



District 4, Area 4 News

Honoring the Past & Empowering the Future

We are Area 4

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AD Message

Greetings Area 4 Presidents... We have lots of information to share. Although we haven't had a chance to meet as a group, we have been a busy area during the beginning of this 2018-2020 biennium. I look forward to meeting with each of you over the next couple of months.

Thank you to everyone for your participation on the Centennial Committee GOTO meeting last month. Area 4 was well represented on the phone, sharing all the activities surrounding Zonta's 100 years. Would you be in favor of us having a president's meeting using this technology? The district has offered this tool for our use. I propose scheduling a monthly call either during the day or evening.

I enjoyed my time last month with the Zonta Club of Amherst, assisting with Birthing Kit assembly. I am looking forward to attending the Zonta Club of Rochester's Service meeting on February 26th, Buffalo's Conference committee meeting on March 2nd, Cheektowaga – Lancaster's "Fifty and Fabulous" celebration on March 8th, and Batavia's lucky numbers "Hawaiian Luau" luncheon on March 9th. I am planning to attend the 2019 North American Interdistrict Meeting in Dallas, Texas June 7-9, 2019.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve as your Area Director as we work together empowering the lives of women through service and advocacy.

District 4 Spring Workshop

The District Board is planning interactive workshops this year!

Areas 3 & 4 workshop, hosted by the Zonta Club of Kenmore, New York is on Saturday, May 4, 2019 from 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM. The agenda is sure to add value, for your work within Zonta, as well as your personal and professional development. This a great way to experience Zonta at the Area and District level.

Areas 5 & 6 Workshop will be hosted by the Zonta Club of Jamestown, New York this year on April 13th and Areas 1 & 2 will be hosted by the Zonta Club of Kitchener – Waterloo, Ontario on April 27th.

Save the date! It will be great! More information regarding location and agenda to follow.

District Conference

September 26 – 29, 2019.

District 4 includes three of the nine charter clubs of Zonta. Rochester and Erie will join Buffalo in celebrating 100 years of empowering women. See you in September!

Social Media

Stay connected throughout our area, district and internationally. Check out the District 4 Facebook page "Zonta District 4", Twitter "@ZontaD4" and Instagram. Does your club use social media to stay connected with your club members and friends of Zonta?

Biennium Goals

1. We maximize our impact through service and advocacy initiatives and educational programs that empower women and girls.
2. We strengthen our resources to support our mission.
3. We enhance our profile around the world through our centennial anniversary activities.

"There is no limit to what we, as women, can accomplish."

- Michelle Obama

Membership

Have you inducted a new member this biennium? Please send the names and contact information to me and Lt. Governor Janice Durmis, she would like to send all new Zontians a personalized letter of welcome to Zonta.

Traveling Flag

Area 4 will receive the flag next year in 2020 during the months of April and May. Instructions for signing the flag, Centennial Flag book, suggestions for flag celebrations and a media kit will be sent out during the first week of February. This is a great opportunity to build awareness about Zonta in our communities.

Look for ways to follow the flag's journey throughout District 4 and encourage "Zonta without Borders".

Centennial Grants

These one-time grants of up to US\$5,000 each will recognize charitable organizations working to improve the lives of women and girls in their local communities.

Find more information at <https://zonta100.org>



Time Capsule Update

The District 4 Centennial Committee plans on burying a time capsule under 'The Spirit of Womanhood' sculpture created and erected in honor of Marion de Forest. Each club president is asked to provide a letter and/or club photo to be included in the time capsule. Jenny Johnston, Area 3 Director, is leading the project.

Ideas for items to include in the time capsule:

- Letter from the club
- Membership Roster
- Club Photo (with members' names included)



Memorial Ceremony

The Memorial Committee is planning the Memorial Ceremony for the Conference in September. Please forward me the names of Club members who have passed since the last District Conference along with the following information:

- Photograph of the deceased member
- Years of membership in Zonta
- Offices held
- A special memory about the person

While we realize that a great deal can be said about Zontians, who are special people for many reasons, the hour-long Memorial Ceremony requires that we limit the amount of information which can be presented.

FALL CONFERENCE: SEPTEMBER 26-29TH, 2019

The Conference Committee has been hard at work planning a spectacular conference that will celebrate the Centennial Biennium

Please start planning now to attend the District business meeting in Buffalo in September 2019 at the Hyatt Regency. [The tentative schedule](#) is as follows:

Sept 26: In the evening, a reception is being planned with our Zonta International liaison, Judy Gorton from Australia. (Thurs)

Sept 27: The ZC of Buffalo is sponsoring two trips in the morning:

1. Bus tour of Buffalo and Forest Lawn Cemetery, burial place of Marian de Forest.
2. Bus tour to Seneca Falls, where the National Women's Hall of Fame is located.

Opening of the conference in the evening. (Fri)

Sept 28 & 29: Business meetings and break-out sessions. (Sat & Sun)

There is a lot going on during the conference. If you cannot come the entire time, that is ok. Many Zontians will come down Friday night or Saturday morning.

If you have any ideas for topics you would like for break-out sessions, please let your Area Director know ASAP. We want to create a conference that you would like to attend!

Also, if you have any ideas to draw members to the conference, please share. It is at Conference that members begin to experience Zonta beyond the local club boundaries.

The Gala on Saturday night was originally going to be held at The Statler, where Zonta was "born." Due to the exorbitant cost, the Gala is now going to be at the Hyatt. This decision was made in response to the Survey Monkey sent to the membership by the Conference Committee.

Each club is asked to donate a basket for the Amelia Earhart Fellowship raffle (minimum \$100 value)

The Zonta Club of Buffalo and Conference Committee looks forward to welcoming as many Zonta Members as possible to see their fabulous city and be able to enjoy the conference and Gala.

The Gala on Saturday night will be a fun celebration of the 100 years of Zonta, recognizing the path to where we are today! Be ready to celebrate with your Zonta Sisters, with music from each decade and a few other surprises.

Members are asked to dress for their favorite decade...my flapper dress is ready to go!

63rd Session of the Commission on the Status of Women

March 2019 11 - 22, 2019

Priority theme

Social protection systems, access to public services and sustainable infrastructure for gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls

Review theme

Women's empowerment and the link to sustainable development ([agreed conclusions](#) of the sixtieth session)

Interested in attending or learning more? Email [Megan Radavich](#), Director of Programs and Advocacy.

About the CSW

Of the 5,277 non-governmental organizations (NGOs) with consultative status at the United Nations, only 134 have General Consultative Status, the highest status an NGO can have at the UN. Zonta International was granted General Consultative Status in 1969.

SOURCE: www.zonta.org

What's happening at Spring Workshop

The Communications Committee will be providing hands-on tutorials for the new website that will be launched in February-March. This is your chance to see all of the features with the ladies that created it! One-on-one, hands-on lessons!

Special Project: What is your WHY?

Lt. Governor Janice is providing blocks of fabric for each attendee to sign and write their "why." Why are you in Zonta? What does it mean to you? Or simply sign your name. The fabric blocks will be turned into a quilt...or 2!! Only Workshop Attendees will have the opportunity to be part of this project.

Governor Bonnie has been very busy planning the workshops to make it worth your while to spend the day with us! All the workshops will be the same, so each member will get the same information no matter which workshop they attend.

This a wonderful opportunity to learn about all the latest Zonta news, stretch your Zonta boundaries and socialize with your Zonta Sisters!



North American Interdistrict
Meeting
June 7-9, 2019
“Empowering Women -
Past, Present and Future”

Embassy Suites by Hilton, DFW Airport South

DALLAS
TEXAS

The theme of this year’s meeting is “**Empowering Women – Past, Present and Future**” in celebration of Zonta’s 100 - year anniversary. Early registration is now open.

Check out the **NAIDM 2019** website at <https://bit.ly/2RAFiWf> for more information, I highly recommend this meeting to all interested in learning more about leadership and innovation in Zonta, becoming more familiar with our biennial goal to end child marriage, learning new information on service and advocacy, media and partnerships, and membership and outreach, spending time with Zontians from all over the United States and Canada, and perhaps spending a little time visiting, shopping and touring the Dallas area.

Early registration, through March 15, is \$235.

Standard registration from March 16 through May 15 will cost \$250

Late registration after May 15 is \$275.

The registration fee includes the program as well as the Friday night buffet, Saturday lunch and dinner and Sunday light lunch.

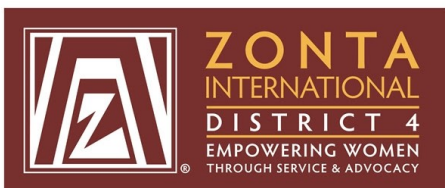
The hotel is conveniently located right next to the Dallas Fort Worth Airport and there is a free shuttle available to and from the hotel.

Information Requests

Please forward to me at gozonta@gmail.com by the end of February 2019

- List of your club’s service projects
- List of your club’s advocacy activities
- List of your clubs fundraising events
- Names and contact information of all new member inductions
- How many club members are planning on attending an area workshop?
- Is your club participating in the “it’s not your fault” business card project?
- Is your club participating in the “poster project”
- Is your club participating in a “Free the Girls” project?
- Will your club need a vendor table at Conference?
- Who is the United Nations contact within your club?
- Is your club submitting a centennial grant application?

Thank you for all you do to advance the status of women!



Share your club events and announcements with the District. Send details to:

communications@zontadistrict4.org

to be included in the “District 4 ENews”



Where does your path lead?

Learn more in the Zonta Leadership Program, a new e-learning program exclusively for Zonta members.

<https://membership.zonta.org/Dashboard/e-Learning>