



**ZONTA**

CLUB OF  
COOS BAY AREA

MEMBER OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL  
EMPOWERING WOMEN  
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

*Rose Petals*

December 2020

## Education, Incarceration and Women by Dr. Ali Mageehon

Women’s incarceration in the US is a significant issue. In 2003, when I completed my dissertation research on incarcerated women and their educational paths, I learned that, despite much research regarding the importance of education to reduce recidivism, the prison system is designed to warehouse people rather than to rehabilitate.

- US women’s incarceration is on the rise. In 1970, there were fewer than 8,000 women in prison, but nearly 110,000 by 2013.
- In Oregon, since 1980, women’s incarceration in jail has increased by 601% and in prison by 1,223%.
- The majority of women incarcerated report past abuse that contributed to their incarceration.
- More than 60% of women in state prisons and nearly 80% of those in jail have minor children.
- Some studies indicate that as many as 75% of adults in US prisons can’t read.
- Inmates who attend correctional education programs have a 43% lower chance of returning to prison than those who do not.
- One significant equity issue for women in prison: men’s correctional facilities are much more likely to offer vocational education that is high-wage than women’s facilities. Women’s facilities tend to have fewer options and focus on stereotypically female careers, like cosmetology or office administration.



Even apart, we stand with our members in saying NO to gender-based violence.

**ZONTA SAYS NO**  
TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

# Holiday Cheer



## An Evening Zonta Zoom

Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>

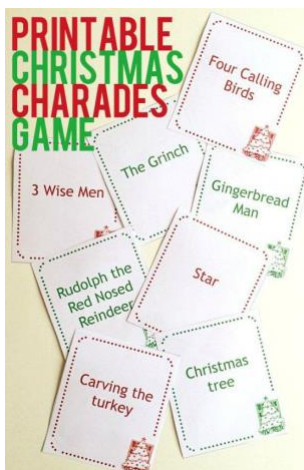
**6:00 Breakout Options**  
Holiday Floral Arrangement  
Cookie Recipe Exchange  
Christmas Charades

**7:00 All Group Gathering - Santa**

Reply YES by December 10<sup>th</sup> to get your  
FREE SURPRISE BOX!

Complete the survey monkey link in the  
December 7<sup>th</sup> Z Flash to register for the  
Zoom Party!

## Christmas Charades



## Floral Design Workshop Via ZOOM

Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm

Enjoy a fun Social hour of guided floral arranging led by Julie at Ocean Breeze Flowers

Purchase your kit, pick it up or have it delivered, grab your favorite beverage,  
log in to Zoom and create a seasonal centerpiece in your own home

**\$30 per Kit\***

Each kit contains all materials, greenery, flowers  
and instructions  
(additional flower kit may be purchased for \$15)

Delivery option – kit can be delivered to your doorstep with contactless delivery for \$7.00 in  
town or \$10 out-of-town (North of North Bend, South of Coos Bay, Charleston)

Call Julie at Ocean Breeze Flowers at 541-808-0303 to order by 12/10\* and make  
arrangements to pick up your kit or have it delivered

Zoom link will be emailed after purchase

Questions: email [oceanbreeze@epuerto.net](mailto:oceanbreeze@epuerto.net)

\*Orders placed after 12/10 will be subject to availability

\*No refunds available after purchase,  
but kits will include all instructions to DIY if unable to attend Zoom

## COOKIE EXCHANGE



Bring 2 dozen homemade cookies to  
Ocean Breeze on Tuesday, December 15.  
Santa's Elves will sort and deliver you a new  
batch of cookies by party time!

COVID Safety precautions will be taken!



## PIVOT

“One specific connotation of the term “pivot” in this sense is that it is not just a “change of direction”, but a “sudden, rapid change of direction and focus”.

New words for us in 2020 - COVID, Super spreader, social distancing. My favorite is.... PIVOT! Is it just me or does it seem like in COVID times we have been pivoting so much that it feels like a twirl? Side effect of twirling – things are blurry and we get dizzy. Ick!

There has never been a better time to slow down to assess what our community needs, what can we provide and how we would accomplish our goals. Fundraising - creative ideas, new energy! Little Red Schoolhouse - evaluation and remodel? Community grants - individuals or organizations?

Smooth moves, gracefully performed, fitting our mission. We need the full cast to be a part of this production.

Empower      Anti Violence      Advocacy      Education  
Words We Associate with Zonta

### *NEW MEMBER PROFILE by Pam de Jong*

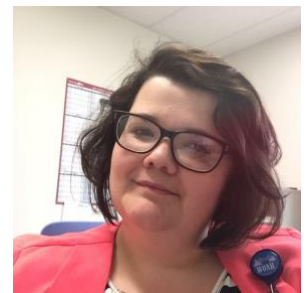
Amanda is an amazing woman. She is organized, professional, and extremely intelligent. She also was the stage manager for all four productions of “Always, Patsy Cline” for those of you who came to the shows! I would not have done those shows if she had not signed on with me!!

She has three beautiful kids - Orla, Thea, and Heston. She has a hardworking husband, Ryan, and is one of the funniest women I know.

She is currently studying to get her Masters in Health Care Administration as well! She is the Pediatrics Dept Manager at Bay Clinic.

We are blessed to have her in our organization. Hopefully we’ll get to see more of her as her studies are completed and her kids get older.

I am blessed to be her Zonta sponsor and call her my friend.



# SHOP LOCAL!

Life has not been easy this year. For many in our community their thriving businesses have been affected dramatically by the COVID crisis. Yet even not knowing when and if things will return to normal, many remain hopeful. We are a generous group who has benefitted from the support of our local businesses. Let's commit to shopping local as much as possible this year. Together we can help our community rebound. Here are many of the businesses that have supported our fundraising efforts in recent years.

## 2nd Street Gallery

7 Devils Brewing  
Al Peirce Co. LLC.  
Alloro Wine Bar & Restaurant  
Alternative Action - Chester  
Back Alley Pub/N. Bend Lanes  
Bandon Card & Gifts  
Bandon Crossings  
Bay Area Athletic Club  
Bayside Coffee  
Berger's Top Service Body Shop  
Betty Kay Charters  
Black Market Gourmet  
Blue Dahlia Floral Design  
Blue Heron Bistro  
BNT Promotional  
Bogatay Construction, Inc.  
Books by the Bay  
Bree's Upscale Resale  
Charleytown Marketplace  
Checkerberry's Flowers  
Cicarelli's Restaurant  
City Subs  
Classical Glass  
Clausen Oysters  
Coach House  
Coastal Mist Chocolates  
Coos Bay Toyota  
Coos Golf Club  
Coastal Law Office, K. Costello  
Coos History Museum  
Crabby Cakes Bakery  
Darrell's Devils Food Bakery  
Dave's Pizza  
Devon's Boutique  
Downtown Health & Fitness  
Dragonfly Nursery  
Edgewater Restaurant

Egyptian Theatre  
Eola Hills Winery  
Farr's True Value  
Fisherman's Grotto  
Forest Hills Country Club  
Grocery Outlet - Coos Bay  
HMW, CPA - S. MacAdam  
Hair Co. Etc.  
High Desert Museum  
High Tide Café  
Honda World  
Hurbis, Dr. Charles  
HWY 101 Harley Davidson  
Inch by Inch  
Industrial Steele  
Jennie's Shoes  
Jerry's Rogue Jet Boats  
Juil Insurance - K. Correll  
Katrina Kathleen's  
K-LIGHT 98.7 RADIO FOR LIFE  
Lamco  
Laurel Bay Garden Center  
Liberty Pub  
Liberty Theatre  
Loft at the Lighthouse  
Lord Bennett's Restaurant  
Main Rock Products  
Margaret Melvin, Atty at Law  
Mike's Limousine  
Millers at the Cove  
Moe's Bike Shop  
Mom Fudge—Triena Muller  
Monkey Business Diner  
NBHS Culinary Catering  
NW Natural  
Ocean Breeze Flowers- J. Reed  
Painted Zebra

Patrick Myers Tree Service  
Pulse Electrolysis & Esthetics  
Portside Restaurant  
Pottery Co.  
Puppy Love  
Red Fish Restaurant  
Safeway - Coos Bay  
Sause Bros.  
Sawdust Theatre  
Seabasket  
Shark Bites  
Siltcoos River Kayak Rentals  
Souther Glazer's  
State Farm Insurance - R. Frati  
Stillwagon Distillery  
Subway  
TeBri Vineyards  
The Cape Café  
The Dolphin Players Inc  
The Healing Room - Tessa Rose  
The Marine Life Center  
The Mill Casino  
The Studio - Leann  
Three Rivers Casino Resort  
Ticor Title  
Tin Thistle  
Tokyo Bistro  
Top Dog Coffee Co.  
Tower Ford  
Tu Tu Tun Lodge  
Walt's Pourhouse  
Wayne's Color Centre  
Wildlife Safari  
Worthy Brewing



## 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM

by Genelle Hanken

PRESS RELEASE November 24, 2020

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE ZONTA CLUB COOS BAY AREA TAKES A STAND AGAINST GENDER BASED VIOLENCE

Among the many problems associated with the Covid 19 pandemic is the increase in intimate partner violence and abuse. Thirty-five percent of women worldwide have experienced either physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence or non-partner sexual violence. New estimates from the United Nations Population Fund suggests that the first three months of the 2020 quarantine resulted in a 20 percent rise in gender-based violence around the world with Coos County being no exception. Contact with the SAFE Project, our local domestic violence program, indicates their shelter is consistently full with increased call numbers to their hot line. The SAFE Project has adopted the slogan "Not everyone is safe at home."

The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence is an international campaign to challenge violence against women and girls. The campaign runs every year from November 25, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, to December 10, Human Rights Day. It was initiated in 1991 by the first Women's Global Leadership Institute, held by the Center for Women's Global Leadership (CWGL) at Rutgers University.

Since 1991, more than 6,000 organizations from approximately 187 countries have participated in the campaign. The theme for 2020 is "Orange the World: Fund, Respond, Prevent, Collect!" The Zonta International believes violence against women is not inevitable; it is preventable. To end violence against women, attitudes that perpetuate, rationalize, and normalize that violence, need to be challenged and changed. Shifting these behaviors is hard and slow, but gender equality means all of us, men and women working together to make true change.

The Zonta Club of the Coos Bay Area invites you to visit our Facebook page during the 16 Days to view photos of local men and women standing up against gender violence. Photos will change each day. We thank the many local businesses and agencies who have taken a stand with Zonta to say NO to gender violence. Ali Mageehon, Advocacy Chair, says "Zontians will not back down from our message that ending gender-based violence is critical, and even more so with the COVID-19 pandemic making it challenging for women to get to safety."

Zonta is an international service organization of women and men working together to advance the status of women at the global and local level through service and advocacy. Currently the Zonta Club of the Coos Bay Area meets via Zoom at noon on the first and third Friday of the month. For more information or to donate to Zonta visit our new website [www.zontacoosbayarea.org](http://www.zontacoosbayarea.org).



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## NBHS Z CLUB UPDATE

by Debbie Schade

Debbie and Pam have been meeting with the club (monthly) and the club officers (week before the club meeting). We are both excited that we can finally access their meeting via the Google Classroom! What an effort that was! But proves to be the format they are used to with their classes and is a good format.

The kids are very tuned into community service and coordinated with the Salvation Army a food donation barrel, but it was only at the high school campus and only lasted a week. They had hoped to have them in all the stores but being dependent on the Salvation Army (pretty stretched in their services) that didn't happen.

At the officers last meeting they discussed ways to contribute with funds for a food drive, and two different gift drives. Due to covid the kids cannot be together to wrap stuff or prepare for the food drive, but they have some ideas they'll be finalizing at their next meeting.

## MHS Z CLUB UPDATE

by Paula Bechtold

The students decided to purchase candies for all the teachers at Marshfield - to thank them for the hard job they have now with no personal contact with their students! Three members purchased the candies with Zclub funds and then packaged the candies in little goodie bags with thank you notes to put in the teachers' mailboxes --- more wanted to help but for social distancing they wisely decided to limit it to three --- Teachers were appreciative - as one said in a thank you note: **"Everything is made better by a piece of chocolate."**

Members will be caroling at the drive-through event for the Foster Parents picking up their Christmas boxes on December 12, and we hope to have several help with the bellringing.



## JANUARY 2020

Sherrill Lorenzo	January 9th
Tina Milburn	January 9th
Charlene Moore	January 9th
Debbie Schade	January 13th
Jen Shafer	January 21st
Greg Dalton	January 23rd
Nikki Pritchard	January 23rd
Lori Schmidt	January 27th
Theresa Collins	January 28th



# Zonta Club of the Coos Bay Area 2020 Little Red Schoolhouse Report:

By Alissa Pruess



This year was quite different than years past for the LRS (Little Red Schoolhouse) Project. Typically, the Chair of the Project reaches out to schools around January to ascertain their needs for the following school year, schools report their needs by the end of the current school year and supplies are delivered before the start of the new school year. This year, the same process was started, then halted and reformulated, to meet the needs of schools in what has been a tumultuous year. Nearing the end of August, it was decided to give the schools a budget based on their student population. This year we were able to help roughly 4500 students in 15 schools with supplies. This year the schools had slightly different needs, so the definition of “school supply,” was expanded. Some schools requested feminine care products, snacks, disposable masks, and Chromebooks, in addition to the traditional needs of pencils, paper, etc. The total spent was around 19k, helping mostly elementary and middle school aged students, although two programs, ARK and AYA were also assisted as they work with the most vulnerable students, i.e. experiencing homelessness, trauma etc. The process that worked best this year, to avoid contact, was to have the supplies directly shipped to the schools. The representative from each school sent an Amazon list to the Chair and the Chair ordered the items and had them shipped directly to the school. Zonta received many notes of thanks and appreciation. If this project continues in the future, it is recommended to give schools their budget and let them choose what they need, as we did this year. This saves time and makes the process more transparent. All in all, despite the difficulty of managing outreach in the middle of a pandemic, the Little Red Schoolhouse Project successfully provided needed supplies to benefit local students.





## ZONTA EDUCATION – Little Red Schoolhouse History by Genelle Hanken

The Little Red School House (LRSH) project helps low income students in Coos County with readiness to learn. Zonta members enjoy helping the children, but we also like bringing peace of mind to moms and dads when they know their children have the supplies they need to succeed. Our volunteers contribute about 150 hours—including time spent raising funds through grant writing and the annual Zonta Celebrity Dinner.



The Coos Bay Area Zonta Service Foundation is a 501c3 organization formed in 2000 (ID # 93-1300413) and is the service arm for the Zonta Club of the Coos Bay Area. Our purpose is to work for the improvement of the legal, economic, educational, health, and professional status of women and children.

Our Little Red School House project started in 1998 in response to the needs expressed by area schools to provide basic school supplies to low income students. Our program has grown significantly over the years as there is a continuing need in all **6 school districts** in Coos County served by this project. For the 2019-20 school year, Zonta's LRSH volunteers successfully gathered, sorted, and distributed supplies to serve an estimated 2800 to 3000 students in grades K-8 (in 14 schools), plus also some high school students who are homeless or in foster care. Our Coos County schools rely on Zonta's donations to meet a very large portion of the required school supplies needed by students who qualify for the free or reduced lunch program. School supplies are distributed to the children with discretion, so that none feel singled out as being low income.

Through our grant writing and club fundraising, Zonta has donated an average of \$17,500 to purchase supplies for each school year. Over the past 6 years, the Zonta Foundation has purchased a total of \$107,800 in school supplies through its fundraising event in early spring--the Celebrity Dinner--and in partnership with other organizations. Foundations which have contributed to the Little Red Schoolhouse project in the past six years include: The Menasha Legacy Fund and the Fred W. Fields Fund of the Oregon Community Foundation; the Walmart Foundation; the Coquille Tribal Community Fund; Trust Management Services; Three Rivers Foundation; The Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation; the Coos Foundation; and The Bay Area Hospital Community Foundation.

Traditionally, our project begins each year in May and June, when the Zonta LRSH committee members work with school staff to assess the need and gather requests for the following school year. Our volunteers get price quotes, purchase the supplies during the summer, and then sort and deliver them in the fall, prior to registration. Teachers at each school then distribute supplies to the children most in need. Mid-year, we again contact the schools to check on their supply needs, and replenish, as our funds allow.

**President Lindi's Note :** The Little Red Schoolhouse club project is in a holding pattern as we recruit a new committee chair (Thank you Lani Schreiber for stepping up to chair the 2021-2022 club year), assess the community's needs and "remodel" or "redesign" the program to focus on girl's need - fitting with our mission. A long standing request which the Zonta Active Past Presidents Committee (ZAPPS) will be coordinating. We look forward to hearing from the ZAPP committee and moving forward next club year with more action to support this program. We have approximately \$5000 plus in this fund today.





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