

History of the Zonta Club of Woodstock

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District IV Area 01 Club # 0472 Club

Chartered by District SOM Committee: Olga Cloke and Mary Smale, ZC Hamilton 1

Charter Presentation in June 4, 1960

Chartering Club Officers

Charter President: Jean Deans

Vice President: Cleda Bursaw

Secretary: Kit Brand

Treasurer: Blossom Tunks

Directors: Ethel Johnson, Betty Mayberry, and Jessie Pook.

Club Meetings:

The 4th Tuesday except July & August; dinner meetings have been held in Woodstock at various at institutions, restaurants and hotels; currently at Quality Hotel and Suites, Bruin Blvd, Woodstock.

Membership: 16 to 35

Club Committees: Meet as often as needed.

Club has had Program Committee or rotation to individuals Membership

Committees Include:

Service, Membership, Fundraising, International Women's Day & Yellow Rose sales, Advocacy - Zonta Says NO & cooperates with like-minded organizations to advocate for women's rights, human trafficking, violence against women & girls.

Past Committees include: Amelia Earhart & United Nations

Past International Service Projects:

Donations to Zonta International Foundation, Amelia Earhart, Ramallah, Anne Frank's Village, Columbia Urban Medical clinics, Sri Lanka water wells, UNIFEM, UNESCO, Niger, Bosnia, Afghanistan Moscow Club, Earthquake disaster in Haiti, flooding in Quebec.

Past Local Service Projects:

Since inception the club has donated to the Woodstock and District Development Services, Woodstock 50th anniversary celebration, Domestic Abuse Services Oxford (formally Women's Emergency Center), Woodstock & District Community Complex, Alcohol & Addictive Center, Palliative Care Alexander Hospital & VON, Woodstock Public Library, Big sisters, Ingamo Family Homes, Children's Aid Society of Oxford, elevator for Woodstock Collegiate, WCA St Auditorium Stage & Windows' Drapes, Careers' Days for 4 area High Schools, Justice Without Fear, Breast Education, \$100,000.00 to Woodstock General Hospital Foundation, Presentation of Plaque to the City in honour of Bernadette Smith, first elected female mayor in Canada,

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Bursary for Local Schools, Education Seminars for Cancer Patients. Woodstock Minor Ball girls, Baseball Team, Dragon Boat for Breast Cancer Survivors, Sakura House (VON)

Past Fundraising Activities:

Autumn Tea and Bazaar, Penny Sales, Baked goods, Bingo, Raffles, Fashion Shows, Roses, Chocolate Smoothies, Dinners & Golf Classic

Area Activities: Over the years the club has been very active in area meetings, workshops & conferences when the Area 1 Director has been represented by our club.

\International Activities: Our club has been represented at International Conventions by Maria Odumodu from 1980- 2012 except two. At the Helsinki Convention three members attended. Club was active in hosting 1986 Convention in Toronto and welcomed many Zontians as part of the "Open House."