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**ZONTA CLUB OF CINCINNATI CELEBRATES FOUNDERS DAY &
INSTALLS NEW MEMBERS**

Cincinnati, Ohio – Zonta Club of Cincinnati members celebrated their annual Founders Day meeting at Clovernook Country Club in November by honoring members and event co-Chairs Melinda Hepfner (West Chester) and Gretchen Webb (Anderson). They also officially welcomed new members Astha Adhikari (Covington) and Mary Jane Watson (Cincinnati) to the club and long-time member Glenda Carota (Cleves) to the district.

Zonta Club of Cincinnati President Verna Tuttle (North Bend) said, “Zonta clubs worldwide honor long-time members and prominent women in their communities each year on Founders Day in recognition of Zonta International’s anniversary. Melinda and Gretchen exemplify the kind of strong women who belong to Zonta! They are such assets to the club and work tirelessly with the other members of Zonta to improve the status of women in our community and around the world. We’re also pleased to officially welcome Astha and Mary Jane to the club and proud to have Glenda represent us at the district level!”

Ms. Hepfner and Ms. Webb received accolades from members for their many club contributions and were presented with yellow roses (Zonta’s traditional emblem of friendship) and commemorative boxes. Yellow roses were also given to Ms. Adhikari and Ms. Watson. District 5 Governor Margot Hoffman (Columbus) inducted the new members into the club and installed Ms. Carota in her elected position on the District 5 Nominating Committee. Area 2 Director Pat Kenkel (Louisville) also joined the many friends and family members present to help celebrate the occasion.

The Zonta Club of Cincinnati was chartered in 1935 and is a member of Zonta International – a leading global organization of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy. The founding of Zonta International occupies a unique moment in women's history. Established in Buffalo, New York on November 8, 1919, early members were among the first generation of college-educated women, the first generation of North American women to vote, and a part of the growing legion of women entering the work force. Over the decades, Zonta International has grown into a worldwide service organization of executives in business and the professions working together to advance the status of women through service, education, and advocacy to raise awareness about violence against women and human trafficking, increase medical care, and provide program funding.

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Zonta International envisions a world in which women's rights are recognized as human rights, and every woman is able to achieve her full potential. In such a world, women have access to all resources, are represented in decision-making positions on an equal basis with men, and no woman lives in fear of violence. There are more than 29,000 Zonta members in 63 countries around the world. Zonta International is a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) and has consultative status with the United Nations on women's issues.

Proceeds from the Zonta Club of Cincinnati's fundraisers benefit ongoing educational, service, and advocacy programs supporting their Ann Rasche and Zonta International scholarship programs, Bethany House Services, First Step Home, North Fairmount Community Center, Tender Mercies, Women Helping Women, and FamiliesFORWARD.

For more information about the Zonta Club of Cincinnati, visit www.zonta-cinti.org, contact Melinda Hepfner (513.289.3668), e-mail info@zonta-cinti.org, or visit Zonta International at www.zonta.org.

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