet Centre, Hamilton. Speakers from community organizations are invited to educate membership.

Membership has fluctuated over the years with 20 members currently.

#### Club Committees:

Membership: one major recruitment session held this past year. Programs include speakers at monthly meetings, two club socials are held one in the summer and one at Christmas. Club is fortunate to have a wide diversity of classifications including government administrators, entrepreneurs, politicians, educators, medical and legal professionals, social workers etc. The club has provided several Area Directors, two District Governors, and an International Director and Vice President. Many of our members regularly attend Area workshops, District Conferences and International Conventions.

Advocacy: focus on outreach to and supporting antiviolence activities in the community, plan annual Person's Day Breakfast, attend & support Dec 6 Memorial event, participated in Zonta Says No, Bridge Walk with Oakville and other local clubs, participated in One Billion Rising event, support Paint the Town Yellow ( for IWD) with Hamilton I, host IWD events, which are also fundraisers. One of our Area Directors was instrumental in developing a committee with a member from each of 16 clubs, to prepare a response to a green paper for Canada Pension Plan Benefits and the inequities in the legislation for women. Members worked with the local public school board to produce a play for students about bullying.

Service: Annually fund YWPA & JM Klausman awards with Hamilton I, host Birthing Kit event with Hamilton I, have produced 3,000 kits, collect toiletries, underwear & sanitary products for local women' shelters, collected hats & mittens for underprivileged children, hosted Mother's Day breakfast for single mums. Yearly donations are made to the Amelia Earhart Fund.

P. R. website, Facebook, Monthly newsletter, 2 articles in Hamilton Spectator for IWD event, 2014, postcards with club information. In the past have printed brochures and produced a CD for recruitment purposes.

Fundraising: We have moved from raising funds through Bingo, to fundraising events, including three teas, IWD gala events and wine raffles. Funds have been directed to women's shelters and programs, children's activities, and health and education related activities.

Estates from three past members support bursaries, and a fourth provides financial support for first timers attending workshops, and for delegates attending conventions and conferences.

In conjunction with Hamilton I, the club has hosted Area workshops and a District Conference., and has sponsored a local Z Club and Golden Z club.

Archival information is stored with the club Historian. Information was collected from archives, AGM reports and individual members.

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