



ZONTA INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 4 CENTENNIAL MEETING  
“GOTOMEETING” online meeting  
January 23, 2019

ATTENDANCE: Bonnie Clesse, Janice Durmis, Marianne Chiumento, Sandra Cronk, Sheena Poole, Diane Balaban, Brenda Graham, Jenny Johnston, Nita McCown, Gina Orsini, Kristen Beekhuis, Beth Begin, Catherine Bobesich, Tricia Browne, Kat Bunyan-McClendon, Wendy Burns, Sandy Crowell, Linda DeGain, Cheryl Gruber, Keri Harmicar, Katie Hopper, Robin Irwin, Karol Jaworek, Karen Keefe, Julie Kleinberger, Jen Knuth, Stacey Komenda, Cheri Magin, Marian McGill, Trish Mongeon, Maria Odumodu, Rosanna Papalia, Carolyn Sheehan, Emilie Sisson, Mary Vacanti, Mary Yunker

At 7:08 PM Governor Bonnie welcomed all in attendance, and thanked the organizers: Sandra Cronk, Sheena Poole, and Kat Bunyan-McClendon.

Gov. Bonnie stated that the purpose of this meeting is to share what the clubs in District 4 (35 clubs in 2 countries with over 800 members) are doing for the Centennial - past, current, and future plans, and to get the word “CENTENNIAL”, and the number “100”, out there.

In an effort to avoid repeating for each club, let it be noted that many clubs are working on Centennial Grants, and many clubs are involved with, or working on, social media campaigns. Many clubs were also involved with various activities surrounding the 16 Days of Activism, with various clubs attending each other’s events.

AREA 1

KITCHENER-WATERLOO

- worked with the city of Waterloo to turn the lights orange
- “He For She” - chose 8 high profile men in the community to help advocate for “Say No to Violence Against Women”
- Rockway Garden will have a display of bushes and plants that will say “100 years of Zonta”

GUELPH

- orange shirts will be worn at all events
- March event planned to celebrate International Women’s Day (IWD)
- March Centennial event planned to focus on partnering with local community

OWEN SOUND

- attended National Day of Remembrance
- raised the Zonta Flag for 2 weeks at City Hall, during the 16 Days,
- Centennial events in planning stages

STRATFORD

- Centennial events in planning stages
- IWD (International Women’s Day) event will include breakfast with a speaker

WOODSTOCK

- lighting, for 16 Days, at “Lights of Woodstock” police station
- plans are in place for IWD

- Centennial events in planning stages

## AREA 2

### BRAMPTON-CALEDON

- for IWD, partnering with National Human Trafficking organization to host an evening awareness event for the community
- Centennial event - donation of 100 books (for all ages) to local (Caledon) library branches - all with focus on female leads - name plates in books
- collection of bras/underwear for those just coming from being homeless

### E CLUB OF CANADA 1

- for 16 Days - had 3 landmarks, including the CN Tower and City Hall, lit in orange - various clubs took part - great publicity
- Zonta Meadows Park in Mississauga - Zonta accessible playground for children with special needs - City has done upgrades on some of the structures, and E Club wants to do a further upgrade to include a washroom and shelter

### HAMILTON

- 16 Days included the Zonta banner at City Hall and the Zonta Hamilton sign in orange lights
- partnering with "Power of Purses" org. to fill donated purses with items such as toiletries, scarves, mittens, etc. to donate to women in shelters

### OAKVILLE

- "Say No" campaign - posters with tear-offs in various facilities
- 100 dignity bags for women who escape from sex trafficking
- IWD - "Zonta Celebrates IWD" - at local convention center - expecting 600 + people - emphasis on Centennial

## AREA 3

### GRAND ISLAND

- staging (along with Buffalo Club) a reading of Marian deForest's play "Little Women" at the Kavinoky Theatre
- planning a photo-op with forming 100

### KENMORE

- during 16 Days did "Weather Outside" with Channel 7 to support Zonta Says No
- pancake "Breakfast with Santa" with proceeds going to area women's services

### ST. CATHARINES

- display at library
- involved in bra campaign
- 90th Anniversary Tea - dedicated to Centennial

### NIAGARA FALLS, NY

- lighting of the Falls in orange - many sister clubs joined in
- ongoing "It's Not Your Fault" cards for distribution
- Centennial event - "Dance the Decade" at Four Points Sheraton
- Centennial event - chartering first Z club

## NIAGARA FALLS, ONTARIO

- Trivia Night - featuring 100 years logo, history of Zonta slide show
- helping victims of trafficking
- birthing kits
- raised the flag at City Hall

## AREA 4

### AMHERST

- 16 Days - reveal Centennial Flag in Niagara Square, Buffalo - many local clubs joined in
- would like to make working on birthing kits a Centennial event
- IWD - recognizing 3 local women

### BATAVIA-GENESEE

- 16 Days - Old Courthouse lit in orange
- inducted 2 new members
- Lucky Numbers Luncheon at Batavia Downs
- considering planting a rose bush in the Peace Garden
- Amelia Earhart display on Zonta table at Leroy Historical Society

## BUFFALO

- co-sponsoring concert with Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, and will give yellow rose to Conductor/Director Joanne Falletta
- Sponsoring D4 Conference
- planted yellow roses in Rose Garden in Delaware Park
- reading of Marian Deforest's play "Little Women" with reception to follow
- producing a video

### CHEEKTOWAGA-LANCASTER

- 16 Days - "Clean Your Closet" with PJs going to Haven House, and other items going to ECC's One Stop
- celebrating 50th Anniversary this year
- had table about Zonta at Reinstein Library

## GENEVA

- partnering with Safe Harbor
- Amelia Earhart program - 2 current female pilots talked about their work
- 2 new members to be inducted

### HAMBURG-ORCHARD PARK

- 16 Days - speaker from Family Justice Center
- 16 Days- marched in Hamburg Village Parade with 2 banners - local Zonta and "Just Say No"
- "salad" bowl (filled with dollar bills) raffle - proceeds to help with Centennial costs

## ROCHESTER

- collect a different item each month to put into a toiletry bag - 100 so far

- Derby Fest - tied into Centennial
- hoping to plan an event to educate women on CEDAW - hope to partner with the Susan B. Anthony Center (U of R)
- looking to collaborate with an agency involved with domestic violence initiatives, and show the movie "Little Stones"

#### AREA 5

##### BRADFORD

- celebrated 65 years with program featuring men giving statistics about violence against women
- 16 Days - online campaign - challenged other community groups to donate items to
- linked with Zippo Manufacturing to design "Zonta" lighter with Zonta logo, and packaged with yellow candles

##### CORRY

- having a banner made to be hung over the center of Main Street
- starting a new "Free the Girls" bra drive
- projects to assist Safe Journey - local women's shelter

##### ERIE

- media onslaught leading up to Erie's 100th anniversary - 11/8/19
- working on Centennial project - perhaps a Saturday luncheon
- Amelia Earhart Dinner - recognized juniors in High School for their leadership and community service, as well as giving scholarships

##### JAMESTOWN

- sponsored a room and painted it yellow, for the Infinity Community Music Program where children learn to sing, play musical instruments, and play in a band
- travel to 3 different area hospital Emergency Rooms to provide clothing for women who have to leave their clothing behind
- sponsored CAP (Child Advocacy Program) dinner for children who are victims of sexual assault
- have a "Lily's Hope" room set up to supply wigs so women don't have to travel to larger cities
- sponsors a "Zonta Day" at Chautauqua Institute every summer
- planning the 4/13 Workshop

##### OLEAN

- plan to work on "Free the Girls"
- placing signs in restrooms about domestic violence and human trafficking
- 5 new members will be inducted at the May meeting
- trying to do everything in 100s, like donating 100 birthday bags to local food pantry

##### WARREN

- donated \$900 to Centennial fund
- planning to send 100 bras a month for 12 months - over 800 so far - for "Free the Girls"

- compiling list of 100 women who have contributed to area
- 4 new members were inducted in the fall, with more to be inducted in the spring
- coordinating activities with League of Women Voters - also celebrating 100 years

#### AREA 6

##### THREE RIVERS PITTSBURGH NORTH

- working on rebuilding club and adding new members
- provide annual shower to stock pantry for Crisis Center North
- planning to do birthing kits with another club
- Women Empowering Women luncheon with a speaker on ending child marriage
- plans to work with sister clubs to have "The Point" (fountain where the Three Rivers meet) lit in orange

##### WASHINGTON COUNTY

- partners with local DV Services
- collects jogging suits to give to local hospital for victims of sexual abuse, and new teddy bears to give to children who are victims of sexual abuse
- working on plans for Centennial events and projects

#### OTHER

Kat Bunyan-McClendon reminded everyone that clubs need to share their Facebook pages with the Zonta District 4 Facebook page. The same goes for a Twitter feed.

Jenny Johnston reported that the Time Capsule will be on display at the September Conference. Each Club will get an 8x10 Preservation Bag where they can place a letter or a picture of the original/current members. The ADs will receive the bags at the Spring Workshops.

Gov. Bonnie reminded everyone that, at their February and March Meetings, each club needs to choose someone they want to honor. Someone from that group will be chosen for the Area , and so on.

The meeting ended at 9:08 PM. Gov. Bonnie thanked everyone for attending, and for their help and input.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marianne Chiumento  
Secretary, District 4