

ZONTA DISTRICT 5

Semi-Annual Newsletter - Winter 2025 Edition

INCLUDE YOUR CLUB

The District 5 website, www.zontadistrict05.org, can publish your club's own home page listing on its site. To get started, simply contact eileen.borchardt@gmail.com. She can easily accept info about your club, highlight its major annual events, and show its regular meeting dates/times and contact information. It will take about 2 weeks from the time you send her the info to the time she posts it. So, email her now, and get started!

Z CLUBS IN ACTION!



Z Club of Aurora High School members volunteered with CLE Kindness to pack bags for women living at Laura's Home, Harvest Home, Forbes House, WomenSafe, and Womenkind.

The Liberty-Benton Z Club did a great job organizing this year's food drive supporting the Salvation Army in Findlay this past Christmas. They raised \$1200 worth of food for those in need.



A LITTLE HISTORY



In the beginning some of our earliest chartered and current District 5 clubs went through a number of District name changes. From 1920 we went from the Western District, which included Seattle, Washington, to District D in 1924. District D now included Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Missouri and Lower Canada. In 1929 Michigan, Ohio and Windsor, Ontario became District II-Region A. In 1947 the name changed to District 5. In 1970, District 5 had over 2,000 members and petitioned to be divided. Michigan became District 15 and Ohio, Kentucky, and West Virginia became District 5.

FUNDING FREEZE?

The Zonta Club of Cincinnati partners with Women Helping Women which serves as the ONLY rape crisis center in the 5-county region of Cincinnati. According to their President and CEO, Kritsin Shimplin, they received a memo notifying them of a recent funding freeze. Uncertainty surrounding the now "rescinded" memo may still pose a threat to the funding of their services. Clubs, check with your local community service partners to see if they need extra help at this time.

WOMEN
HELPING
WOMEN

THE 69TH COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

will take place at United Nations Headquarters in New York in March. If you cannot attend you can still take part in these parallel events organized by NGO CSW.

VIRTUAL
EVENTS



Virtual events are free, but you must register in advance at <https://ngocsw.org/ngocswforum/>

Date	Time	Meeting/Event	Location	Who	Notes
Monday 10 March	10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	The STEM Gap- Where are all the girls?	Virtual	ALL	Zonta Club of Billings
Thursday 13 March	6:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Cuba: A Model for the Beijing Platform for Action	Virtual	ALL	Calls to Action to Ratify Equality (ERA) and women's human rights (CEDAW) with Cuban Ambassador
Tuesday 18 March	2:30 PM-4:00 PM	Emerging Dangers for US Women's Healthcare- A Call to Action	Virtual	ALL	US Women's Caucus – Pamela Perraud President of US Women's Caucus, and member of Zonta Club of Houston
Thursday 27 March	TBD	Post CSW Virtual Discussion	Virtual	Open to All Zontians	Discussion open to all members who attended CSW69 both in person and virtually

CONFERENCE / AREA MEETINGS

2025 District Conference

The voting conference will be held at Deer Creek Lodge and Conference Center, Mt. Sterling, Ohio on October 17-19, 2025. The District Board and Conference Committee have been listening to the membership on opportunities to improve our District Conference. Deer Creek State Park is centrally located for our district clubs.

We need your help with co-sponsorships that will help reduce the cost of registration. Please send recommendations for sponsors. We are also looking for volunteers to help. **Contact Co-Chairs Joyce Combs at combs1721@gmail.com or Melinda Hefner at mhepfner@zonta-cinti.org.**



**ZONTA DISTRICT 5'S
COMBINED AREAS 2 & 4 MEETING
LET'S SPRING INTO ACTION!**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 2025, 10:30 AM TO 3:30 PM
GREIFENKAMP COMMUNITY ROOM**

MASON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
218 E. THIRD STREET, MAYSVILLE, KY 41056
(606) 564-3286 MASONCOUNTYLIBRARY.COM

Come join us as we spring into action! Doors open 10 am. \$35 pp. Highlights:

We're updating our Core Values! You'll have the opportunity to share your thoughts with Zonta International on what you VALUE in Zonta. Give some thought to why you JOINED but more importantly why you STAY.

The ION Center for Violence Prevention Director, Angie Teegarden and Shalayne Maxwell, Director of Outreach Services, are our guest speakers. IONCenter.org

Customized Lunch boxes will be catered by M's Eatery for noon. See the accompanying menu. Register and prepay online by Saturday, March 15, 2025. [HERE](https://www.zontadistrict05.org). Thank you!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: A2D PAT KENNEL @ 502.526.1958 OR A4D SUNNY SHELLITO @ 502.526.1958 OR TEXT 440.623.8085. WWW.ZONTADISTRICT05.ORG

Accelerating Action for Women

**Area 1 and Area 3 Meeting
Saturday, March 8
10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Sandusky Yacht Club
529 E. Water St.
Sandusky, OH 44870**

At the current rate of progress, it will take until 2158, which is roughly five generations from now, to reach full gender parity, according to data from the World Economic Forum. We must take swift and decisive steps to achieve gender equality. Join fellow Zontians from clubs in Areas 1 and 3 as we gather to observe International Women's Day and learn how we are accelerating action for gender equality throughout District 5.

Cost: \$40 per person. Deadline is Sat., March 1.

Register at: zontadistrict05.org/events

For additional information:
Area 1 - Catharine Harned harned2323@gmail.com
Area 3 - Denise Rucker-Burton drburton@integrityhealthsolutions.net

16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM



Zonta Club of Columbus participated in Healing Thru Art sessions

Zonta Club of Ashtabula illuminated the Ashtabula Lift Bridge in orange to highlight efforts against domestic violence



Zonta Club of Defiance collaborated with Keller Trucking to cover a semi-truck with a Zonta Says No banner



Zonta Club of Elizabethtown kicked off 16 Days with Zonta Says NO signs along Ring Road



REMINDER TO CLUB TREASURERS!

Dues information should be out to your members in April. Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Dues payment to Zonta International and District 5 should be made by the club before May 31, 2025. District 5 dues are \$26 per member for new or renewal memberships. Half year dues of \$13 starts December 1st. Your \$26 per member dues goes toward District Operating Costs (\$17.00), District Conference (\$6.00) and District Expense of Convention (\$2.50).

The Finance Committee is working to update the Financial Budget to be more understandable and up to date. If you have any comments about the current format or ideas for the updated version, please email Linda Coblitz at asdmmom@hotmail.com.



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NOUN:
the public support for or recommendation of a particular cause or policy

We're creating a better world for women and girls; one state at a time; except in District 5 where we're going for three!

- Our goal is to end child marriage at 18, no exceptions! in OH, KY, and WV
- A strategic plan is being finalized; member participation will be crucial
- Be ready to take action by identifying your state representative(s)
- Ohio: legislature.ohio.gov
- Kentucky: legislature.ky.gov
- West Virginia: wvlegislature.gov
- A template letter/email will be provided to send an introduction to your state legislator(s)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT; MORE INFO COMING SOON!

D5 SCHOLARSHIPS

Young Women in Leadership Award Applications are due to District Education Equality/Scholarship Chair, Teresa Adams by April 1st...No Foolin'!

Our Amelia Earhart Fellowship Winner is **Lynn Pickering**. She attends the University of Cincinnati. Governor, Kimm, will be awarding her certificate and AEF Wings in April when Lynn returns from her studies abroad.

Our former Young Women in Public Affairs program winner is **Ashley Nevison** and our Jane M. Klausman Women in Business winner is **Kayla Bischoff**. Both of these outstanding ladies were at the Louisville Club.



MEMBERSHIP AND CLUB CREATOR UPDATES

District 5 Clubs have added 32 new members in the first 8 months of the biennium, with Columbus, Defiance, Findlay, Newark and Toledo all adding 4 members each! This represents 10% growth in overall membership! Kudos to everyone!



Efforts to form the Zonta Club of Huntington, WV are going well with an expected charter date in April. The Club Creator Committee, composed of Lt. Governor Connie, Area Director 2 Pat, Area Director 4 Sunny, and Chair Joyce Combs, are currently reviewing locations in Kentucky and West Virginia as potential new Zonta Clubs. If you have friends or relatives in these states that may be interested, please let any of the committee members know. WE ARE GOING TO KEEP GROWING, CLUB-BY-CLUB!



BYLAW NEWS

Zonta International is still in the process of updating information in the Club Bylaws Template from the Brisbane Convention. Once Sue Dybowski, our District 5 Bylaws Chair, becomes aware that this has been done, our Clubs will be advised that they can begin the process of updating their Bylaws to fall in line with the Brisbane Convention changes. For any questions or assistance in amending your Club's Bylaws, please contact Sue Dybowski at sadybowski2@gmail.com or at 419-350-1164.

THERE'S STILL TIME!

It's always a good time to contribute to the Zonta Foundation for Women, but what better time than on **Zonta Rose Day, March 8th**? March is also **Women's History Month**, so please consider recognizing all that the ZFW does to build a better world for women and girls with a donation in the month of March! This can be easily done at Zonta.org, then select "Donate."



MARCH

- 8th** - International Women's Day/Zonta Rose Day (Celebrate by donating to ZFW).
- 8th** - Areas *1 & 3* Meeting Sandusky, Ohio
- 10th** - 21st - CSW 69 in NYC
- 22nd** - Areas *2 & 4* Meeting in Maysville, Ky

APRIL

- Add Your Voice Membership Campaign Begins (Plan a Membership Event).
- Annual Dues process begins (Get Invoices out to Members this Month)
- 1st** - Zonta Young Women in Leadership Award Club Applications Due to District 5
- 4th** - Cincinnati Club 90th Celebration
- 22nd** - Earth Day (Plan a Clean-up or Zonta NOW Climate Event - ESK's Event?)
- Inter-District Meets for Asia and European Continents