

LEGISLATIVE AWARENESS & ADVOCACY REPORT

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As District 4 LAA (Chair) Canada I have been pleased to see the amount of Advocacy initiatives happening in our District.

Since September I have continued to do the monthly infomercials and have been asked to add more people to my email blast list. These infomercials go to our District as well as across Canada to other Zonta clubs.

I have spoken at two clubs—Mississauga and Hamilton 2. Both evenings were enjoyable and the clubs were looking for direction with what they might do regarding Advocacy.

My Co-chair, Bonnie Clesse and I presented at 2 District Spring Workshops—Lockport and Guelph. The presentations were well received. Information was gathered by Bonnie regarding LAA initiatives by each club.

Here in Canada there was a federal election this past week and because of this I was contacted to work with an Area Director and her clubs regarding information that was being sent out pertaining to women's issues here in Canada. I have also consulted with my own club, Kitchener-Waterloo re their Advocacy plans this year.

There is an upcoming Summit in Reno this summer and I have been asked to help with information regarding the LAA presentation.

Each day I continue to monitor womensenews re women's issues and here in Canada I read the monthly reports from the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives.

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