

Zonta International Celebrates 85 years of Service to our Local and Global Community.

November 8th, marks the 85th Anniversary of the founding of Zonta International. All Zonta Clubs throughout the world will celebrate this momentous celebration, including the local **Zonta Club of Oakville.**

Information regarding Zonta International: The confederation of Zonta Clubs was founded on November 8, 1919 in Buffalo New York. The Zonta Club of Toronto was chartered in 1927 thus becoming Zonta International. Today we are known as a culturally, linguistically and professional diverse service organization in 67 countries worldwide: 33,000 members in 1,200 clubs.

What does Zonta International Stand for? Zonta has a proud history of making the world a better place for women in our communities and around the globe. We have demonstrated our continuing commitment to the education of women in a variety of programs. For instance, since 1938 we have awarded more than 1,000 Amelia Fellowships for the continuing education of young women in aeronautical and space related studies totalling almost \$5.5 million. We also provided aid in post World War 11 refugees in Hungary and Germany, funded medical units in Ghana, provided safe drinking water in Sri Lanka: worked to prevent female genital circumcision in Burkina Faso, vaccinated women against maternal and neonatal tetanus in Nepal and Afghanistan: combated violence against women and girls in India. These are just a few of the projects Zonta International has supported. We have done much over the past 85 years and there is so much more to do. The quality of effort and the tremendous resources flowing from the rich diversity of our Zonta world inspire all of us to do even more to help women achieve their full potential. We plan to increase our membership and increase the recognition of Zonta for our dedication to advancing the status of women locally and globally through service and advocacy and our commitment to the basic concept that women's rights are human rights.

More information regarding Zonta International is available on our website www.zonta.org. Local clubs and District 4 information is available at <http://zontadistrict4.bfn.org>

For further information on the locally planned celebration of Zonta International's 85th Birthday, kindly contact: Catherine Bobesich -- PR Chair (905) 849-1741 www.zontaoakville.com