**Final D12 Advocacy/UN Committee Report –2015-16**

[★-- D12 Advocacy/UN Committee Goals &⏵subgoals for 2015-16, finalized July 30, 2015]

* + - * Select Club winner of District Advocacy Award, using defined selection criteria & club reports, to be awarded at the 2015 District Conference.

Progress to date

Completed. See November Report.

* Provide up-to-date information regarding the UN, Beijing+20, Post-2015 Agenda, and CEDAW within the District & for all clubs.
* Provide an Advocacy/UN related presentation at all Area Meetings in 2016.
* Provide info to enable each club to have a least 1 program per year on Zonta's role with the UN.

Progress to date

Completed. An Advocacy presentation was done at all four Area meetings, and a CSW60powerpoint was presented at 3 of them. (The Area 3 Meeting was in January, ahead of the CSW60.) Much information has been posted on the D12 website [ <http://zontadistrict12.org/what-we-do/advocacy-projects/articles>]. Regular email & telephone communication with district advocacy committee members [ CO, MT, WY, SD] encouraged them to be in touch with each of the clubs in their states (see listings under each state on website for some evidence of such action).

* + - * Encourage each club to take action (that has measureable impact) on at least one advocacy issue, promote such action in the local media, and report on the results to the Governor and to Zonta International.
  + Participate in the Zonta says No to Violence Against Women’ initiative in some manner.
  + Initiate advocacy actions in cooperation with like-minded organizations when possible/relevant.
  + Committee members act as advocacy resource persons within their own states.

Progress to date

Encouragement, information-sharing, and promotion done.

See November report re the ‘ZSN Silent Witness Campaign’.

No measurement is available, but individual clubs are reporting cooperation and collaboration with other like-minded organizations within their communities. This continues to be emphasized.

Advocacy Committee members have sent regular communications regarding sources of legislation, policy actions, and analysis to clubs via email (social media is not so good for this purpose.)

Brief club reporting was accomplished at three of the four Area Meetings (I could not attend the fourth.)

Written detail is available upon request.

* + - * Provide up-to-date information regarding issues and legislation relating to women’s rights, health, safety, and opportunity.
      * Include an Advocacy article in each D12 Outreach Newsletter.
      * Provide information on relevant legislation (proposed & passed) occurring in each of 4 states to the clubs in relevant state.
      * Update the Advocacy & UN sections of the District 12 website with pictures, new information, letter templates, etc.

Progress to date

Mostly done. Tracked Congressional bills via <https://www.govtrack.us> , however, the US Congress produced almost nothing on which to report.

Cities for CEDAW is being explored in several cities in cooperation with UNA-USA.

The last issue of the District 12 newsletter (issued 3 Mar 16) contained an Advocacy calendar (with ideas & resources) & UN/CSW-information.

Each D12 AdvCom member reported having a reliable source of information regarding the developing legislation in her state and planned to share it with ‘her’ clubs… mixed results in this.

The advocacy section of the D12 website was updated. (See[<http://zontadistrict12.org/what-we-do/advocacy-projects>].

The District Advocacy/UN Chair for 2016-18 will be Denise Parrish of the Zonta Club of Cheyenne, WY.

Respectfully submitted,

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District 12

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