

# Rose Petals



MARCH 2021

**STRONG WOMEN**  
MAY WE KNOW THEM    MAY WE RAISE THEM    MAY WE BE THEM

## Rose Day Recognition – Annie Pollard

By Genelle Hanken

March 8, International Women’s Day and Zonta Yellow Rose Day is a day to honor individuals who inspire and are people committed to gender equality. This year, the Rose Day Committee chaired by Alissa Pruess, with approval from the club board, selected small business co-owner, Annie Pollard of Seven Devils Brewery to be so honored.

### Annie is an inspiration to many!

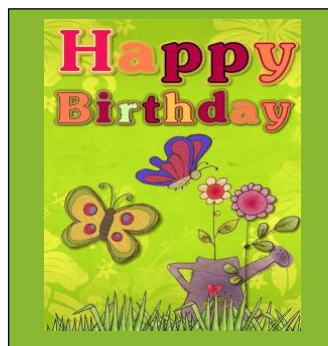
- a business owner serving locally produced fare and paying family wages at the pub
- a marine biologist working here on the Oregon Coast and in Antarctica
- a ceramic artist and ceramic instructor at SWOCC
- for her work with local food banks and the Empty Bowls fundraiser



**Annie Pollard**  
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Today I received recognition by Zonta of Coos County on this [#ZontaRoseDay](#) and [#internationalwomensday2021](#) ❤️ . I was honored and humbled to receive this award from an organization that does so much to support young women and gender equality. If I deserve this award because of the successes I've had in business and the energy I've put into causes I believe in, then so too does the woman who raised me. Ellen Pollard brought me up with unwavering love and support. She instilled in me a strong belief that I could be anything I wanted to be, if I worked hard enough for it. She taught me how to work. She nurtured the innate talents I was born with through encouragement and opportunities. She fed me a rich diet of literature with strong female protagonists and women's history. I am a product of my upbringing. So today I honor you, Mom, for the amazing woman you are.

- beach cleanups and kids surf camps through Surfriders
- board member for the Coos Historical Museum and Kid’s Hope Center
- an instructor at our club’s Girls Rock STEM Fair
- feeding Coos foster families during Covid 19
- feeding and gathering supplies for victims of Oregon’s fires.



Shirley MacAdam	April 8 <sup>th</sup>
Anne Medus-Wesbrooks	April 12 <sup>th</sup>
Anita Hale	April 14 <sup>th</sup>
Suzanne Andrews	April 18 <sup>th</sup>
Ali Helms	April 26 <sup>th</sup>
Margaret Melvin	April 28 <sup>th</sup>

**It is time for membership renewal for 2021-2022! By Club Treasurer, Sherrill Lorenzo pg 2**

Your membership is important to our club and we value what you bring to the table. Despite the challenges of COVID, we continue to navigate the new normal, work to meet our goals and fulfill the services our club is known for.

The **dues structure for 2021-22** is:

<u>Classified Members</u>		<u>Young Professional - &lt; 30 years old</u>
\$88 plus \$3 for General Liab. Insurance	Zonta International	\$44 plus \$3 for General Liab. Insurance
\$22 plus \$5 for Conference Assessment	District 8	\$11 plus \$5 for Conference Assessment
\$24	Local Club	\$12
<b>\$142</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$75</b>

Our dues are quite low compared to other service clubs. Zonta International expects clubs to cover their operating costs with dues, and that all other income should be viewed as service dollars. This has not been the practice of our club. To keep our dues low, we have supplemented with happy dollars, quick dollars and proceeds from the garage sale and more recently, sales from Leaf's Treehouse. These club activities cover much of our operating costs.

For example, our 2020-21 club administrative costs **TOTAL = \$1656** including:

- storage unit (\$1020)
- P.O. Box Rental (\$106)
- Chamber dues (\$100)
- Yearbook printing (\$150)
- Website maintenance (\$140)
- Licensing & Fees (\$50)
- Treasurer bonding (\$90)

All committee expenses including guest lunches, Z clubs, all standing committees etc. are covered by the garage sale, happy dollars and quick dollars/Leaf sales. Your support of the garage sale, happy dollars and quick dollars is vital to support our committee work.

If we rely on club dues only, this is a snapshot of what our income is:

\$24 x 60 members = \$1440  
 \$24 x 70 members = \$1680 (**we currently have 68 members**)  
 \$24 x 100 members = \$2400

**The more members we have the more of everything we have including funds, energy, ideas, expertise and more!**

Bottom line...each of you is vital to help our club be successful and to continue to do the good work we have been known for, **since 1953!** So, watch for renewal letters in late March. Please pay your dues by May 15, 2021. Help Zonta International's Add Your Voice Campaign and invite new members to join us!





**The Zonta Club of the Coos Bay Area** believes in making the world a better place by empowering women. Through the years we have proudly provided resources and support to women and children within our community and around the globe through service, advocacy events, scholarships and fundraising. Our goal is to improve the lives of women. Club members contribute their passion and energy as we continue to strive in fulfilling our mission unimpeded by the many challenges presented by today's world.

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**JOIN US!**



**Coos Bay Area Zonta Service Foundation is a 501c(3) organization which has raised and distributed over \$1 Million dollars to support international and local projects.**

**ZONTA CLUB OF COOS BAY AREA PROJECTS**

- STEM education – Girls Rock
- Dress Your Best Workshop helping women return to the workplace.
- Basic School Supplies to Coos County
- Academic Scholarships
- Community Grants supporting women
- Anti-Violence Programs including Walk a Mile in Her Shoes  
16 Days of Advocacy

The Club has supported and partnered with many local service organizations and programs such as:

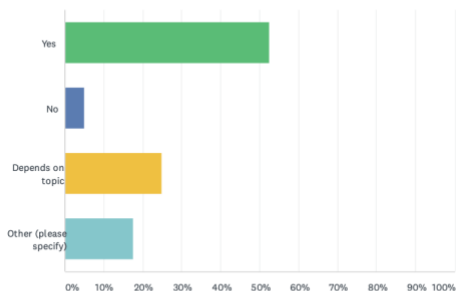
- Coos County Friends of Public Health
- United Way of Southwestern Oregon
- Court Appointed Special Advocates
- Salvation Army Bellringing

Zonta stands for women's rights. We advocate for equality, education and an end to child marriage and gender-based violence. Zonta International envisions a world in which women's rights are recognized as human rights and every woman is able to achieve her full potential. In such a world, women have access to all resources and are represented in decision making positions on an equal basis with men. In such a world no woman lives in fear of violence.



Q2 If available would you attend an evening club meeting? Most likely a program meeting.

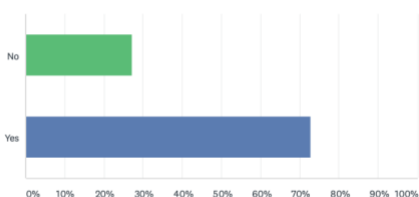
Answered: 40 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	52.50%
No	5.00%
Depends on topic	25.00%
Other (please specify)	17.50%

Q3 If we added an evening meeting would you prefer we eliminate one of the day time meetings?

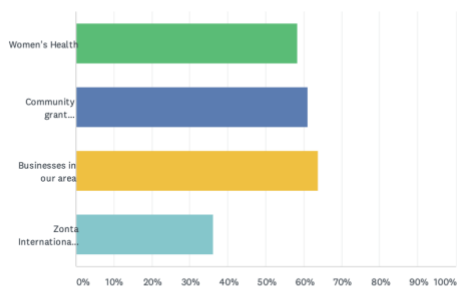
Answered: 33 Skipped: 7



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
No	27.27%
Yes	72.73%

Q4 What topics would you like to hear more about at program meetings?

Answered: 36 Skipped: 4



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Women's Health	58.33%
Community grant recipients	61.11%
Businesses in our area	63.89%
Zonta International Programs	36.11%

## Message from President Quinn Come Join US!

On Rose Day we kicked off two important campaigns, a membership drive and a virtual club fundraiser. These two endeavors are critical for our efforts to continue the many programs which we have committed to over the last two decades.

Membership drives can be big or small, in person or virtually. Our goal is to introduce others to our club and the good work we do. **Page 38-39 of our club directory outlines the role of the Member Sponsor.** When we reach out, let's be honest with the prospective member – we want active, engaged members. We need active, engaged members.



That's you too!

Zonta is a commitment – we all promised to participate enthusiastically! 2020-2021 has not offered us the same opportunities, yet we continue to move forward. Committees are working hard. Our website has been rebuilt. Scholarship and community grant applications have come in and are being vetted by the committees. We have supported mask wearing, clothing for homeless women, yard clean ups. Fundraising efforts are working really well! \$\$\$ **Thank you to all who have participated by donating to the foundation and buying raffle tickets. Thank you for reaching out to your friends to support our fundraisers.**

Now we need to take that next step and invite them to join us. Invite them to Add Their Voice! Come network, make new friends, support projects helping women and learn new skills. It is all here. And, if you didn't know it.... now you do!



Beautiful, fun, vivacious, forever young, committed professional, leader...

Have you met Julie? Have you had the opportunity to work with her on projects? Never turn down the chance to do this very thing. Your life will be enriched as mine has been.

Julie is not only a wonderful friend; she is someone I greatly admire. Working on several Membership and Celebrity Dinner events with Julie at the helm was a personal blessing to me. I learned so much from her about organization, simplification, enjoying the moment – attributes that we used as we planned and implemented these events, but also how to use these same attributes every day in a personal way.

She is extremely committed to “success” in all that she does – running her business, **Ocean Breeze Flowers & Gifts**; in her Zonta work and generous participation in our club’s activities; with and for her family – husband Mick and daughter Alexa and soon to be son-in-law Cameron, and their beautiful fur baby Sitka; and how she gives of herself to spend quality time with her friends – hiking, golfing, lunching, traveling, playing ... and so much more.

Julie is a 16-year member of Zonta and has served in various positions on the board as well as chairing several fundraising and membership events. She has attended and supported other District 8 club’s activities/events with the same outgoing enthusiasm

**“Let’s have fun!” And we always do!**



The NB Z club continues to meet virtually monthly. The club tries to have some sort of service project each month. Recently they have been able to help with some school projects including:

- helping directing the flow for a recent immunization clinic
- working with the National Honor Society purchasing and delivering roses and chocolates to all NBHS faculty and staff, to let them know how much they are appreciated
- assisted with tours to freshman class for pending return to in-school classes



Some upcoming projects include:

- a similar program to reach out in the community to health care workers with a some sort of recognition for the extra efforts due to covid
- again work with the Waffle Project during Spring Break.

In the upcoming meeting they will be planning for next year's officers. Meetings are expected to continue to be virtual through the remainder of the year.

## MHS Z Club Update – shared by Paula Bechtold

Lots of Z Clubber names on the first semester honor roll(s) --- the newspaper printed both first and second terms at the same time! Eight with straight A's first term and nine second term --- two others on honor roll first term and four second term --- great showing!

In anticipation of school opening again someday, some of the Z Clubbers have been helping decorate doors to welcome everybody back.

Also because of the hope that "soon" they will be back in the classroom, we've moved the meeting date and time to Fridays --- since the lunch hours the other weekdays will be when half the students are traveling to school and the other half leaving!

**Looking for some Zontians willing to share their career paths via zoom at upcoming meetings. Mike has already volunteered -- anyone else please???**



Pictured below - pre-covid times Dr. Debi Groom- our guest speaker.





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A year of projects and activities are planned by the officers of Bay Area Zonta Club. Returning for a second year as president is Paula Bechtold (above). Other officers for 1985-86 are (from left to right) Verena Matthews, second term board member; Sheila Wilma, first vice president; Dee Stromme, second vice president; and Norma Bowden, second term board member. In the second row (left to right) are Patty Rumbaugh, first term board member; Rose Clark, second term board member; Shirley Gray, second term treasurer; Barbara Dodrill and Marlee Newton, both first term board members. Not pictured is Dorothy Donnelly, secretary.

ROSE POTPOURRI

by Paula Bechtold

### Member News

**Jan Delimont** is excited to share that her daughter, Dr. Nicole Delimont and her husband Matt will be moving to Eugene soon. They currently live in Wichita, KS.

**Rita Todd Kornbau** is back at her Mexican casa with her two cats and dog --- still amazed that she can travel with all her pets such a long distance!

**Terri Turi** spent a week skiing in Park City, UT recently. Dichotomy of the season – now ready for SPRING!

**Christie Noggle** is expecting... golden retriever puppies! Her golden cream, Jasmine, is due soon with her 1<sup>st</sup> litter.

**Lani Schreiber** started a new job in December of 2020. She is the Behavioral Health Consultant at Hillcrest Elementary School.

### Volunteer Opportunity

Some Zonta members, who are also members of Coos County Friends of Public Health (CCFoPH), have been volunteering at the Covid vaccination clinics which have been held by Coos Health & Wellness at the Coos Bay Fire Station and also the Coos County Fairgrounds in Myrtle Point. These clinics would not be possible without the large group of volunteers who are working for the health of our community. Volunteers from the Friends serve during these drive-through clinics in the role of “post vaccination monitoring.” This is the 15-minute wait period after getting a shot when an allergic reaction is most likely to happen, and medical assistance needed. The Friends volunteers work outside, rain or shine, in the parking lot. Other volunteers from the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) and the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) are also assisting. The MRC volunteers help by giving shots or assisting with paperwork, and the CERT volunteers assist with traffic control. **Dr. Debi Groom** administered vaccines at the last clinic on March 6!

If interested in volunteering with CCFoPH, contact Frances Smith at [franceshallsmith@gmail.com](mailto:franceshallsmith@gmail.com). Anyone interested in the MRC can go to their website: [SERV-OR.org](http://SERV-OR.org).



## Women supporting Women - The Zonta Club of the Coos Bay Area

Did you know, prior to Covid 19, four out of ten businesses in the United States were owned by women? The number of women-owned businesses in the U.S. increased between 1972 and 2018, growing from 402,000 to 12.3 million, a rise from 4.6% of all firms to 40%. Per the website SmallBizGenius, this data demonstrates the impact women have had on the economy and their communities, creating jobs, and generating revenue. Our community has also experienced a substantial growth of women-owned businesses. Many of those women have joined the Zonta Club of the Coos Bay Area to network with others who enjoy sharing their time providing needed services to women in our community.

Membership in Zonta offers women and men an opportunity to work together on service projects. Zonta's mission is all about empowering women by providing scholarships, expanded career opportunities and leadership roles. Through committee work members learn new skills, share ideas, coordinate club events and make new friends. Some of the Club's longstanding activities include advocating for the prevention of violence against women and girls, fundraising to raise money for academic scholarship awards and community grants, and STEM education through hands-on workshops for girls. For over 18 years they have offered a program titled "Dress Your Best" where women re-entering the workforce are coached on interview skills and resume design as well as professional presentation and appearance. Working together, Zonta is improving the lives of women, right here and now.

The Zonta Club of the Coos Bay Area is proud to highlight their business owning members, who every day strive to make our community a better place to live and work for all. Julie Reed, a member of Zonta for 16 years who owns Ocean Breeze Flowers & Tuxedos, says, "Through Zonta, I have built friendships and a strong professional network that has helped me grow my business. Our members support each other by shopping and patronizing our local small businesses." Carolyn Thompson, CPA LLC says, "Through Zonta I've enjoyed getting to know and network with other women, their professions and businesses in a wide range of industries." Member Pam de Jong, Broker with Edward Jones says, "Zonta introduced me to a group of professional women who nurtured me, listened and respected me, my life and my business, and now I am paying it forward as was done for me." The club's membership profile is diverse including attorneys, realtors, insurance agency owners, accountants and financial advisors. Many members manage local businesses include health professionals, executive directors, a CEO, a few CFOs and one College President. Together they are all working to advance the status of women through volunteer community service and advocacy for women's rights.

On International Women's Day, which is also known as "Zonta Rose Day", the Club honored Annie Pollard, CEO, and co-owner of 7 Devils Brewing. Pollard, in addition to owning and operating a thriving local business, is a marine biologist, artist, ceramic instructor, one of the founding members of the local Surfriders Chapter, current board member of Kids Hope Center and past board member of the Coos Historical Museum. A much beloved community volunteer, Pollard epitomizes this year's Zonta Rose Day theme of being an inspirational individual and champion of gender equality.



The Club is currently hosting an online raffle to support the many scholarships and club projects. Raffle prizes vary from lodging, golf, wine, and unique art packages. Tickets are \$20.00 each. The fundraiser end on

March 31 with drawing April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021. To participate in our Virtual Zonta Club Raffle fundraiser, visit our website [www.zontacoosbayarea.org](http://www.zontacoosbayarea.org), where you can also learn more about membership in Zonta. Lindi Quinn, Club President says, "Come Join Us! Good friends and memorable experiences are what you will get in return."