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**Zonta Club of Greater Sandusky
Young Women in Public Affairs Award Recipient Announced**

Sandusky, OH – Wednesday, March 30, 2022 – The Zonta Club of Greater Sandusky is pleased to announce Elle L. Whelan, senior at Sandusky High School, as the recipient of the 2022 Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA) Award.

Committed to attending Ohio University in Athens, Ohio, Elle will be majoring in Energy Engineering with her long-term goals to help make a change in the way we live by not only advocating for sustainability, but also expanding the use of renewable energy. Thus, she will play a part in preserving the planet for generations to come. Her leadership roles include president of the 4-H club, vice-president of the student council and captain of the varsity swim team. Elle also has organized a multitude of volunteer activities as well as participated in community service events such as cleaning up local parks, visiting local retirement homes, teaching swim lessons, coaching biddy volleyball, reading to elementary schools, American Red Cross blood drives, visiting the homeless shelter and many donations of food and clothes to Victory Kitchen.

The mission of the award is to encourage young women to pursue careers or to seek leadership positions in public policy making, government and volunteer organizations and to further their education with these aims in view. Every year, Zonta Club of Greater Sandusky provides one award to one student who has completed the application and is studying at a secondary school, college or university from the school districts within Erie, Huron and Ottawa Counties.

Along with the mission, the goal of the YWPA award program is to encourage more young women to participate in public affairs by recognizing the student's commitment to the volunteer sector, evidence of volunteer leadership achievements and a dedication to empowering women and girls worldwide through service and advocacy.

The monetary award and certificate of recognition will be presented at the club's May 2022 Installation Banquet. As the recipient of the Club YWPA Award of \$250.00, Elle will now be eligible for the District 5 YWPA Award of \$1,500.00 with the District recipient then eligible for ten Zonta International YWPA Awards of \$5,000.00 each. Established in 1990, Zonta International has given 1,013 YWPA awards totaling more than \$1,207,250.00 to 851 young women from 58 countries.

Zonta Club of Greater Sandusky has served Erie County and surrounding areas for 60 years with Zonta International celebrating 102 years of service. Zonta International is a leading global organization of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy.

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