

Zonta International is a worldwide service organization of executives in business and the professions to advance the status of women.

Zonta Club of Oakville is a very lively chapter dedicated to activities that make a difference in the lives of women locally, and we have great fun doing it!

Upcoming Events at a Glance

December 2003/January 2004

Annual Christmas Party

Come join us at our Annual Christmas Party at La Cucina (130 Thomas Street, Oakville) at 6:30pm.

Wed, Dec 10



Gift-wrapping at Hopedale Mall

Our annual gift-wrapping event at Hopedale Mall to raise funds for the Women's Centre in Oakville. Please sign up with Wendy for as many shifts as your schedule allows.

Dec 14 - 24

Oakville Chapter Executive

President	Liana Renwick-Palmerio
Past President	Catherine Bobesich
President Elect	Joanne Watson
Treasurer	Christel Walters
Recording Secretary	Carol Kuri

Directors

Donna Kirichenko
 Barb Mayhew
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 Wendy Williamson

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Niagara Falls, NY, Amelia Earhart Celebration Sat, Jan 10

The Zonta Club of Niagara Falls, NY invites District 4 Zonta Members to join them at a special celebration in honor of Amelia Earhart, Saturday, January 10, 2004 from 10am - 12Noon at 345 Third St., Niagara Falls (other side of HSBC Bank). The cost is \$10 per person, which includes continental breakfast, museum tour, program with speaker and movie "Women in Flight". RSVP Polly Redanz, email: predanz@adelphia.net or call her at 716-297-5146.

Brampton's Amelia Celebration

The Brampton Zonta Club will be celebrating Amelia Earhart at their meeting in January.

Tues, Jan 13

Advocacy Presentation

There is an advocacy information session on Saturday January 24th from 9:30am to 12noon at Wellspring. Marie Oswald and Joanne Watson have offered to sit on this committee however, if any other members are interested in learning more about how we are helping women on a more legal, political and social standing. Connie Deckert from District is coming to educate us in the hopes of establishing a focused area mission for Area 2. RSVP to Liana.

Sat, Jan 24

Upcoming Club Meetings

There will not be a regular Executive or Program/Business Meeting in December due to the number of events already scheduled.

January Executive Meeting

Wed, Jan 7, 6:30

January Program/Business Meeting

Wed, Jan 14, 6:30

Celebrate Amelia Earhart Month at Paradiso Restaurant (125 Lakeshore Road East) during our next Program/Business meeting.

Website News

The members area of the website is now up and running. We can use this area for all our internal member communications.



Member List

Catherine	Bobesich
Sylvie	Chapman
Denise	Ertsinian
Meghan	Graham-Martin
Gayle	Hunt
Donna	Kirichenko
Carol	Kuri
Barb	Mayhew
Ann	Mulvale (honourary)
Marie	Oswald
Louise	Postras
Liana	Renwick-Palmerio
Margrit	Ross
Faye	Schlecht
Debbie	Simurda
Claire	Wallace
Christel	Walters
Joanne	Watson
Wendy	Williamson

District Conference Report

Sept 26 – 28

“This type of organized function gives each local member a true opportunity to grasp the significance and impact that each of us makes in our seemingly day to day participation within Zonta. Zonta is so much more than you can imagine—and this conference along with other Area, District and International meetings is the best way to understand our roles locally and globally. Please, make the commitment to play a part in our next Area meeting this spring in Brampton.” - Joanne Watson

State of the District Address was given by Gov. Anna Parenti Conn entitled “Viability – Revisiting Zonta’s Mission: A back to basics approach.” Conn spoke of needing a firm foundation and a solid plan to give the greatest flexibility and improve the odds of achieving goals. This plan should include easy access to District 4, the President’s Guidelines Manual, and should encourage one third of funds to go to international. District 4 has lost 3 clubs—gone from 47 to 44 in Area 7 and 2 more are in jeopardy. New member names should be submitted to the Governor via email to ensure they receive a welcome letter.

Committees

Attendance	Margrit Ross
Bingo	Faye Schlecht Christel Walters
Finance	Christel Walters
Fundraising	Louise Postras
Golf Tournament	Liana Renwick-Palmerio Denise Ertsinian
Historian/Archives /Displays	Claire Wallace
Membership	Wendy Williamson Margrit Ross
Newsletter	Meghan Graham-Martin
Outreach	Joanne Watson
Program / Fellowship	Gayle Hunt
Public Relations & Marketing	Debbie Simurda
Service - Community & Individual Aid	Joanne Watson
Special Events	Donna Kirichenko
Website	Barb Mayhew
30 th Anniversary	Donna Kirichenko

A statistical breakdown of fundraising efforts:

- Funds raised last year were \$444,960 US, with \$41,308.50 submitted to international. This needs to dramatically change to meet our goal of 33%.
- Service hours add up to approx. 17,250 hours which represents an average of 15 hours per member
- Fund raising hours add up to approx. 23,986 hours which represents an average of 20 hours per member.

Zonta’s future and life expectancy requires a paradigm shift in our actions and our thinking. First, we need to keep in mind that Equality binds us together. We are equal in Zonta’s eyes. Who you are vs. what you are. Next, we need to be run like a business. How do we conduct Zonta’s business? Do we operate and respond in a businesslike manner?

Being organized is freedom. All it takes is 15 minutes – 5 times a week to take care of Zonta business. Use a timer and stick to the 15 minutes – 5 times a week.

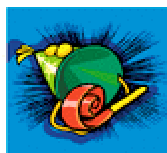
International Service Fund is what binds us together. Scholastic Fund is designed to break barriers for young women. Zonta is responsible for women being in the Space program through our scholarships. The Service Projects with Unicef and Unifem have been our traditional programs. Impacting greater issues means a paradigm shift in how we achieve these goals. We need to strive to change attitudes and it may be non-quantifiable. We need to attract the trendsetters and young leaders in Education/Health/Music who will assist us in these goals.

Legislative Awareness needs to increase. Take time to view UN and UNICEF websites. Ideas for Top 10 Advocacy Ideas should be sent to Sandy Travers, Canadian PR Committee Chair.

Archives need to be current for all clubs to ensure a professional image. Local clubs may forward data to be included to Felicity Harrison.

Happy Birthday!

Oct 10	Meghan Graham-Martin
Oct 23	Gail Hunt
Oct 26	Barb Mayhew
Nov 24	Wendy Williamson
Dec	None
Jan	None



Upcoming Bingo Dates

Thurs	Jan 1	2pm - 6pm only
Sun	Jan 18	regular shifts
Sun	Feb 8	regular shifts
Sun	Feb 29	regular shifts
Sun	Mar 21	regular shifts
Fri	Apr 9	3:30 - 6:30pm only
Sun	May 2	regular shifts
Sun	May 23	regular shifts
Sun	June 13	regular shifts

*** If you have signed up for a shift and are not able to attend, please find a replacement and let either Faye or Christel know prior to the day you are scheduled. ***

Looking Ahead ...

Joint night out

Let's get to know one of our neighbouring clubs, the Mississauga Zonta Club! Details to be confirmed.

February Cut-A-Thon

Just in time for Valentine's Day! Get your hair cut at a supporting salon and the proceeds go to the Zonta Club of Oakville.

International Women's Day

Thurs, Mar 4
Guest speaker Sally Armstrong will be speaking at Othello's to celebrate International Womens' Day.

International Conference

July 3 - 8, 2004
Will be held in New York, NY - save the date!

Newsletter Submissions

If you have any news, information or ideas you would like to submit for the next *Zonta Link* newsletter, please call Meghan Graham-Martin at 905-523-4675 or email graham_meghan@hotmail.com by the end of December.

District Conference Report - con't

Entertainment with a vital message: "*You take it, You shake it, You pass it on*" Certainly the way in which this message was entrenched within each of us was a fun exercise and this message should be applied to everything we do. We learn, we internalize, we share. We see injustice, we organize to change it, we share our success with others. And so it goes.

This message was certainly captured with the fashion show Catherine produced and organized for the District Conference. The theme was "Red, White and Blue" to promote the International Convention next year in New York, NY. There were 4 scenes:

- "New York, New York" which featured casual travel wear
- "Red, Red Wine" where red luggage with fabulous fashions to get organized for the convention were unpacked;
- "Pretty Woman" focused on attending the convention with business attire, briefcases, and cell phones as accessories; and
- "Lady in Red" showing evening wear.

There were 30 models from around the district, including Donna Liana and Joanne. Special thanks to Mainstream for loaning the clothing and to Cher from Mainstream who took the time to fit them both and coordinate the clothing. The show went off without a hitch, received a standing ovation, and once again, Oakville made the headlines in District 4!!!

Recent Club Events

Sept/Oct/Nov 2003

Taste of Wellness

Sept 13

Taste of Wellness - was a small success whereby local health and wellness practitioners came out to Wellspring to provide treatments in various arena's from massage, Reiki, reflexology etc... the treatments were \$10 each and all the money was donated to our club. A very relaxing event!

Athena Award

Oct 15

Our past president Catherine Bobesich was nominated and did our club proud. Also our club was a Major Sponsor which entitled us lots of PR coverage, in the Oakville Beaver, on Cogeco and to all attending. A successful event all around - empowering women

Oakville Club's 30th Anniversary Luncheon

Sun, Oct 19

On Sunday, October 19, we celebrated the 30th anniversary of our club. Photos are available on the website.

Silent Auction

Wed, Nov 12

Our Annual Silent Auction was held at the Oakville Golf and Country Club raising over \$1,600 towards programs.