

OMC COMMITTEE

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Lee Fogarty, Lieutenant Governor

District 4 has lost 45 members this biennium. However since May, we as a district have increased membership by 7. Clubs are recruiting more members – some are being inducted in the next two months – and are working on retaining members through mentoring and more involvement in the clubs. The district is close to our aim of having every club acquire one new member. Several clubs have had successful ZINGS- I believe guests have joined because there has been more emphasis on our international status, strong and interesting local/district/international service projects, and increased enthusiasm. A new club has been chartered, Barrie-Simcoe, and Kathleen Douglass has been working on getting it up and running.

Thanks to the hard work of Donna Ketchum-Colletta and Cathie Wheeler, President and Area Director report forms have been revamped, so that presidents can provide Area Directors with information they need for their reports, and Area Directors can provide the governor with the information that ZI requires. (Area Directors: your template spells Governor wrong in the first line.) I would be interested in knowing how this has worked for presidents, area directors, and the governor. I have been able to find information I have needed, re membership/birthing kits/other service projects.

The Zonta clubs of Erie County are being given an award by the Family Justice Center for the work they are doing to help that organization deal with domestic violence. And what a wonderful example of clubs working together!!

The ZI presentation re membership should be reviewed and used as appropriate – area directors, this could be something to review with presidents.

The area directors continue to work well together, and support each other in ways that reflect a wonderful team spirit.