

CALL TO CONFERENCE



Governor's Welcome Letter

What is Zonta Spirit?

Well, it's what all our District 5 Members have serving our Clubs and their Communities.

It's Reaching Out with our Hearts & Hands to help where Needed.

It's Using our Voices to make Change and to Educate Others.

It's Cultivating New Ideas to Keep our Projects Fresh and Effective.

And

It's Sharing How Zonta Enriches Our Lives and Encouraging Others to Join.

Spirit gives us Strength to Stay Engaged and Activated, even when the Going Gets Tough! It helps us to Look Upward and Build for the Future of Women & Girls, including the Women in our Clubs.

Of course, you know this because you all exemplify the Zonta Spirit! Our Members in District 5 have been demonstrating this Spirit for over 104 Years... and Counting.

I'm so Glad we have an Event, like District Fall Conference, to Connect and Share. It's our time Together to Refill our Zonta Spirit. Hope to see you in October!



Hugs, Kimm
District 5 Governor 2024-26

Schedule-at-a-Glance

	Friday October 17	Saturday October 18
8:30 AM		2nd Business Session Presidents' Parade First Timers Recognition Celebration of Life
11:30 AM		Lunch Guests - Co-Sponsors Keynote Speaker-
1:00 PM		3rd Business Session Closing Comments- Q&A
3:00 PM	President's Forum	
4:30 PM		
6:00 PM	1st Business Session Welcome - Introductions Dinner	Dinner Party Karaoke Costume Dress- Female Super Heros
9:00 PM	Fellowship	

All Sessions will be Business Attire, No Jeans

YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS OUR SATURDAY LUNCHEON SPEAKER



Primrose Igonor is an extraordinary Speaker, Facilitator and Mentor. By using her International experiences, she inspires Individuals and Organizations to Flourish. Her Expertise is building up various communities, to help Foster a Culture of Belonging and Equity for all. All who meet Primrose are revitalized by her Compassion.

Primrose was born in Uganda and grew up in South Africa where she qualified as a Clinical Psychologist and holds a Master's Degree in Management & Leadership. She has lived and worked in South Africa, Singapore, United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom and Canada.

She is the Founder/Owner of Ubuntu Services – A Company encompassing the South African philosophy of Ubuntu (humanity towards others) in its operations. These include speaking engagements, coaching, mentorship, facilitating and training, and hosting events, mainly related to leadership development among other topic areas. Her preferred clientele are women as she believes strongly in the African proverb, “Educate a woman and you educate a village”.

Primrose is Married with two amazing Sons. Her Hobbies include Reading, Travelling, Gardening and Attending Arts and Music Festivals.

What is our FUN-Raising Activities?

As we help support Zonta International District 5 and Zonta Foundation for Women – we can also have fun during the D5 Conference.

This year we will have:

- **Silent Auction Baskets or Items**
- **Governor's Designer Purse Prize**
- **Heads and Tails – 50/50 Raffle**
- **Gift Card Tree**
- **Waterford Crystal Vase Raffle**

We need your help with donations:

1) One or Two Silent Auction Items or Baskets from each club in the District – have fun as a club putting together a basket or an extra special item for the Silent Auction

2) Two gift cards from each club in the District. Please be certain they are valued at \$20 or more.

If your club will not be represented at the 2025 D5 Conference, please make plans to get your basket and gift cards to another club to bring to the D5 Conference.

Don't miss out on these great opportunities to have FUN with fundraising and WIN!

Hotel Accommodations



Deer Creek Lodge and Convention Center

22300 State Park Road 20, Mt. Sterling, OH 43143

Deer Creek Lodge has a variety of room sizes.

Room Type	Cost/Night	Room Type	Cost/Night
		Queen (2) Lake/Woods View	\$198.00
King - Interior	\$207.00		
King - Lake/Woods View	\$207.00	Queen (2) Bunk (1) Lake/Woods View	\$216.00
		Loft -(1 Queen/ 2 Bunks) Lake/Woods View	\$261.00

At this time there are no cabins available, however, the Lodge recommended checking when making your reservation if one has become available.

Attendees wishing to come early or stay late can receive the same room rate Wednesday night through Sunday night. Just need to request or call ahead.

The last day for reservations for room block rate is Friday, September 19, 2025

What's included?

Free On-Site Parking

Newly Renovated Conference Rooms

Indoor-Outdoor Pools, Fitness Center

18 Hole Golf course, Horseshoe Pits

DVD Rentals, Board Games and Billiards

Complimentary WiFi

Newly Renovated Hotel Rooms

Hiking Trails, Group Fire Pits

Boat, Kayak, Paddleboat rentals,

Gift Shop

Call the reservation line at **740-869-2020** to reserve a room under the Zonta International District 5 Room Block **Use CODE --- GZON**

Program Ads

Our Program booklet will be on the District Website in advance of the Conference as well as a printed program at the Conference.

Program Ads will be posted on the District Website in advance of the Conference and afterwards. This is a great opportunity to promote an upcoming event for your club.

We're keeping it simple. We will have only two Ad sizes.

_____ Full page – \$100

_____ Half page \$50

Two methods of payment –

Option 1 -Send a check to Linda Coblitz, District 5 Treasurer, 560 Knollwood Drive, Ashtabula, OH 44004

Option 2 -Credit card payment go to the District website at <https://www.zontadistrict05.org/events/> To make credit card payment go to the District website at <https://www.zontadistrict05.org/events/>

Your Ad should be in .jpg or .pdf format and should be camera ready. There will be NO changes made to Ads once they have been received. We will NOT be able to accept any LATE Ads.

Send your ad to Kathy Natal, District PR Chair, at knatal@copelandfinancial.com

Ads in correct format for conference program due by
September 26th

I Support The Girls

Donation to Service Program

ISTG Columbus coordinates and donates to schools, shelters, safe houses, street outreaches, pantries, free stores, reentry programs, neighborhood street blessing boxes, new mom agencies, sheriff's department with human trafficking, police departments with both domestic violence and crime victims, hospitals SANE programs (sexual assault nurse examiner) and mammogram outreach and community centers and church outreaches in Central Ohio. ISTG is an international 501(C3) non-profit organization with chapters in our district. For more information the local chapter's website:

<https://isupportthegirls.org/affiliates/columbus/>

Women living on the street, in poverty, or in crisis are forced to make choices many of us can't imagine. No one should have to pick between buying a hot meal or paying for a box of menstrual hygiene products. And replacing old bras should not be a luxury.

We would greatly appreciate your support by donating any of the following items:

- **Bras – new or gently used**
- **Personal hygiene products (Travel size)**
- **Period products**
- **New panties**
- **Unused or new make-up**

COMPLETE THE D5 CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ **First Timer:** _____

Address: City, State, Zip _____

Phone () _____ **E-mail** _____

Club: _____ **Area** _____ **No. Years Zonta Member:** _____

In case of emergency, please contact:

Name _____ **Phone No.** _____

Conference Registration includes all business meetings, Friday dinner and Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Food Options- Please complete (Return page 9 & 10 if mailing a check)

Friday evening (Choose one)

_____ **Option 1- Chicken Marsala, Herb Roasted Red Potatoes and Buttered Corn**

_____ **Option 2 –Vegetable Stir Fry (GF, V)**

Both Option 1 and 2 served with Spinach Salad with Strawberries, Dinner Rolls/ Butter, Dessert, Coffee and Tea

Breakfast buffet– Great Beginnings—scrambled eggs, breakfast potatoes, Applewood Smoked bacon, fresh whole fruit, Yogurt Parfait with Fresh Berries & Granola, Assorted Juices and Fresh Brewed Coffee & Tea

Saturday Lunch Buffet – Garden and Pasta Salads, Vegetable and Broccoli/Cheese Soups, Dessert, Coffee and Tea

Saturday night dinner (Choose one)

_____ **Option 1- Herb Roasted Pork Loin, Sauteed Green Beans and Wild Rice Pilaf**

_____ **Option 2-Penne Pomodoro with Sauteed Portobellas, Sauteed Green Beans and Baked Potato (GF, V)**

Both Option 1 and 2 served with Waterloo Salad with Sweet and Sour Dressing, Dinner Rolls/Butter, Dessert, Coffee and Tea

Please list any dietary restrictions for meals below:

Select menu choice for guests

_____ **\$41 Friday Dinner Guest** Option 1 _____ Option 2 _____

_____ **\$25 Saturday Breakfast Guest**

_____ **\$25 Saturday Luncheon Guest**

_____ **\$40 Saturday Dinner Guest** Option 1 _____ Option 2 _____

Please Print Guest's Name(s) _____

Select payment choice for member

_____ **\$150 Early Registration paid by** **August 31, 2025**

_____ **\$165 Standard Registration** **September 1 - September 19, 2025**

_____ **\$180 Late Registration** **September 20 to September 30, 2025**

\$ _____ **TOTAL** **ENCLOSED CHECK #** _____

NO REFUNDS AFTER OCTOBER 1

We have an electronic registration process and payment. Please register on the District website at <https://www.zontadistrict05.org/events/>

If sending a check, please be certain to enclose this 2-page Registration Form with check payable to ZONTA INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 5 with a notation on the check -FALL 2025 CONFERENCE and mail to: **Linda Coblitz, District 5 Treasurer, 560 Knollwood Drive, Ashtabula, OH 44004. Questions, please contact Linda at 440-344-1903.**

For mail-in registration ONLY -Please sign & submit this with your check.

District 5 ZONTA CONFERENCE LIABILITY STATEMENT

I acknowledge that Zonta International District 5 is not liable for any personal losses, damage, or illness resulting from my attendance at the district conference. If I need medical treatment because of my participation in this district conference, travel to and from the conference (including air travel), or any events incidental to this conference, I agree to be financially responsible for any costs incurred because of such treatment. I am aware that the district does not provide health insurance for me and that I should carry my own health insurance. I have read this document, and I am signing it freely. I understand the legal consequences of signing this document, including (a) releasing the district from all liability, (b) waiving my right to sue the district, (c) and assuming all risks of participating in this district conference, including travel to and from the district conference (including air travel) or any incidental events to this district conference.

Signature _____ **Date** _____

PLEASE NOTE: Information pertaining to delegates and voting material will be distributed by email to Club Presidents and the D5 Board in early August. This will include Instructions for Delegates, Alternates and Proxies, Credential Forms for Voting Delegates, Slate of Candidates for 2026-2028 Biennium, Updated Bylaws and Rules of Procedure and the 2026-2028 Proposed Budget.

PRE-CONFERENCE CHECKLIST

Items to manage early before hotel and registration deadlines:

- ___ Conference Registration - Register for Early Bird rate before **August 31**
- ___ Hotel Reservations –Special Zonta Rates until **September 19**
- ___ Notify **Melinda Hepfner** at mhepfner@zonta-cinti.org if you are bringing an item for the Fun-raising activities by **September 26th**
- ___ Member or Club ad(s) for conference program by **September 26th** (See Ad Rates).
Do you have an event to promote?
- ___ Forward any names and pictures for our Celebration of Life Service to **Sarojini Rao** at sarojinirao@gmail.com by **September 26th**

BRING TO CONFERENCE

- ___ Member or club donation for Zonta Foundation for Women
- ___ Club Banner- free standing ONLY
- ___ Cash/Checkbook/Credit Card
- ___ Wear your Orange - ‘Zonta Says No’-Group Photo
- ___ Dress code: Friday and Saturday - Business Attire, No Jeans
- ___ Your Zonta ‘Spirit’ for fun and fellowship
- ___ Donation for ‘I Support the Girls’ program
- ___ Costume to dress like your favorite Female Hero for Saturday evening