

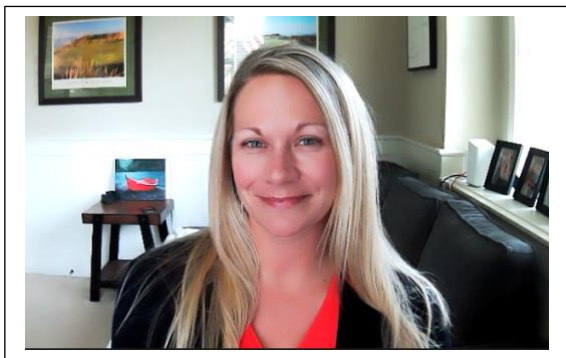


## Scholarships Lighten the Financial Load

By Genelle Hanken and Lindi Quinn

Recently Zonta Club President Lindi Quinn was sorting files from the club's storage unit when she came across a decades old newspaper article by The World including a photo of the club's 2001 recipient of the Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship, Ashlee Tucker of Bandon. Tucker, now Ashlee Moehring, is a 1998 graduate of Bandon High School and at the time of the award was a student at Linfield College.

The Jane M. Klausman Scholarship program was established in 1998 to encourage undergraduate women to enter careers and seek leadership positions in business. The program ultimately seeks to influence business decisions that positively affect women by increasing the number of women in executive positions in the field of business management. This program was established from a bequest by Jane M. Klausman, a member of the Zonta Club of Syracuse, New York USA. The Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship is a progressive scholarship, with recipients moving forward to the district level.



In 2001, not only did Moehring receive the local club JMK Scholarship, she went on to receive the Zonta District 8 scholarship of \$400 and became one of a field of 22 district recipients and one of only four women worldwide to receive the Zonta International Scholarship of \$4,000. **Today the club scholarship award is \$1,500. The District 8 award has increased to \$2,000 and the Zonta International scholarship is \$8,000.**

Upon finding the newspaper clipping, the search was on to find Ashlee. Through Facebook, the two made contact and today Ashlee lives in Tigard, OR and serves as a Consultant and Principal of Sellwood Consulting LLC. She co-founded the firm in 2012 and sits on Sellwood's Board of Directors and Investment Committee. She is also the firm's Chief Compliance Officer.

On a phone interview with Zonta leaders, Ashlee said, "While I loved studying at Linfield, the tuition expenses attending a private school were becoming problematic, causing me to contemplate a school transfer. Receiving the Zonta International Jane M. Klausman Scholarship allowed me to complete my education at Linfield." Ashlee earned a BS in Finance and Mathematics from Linfield College in 2002, graduating Magna cum Laude. She also played basketball all four years and is pleased the Linfield Endowment Fund is one of her firms' clients allowing her hands-on involvement with her Alma Mater. Ashlee is the first in her family to graduate college. She has made the most of her education.

Frances Smith, a “life member” of Zonta, joined in May of 1993 at the invitation of Sheila Wilma. Frances moved to Coos Bay in 1987 to work in the public health department as an educator at the height of the AIDS epidemic. Frances moved up the ranks and became the Public Health Administrator in 2001, serving until her retirement in 2013. Now she stays busy volunteering. In addition to serving as a Zonta Foundation Board Director, Frances is President of the Coos County Friends of Public Health, Co-President of the League of Women Voters of Coos County, President of South Coast Rural Integrated Provider Team (an organization currently serving as the Program Advisory Committee to Advanced Health), and a member of the Coos County Library Board. Frances enjoys writing policies and procedures, and seems to find ample opportunities to do so... Frances grew up in Texas (with sister Anita—also a Zonta member), got married to Joe #1 at age 18 and moved to Oregon a year later in 1970. For 16 years, she worked at the Eugene Public Library, and during that time was able to job-share and work part-time for four years so that she could complete her degree in Community Health at the University of Oregon, graduating summa cum laude. As a recipient of several merit scholarships herself, she strongly supports Zonta’s scholarship program. After a divorce to Joe #1, she later married Joe #2, who says he “tries harder.”

**What does she like about Zonta?** Our mission of service and advocacy to women plus getting to know many women in the club over the years.

**A Zonta memory:** Being a celebrity server at one of the early Celebrity Dinners, which was held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Hale Center building at SWOCC. “At that time, I was in charge of the program at the Health Dept. that included restaurant inspections, and I was very concerned that there was no handwashing sink available for the servers or the caterer who was plating the food with bare hands. It was a relief for me professionally when we later moved our event to the Mill Casino!”



**A Zonta activity that Frances found meaningful** was the Women’s Health Coalition, started back in the 90s. The WHC founding members included Zontians Frances, Paula Bechtold and Gert Welch, a nurse practitioner who was concerned that many women could not afford mammograms. Having a coalition actively working on this need was a factor in Coos County Public Health being one of the 12 health departments selected in Oregon to provide the Breast & Cervical Cancer Prevention Program, which provides mammograms and pap tests to low-income women. Over the years, the WHC sponsored talks on teen sexuality, incontinence, and heart health, and encouraged fitness with the Let’s Walk & Talk event held on

Here are Frances’ Two Truths & a Lie:

- One of Frances’ first paying jobs while in high school was tutoring failing chemistry students.
- Frances has never attended a Duck football game.
- One of Frances’s favorite music groups is Pink Floyd.

**You’ll need to ask Frances for the answers!**

## Club Facts

Founded in 1953 and currently has 69 members  
Z Clubs at both Marshfield High School and  
North Bend High School  
Coos Bay Area Service Foundation founded in  
1999  
\$1million has been raised by our club and  
foundation

## How we raise our money

Celebrity Dinner and Auction - 1<sup>st</sup> held in 1999  
Grant writing - typically over \$10,000 a year  
Garage sale and Leaf's Treehouse booth  
Corporate Sponsors  
Donations from members and community

## Club Service Projects

Girls Rock - STEM education workshop  
Dress Your Best - Workforce reentry seminar  
16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence  
Walk A Mile in Her Shoes  
United Way Summer of Caring  
Salvation Army Bellringing  
Shore Acres Hosts (prior to 2020)  
Heart Health Red Car Entry in Fun Festival Parade

## Zonta International Programs

Let Us Learn Madagascar  
Ending Child Marriage  
Adolescent Girls Health & Protection in Peru  
Deliver Survivor-Centered Response to Gender  
Based Violence Papua New Guinea &  
Timor-Leste  
Amelia Earhart Fellowship  
Young Women in Public Affairs Award  
Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship  
Women in Information Technology Scholarship

## Scholarships

\$44,000 distributed in 2020-2021  
1st Patty Barton Memorial Scholarship for \$20,000  
granted in 2020  
\$51,300 - Laura Lee Blenz Engineering Scholarship  
transferred to Oregon Community  
Foundation

## Community Grants

### 2019-2020 Grants - \$16,300

American Cancer Society HPV	\$1,000
CASA-ORCCA	\$5,000
Coos Cares	\$2,000
Coos County Friends of PH	\$2,000
Harmony United Methodist	\$2,500
North Bend School Foundation	\$2,500
Safe Project	\$2,500
Tioga Community Health Center	\$ 500

### 2018-2019 Grants \$23,445

Bree's Foundation	\$2,625
CASA-ORCCA	\$5,000
Coos Cares	\$3,500
Coos County Foster Parents	\$1,000
Coos County Friends of PH	\$3,500
Coos Watershed Assoc.	\$1,650
North Bend School Foundation	\$1,870
South Coast Family Harbor	\$2,000
SW Oregon Veteran's Outreach	\$2,300

## Little Red Schoolhouse

Funding to purchase basic school supplies for  
schools within Coos County

2019-2020	\$19,000
2018-2019	\$17,139
2017-2018	\$17,376

Who is Jen Shafer?

Jen joined Zonta in 2019 so those of us who've been around still consider her as a 'newbie.' And no thanks to Covid, we've not had the chance to sit at meetings with any of our newer members to get to know them better. Which is so sad for us all!

Jen joined Zonta in 2019. She was sponsored by Mike Claassen. Many might know her from her work for United Way.

**In her words:** "My partner Patrick and I signed up for a five month long housesitting gig in Coos Bay over the winter of 2016 (we were nomads at the time - we did not know much about the area and just wanted to check it out). We ended up loving it here for many reasons, community was definitely a big one, and decided to settle in for the long haul. In 2018 we bought a 120+ year old farmhouse in North Bend. Shortly after that, our cat Simon and some harmless resident deer adopted us and the rest is... well, a lot of home renovation work and blackberry clearing for the next 10+ years, but we are happy."

**And what she enjoys about being in the club:** "Of course I love the focus on women's empowerment and all of the advocacy around that - these aspects drew me to Zonta initially. I definitely appreciate the grantmaking and scholarships, which I have been happy to learn more about. But in general, my experience has been that everyone's hearts are huge. HUGE. Everyone is willing to listen, to learn, to give. Whether it's through input, time, or \$\$ - everyone gives. I love all of that."

**When asked about anything she was surprised about after joining the club:** "You ARE nice people! I want to give a particular shout out to Genelle who rallied 3 teams of Zontians to help 3 senior women with yardwork for our 2020 Summer of Caring. Everyone went above and beyond, just as you all do in everything you do."

Maybe someday (soon 😊?) we'll be able to meet in person again. Sit next to Jen, get to know her more, better yet, work on a committee with her as that's where the real fun begins 😊. And you'll want her to tell you the answer to which questions are real, and which is a lie!

**Here are Jen's Two Truths & a Lie:**

I grew up in Maryland.

I have 3 sisters.

I have set foot on all 7 continents.

Welcome to Zonta - we're glad you joined!



Alis Mageehon	March 8 <sup>th</sup>	Venena Matthews	March 20 <sup>th</sup>
Jo Donaldson	March 12 <sup>th</sup>	Kathy Erickson	March 21 <sup>st</sup>
Patty Scott	March 12 <sup>th</sup>	Lani Schreiber	March 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Tawnya Stumpf	March 12 <sup>th</sup>	Theresa Cook	March 27 <sup>th</sup>
Rosemary Padgett	March 19 <sup>th</sup>		



On 8 March, Zonta Rose Day and International Women's Day give us the opportunity to reflect on past achievements and honor the current efforts of champions for gender equality.

***This Rose Day honor that special person!***

<http://www.zonta.org/roseday>

# YOUR GIFTS WILL



Provide scholarships & awards to encourage women on their way to becoming future leaders in traditionally male-dominated fields.



Improve health services & provide protection against violence for girls in Peru.



Strengthen health resources for women & girl survivors of gender-based violence in Papua New Guinea and Timor-Leste.



Expand opportunities for girls to receive a quality education in Madagascar.



Support adolescent girls' education & reduce the incidence of early marriage for girls in 12 countries in Africa & Asia

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Debbie and Pam continue to join the NB Z Club in their Google Classroom each month. About 20 students are active in the club. It has been difficult to plan events with the kids due to the school's policy on any events due to Covid restrictions, so their service projects and fundraising events have been difficult this year. They have a good group of kids and excellent leadership from the kids and their advisor.

They did have a 'warming' project where clothes have been delivered to the Devereaux center.

They are currently working on 'wellness baskets' with the National Honor Society group, to present to the 90+ faculty and staff in time for Valentine's Day. They all express how much they appreciate the extra work their teachers are putting into the online classroom programs and want them to cheer them on!

You can expect to see these Z Clubbers soon on our Facebook page with a post of the Z clubbers, holding up letters, for our Zonta Says No campaign.

### MHS Z Club Update – Paula Bechtold



Members are doing the warm clothing drive as well as partnering with ASB and other school clubs to decorate the classroom doors at Marshfield to show appreciation to the teachers and brighten the school! To maintain social distancing, they are limited to only eight participants.

### January 11<sup>th</sup> Amelia Earhart Meeting By Genelle Hanken

By the time I had got two or three hundred feet off the ground, "I knew I had to fly." Said Amelia Earhart, first woman to fly across the Atlantic as a passenger. That only whetted her appetite. First woman to fly the Atlantic solo. First person to fly from Hawaii to the mainland. First woman to receive the United States Distinguished Flying Cross.

Zonta celebrates Amelia Earhart, our most famous Zontian, on January 11 each year. This is the date in 1935 she flew from Hawaii to San Francisco, CA. Special guest at our airport evening event was Amelia Earhart herself, portrayed by Cheri Valentine of the Dolphin Playhouse. Appearing with her was narrator Peg Boots reading from a script written by Dolphin Playhouse director Alice Carlson.



Club member Theresa Cook, CEO Of the Southwest Regional Airport, provided an update on airport services, showed off the new airport runway lighting and told those of us assembled that without Bandon Dunes Golf Courses, we would have no airport. The airport brings in that much business to our local economy. Fun evening in spite of a very rainy night.





*Save the Date*



# *All Area Workshop*

*Transitions*

*Spring into:*

*New Opportunities*

*Changes*



ORIGINAL ART BY CAROL JANOWICZ

*virtual!* Fall for Zonta!

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## *Save the Date* *District Conference 2021*

It's not picture-perfect without you in the scene!  
Plan to attend!  
Virtually!!  
October 15-16, 2021

The poster features a background image of a mountain landscape with vibrant autumn foliage in shades of red, orange, and yellow. The sky is a mix of blue and orange, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The text is overlaid on this image. A large, stylized 'virtual!' is written in a red, cursive font on the left side. The Zonta Club of Pocatello logo is in the top right corner. The main title 'Save the Date District Conference 2021' is in a large, white, cursive font. Below it, the text 'It's not picture-perfect without you in the scene! Plan to attend! Virtually!! October 15-16, 2021' is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font.

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### Club Calendar - All Meetings Currently ZOOM

February 19	Program Meeting	Bay Area Hospital Prefontaine Cardiac Services
February 22	Club Board Meeting	
March 1	Scholarship application deadline date	
March 5	Club Business Meeting - Vote on community grants	
March 8	Rose Day - International Women's Day	
March 19	Program Meeting - Community grant recipients	
March 22	Club Board Meeting	

Zonta International is a leading global organization of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy.