



Title: Z & Golden Z Clubs Report

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To: The Zonta International District 4 Board

Purpose of the report (please mark as many as applicable):

For Information

For Discussion

For decision

Facts (Information)

This section can contain activities since the last report, factual information to be brought to the Board regarding issues from Clubs or from Committees, other matters.

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Initiative	Specific Actions	Highlights/Challenges
<p>Student Club Activities</p>	<p>All clubs had to shut down abruptly when schools closed for the year because of COVID-19.</p>	<p>Highlights: McMaster Golden Z Club, our District's only GZ Club, elected a new executive to continue the club when classes start in Sept. 2020. They are proficient in electronic communication and could be encouraged to run their club this way and do awareness activities if universities are not holding classes at the university. Help could be sought from the e-club of Canada in our District. High School Z Clubs are under teacher direction. Established clubs should be able to continue once school restarts in each area.</p> <p>Challenges: Ontario secondary school teachers were having contract disputes with the province for quite a while before COVID-19 became an issue. Running student clubs is a voluntary task and teachers in Ontario will likely be angry because of public opinion so some may not be willing to do volunteer activities. I believe teachers in some U.S. areas of our District may receive a stipend. Teachers in both countries have extra workload with training and online class challenges during COVID. Zonta clubs will have to be encouraged to give these teachers extra support.</p>

<p>Number of Clubs</p>	<p>Total Z Clubs chartered – 14 Total Z Clubs ready to charter – 2 Total Golden Z Clubs – 2</p> <p><u>Z Clubs chartered</u> <i>Brampton-Caledon -10 (7 active, 3 not active)</i> <i>Niagara Falls, NY – 1</i> <i>Batavia-Genesee – 1</i> <i>Olean – 1</i> <i>Three Rivers-Pittsburgh North- 1 not active</i></p> <p><u>Z Clubs ready to charter</u> <i>Pittsburgh 1 – application sent in Feb.- District not notified – waiting to hear from ZI</i> <i>Brampton-Caledon -1</i></p> <p>Working on Z Club formation and already in school: <i>Niagara Falls Ontario</i> Total Golden Z Clubs 2 <i>Hamilton 1 – 1</i> <i>Toronto- 1 not active</i></p>	<p>Highlights: We do have Zonta clubs interested in forming Z clubs.</p> <p>Challenges: With the abrupt stopping of school, we do not know if staffing will change for the reopening. We may lose teacher leaders. Teacher leads will have to recruit new students for clubs in the fall. Normally they would be aware of the approximate number who would be interested in staying in the club the following year and be able ask those students to help recruit before the end of the school year.</p>
<p>Student Requests</p>	<p>I have had requests from students who wish to form Golden Z Clubs in the universities where they have been accepted for the 2020 fall term.</p>	<p>Highlights: Students are very enthusiastic. Those wanting to start Golden Z Clubs often have experience with Z Clubs in high schools. Students are generally proficient in electronic communication so may be able to run clubs electronically if classes are not physically in the universities. ZI Chair of this committee is aware and willing to help even though it will be a new area for her also.</p> <p>Challenges: Requests have come from students who are going to be entering their first year of university. In the past first year students have found the workload overwhelming and have given up on starting a Z Club that year. It is more difficult to find other students who are interested if there is no physical contact.</p> <p>Recommendation: Continue the communication. Look at ways student clubs could run if not in schools.</p>

District 4 Awards to Z & GZ Clubs	The \$250 US (\$322 Can) D4 Award won by the McMaster Golden Z Club and the Central Peel SS Z Club was not completely used this year due to school closures. The remaining money will be used during the next school year.	Highlights: Central Peel SS Z Club purchased a banner for IWD, made a \$140 donation to the Canadian Cancer Society, but was not able to complete planned activities to use the rest of the money. McMaster Golden Z Club had planned activities to use the award money. When the University closed for the year the money was not spent so they plan to spend it during the next school year.
District 4 Awards to Z & GZ Clubs	This is a biennial award and is to be given again in 2021. It needs to be revised on the website to give one award to a Z or Golden Z Club rather than one for each level.	
Emma L Conlon Award	Information sent to Zonta contacts	Schools were forced to close before this award was due so as far as I know, there were no applications sent from our District.
Z Club Mini-Conference	The Z Clubs in the Brampton-Caledon area hold an annual Z Club Mini-Conference which had to be cancelled this year. District 4 voted in 2018 to give \$180 per biennium for this conference. \$90 was given in 2019, but none for 2020.	
Communication with Z Clubs	As Chair, I send emails to the Zonta Club contacts and they pass the information to their Club teacher leads or to the Golden Z Club student president (since Golden Z Clubs are student driven). For the website, Zonta Club contacts send information to me from the teacher leads for the website. Some communications that were sent this biennium included all Zonta award criteria and applications of interest to students (Club,	Challenges: Emails to Zonta Club contacts are often unanswered, so little actual information about student club activities was received. Recommendation to do: At the beginning of the year Zonta Presidents need to be informed that: The Chair of the District Z & Golden Z Clubs communicates with student clubs though the Zonta Club contact, not directly with teachers. If a Zonta Club is trying to charter a Z Club in a high school, or is sending a charter to International, the District chair needs to be notified. When teachers send information, photos or videos to the Zonta contact for publication on

	District, International awards), copyright information, requests for information about chartered clubs for the website, help for forming Z and Golden Z Clubs	the District website, it must not contain any copyrighted material. The District assumes received website material is free of copyright infringements.
Communication about student clubs between Zonta contacts	A Zonta Club wanted to connect with other Zonta contacts for Z Clubs. I gave contact info for Z Club chairs and the President arranged an online meeting.	Highlights: An online meeting was organized by a club president. Challenges: There was no early agenda for the meeting, so participants did not really know what to prepare. The main question asked at the meeting was how to get students to join. None of the participants had experience with this. Recommendation: It would be good to ask Zonta Z club contacts to ask their teacher leads how they got the students for the clubs and what they do to keep them. A District meeting like this would be good for the future once this answer is known.
Website	The Z & GZ section of the District website needs to be updated.	Highlights: I have a list of changes that need to be made but it needs to be continued and sent to Sheena.
Comments		

<p>Motion This section includes the motion (s) if any for the Board to discuss and vote on.</p>	
<p>Rationale This section includes the rationale of the motion</p>	
<p>Evaluation (Discussion) As board member, and voice of Clubs and committees, express the pros and cons of the motion (s) presented.</p> <p>Please be clear about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The challenge the proposal addresses • Stakeholders who will benefit and how 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Added value to Zonta	
<p>Supporting Documentation List any attachments to be considered as part of this report.</p>	