

## **New Zonta Members Article**

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### **Sanibel-Captiva Zonta Club Inducts Two New Members**

At their January business meeting, the Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva inducted two new members.

Pat Holmes grew up in Ohio and Colorado and attended Colorado State College for the Theatre and Arts as well as East Connecticut State College where she specialized in early childhood education. With a background in Montessori methods, Pat taught pre-school in Massachusetts for more than 25 years and raised 3 children. For several years, she and her husband lived part-time on Sanibel and since his death, Pat splits her time between here and E. Orleans, MA. She loves to spend time with her 5 grandchildren, other family members and friends. Through the years, she's been extensively involved in community theatre both on and off-stage and has loved to traveling (anywhere-anytime). Now, in her words, she "is looking forward to joining a good group that **does** things!" She is interested especially in human trafficking issues, a service area focus for the Sanibel-Captiva club. Pat has already jumped into the fray working on the anti-trafficking team and sponsoring meetings in her home.

A New England native, Sheila Patinkin attended Jackson College and Tufts University where she majored in economics and German. When she married, Sheila moved to Chicago where she "had 4 children, attended Northwestern Medical School, and became Chief Resident after completing a residency in pediatrics at Lutheran General -- all in that order!". She loves medicine, teaching, and working with children. She has been active in parent education and the North Shore Country Day School in her hometown in Illinois. An active outdoors woman, she enjoys skiing and running. Sheila divides her time between Sanibel and Chicago where she still practices medicine and spends time with her children. Sheila has worked on advancing the status of women through her medical career with individual patients and in the education of adolescent females. Her medical background will be particularly valuable as the Zonta club begins advocating on health care issues -- a new focus stemming from a the club's recent strategic planning,

The Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva is a service organization of professional women working together to provide hands-on assistance, advocacy and funds to strengthen women's lives on the islands, in Lee County and around the world through Zonta International. Additional information about Zonta is available at [www.zontasancap.com](http://www.zontasancap.com).

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Photo Caption: Newly inducted members of the Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva with their sponsors and mentors. From left, Joan Silberman, mentor for Pat Holmes; new member Pat Holmes whose sponsor Susan Dunn is not pictured; Wendy West, sponsor for Sheila Patinkin; new member Sheila Patinkin; Jane Hudson, mentor for Sheila.