



The Following are District 5 Elected Officers & Board Members for the **2024-2026 Biennium, elected October 2023.**

Governor:	Kimm Hrdlicka-Tigges – Zonta Club of Columbus
Lt. Governor:	Connie Kingsbury – Zonta Club of Cincinnati
Treasurer:	Linda Coblitz – Zonta Club of Ashtabula Area
Area 1 Director:	Lisa Thompson – Zonta Club of Toledo I
Area 2 Director:	Pat Kenkel – Zonta Club of Louisville
Area 3 Director:	Denise Rucker-Burton – Zonta Club of Cleveland
Area 4 Director:	Sonia ‘Sunny’ Shellito – Zonta Club of Columbus

**Nominating Committee:**

Eileen Borchardt – Zonta Club of Greater Sandusky  
Angela Brake – Zonta Club of Akron, Barberton, Cuyahoga Falls  
Angela Brokmann – Zonta Club of Louisville

Thanks to District 5 Nominating Committee.

Sarojini Rao, Chair  
Sue Dybowski  
Christine Jackson



**Kimm A. Hrdlicka-Tigges**

**Candidate – Governor 2024-2026**

Zonta Club of Columbus

Official ZI membership date: January 2006

Classification: 1231 – Sales & Marketing Manager

Business/Profession: Independent Rep/Manager/VP Arbonne International

Title/Position: Retired

***Describe offices, committees, other contributions to Zonta at Club, District & International level.***

2022-2024: District 5 Lt. Governor/Membership Chair  
Club Membership Co-Chair  
2020-2022: District 5 United Nations Chair  
Club Membership Co-Chair  
2018-2020: Zonta International PR/Communications Committee Member  
District 5, Area 4 Director  
2016-2018: Zonta International PR/Communications Committee Member  
Club President/Club Foundation Inc. President  
2014-2016: Zonta International PR/Communications Committee Member  
District 5 PR Chair  
District 5 Nominating Committee  
Club President-elect/Program Chair  
2012-2014: District 5 Advocacy Chair  
Club Operations Chair  
Club Parliamentarian

I have also been a Presenter and Co-presenter on PR/Communications and Social Media Marketing at ZI Conventions (Nice and Yokohama) and a Trainer on Community Partnering at NAIDM. I was Honored to Emcee the Zonta International Convention Opening Flag Ceremony (Yokohama).

***Describe activities, contributions outside of Zonta – business role, other organizations supported, etc., that demonstrates what you can contribute in this position.***

Independent Manager/RVP and Sales/Sponsoring Team Trainer - Arbonne International (1991-2017)  
Member – Ohio Attorney General's Commission Against Human Trafficking Subcommittees (2010-Present)  
Former President, Columbus BPW – Business, Professional Women  
Former President, Region 6 – Ohio BPW Federation  
Former President, The Worthington Hills Women's Club (twice)  
Officer/Program Chair, AWIB – Awesome Women in Business  
Nominated for Leadership Award – Leadership Worthington, Ohio (twice)

**CONNIE S. KINGSBURY****Candidate – Lieutenant Governor 2024-2026**

Zonta Club of Cincinnati

Official ZI membership date: 04/03/2001

Classification: Managers and Administrators

Business/Profession: Marketing and Public Relations

Title/Position: Retired

***Describe offices, committees, other contributions to Zonta at Club, District & International level.***

In addition to currently serving as the District 5 Service Committee Chair, Connie served as the District 5 Area 2 Director from 2020-2022. Connie has served the Zonta Club of Cincinnati in a variety of capacities: Club President 2014-2016, President-elect 2013-2014, Vice President 2006-2008, Treasurer 2004-2006, and Board Director for several terms. Connie has chaired the Membership Committee, Service Committee and Co-Chaired the Advocacy Committee. She currently Chairs the ByLaws Committee and serves on the Advocacy Committee, Finance Committee, Scholarship Committee and other committees as needed. She served as the Public Relations Chair of the Host Committee for the 2021 North America Inter-District Meeting. She was a delegate to the 2014 Zonta International Convention in Orlando Florida.

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Connie is retired from a 21 year career with Life Enriching Communities in Cincinnati, Ohio, a company that owns and operates senior living communities, serving as Vice President of Marketing and Public Relations for the 16 of those years. She also developed and served as Executive Director of Confident Living, a Continuing Care at Home program, established in 2016.

A native of Covington, Kentucky Connie is a graduate of the University of Kentucky holding a Bachelor's Degree in Education and a Master's in Social Work. In her career, she served as President of the Board of Directors for the Women's Crisis Center of Northern Kentucky and served on boards for the Sycamore Senior Center, the Greater Cincinnati Joint Council on Geriatric Care, and the Friends of Covington.

She is currently serving on the Board of the Cincinnati Music and Wellness Coalition, enjoying retirement and re-evaluating her passions while exploring new opportunities to give back. She is passionate about Kentucky basketball and in her free time enjoys yoga, music and spending time with her husband camping, golfing and hiking.





**Linda Coblitz**  
**Candidate – Treasurer 2024-2026**

Zonta Club of Ashtabula

Official ZI membership date: 10/1/2001

Classification: 1211 – Administrator/Treasurer

Business/Profession: After School Discovery

Title/Position: Executive Director

***Describe offices, committees, other contributions to Zonta at Club, District & International level.***

I joined the Zonta Club of Ashtabula in 2001 to participate more strongly in giving back to my community in service and to educate myself and others in the needs and lives of people internationally. Within the first year I was recruited to fill in for a Board Member who was moving out of town, and that began my Zonta education! From then on I held an office on the Board, and also was Committee Chair for multiple committees.

I chaired the beginning years of our now very successful Spring Fundraiser, I have also chaired the Communications, Finance and Advocacy Committees multiple times. I have chaired several fundraising projects, including the three years we held a 5K themed "Just Say No". This year I led the Service Committee which offered several opportunities to our Club to provide service to our community: Advocacy with the 16 days, holding a ceremony with our Just Say No billboards and the local lift bridge that was lit orange, we made trays of lasagna/baked pasta to deliver to local single moms/grandmoms needing a hot meal that could sit down to eat with their families; we collected items for Junior High & High School Girls in the KSU in Rising Scholars, donated food items to the Feed the Veterans collection, and took yellow roses to several of our like minded organizations to say Thank you for their hard work in our community. In 2018 through 2020 I was also on our Area Committee to hold an event to celebrate International Women's Day, Phenomenal Women -with all the Area 3 clubs working together to provide an inspiring afternoon to celebrate women's role in our world. Each year has brought new and exciting ways to serve our community, our Zontian sisters and women worldwide, always learning new skills and techniques along the way.

My Biennium as Area 3 Director (2018-2020) was everything I thought it would be and more. I loved getting to know members in our Area 3 clubs and experiencing the exciting opportunities they were providing in their communities.

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Over 29 years ago I was one of the co-founders of After School Discovery, a nonprofit that provides academic coaching and enrichment clubs beyond the school day. I started as Finance.

Director and am now Executive Director, and Finance Director. We service student and family needs in Ashtabula County, usually serving over 800 students between pre-Kindergarten and 8<sup>th</sup> grade annually. With state budget cuts, decreases in donations, etc, I have taken on many additional roles in running the business.

Besides Zonta, my outside time from After School Discovery is taken by my Church roles and my family. My Church went through a consolidation & transition, and I was on the Transition Team for eight years, while we worked through the process of change. I am currently a Lector and a Eucharistic Minister, and volunteer where needed.

We are blessed to have two of our children and seven of our grandchildren living within blocks of us, along with my husband's 100-year-old mother who lives across the street. Most weeks I have had a "grandma" day, so have gotten to spend time with them as they have grown in size and personality! Each year we find time to visit Arizona to catch up with our son, daughter-in-law and granddaughter who have lived there for 12 years now. My husband, Rick, is a local business owner, so between his connections and mine with ASD, we work with our Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Development Association and other service organizations and projects.



**Lisa M. Thompson**

**Candidate – Area 1 Director 2024 - 2026**

**Zonta Club of Toledo 1**

Official ZI membership date: 06/01/2014

Classification: 0013 Administration

Business/Profession: Area Office on Aging of NW Ohio, Inc.

Title/Position: Vice President of Operations & Special Projects

I have served as President of Zonta Club of Toledo 1 from 2019-2021, as Vice President 2018-2019, as Director from 2016-2018, Advocacy Committee 2014-2017, Program Committee 2019-2020, Membership Committee 2019-2021, Zonta Foundation Board Secretary 2021-2023, and Area 1 Director 2022-2024.

In my business role, I serve as Vice President of Operations & Special Projects for the Area Office on Aging of Northwestern Ohio, Inc. The AOoA is the Gateway to Programs & Services for over 165,000 older adults residing in the 10 counties we serve. Throughout my day, I manage and advise my staff, facilitate meetings, collaborate, mentor, coach, motivate, and provide conflict management/resolution. I attend monthly meetings as well as the state-level annual conferences. I assist with projects including community service projects. I help to provide services to diverse groups to promote success and assist with appropriate resources needed to reach measured goals. I am the liaison between the agency and the Information & Technology Company to ensure services are provided in a timely manner. Departments managed daily are Telephone Systems, Switchboard Operators, Mail Clerk, Janitorial & Maintenance dept., and other day-to-day general building operations.

In my former position, I served 15+ years as Executive Director for the Lucas County Senior Nutrition Program. I worked under Lyman W. Liggins Urban Affairs Board of Directors, managing Administrative Staff, writing job descriptions, budget development, strategic planning, and other business decisions for daily operations. The commissary kitchen served over 3,000 hot home-cooked meals daily. Those meals were delivered to individual homes and Senior Centers. The organization was the only minority operation serving Title III-C meals in the area and employed over 140 staff at the height of its operation.

In my various leadership roles over the years, I've met and worked with the most amazing men and women. I learned from and have given back to those professionals along the way. Since I began my journey with Zonta, I've been stretched in a good way. I continue to grow and develop as a leader and a Zontain.



**Pat J. Kenkel**

**Candidate – [Office] 2024-2026**

Zonta Club of Louisville

Official ZI membership date: 06/04/2009

Classification: Community Services

Business/Profession: Food Bank / Administrator

Title/Position: Retired

***Describe offices, committees, other contributions to Zonta at Club, District & International level.***

Since 2010, I have held the following offices and served on many committees:

- VP and Membership Chair
- President-Elect
- President (2016-2018),
- Area 2, District 5 Director (2018-2020)
- Current President (2022-2024)

In July 2020, I was instrumental in the installation of the first ‘Safe Haven Baby Box’ in Kentucky. There are currently 19 in Louisville.

***Describe activities, contributions outside of Zonta – business role, other organizations supported, etc., that demonstrates what you can contribute in this position.***

I volunteered in:

- Fall 2022-2023 – Neighborhood Homeowners Association (HOA). I share with my husband for the grounds and flower maintenance.
- Fall 2022 – I was on a Home Owner Association Committee with 10 other people to review and revise the By-laws and deed restriction – 9 weeks and 26 hours
- Hats for Hope 0 Breast cancer fundraiser





**Denise Rucker-Burton**

**Candidate – Area 3 Director 2022-2024**

Zonta Club of Cleveland

Official ZI membership date: 05/01/2013

Classification: 1112

Business/Profession: Health Care/Government

Title/Position: Managing Director/Program Administrator

*Describe offices, committees, other contributions to Zonta at Club, District & International level.*

President, Zonta Club of Cleveland, 2016-18

President, Zonta Club of Cleveland Foundation, 2016-18

Chair, Nominating Committee, Zonta Club of Cleveland, 2019-20

Z Club Liaison, Zonta Club of Cleveland, Cleveland State University, 2020-Present

*Describe activities, contributions outside of Zonta – business role, other organizations supported, etc., that demonstrates what you can contribute in this position.*

2012 – Present - Managing Director, Owner, Integrity Health Solutions, LLC – Manage consulting firm that provides professional development, training, strategic planning and clinical systems integration services to small health care organizations, clinics, medical and dental offices.

2013 - Present – Program Administrator, Division of Senior & Adult Services – Oversee strategic planning, program development, communications and advocacy of government agency that provides home health care and social services for over 30,000 older adults and adults with disabilities in Cuyahoga County.

2017- Present – Active Member, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Greater Cleveland Alumnae Chapter; Co-Chair, Social Action/Social Justice Committee (2019-Current) – Co-lead social action activities for the chapter, including developing position papers, executing voter education and registration activities, organizing Delta Days (advocacy with legislators) at the State Capital, etc.



**Sonia 'Sunny' T. Shellito**  
**Candidate – Area 4 Director**

Zonta Club of Columbus

Official ZI membership date: 10/06/1999

Classification: 2211 - Chartered or Certified Accountant

Business/Profession: Certified Accountant

Title/Position: CPA

*Describe offices, committees, other contributions to Zonta at Club, District & International level.*

A Zontian since October 1999, for 23+ years Sunny served Zonta Club of Cleveland in many capacities, including Treasurer, Vice-President, and President. As Chairperson for the Club's Centennial Anniversary Committee, the Club celebrated its 100 years on November 5, 2021, at Great Lakes Science Center. Sunny and her husband Christopher Shellito recently transplanted to Columbus.

As the Area 3 Director for the 2014 - 2016 Biennium, Sunny and three of the four Zonta Clubs in the area established and maintained the Phenomenal Women Event for five years, from 2015 - 2020. The event celebrated International Women's Day, which falls on March 8 and brought together Zontians and friends of Zonta. It was during this position that Sunny started the District 5 Newsletter and was its editor for nearly six years, until June 2020. Sunny was appointed the District 5 PR & Communications Chair for 2018 - 2020 Biennium.

Sunny was elected District Treasurer for 2020 - 2022 and re-elected for 2022 - 2024. During her first term Sunny established an online dues payment system, and started the initiative to ensure that all 501(c)4 Clubs in the district are registered with their respective state and to remain current with their federal and state filings. Most recently, Sunny was appointed to the ZI & ZFW Finance Committee.

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A Certified Public Accountant (CPA) with an active license to practice in the state of Ohio since March 15, 1996, Sunny was also a member of American Association of University Women (AAUW), Cleveland Branch, for longer than she has been a Zontian. She also was a long-time member of, and served as President, of the defunct Cleveland Chapter #13 of what was formerly American Society of Women Accountants, for the years July 2002 - June 2006.





**ZONTA**  
**INTERNATIONAL**  
**DISTRICT 5**  
**EMPOWERING WOMEN**  
**THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY**

**EILEEN K. BORDCHARDT**

College educator- Zonta Club of Greater Sandusky

Eileen K. Bordchart joined the Zonta Club of Greater Sandusky in 1986. She is currently the district's lieutenant governor and membership chair and previously served as the district's UN committee coordinator, area director and club president.

Eileen is excited to lead her district and sees herself as a team player and is passionate about growing membership in the district. Her design for upbeat conference formats is well-known. As both a college educator and successful training director, Eileen has had many opportunities to connect with people from more than 40 nations in a small town, enabled by her work with Cedar Fair Amusement Parks & Zonta's UN programs in New York City.

Her greatest wish is that Zonta's efforts are used to help women and families benefit in improving their lives, developing new skills & having the courage to change when it is needed. She believes Zontians should be ambassadors of their own advocacy efforts.

In the next biennium, Eileen plans to continue the succession planning focus for the district in two ways. First, she will prompt clubs to create more Z clubs and Golden Z clubs. Second, she would like to encourage membership growth through increased service partnerships with other like-minded organizations in club areas.





**Angela Brake**

**Candidate – Nominating Committee 2024-2026**

Zonta Club of Akron, Barberton, Cuyahoga Falls

Official ZI membership date: 10/13/2015

Classification: 1213 – Personal

Business/Profession: Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company

Title/Position: Continuous Improvement Leader

*Describe offices, committees, other contributions to Zonta at Club, District & International level.*

- Club President
- Vice-President
- Club Advocacy Chair
- Club Leadership Chair
- Fundraising Chair
- Board of Directors

*Describe activities, contributions outside of Zonta – business role, other organizations supported, etc., that demonstrates what you can contribute in this position.*

I have donated time, energy, financial and professionally to the Haven of Rest, BWS, Access Shelters Donation Station, REHAB Ministeries, Akron Canton Foodbank, Akron Children's Museum, Girl Scouts of Northeast Ohio, Akron Urban League, Akron Public Schools to name a few. I am a 2019 graduate of the Women's Network Leadership Institute and 2019 graduate of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Leadership/Akron Community Leadership Institute.



**Angela Brokmann**

**Candidate – Nominating Committee 2024-2026**

Zonta Club of Louisville

Official ZI membership date: 5/31/2000

Classification: Administrative Officer

Business/Profession: Department of Veterans Affairs/Retired

Title/Position: Administrative Officer/Retired

***Describe offices, committees, other contributions to Zonta at Club, District & International level.***

Angela Brokmann joined The Zonta Club of Louisville, KY in 2000. She has served as Club President, Area Director and Lt. Governor. Angela's background is in Adult Education and has presented for NAIDM (North America Inter District Meetings) as well as Zonta's Hamburg Conventions.

***Describe activities, contributions outside of Zonta – business role, other organizations supported, etc., that demonstrates what you can contribute in this position.***

Retired from the Army (LTC/O5) as well as the Veterans Administration, Angela has continued her support of educational efforts with her current effort being the roll out of Gender Equal Climate Action. Angela is currently the chair of the Climate Committee for the Zonta North America Advocacy Caucus and a member of the International Climate Committee work group. Locally she is a Volunteer with Metro Government's Office for Women, where she continues the focus of CEDAW at the local level.