

### **Conferences are Coming!** **Get Ready for NAIDM and the District 9 Conference**



The 2021 North American Inter-District Meeting (NAIDM) from June 25-27 2021 at the Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza in downtown Cincinnati, Ohio is rapidly approaching!

We hope you join us as Ela Pandya, (Club of Porterville, CA), the co-convener of the Zonta USA Caucus, member of the ZI Advocacy Committee, and member of the steering committee of the National Coalition to End Child Marriage, shares her insights and latest knowledge about active legislative advocacy in your states. She will host the featured workshop this year along with her partners Donna Pollard (Club of Louisville, KY), founder and CEO of a nonprofit empowering trauma survivors to spearhead legislative reforms as well as a national leading advocate in the fight to end child marriage and child marriage survivor herself, and Katherine Cleland (Club of Everett, WA), past Chair of the Zonta International Public Relations and Communications Committee who is leading work on the Equal Rights Amendment and the Stop Child Marriages PSA campaign.

You won't want to miss this workshop discussion as they share their insights on strategies to develop effective marketing campaigns and advocate for laws to End Child Marriage, a biennial goal for Zonta International.

Additionally, this year's conference, based on the theme "Challenges and Opportunities for Zonta's Second Century," is a superb opportunity to learn new information on service and advocacy, leadership and innovation, membership and outreach; spend time with Zontians from all over the United States and Canada and perhaps spend a little time visiting, shopping and touring the Cincinnati area. Over 180



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Zontians are already planning to attend!

<https://www.zonta-cinti.org/registration>

Standard registration, April 16–May 15: \$240.

Late registration, after May 15: \$265.

The registration fee includes the program, Friday night Cincinnati Favorites, Saturday lunch and dinner and Sunday breakfast. And, you can enjoy the Friday Night Fireworks following the Cincinnati Reds game! Hotel rooms cost \$145 per night, plus fees, from June 24–28. The Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza is conveniently located in the center of downtown Cincinnati. The registration form and program information are on our [NAIDM website](#).

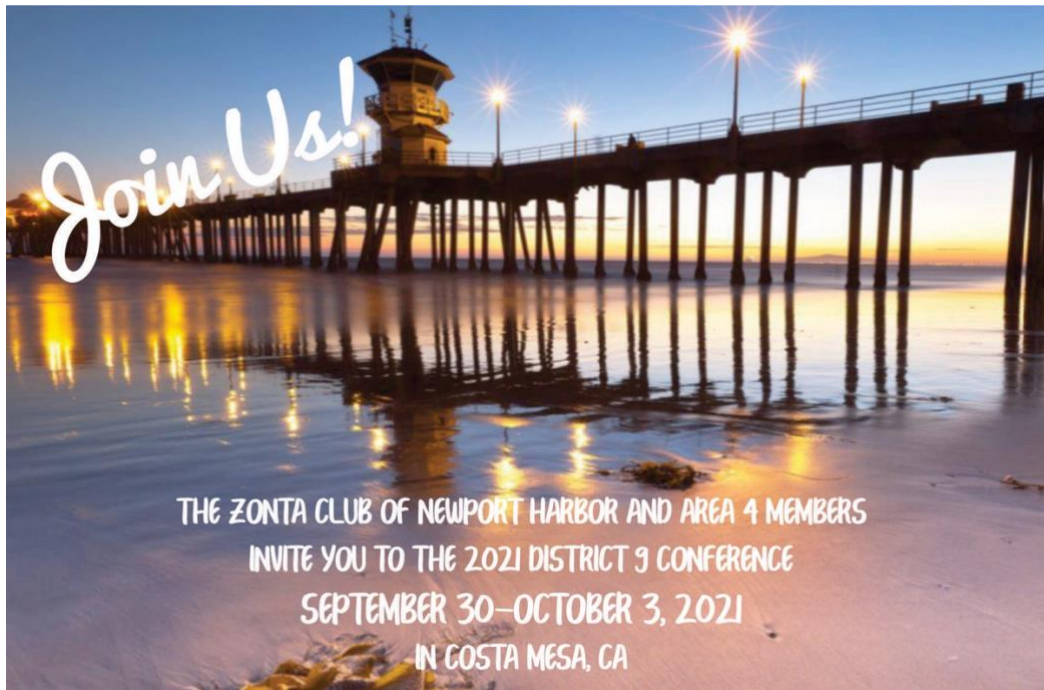
PayPal is available to accept credit card payments on the [NAIDM 2021 page](#) on the Zonta District 5 website. The site includes our comprehensive program and information on our featured speakers, a link to reserve rooms, hotel information and Cincinnati area attractions.

See you in June at the NAIDM in Cincinnati!

Joyce Combs

Host Committee Chair, 2021 North American Inter-District Meeting

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After much hand-wringing, surveying and logistical considerations, we are moving forward with planning an onsite, in-person District 9 Conference. Of course, given the pandemic, there is still a sense of uncertainty. However, we are confident that we can overcome obstacles and adjust and adapt as needed.

If you are interested in learning more about volunteering for the conference, please join for a planning meeting on **Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 6:00pm PDT** to help us launch in full force! We will review plans to date, roles needed, timelines and opportunities. Additionally, we hope to get your feedback and thank you for volunteering. Whether you commit to being on the planning team, to help with a logistical aspect in advance or donate time during the conference only, we invite you to join us at this inaugural meeting so we can all connect, celebrate our movement forward and generate excitement for **October 1-3, 2021!**

If you are interested in attending the Zoom Planning session, please contact Gwen Black or Christi Matthews for the Zoom information. If you cannot attend the **May 18** meeting, please contact Gwen/Christi in advance so we can discuss your interest and availability. Gwen is best reachable by text, so shoot her a text even if it is just to remind her to check her email Inbox!

Gwendolyn Black & Christi Matthews  
2021 Conference Chair District 9 Co-Chairs

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