

Clubs in District 5 – Advocacy Report So Far (As of 10-17-17)

Area 1 Director: Eileen Borchardt (Greater Sandusky)

Zonta Club of Bowling Green

Advocacy Chair: Deborah Wooldridge- dgwoold@bgsu.edu

Zonta Club of Findlay

Advocacy chair is Karen Flanagan, kuflanagan@msn.com.

See report and powerpoint, attached.

Zonta Club of Greater Sandusky

Advocacy chair Olga Trumpower, email olga.trumpower@yahoo.com

On March 7, 2017 our Club organized a free movie event at Sandusky Library to draw attention to the important issue of human trafficking once again. The movie “Sold” that was viewed by more than 30 local and out-of-town attendees that night was an eye-opening story of a 13-year old human trafficking victim. The speaker for the event was our own Tracey McGinley who plays a vital role in the developing of anti-human trafficking programs throughout the area.

This spring, the Club has approved awarding two female Sandusky Middle School students with funds to attend the Model UN leadership camp which will allow the girls to become Vice-Presidents for Council Session of the Jr. Model UN next year.

Per District 5 Advocacy Chair and Zonta International’s suggestion, we have strongly encouraged all Sandusky Club members to contact their elected officials in effort to prevent the termination of U.S. funding of the United Nations Population Fund. The contact information for the federal elected officials was distributed among the Club members.

The Service and Advocacy committee has organized another great project of purchasing and installing Buddy Benches in elementary schools around the area. A Buddy Bench is not just a piece of playground equipment but an important tool that helps educators to identify possible cases of bullying and provides elementary students with a strategy for initiating positive social connection. This project is not only consistent with Zonta’s mission of supporting children and advocating the anti-bullying efforts but also gives an opportunity for positive exposure for Zonta among children, women, and the community. The first Buddy Bench sponsored by our Club will be installed on October 23, 2017 at Margareta Elementary School in Castalia, OH.

On October 11, 2017 our club kicked off the Zonta Says No campaign at the annual Grease and Glamour fundraiser hosted by Foster Chevrolet in Sandusky, OH. Grease and Glamour is a fundraising event that benefits local Safe Harbour Domestic Violence Shelter. Safe Harbour is a non-profit organization that helps local victims of domestic violence recover and thrive by offering safety, encouragement, and support while providing shelter, counseling, advocacy, and community awareness education. Our club members distributed information about local and

international human trafficking issues, domestic and online violence against women along with Zonta Says No to Violence against Women wristbands. Even though the event was scheduled before our regular Zonta Says No campaign dates, we believe that this was a perfect opportunity to expose Zonta's standing on violence against women.

Respectfully,

Olga Trumpower
Zonta Club of Greater Sandusky
Advocacy Chair

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Zonta Club of Toledo I

Advocacy chair Diane Reamer-Evans, email annieartelt@gmail.com

Zonta Club of Toledo again supported the University of Toledo Human Trafficking & Social Justice Conference by providing volunteers for the high school workshops and the main conference, providing a conference volunteer photographer, arranging a presenter on legal topics requested by organizers, assisting with promotion of the event and providing a cash sponsorship. This is a nationally and internationally known education and awareness event (see www.traffickingconference.com, which uses photos from the Club's volunteer photographer from past years). Club members also joined Zontian Speaker Nola Theiss (Sanibel/Captiva, FL), a nationally known expert on trafficking issues and Amy Epstein-Gluck, JD, a lawyer from Washington, DC that the Club arranged, for dinner after the first day of the program. Photos from the dinner and one showing Zonta on the sponsor screen at the event are attached.

The Club also again the Northwest Ohio Silent Witness Unveiling Ceremony held on Monday, October 2 at Lourdes University in Sylvania OH. It was hosted by Bethany House domestic violence shelter. Zonta members sent invitations to city and county elected officials to attend. We made donations in "sponsorship" of four of the 60 women who were honored, victims murdered by their partners or stalkers. We also served as greeters for this deeply moving event.

Area 2 Director: Terri Purtee-Stein (Cincinnati)

Zonta Club of Cincinnati

Advocacy chair is Glenda Carota. Her email is: gcarota@zonta-continues.org.

Past D5 Governor Ellen Spaeth attended Inter District and here are some photos from her trip.

Here is a group photo of the members of The Zonta Club of Cincinnati supporting the 5th annual Purple Light Walk in downtown Cincy on Sept 29. It raises awareness about stopping domestic violence. Zonta was one of the corporate sponsors. We will be participating in another advocacy effort tomorrow night on the steps of our Courthouse. It is also an annual event. It is called the Candlelight Vigil She screams without sound. It is a tribute to all women who have been killed by violence.

Terri has also sent our last newsletter which highlights a couple of our advocacy projects.

Also, our biggest push has been the passage of CEDAW. Our club donated money along with other partners and now the University is conducting a gender study.

On founders Day, November 8th, the Zonta Club of Cincinnati will host at a local brewery in a trendy area an event called Ales & Advocacy. It is an effort to brand our name in the community, recruit prospective members(younger) and fundraise.

Zonta Club of Elizabethtown

Zonta Club of Louisville:

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One of our Advocacy Projects is Maryhurst, “a Journey of Hope”, that provides treatment programs for severely traumatized children, who most often are victims of sexual, physical, and/or emotional abuse. We recently took a tour of the facility and saw the rooms and area where the girls live, go to class, play sports and work on projects. They have a raised garden outside on their beautiful grounds where they cultivate vegetable and herbs during the year. We have adopted Maryhurst as one of our on-going projects to collect toiletries, accessories and gently used clothing from 2017-2018.

WaterSteps is our other on-going project we support by bringing in old and new shoes. This organization provides clean water filters for safe drinking water to third world countries. This projects has saved over 400,000 lives. In addition to funding drinking water projects, their shoe program provides micro-business opportunities in poor countries and keeps hundreds of tons of waste out of landfills.

In 2018, we plan to work with the local United Nations Representative and the University of Louisville Women’s Center to bring more awareness to the community on human trafficking in the Kentuckiana area.

Zonta Club of Paducah

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We are planning to sponsor a screening of the movie, “I Am Jane Doe” – in January, 2018. January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month. We are also planning on participating in the 16 days of activism.

Zonta Club of Springfield

Advocacy chair is Laura Baxter, email is lbaxter@projectwomanohio.org.

Area 3 Director: Sarojini Rao (Cleveland)

Zonta Club of ABC

Working on replacing their chair

Zonta Club of Ashtabula

Advocacy chair is Linda Coblitz, email is asdmom@hotmail.com

The Zonta Club of Ashtabula Area sponsored a 5K/1 mile walk for the "Race Against Violence" in Ashtabula County and the world! This is our second year of this Race, and the proceeds go to Homesafe, a shelter for abused individuals and the children involved in the violence in Ashtabula County. The Race is held on September 30 to kick off the month of October's theme of Violence Prevention. Leading up to this event, our Race Chairperson and the Community Outreach Director of Homesafe were interviewed on a local TV talk show, had articles in three papers about violence prevention and what this race meant, and also had information on social media. The participants heard messages from the Executive Director of Homesafe, an Ashtabula County Commissioner, a Zontian and along the race route, the 60 participants read messages of hope and ways that they could fight violence in their own community/family. The race event was followed up with a guest speaker at our October membership meeting, speaking of his experience in surviving domestic violence.

The Zonta Club of Ashtabula Area is also in the planning process for our Lights of Love tree lighting and float for the holiday parade. Both a reminder that besides the fact that "Zonta says NO" to violence, the holidays are much more enjoyable without violence in them -- whether it be in Ashtabula or anywhere else in the world!

If you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Linda Coblitz

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Zonta Club of Cleveland

Zonta Club of Hudson

Advocacy chair, Marla Piccolomini, marlapicc@yahoo.com

Area 4 Director: Sharon Coffman (Marietta)

Zonta Club of Columbus:

Advocacy Chair is Happiness Mapira, mapirah@ohiodominican.edu
Our Columbus Advocacy Chair, is planning now for The Say NO Campaign activities in November and December. Happiness also organized our Club to sponsor a table (\$1,000) at this month's Peacemakers Luncheon to benefit Choices, our local Domestic Violence Shelter. We also gave them individual donations from Members, as well.

We have been sending the monthly Ohio Attorney General's Human Trafficking updates to Tricia too, since (2) of our Columbus Members sit on the Ohio Commission. [District Advocacy Chair shares these updates across the District].

Zonta Club of Marietta

Zonta Club of Newark