

District 12 Board Conference/Area 2 Director Report, October 2009 Pat Kiovsy

Purpose and Role

An Area Director is the liaison between the local club and District 12 leadership and Zonta International. Our role is to support Zonta International policies and programs, represent District 12 Board of Directors, trouble shoot, facilitate, mentor and support the local club in achieving their goals. I have the honor of having Cheyenne, Converse County, Ft. Collins and Laramie in my Area. Three of the clubs have been charter members of Zonta International since the 1950's. I am also privileged to have strong club presidents that continue to build on their long and short history by building membership and providing relevant programs that improve the status of women locally and beyond.

Goals

With deep Zonta roots and strong leadership my task as Area 2 Director has been satisfying and fun, together we have increased growth in membership, stabilized a club that was considering disbanding, fearlessly advocated against human trafficking and jointly participated in a service program that has impacted thousand of lives of women, and children. These achievements are a result of increased communication with emails, telephone calls, Area 2 meeting and a willingness on the part of Area 2 clubs to work together.

Accomplishments

Membership has increased 13% since May 2008. We have added 18 new members and we will add at least 12 more by the end 2009. In addition, leaders from Cheyenne and Laramie clubs have formed an Area 2 Committee to create a new club in Greely, CO. The goal is to have the club ready to function in 2010.

The club that had lost its focus and was considering disbanding has stabilized and is going strong. I am pleased that today we have three representatives here at the conference. It has been some time since the club has attended District meetings. The leadership of Converse County is now working on organizational structure, committees have been formed and new projects have been developed that will increase their visibility and build on their long history in the community. This same leadership hosted a very successful Area Meeting that brought District 12 board members and Area clubs together to share information, to inspire program development and create friendships.

My clubs are fearless advocates. Cheyenne and Ft. Collins returned from the 2008 District 12 Conference and aggressively started to work on a Human Trafficking Program. Cheyenne included local high school students and club members to raise awareness in the Cheyenne area. Converse County not only identified a Human Trafficking ring, but helped to prosecute the perpetrator and provided comfort and assistance to the victims. And, the Laramie club is actively working with the SAFE Project to refine a Court Watch Program that through silent physical presence at domestic violence trials creates pressure on judge/ jury to appropriately sentence the perpetrator.

In summary, it has been an honor to be Area 2 Director and I look forward to continuing our work to build Zonta presence in Area 2.