



COMMITTEE CHAIR DISTRICT 4 BOARD REPORT

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<p>Facts (Information) This section can contain activities since last report, factual information to be brought to the Board regarding issues from Clubs or Committees, other matters. If the report is a follow-up report, refer to the date, title and decisions of the previous report.</p>
<p>The committee is in the process of selecting the District 4 Jane M. Klausman Women in Business award recipient. We received applications from five clubs (Brampton-Caledon, Buffalo, Kitchener-Waterloo, Niagara Falls, NY and Three Rivers Pittsburgh North). The District 4 recipient will be submitted to Zonta International by the deadline of October 15. Dates were changed this year due to COVID-19.</p>
<p>Continuation of the Women in Technology scholarship was approved at the International Convention. Dates and application materials are not yet available on the Zonta International website.</p>
<p>In July, the 2020 International Recipients for the Young Women in Public Affairs award were announced by Zonta International. The District 4 candidate, Sarah Rolling from Cheektowaga-Lancaster was not selected as an International Recipient.</p>

For September’s D4 Board Report, please submit the following information if applicable.

- Names and Clubs of Committee Members if applicable.
- Goals of your Committee.
- Have you met with your committee? When?
- Club Activity – Have you met with Club Chairs? If so, list name and contact information.
- Highlights/Challenges
- Supporting Documentation (List any attachments to be considered as part of this report.)

Goals of Your Committee for the Biennium
Successful, timely selection of District 4 Award recipients and submission to Zonta International for all three scholarships the committee is responsible for (YWPA, JMK and WIT)

Increased awareness of all scholarships among all District 4 clubs to be achieved through District Communications and presentations at the Spring Workshops and District Conference
Improved balance of committee membership. See Highlight/Challenges section below.

Names of Committee Members and Club	
Beth Zak – co-chair	Three Rivers Pittsburgh North
Sandy Zeaman – co-chair	Corry
Jane Newman	Kitchener-Waterloo
Brenda Ulrich	Lockport
Marnie Piggot	Oakville
Judy Powers	Hamburg-Orchard Park
Alyce Van Patten	Rochester

Highlight/Challenges (these are your observations)
The committee is working well. Given the nature of the work, we typically do not have meetings but communicate via e-mail. Communication has been ongoing with all committee members this summer as we have worked on the YWIPA and JMK awards and awaited results from the International Convention regarding the decision after the Women in Technology pilot.
The only challenge we have is balancing the committee membership. Summer is a busy time for the committee due to Zonta International’s schedule for the awards so it is difficult to change members at the start of the new biennium. Traditionally, the committee chairs have reached out to members early in the calendar years when there is no activity to ascertain their interest in continuing and to identify new members, if needed. Spring workshops are typically a time to recruit new members if needed. As such, the current committee members were identified in Spring, 2020. Through the District survey, there were additional Zontians who expressed interest in joining the committee but we have not reached out to them yet as we are in the middle of the JMK evaluation but plan to review when it is time to change members.
In addition, it is recommended that the committee be a mix of members from the U.S. and Canada. At this time, there are five members from the U.S. and two from Canada. Both co-chairs are from U.S. clubs. Jane Newman from Kitchener-Waterloo is now an Area Director which Governor Janice has raised as a conflict of interest issue. The committee chairs are working through this but are concerned about furthering the imbalance on the committee. Unfortunately, the Zontians from the survey are not from Canadian clubs. We are planning to resolve this issue after the completion of the Jane M. Klausman Women in Business process.

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