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Zonta Club of Porterville, USA, District 9

Ela has been a Zonta member since 2004 and has served as an area director and chaired multiple district and international committees. Along the way, she has fostered strong bonds with Zontians worldwide, helped establish the Canada Advocacy Caucus and explored innovative ways to engage members.

Professionally, Ela is an administrator at Freedom Medical Group and the author of a three-part memoir entitled I Made Lemonade. She brings strong communication skills, including conflict resolution and problem-solving. She can see the larger picture, delve into the details of a problem, crystallize ideas from a feasibility angle and determine the resources required. Most of all, Ela loves getting things done.

Ela is a strong advocate for Zontians, uniting to support women and girls around the world by collaborating with local NGOs in countries where they face challenges. She emphasizes the importance of advocacy in bringing about meaningful change and achieving gender equality through the passing and effective implementation of legislation while stressing the need to educate and involve clubs in advocacy efforts.