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**Zonta Club of Greater Sandusky
2023 Young Women in Public Affairs Award Recipient Announced**

Sandusky, OH – Sunday, April 2, 2023 – The Zonta Club of Greater Sandusky is pleased to announce Evelina A. Podvoiskis, senior at St. Paul High School, Norwalk, as the recipient of the 2023 Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA) Award. Evelina is the daughter of Lisa and David Podvoiskis of Norwalk.

Committed to attending Heidelberg University, Tiffin, Ohio, Evelina will be majoring in Business Administration with her long-term goals of creating a business to conquer hygiene poverty by selling organic, sustainable hygiene products for an affordable price to women globally. Thus, she will play a part in preserving the environment through sustainable living for generations to come. Her leadership roles include being involved with the Mock Trial; student director of the “Footloose” musical; team captain of the Color Guard; elected county commissioner at Girls’ Buckeye State; raised funds for a student community environmental study; participated in Teen Leadership Corps including traveling to Glasgow, Scotland. Evelina has volunteered with the Humane Society, the Senior Center and St. Paul Church.

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 2023 Installation Banquet. As the recipient of the Club YWPA Award of \$250.00, Evelina will be eligible for the District 5 YWPA Award of \$1,500.00 with the District recipient then eligible for one of thirty-seven Zonta International YWPA Awards of \$5,000.00 each. Established in 1990, Zonta International has awarded 1,054 YWPA awards totaling more than \$1,303,750.00 to 882 young women from 60 countries.

Founded in 1919, Zonta International is a global organization of executives and professionals working together to advance the status of women and girls worldwide through service and advocacy.

The Zonta Club of Greater Sandusky has served Erie County and the surrounding areas since 1961.