

ZONTA GOOD NEWS

DISTRICT 4, AREA 4,
CHEEKTOWAGA-LANCASTER, NEW YORK

DEDICATED TO ADVANCING THE STATUS OF WOMEN
WORLDWIDE.
JUNE, 2011



Zonta Officers:

President: Phyllis Dickinson

V President: Renette Janora

Treasurer: Jane Keenan

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Zonta Board Members:

Sherry Mueller—Ass't Treasurer

Mary Lou Ardino – 2 years

Gabriella Sciolino – 2 years

Laurie Ucasz – 1 year

Celeste Korzeniewski – 1 year



President's Report:

Fellow Zontians:

How proud I am to be a member of this Zonta club. We have once again shown that together we do make a difference and YOU are what makes our club succeed. You organized the fundraisers, which gave us the means to provide the scholarships and awards at our dinner last week. You help with our community service projects (with the Relay for Life and Adopt a Highway still to be done).

Then we have our Zonta International service project this year, which culminated in making 1000 Birthing Kits. Many thanks to Kerry who accepted the challenge as chair with the end result of hundreds of kits being distributed to areas of need in many countries by women who know our Zonta clubs made them. Yes, we do

make a difference and each of you should be proud of what we have done. Thank you for this year's successes and accomplishments.

Awards Night - 5/19/11

What a wonderful night it was to be able to grant scholarship and service awards to such deserving individuals and groups.

After Milly Whittaker talked about our Zonta prayer, our D4 Governor, Bonnie Crogan-Mazur talked about advocacy. She asserted that



advocacy was not just about writing letters to politicians; it was about educating others about the important issues facing women. "Let your friends know about the issues you are working on." Bonnie uses her bracelets to talk about what is going on in the countries in which women made the bracelets.



Gabrielle Sciolino, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, announced our scholarship Award Winners:

Amanda Dianetti, a senior from Lancaster High School was unable to attend as she had a school commitment. Amanda will be attending SUNY at Brockport.

Stephanie B. Lanza, a West Seneca West Senior High School senior will be going to Canisius College this fall.



Emma C. Reid is a Sacred Heart Academy Senior. Emma's



application was sent on to our District to compete in the Young Women in Public Affairs Scholarship. She placed 3rd in the district. Check out <http://www.Emma4Ghana.com>



Marie-Ruth Dubuisson received our Educational Scholarship for Women. Marie-Ruth, born in Haiti, is a part-time French teacher in Lancaster. She is pursuing a Masters in Education.

Congratulations to our Scholarship Committee: Gabe, Diane, Celeste, Mary and Kerry for working so hard to select such qualified candidates.

Service Awards

These Awards were presented by ZONTIANS Peggy Hegierski & Jane Keenan.



Nancy Langer, President of



Nativity Miguel Middle School of Buffalo and 7th grader, **Nelly Ndayikengurukiye**, accepted our award.

The Summer Institute for Human Rights also received our award. **Lori Raybord** and **Laura Sweeney**, both staff members of the Summer Institute, accepted the awards.



This year's theme for its summer institute is "Women's Rights are Human Rights". Check out their website:

<http://www.summerinstituteofbuffalo.org>

Our award will be used to become a sponsor of this Institute AND to sponsor three scholarships.

Lisa Konst accepted the



award for the **Lancaster/Depew Girls and Boys Club**. This award will be used to send local girls to summer camp.

Response to Love and Family Justice Center will receive donations from our Club at a later date.

Kerry Switalski, Chairman of our International Birthing Kit Project, told us that we have friends who will be delivering our birthing kits:



Dr. Laura Warkenton (a Buffalo Zontian) took 125 to Costa Rica.

Global African Village will take 50 to Bagishu, Uganda in July.

Sharon Lanza (a Buffalo Zontian) will arrange for a total of 300 to go to Africa & Peru.

Emma Reid (our YWPA recipient) will take 50 with her this July when she goes to Ghana.

A few weeks ago, Renette and Phyllis dropped off 500 birthing kits to Debra Naybor, a professor at UB. This picture was taken with Debbi.

She took 300 to Costa

Rica. Debra will be sending some kits to Connecticut to American Friends of Kenya. They will take them over in July to use for midwife training sessions. Each new midwife will be given ten kits as a "graduation gift" so these kits are very special to them. The rest will be going with Deb to India, Tajikistan, Uganda and Zambia this summer. We will be inviting Deb and Emma to speak to us at a future meeting.



REMINDER: To all members to bring re-usable canvas type bags for Debra.

District 4

Submitted by Holly Anderson, International Amelia Earhart Fellowship Committee and Hawaiian cruise participant

District 4 has a unique fundraising idea that brings members from the district together for a great vacation while raising money for the Amelia Earhart Fellowship Fund. Donna Ketchum Colletta, District 4 Amelia Earhart Chair from 2000 to 2010, initiated The Amelia Earhart Cruise fundraiser. Zontians and friends vacation together on a cruise, with part of the price of the cruise donated to the Amelia Earhart Fellowship Fund.

The first Cruise was held in January 2008 to the Eastern Caribbean. Thirty-four Zontians (all from District 4), family members and guests were part of this trip. A total of \$2,100 was raised for the AE Fellowship. The group also participated in the Carnival Cruise Lines' "On Deck for The Cure" breast cancer fundraiser and raised \$250 for breast cancer. (The cancer walk was on the top deck of the cruise line.)

The second cruise was January 11, 2009 to the Western Caribbean on Carnival Cruise Lines again. There were 40 Zontians, family members and friends. A total of \$3000 was raised for the AE Fellowship, and the group also did the breast cancer walk again.

The third cruise was January 2011 to Hawaii. Thirty-four Zontians, family members and friends attended. All Zontians were from District 4, which spans 2 countries and 2 US States. A total of \$2,550 was raised for the AE Fellowship. Included in our group were the following District 4 Board and Committee members: Lee Fogarty, Lieutenant Governor; Donna Ketchum Colletta, Area 4 Director, Rosita Hall, Area 2 Director; Connie Deckert, LAA Canada; Bonnie Clesse, LAA US; Kathy Smith, Nominating Committee member.

The total funds raised for the AE Fellowship with the 3 cruises has been \$7,650.....so far. The events have been really fun fundraisers each time. The fellowship within the District fostered by the cruises has been wonderful.

ZONTA INTERNATIONAL District 4 Conference:
Details subject to change. Check D4 website for latest information:

<http://www.zontadistrict4.org>

Conference Schedule

Friday Sept 23th

2:00 – 4:00 Registration
3:00 – 4:15 Zonta Store
3:30 – 4:15 First Timers' reception
4:30 – 6:00 1st Business Session
7:00 – 11:00 Italian Dinner and Dancing

Saturday Sept 24th

8:45 – 10:15 2nd Business Session
10:30 – 12:00 Workshops
12:00 – 2:00 Lunch/Keynote Speakers
2:00 – 4:00 3rd Business Session
6:00 – 11:00 Reception, dinner, entertainment

Sunday Sept 25th

7:30 – 8:45 Zonta Store
8:00 – 8:45 Buffet Breakfast
9:00 – 9:30 Memorial Service
9:30 – 11:45 4th Business Session

Hotel Registration

A block of rooms have been reserved for conference attendees under the name: Zonta International District 4 Conference. Call the hotel directly by **Aug. 25, 2011** to obtain the special rate of \$129/night, plus taxes.

Adams Mark Hotel
120 Church Street
Buffalo, New York 14202
716-845-5100

or

https://reservations.ihotelier.com/crs/g_reservation.cfm?groupID=561443&hotelID=15259

Please make check or money order in US funds payable to: **Zonta Club of Buffalo**. Send completed registration form and check to:

Caren Shapiro
142 Viscount Dr.
Williamsville, New York 14221

716-636-0816 carenshapiro@verizon.net

Conference Registration

Name:

Address:

City:

P. Zip Code:

Phone:

E-mail:

Zonta Club of:

Check, if applicable

Delegate Alternate First Timer Z Club Member

Food Needs or Allergies _____

Fees

A. Conference and Meals

- Before August 25th, 2011 \$200 US
 First Timers \$185 US
 Z Club Members \$140 US
 After August 25th add late fee \$25 US

Final deadline September 12, 2011

Conference Fee (A) \$ _____

B. Saturday Night Gala

Saturday Night Dinner (guests only) \$60 US
Select entrees

Prime Rib _____ Chilean Sea Bass _____

C. Friday Morning Activity 9AM – 2PM

- Golf (Friday morning includes cart) \$50 US
 Bus Tour of Marian de Forest Sites and
 Frank Lloyd Wright Home \$40 US
(minimum of 30 people needed for bus)

D. Zonta Club Store Fee \$20 US

Club _____

Total (A+B+C+D) \$ _____ US

Cancellations must be received in writing no later than September 12, 2011. All refunds are subject to a \$25 US processing fee.

RELAY FOR LIFE is June 4 at the Lancaster High School:

As our Zonta Club is in charge of the basket tent please stop in any time that day even if you didn't sign up to work. This year we will also be a sponsor, so our name will be posted and announced over the PA throughout the event.

Once Diane and Celeste set up the donated baskets, we sell tickets until 8:00 pm. We pull and post winning numbers and hand out baskets to the winners after the 8:30 Luminary Walk.

You can still sign up for a shift (call Phyllis). We have a good time, meet people from the area who ask about Zonta (good PR) ; and raise money for the American Cancer Society in our area . The location of the tents is northeast of the high school in the same location as last year.

This is a family event. Plenty of food and activities going on at all times. All funds raised from the items sold go to the Relay for Llife. Bring your family and friends!

Calendar of Events:

- 6/4/2011 – *Relay for Life at Lancaster High School*
- 6/11/2011 - *Highway Cleanup; Meet at 8:00 am at The 50's Diner*
- 6/23/2011 - *Business/Program Meeting at Ripa's*
- 8/5 and 8/6/2011 -*GARAGE SALE at Phyllis' NO ELECTRONICS, just cords*
- 2011 District Conference –*September 23 – 25, 2011 at Adams Mark Hotel*
- October 21, 2011 – *Rob's Comedy Playhouse 8:00 pm*

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Thanks to **Renette** for your submission of Debra Naybor's photo with 500 birthing kits.