

May 2023 New Member Bios

Jessica Edmond: Jessica Edmond is a native Californian who has been living in Santa Clarita since 1992. She recently relocated to Chattanooga, Tennessee to reunite with her daughter and granddaughter. However, no matter where life takes her, Santa Clarita will always be the place she calls home. Thanks to technology, she continues to teach English as a Second Language at College of the Canyons and engage with SCV community through her work with the college's Civic Engagement program.

Rebecca Hindman: Rebecca holds a degree in religious studies with a minor in business from the University of Arizona. She currently is on her HOA Board and is the treasurer for the Saugus High School PTSO. Rebecca works with various local groups to gather resources like snacks, personal care items, and clothing for several resource centers for students and families, volunteers for Kitten Rescue Los Angeles as a cat caretaker and foster mentor, is a member of Moms Demand Action, NAACP, and PFLAG. Currently she works as the volunteer coordinator for Paseo Aquatics swim club where she organizes swim meets and other events for the swimmers. In her spare time she dabbles in politics and local school government.

Laurie Miller: Laurie Miller is a writer and 36-year resident of Santa Clarita, and currently lives in Canyon Country with her husband Hugh, three-legged rescue cat, Ruby, and newly adopted senior pup Snickers. She is the proud mom of her son Shawn, an associate director of college counseling in Houston, and her "daughter-in-love," Caitlin, a "mate" at Trader Joe's. In 2020, Laurie retired after a successful 30-year career as a development director and grant writer, where she raised millions of dollars for college access, foster child advocacy, arts, and educational non-profits, including 14 years at CalArts. Her past volunteer activities include prospective student outreach and recruitment events for her alma mater, UC Berkeley, and membership in the Santa Clarita Scholarship Foundation. She's very excited to be joining Zonta, and is looking forward to working together to improve the lives of women and girls in Santa Clarita and beyond!

Dr. Patty Robinson: Patty has worked at College of the Canyons for over 24 years and has served in various roles, including Sociology Professor, Chair, Sociology Department, and Dean, Social Sciences and Business Division. She left administration to return to her “sociological roots” and to frame the new position of Faculty Director, Civic and Community Engagement Initiatives by leading the College’s campus-wide work on civic learning and democratic engagement. Patty received her Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of California, Davis, where she pursued her interest of women’s history and the rise of 19th and early 20th Century women’s organizations.

Patty is also the advisor for the newly chartered Golden Z Club at College of the Canyons. Patty is honored to join Zonta.