

ZONTA DISTRICT 5

Semi-Annual Newsletter – Summer/Fall 2025 Edition



THERE'S STILL TIME!!! REGISTER TODAY!!!

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT AVAILABLE UNTIL AUG 31!!!

There's still time to get registered for the **2025 Zonta International District 5 Conference** at Deer Creek Lodge in Mt. Sterling, OH on **Oct. 17-19th**. Please join us for an exciting opportunity to hear from our **Zonta International Director, Phillippa Jacobs-Lory**, from Christchurch New Zealand as well as our **Keynote Speaker, Primrose Igonor**, Founder/Owner of Ubuntu Services. Primrose's background as a clinical psychologist and her global perspective on providing education and leadership is sure to bring unique insights. The weekend will be a learning experience offering new insights, the exchange of ideas, inspiring examples of leadership, and practical strategies to energize your club. But it won't be all business; there will be loads of fun too! Come and make new friends, try your luck at our FUNraising activities, and make a weekend of it! For more information and to register, go to: <https://www.zontadistrict05.org/event/zonta-d5-voting-conference-deer-creek-oh/>

Questions? Email Joyce Combs at combs1721@gmail.com

*"This year's conference keynote is all about **you**—recharging your energy, reigniting your passion, and reminding you why self-care isn't just important, it's essential."*

Primrose Igonor



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Bring your Zonta Spirit!



Phillippa Jacobs-Lory (in pink)
at the North American Inter-District Meeting

BUSY Z's: Z and Golden Z Clubs

The three District 5 Z clubs have been busy doing service projects in their communities.

Z Club at Aurora High School: In February 2025, members stuffed bags for CLE Kindness to be distributed to women in need. CLE Kindness supports Laura's Home, Harvest Home, Forbes Houses WomenSafe, and WomenKind.



Hudson Z Club: Members participated in the 16 Days of Advocacy last year by putting orange pinwheels around the school, taking pictures with the Zonta Says No to Violence banner with several different boys' teams, and writing postcards to legislators. They also joined the Zonta Club of Hudson in collecting and donating period products during the 16 Days.



Liberty Benton High School Z Club: Members were very busy last Fall. They made cookies and treats and delivered them with cards to first responders (ambulance and firefighters), city police and sheriff deputies thanking them for their service. They also delivered handmade "thinking of you" cards to nursing home residents. Members and Advisors worked at the Track Invitational Meet Concession Stand where they earned \$1,000 to be used for College Scholarships for Z-Club.



Advocacy ENDING CHILD MARRIAGE



ADVOCACY CONTINUES ITS DUE DILIGENCE TO REACH OUR BIENNIUM GOAL OF ENDING CHILD MARRIAGE IN THE DISTRICT 5 STATES OF OHIO, KENTUCKY, AND WEST VIRGINIA. WE HOPE - FINGERS CROSSED - TO HAVE SOME POSITIVE NEWS TO SHARE AT OUR DISTRICT CONFERENCE IN OCTOBER.

For more information go to the ZI website:

[https://www.zonta.org/images/docs/MyZonta/Tools/AdvocacyTools/Ending%20Child%20Marriage/GNB Girls education and child marriage.pdf](https://www.zonta.org/images/docs/MyZonta/Tools/AdvocacyTools/Ending%20Child%20Marriage/GNB%20Girls%20education%20and%20child%20marriage.pdf)



Zontians IN ACTION

The Zonta Club of Cincinnati is planning on bringing back an event they hosted last fall partnering with the Cincinnati Contemporary Arts Center (CAC) to host a Journey of Healing – The Trauma-Informed Power of Art Exhibit during the 16 Days of Activism. Last year the exhibit opened on Oct. 10 with a reception attended by more than 130 guests and concluded on Oct. 28. The event featured original works from 30 local artists, depicting their personal journeys from trauma to healing and wellness. At the opening, artists shared powerful stories about transforming their pain into art, recounting their experiences of overcoming fear and regaining strength. The exhibit aimed to raise awareness of the lived experiences of survivors and envision a world free of violence against women.

MEMBERSHIP



Zonta Club of Toledo welcomes new members.

It's been a challenging year for membership. Kudos to all clubs who contributed to adding 38 new members to our district in 2024-2025! Unfortunately though, we lost 66 members. A portion of those resulted from the disbanding of the Springfield Club and changes in the Greater Sandusky Club. District 5 currently has 321 members.

The Zonta Club of Huntington, W.V. continues to hold events and is moving closer to a Charter Ceremony, hopefully this fall.

Save the Date for "Make Your Club Shine: Succeed, Flourish and Keep the Momentum!" a virtual presentation by the Zonta Club of Cape Girardeau, MO on **Tuesday, September 9th from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** via Zoom. They have had remarkable success and will share their tips and tricks for increasing membership. All Club Presidents and Membership Chairs should plan on attending!! Watch your email for RSVP details.

A LITTLE D5 HISTORY

District 5's oldest clubs are the Zonta Club of Toledo 1 and the Zonta Club of Cleveland, both chartered in 1921. Toledo 1 hosted the Zonta Confederation Convention in 1925 and the Zonta Club of Cincinnati hosted the International Convention in 1954.

Eighteen pilots left Santa Monica, California in the first Women's Air Race Derby of 1929 and fourteen arrived in Cleveland, Ohio. The Cleveland club sponsored a luncheon hosting Amelia Earhart after she flew in the derby. A Cleveland Zontian, Blanche Wilcox Noyes of Lakewood, Ohio, also flew in the derby. The Plain Dealer placed Noyes in fourth place behind Zontian Amelia Earhart.

INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENTS FROM DISTRICT 5



Elizabeth A. Judge
1948-50
Cleveland Club



Eleanor Jammal
1974-76
Ashtabula Club



Dr. Shirley Schneider
1980-82 Springfield Club



Ruth Walker
1988-90 Columbus Club

JULY 2025 FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATES

\$1: The Finance Committee has been meeting and working to make the financial statements a bit easier to understand.

\$2: The End of the FY 2025 year financials have been sent to our accountant for review, to be printed in the Fall 2025 District 5 Voting Conference Booklet.

\$3: The Financial Items to be Voted on at our Conference will include the Proposed District Budget for 2026-28 and to except the Annual Report from our Accounting Firm or Tucker, Kissling & Associates. Have Fun Reading!



Education Equity / Scholarship News



Kamryn Camp is our **Young Women in Leadership** winner at the **Zonta International level**. Kamryn is from Georgetown, KY and her application was submitted by the Louisville Zonta Club. She recently graduated from Scott County High School and will be attending the University of Kentucky this fall with a major in **Biomedical Engineering**. She is actively involved in the Kentucky United Nations Assembly and volunteers with an extensive list of organizations.



Sage Herz attends The Ohio State University and is our **2025 Amelia Earhart Fellowship** recipient. She is a **Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering Doctoral student**. On October 1st she will be formally recognized when she receives her award and wings from Governor Kimm at a reception in her honor on the OSU campus. She is OSU's first awardee in over a decade!



To Stay in touch with the great things happening in District 5, follow us on Facebook. Just friend Kimm Hrdlicka-Tigges on Facebook, then email her at kimmh@fromtheheart12.com to request being added to the group.

