

# Membership Update from the Lieutenant Governor Celebrating our Members and Membership Committee

The District 9 Membership Committee meets bi-monthly. We share ideas, discuss upcoming events and just have a fun time together. Each club is invited to have a representative, and we have had great participation. Our next virtual meeting is on May 22, 2021 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. and our special guests will be Governor Brittany Vaughan and Linda Weiland, D9 Leadership and Development coordinator. The Zoom invitation will be sent to club representatives in advance.

We would like to congratulate the following members on their years of service:

Adele Macpherson, Santa Clarita Valley club, joined April 1, 1989

Candace Kohl, Newport Harbor club, joined June 1, 1990

Norma Ruf of the Zonta Club of Porterville recently celebrated her 60th anniversary in Zonta on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Norma has been involved in many committees and has acted as Assistant Treasurer during her 60 years of membership. Porterville President Giovanna DePaoli recently visited Norma and presented her with a certificate and flowers and said she is still a bundle of energy at 93! Congratulations, Norma!



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We would also like to send our condolences to the friends and family of Sue Ellen Allen of the Zonta Club of Phoenix/East Valley, a Zontian since 2012. Joining the Zonta Club of Phoenix/East Valley with a project already in mind, Sue Ellen rallied its members to address Birthday, Christmas, Mother's Day, or just Thinking of You cards to women prisoners at Perryville Prison. She knew first hand just how much outside communication would mean to these women. She mentored the women she associated with and facilitated self-improvement programs. A published author with a personal biography, *The Slumber Party from Hell*, she shared her experiences with the world. Sue Ellen spent the rest of her life advocating for former convicts trying to navigate the difficulties of reentering the world. Her latest venture resulted in a non-profit foundation called Reinventing Reentry. She was

generous with her time personally advocating for those who were trying to navigate the world outside prison walls, public speaking and finding entrée into political circles to talk with those people who could make a difference. May we remember her spirit and dedication to Zonta.

*Debbie Angwood, 2020-2022 District Lieutenant Governor and Membership Committee Chair*

