

# Rose Petals



ZONTA CLUB OF THE COOS BAY AREA MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



**WELCOME TO ZONTA INTERNATIONAL** by Terri Turi, ZI Connections Committee Chair

Congratulations on your recent membership, original or renewal, to Zonta International! What a wonderful decision – to be a part of the Zonta International organization – empowering women and girls throughout the world as well as in our own backyard.

I'm excited to serve this year as a Club Board member in the capacity of chairing the Zonta International Connections Committee (ZICC). Serving with me on this committee will be Karen Costello, Rosemary Padgett, Shirley MacAdam, Madison Spotts and Charlene Moore.

Our goal for this committee is to bring you information from Zonta International and District 8. To update you on all things Zonta – events, projects, fundraising opportunities, website resources assistance, and so much more! By familiarizing ourselves with what's going on at our International and district levels, we can enrich our Zonta membership tremendously!

**Did you know that the ZI website has a member's only section titled My Zonta?** In this section, you have so much information at your fingertips – tools for your committee work, governing documents to help you know and understand how we function as a club, a district or a global organization, leadership tools and classes, membership tools to retain, recruit and revitalize....there's just so much! Please take a look!

**Another section of the ZI website is News and Events** which gives us links to current events in our Zonta World. Listen to the stories from Remarkable Women Powerful Stories. Each month ZI brings personal stories from members and scholarship recipients from all over the world. If you can't join in these presentations in real time, they are recorded and available for you to watch at your leisure. Inspiring to say the least.

The ZICC members hope we can bring you productive and engaging information throughout the year from our district and international leaders. Reach out to one of us on the committee if you have needs or questions about ZI and District 8.

**Let's make the most of our Zonta membership!**



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**FINANCE – ALISSA PRUESS 1<sup>st</sup> VP**

2. Colleen Wylie – Leaf’s
3. Michaela Vonderohe
4. Sherrill Lorenzo
5. Tonya Jenkins
6. Shirley MacAdam
7. Sherry Horne

**MEMEBERSHIP – MARGARET M. & PAULA B.**

2. Julie Reed
3. Audrey Duke
4. Jen Shafer
5. Arnold Hill
6. Patty Borchert

**New Members - Paula Bechtold**

Amanda McCarthy      Julie Brecke      Chelsea Feger  
 Tonya Jenkins              Tiffany Schmidt

**Z Clubs**

1. NBHS – Debbie Schade
2. MHS – Paula Bechtold
3. SOCC – Ali Mageehon

**SERVICE OF MONEY – NIKKI PRITCHARD**

2. Theresa Collins
3. Debbie Schade
4. Frances Smith
5. Megan Jacquot
6. Jan Vigue
7. Debbie Schade – Little Red Schoolhouse
8. Lori Schmidt – Little Red Schoolhouse

**Grant Writing** – Carol Ventgen, Frances Smith

**SCHOLARSHIP –PATTY SCOTT**

2. Carol Ventgen
3. Pam de Jong
4. Margo Borstad

Patty Barton Memorial Chair - Shirley MacAdam

1. Renee Frati
2. Anne Medhus Westbrooks
3. Genelle Hanken
4. Margaret Melvin

**ZONTA INTERNATIONAL – TERRI TURI**

2. Rosemary Padgett
3. Madison Spotts
4. Karen Costello
5. Shirley MacAdam
6. Charlene Moore

**ADVOCACY – ALI MAGEEHON**

1. Mike Claassen
2. Julie Brecke
3. Amanda McCarthy
4. Kriston Correll
5. Genelle Hanken

**SERVICE OF TIME -JEN SHAFER**

2. Greg Dalton
3. Margery Whitmer
4. Chelsea Fagan
5. Tiffany Schmidt
6. Tawnya Stumpf - Bellringing

• **Girls Rock Tool and Trade Jen Shafer**

1. Margaret Melvin
2. Genelle Hanken
3. Suzanne Andrews
4. Nancy Lee Stewart
5. Theresa Cook
6. Ali Helms

• **Dress Your Best**

1. Rosemary Padgett
2. Renee Frati
3. Lindi Quinn
4. Colleen Wylie

**LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT – JAN DELIMONT**

2. Karen Costello - Nominating
3. Debbie Schade - Nominating
4. Dora Daniels - Nominating
5. Debi Groom

**COMMUNICATION – GENELLE HANKEN**

2. Lindi Quinn - Website
3. Kath Collier
4. Lindi Quinn - Z Flash
5. Kathy Erickson – PSA help
6. Sherrill Lorenzo – Yearbook

**ZAPPS – KAREN COSTELLO – PAST PRESIDENTS**

1. Carol Ventgen
2. Paula Bechtold
3. Verena Matthews
4. Terri Turi
5. Charlene Moore
6. Margery Whitmer
7. Renee Frati
8. Sharon Lovie
9. Michaela Vonderohe
10. Dora Daniels
11. Debbie Schade
12. Shirley MacAdam
13. Margaret Melvin
14. Genelle Hanken

**Coos Bay Area Zonta Service Foundation**

Madison Spott      Michele Eberhardt  
 Shirley MacAdam      Anne Medhus-Westbrooks Frances Smith  
 Club Committee: Alissa Pruess      Nikki Pritchard.      Patty Scott

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**YARD**

**JOIN US FOR OUR  
ANNUAL YARD SALE  
SATURDAY, JULY 17TH  
FROM 9-5**

**1848 THOMAS AVE  
COOS BAY**

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**SALE**

**ALL PROCEEDS GO TO SUPPORT SCHOLARSHIPS,  
GIRLS ROCK TOOLS AND TRADES AND MANY MORE!  
TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE LOCAL ZONTA CLUB VISIT  
OUR FACEBOOK PAGE  
[WWW.ZONTACOOSBAYAREA.ORG](http://WWW.ZONTACOOSBAYAREA.ORG)**

**Upcoming Club Fundraiser – July 17<sup>th</sup>**

Set up and marking on July 16<sup>th</sup> after club business meeting.

Work sign-up sheet and more information coming from

Fundraising Chair Alissa Pruess soon.

Clean, gently used items – quality items please. Furniture a PLUS!

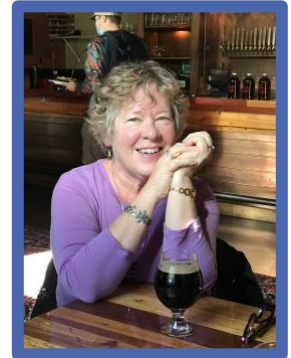
Sorry ~ No Clothes this year.

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### Zonta Club of Coos Bay, Board Secretary 2021-2022

Sherrill moved to Coos Bay in 1994 to be with her fellow union activist sweetheart, Ross Lorenzo. They will be celebrating their 24<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in August of this year. Sherrill attended SOCC and Linfield College simultaneously and graduated from Linfield with a Bachelor of Science in Financial Accounting in 1999. While a student at Linfield, she began working as the financial officer at Coos Health & Wellness in 1998. Sherrill joined Zonta in 2013 when her boss, Frances Smith, retired from CH&W. She has been a very active and productive member of the club ever since joining.



Sherrill first served on the board as secretary in 2015 and recently finished a four year stint as Treasurer for the club. In addition, she has published our annual members directory. Sherrill loves to garden, cross stitch, engage in political debate and walk with Ross and their cute dog Lucy on the beach near their home. Sherrill also loves to travel. She represented our club at the 2016 Zonta International convention in Nice, France. Her last trip out of the country was in 2019 when she and I traveled to England, Scotland and Ireland for a wonderful three week vacation, driving on the wrong side of the road on goat trails. What an adventure.

Sherrill retired from CH&W in Jan 2019. She and her husband Ross enjoy caring for their beautiful and bountiful acreage on the bay in North Bend where they spend most days in the garden.

Sherrill is the perfect example of a Zontian. She serves enthusiastically when asked, loves and supports the mission of Zonta and lives it every day. Most importantly, Sherrill is a kind, loyal, patient friend to her Zontian sisters, brothers and family.

### New Member Profile Chelsea Feger by Paula Bechtold



Chelsea was born and raised in Coos Bay --- graduated from Marshfield in 2008 and went off to OSU with no intention to ever return --- other than for family visits. But here she is!!!

Graduating with a degree in speech communication, she wasn't sure of her career path and ended up back here "until she figured it out." She got a job with the Belloni Ranch program which made her realize she really liked working with youth. As a TRIO "graduate" herself, she was excited to be hired by SWOCC for the TRIO Talent Search program and first worked with middle and high school students at Reedsport Community Charter School. She then moved into her current position as the Marshfield Upward Bound Specialist. She's been stationed at Marshfield for three years now, and she says it has been amazing. Talent Search and Upward Bound both help students succeed in high school and move onto their post-secondary educational paths. It was through her work at Marshfield that I met her. Chelsea was very enthusiastic about helping get the Food Cupboard organized – a ZClub project that got sidetracked by Covid.

Chelsea is single and lives by herself. She loves to be free to travel on weekends so has no pets of her own but regularly borrows her brothers' dogs to take on walks (a corgi, a beagle-lab mix, and a dachshund-chihuahua). Her hobbies include photography, painting, and playing guitar. She has also been a volunteer firefighter with some of our rural fire departments.

Her future plans are to perhaps pursue a master's degree in speech pathology or forensic psychology.

*FYI – her last name is pronounced Fee-ger!*

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# Why Zonta?

We believe in making the world a better place by empowering women.  
We find joy in doing this in a supportive community of  
like-minded professionals from diverse countries and cultures.

## CONGRATULATIONS to Michaela Vonderohe! By Terri Turi

Michaela just earned her Associates Degree in Accounting at Southwestern ~ **with a 4 point GPA!** A longtime dream come true for her!

Michaela knows how to follow her dreams...set goals and create tasks to achieve those goals.

This girl is not afraid to work! Working previously as an esthetician and spa business owner of Posh Salon, then for the Carolyn Thompson, CPA, firm, and currently full time at Lighthouse School, Michaela pursued her dream of achieving a degree in accounting... attending classes online, evenings, weekends... 3 years later we have a graduate!



Michaela now continues her esthetician business in her home when she's not at Lighthouse School, all while being Mom to 9 year old Alayna and wife to Gary... They enjoy a busy life full of travel, school activities, events and fun at the yacht club at Tenmile Lake, and time with family, friends and...Zonta!

Congratulations, Michaela! We are so proud of you!



## COOS BAY AREA SERVICE FOUNDATION FUND BALANCES 5/31/2021

### CURRENT UNALLOCATED FUNDS

GENERAL FUND \$15,732.28

SCHOLARSHIPS \$8,931.04

PJB SCHOLARSHIPS \$15,582.62

GIRLS BUILD/ROCK \$2,280.46

LITTLE RED SCHOOL \$6,266.69

COMMUNITY GRANTS \$5,333.92

DRESS YOUR BEST \$959.38

LAURA LEE BLENZ \$100.00

### 2021-2020 EXPENSES

- \$1,445 ADMIN.

Additional SWOCC tuition certificate for 15 hours

Incoming added \$4000 or \$5000 from Coos Foundation

To be moved to the Oregon Community Foundation

### **AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION**

**\$14,287.28**

**PLAN TO ATTEND JULY 16<sup>TH</sup> CLUB MEETING VIA ZOOM  
FOR ALLOCATION OF UNRESTRICTED FUNDS TO CLUB PROJECTS.**

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GREAT turnout for our last club meeting (and the FIRST live meeting) --- were only missing one student who had to work. There was no one else on campus when we met outside, and most of the students were vaccinated --- but they insisted that the MHS rules required that we all remain masked! Good kids who follow the rules!

The 14 survivors of a year of zoom and on-line classes, ended up with over 200 hours of school and community service in the name of ZClub documented! Eleven seniors earned their cords --- up to the remaining three active members to do a lot of recruiting when school starts this fall!

And the club voted to send \$500 to Zonta International Foundation for the International Service Projects. These were funds actually earned in the 2019-20 club year which had ended so abruptly - no way to do fundraising this year!

The eight graduates who are college bound received an amazing total of \$56,250 in scholarships from the Coos Bay Schools Foundation (many of which are multiple-year awards) and that total does NOT include Marco Bruno's Ford Family scholarship which is for four years and covers 90% of unmet college costs --- calculated on the college's cost of attendance (tuition, fees, room and board, personal costs, etc.) Ford Family Recipients also receive academic guidance, leadership development, personal and professional support. Marco is the third MHS ZClubber to receive this fantastic scholarship since I've been working with the club.

## ROSE POTPOURRI

**NIKKI PRITCHARD** has made an offer on a cute house on Central in Coos Bay - maybe by this printing the sale has gone through! Her first home ownership – good sign that she's establishing roots here!

Great coverage of our **Scholarships in Friday June 4 WORLD newspaper** --- and in the same issue a MHS **ZClubber Maria Rodriguez** had her picture on the front page and **ZClubber Marcus Bruno** was pictured on page 4 – ZClub helped with the flag placement for Memorial Day on the graves of veterans at the Pioneer Cemetery. Marco's picture was at the grave site of the only known female veteran.

Funny story new member **CHELSEA FEGER** shared that I never had heard about the naming of "Mom's Kitchen." Her uncles purchased the building for their mother (her grandmother) and turned into a restaurant because they feared their mom was getting bored after her seven children had all been raised. "Mom's" now retired but still goes in frequently to visit with her old customers.



JULY BIRTHDAYS	
Julie Reed	1 <sup>st</sup>
Jan Vigue	5 <sup>th</sup>
Michele Eberhardt	11 <sup>th</sup>
Lindi Quinn	18 <sup>th</sup>
Mike Claassen	25 <sup>th</sup>
Debi Groom	27 <sup>th</sup>



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The NB Z Club held their last club meeting Wed. May 19<sup>th</sup> – again via online classroom There were 18 present including the school advisor Erica Street as well as Zonta advisor, Debbie Schade.

The new club president led the meeting, Sophia Hutcherson, who will be a sophomore next year. She did an excellent job. The focus of the last meeting was to review this year's projects and share ideas for next school year including in-person meetings Whoo-Hoo! 🎉🍌👍

The first item on the agenda was the Zonta Just Says NO pic project. Debbie explained what was still needed, Sophia will include a link to send the pics to Debbie hoping to have the NB ZClub poster pic on the Zonta Facebook page. Accomplishments of this past year included:

- helping with Backpacks for kids,
- food drive,
- purchased Christmas gifts for Christmas basket program,
- helped at a gift-wrapping event,
- helped with Coos Waffle Project,
- assisted with covid vaccine clinic,
- upper class members helped with freshman tours of the HS when in-school classes started up
- participated in Beach Clean-up Day with SOLV

Ms. Street outlined the officers that still needed to be elected next fall, including secretary, treasurer, and a new officer position of historian.

Sophia used "jam board" link and the club quickly added their notes on ideas for both projects and fundraisers for the next year. Seniors had kind words to share about their experience being in the Z Club with several stating "we're the best club in school" and giving encouragement to the new officers for next year. It was also pointed out that although the club didn't have any fundraising opportunities, due to covid, they were still able to do projects as they did have funds from the prior year fundraisers. It will be necessary to be sure to have fundraisers again!

Special recognition was given to the two Z Club members who received the Zonta Club Scholarship, Lily and Maegan.

The NB Z Club is ready for the next school year! Debbie will continue as the Zonta Advisor, but if there is another Zontian who would like to also help, please let her know.

## New Year – Goal to Simplify Continues

by Lindi Quinn ~ Club President

There are certain club activities that we typically do every year. Garage/Yard Sale. Scholarships.

Bellringing for Salvation Army plus many, many more. Another club activity that happens every year is recruiting board members and officers to help manage these activities. Most who have done it would agree that this task is one of the hardest. We need to ask ourselves why is that? Leadership is service. We are in Zonta to serve.

I have my theories. One is too many pieces to manage with too few active members. Another is too many complicated procedures for an all-volunteer group. Is it fun to lead the Zonta Club? What motivates us to step up "enthusiastically" to join the board? How do we make leadership in Zonta FUN?!

At the club goal setting meeting on June 12<sup>th</sup> this question came up. It is now one of our goals for this next year. **Make leadership more attractive.** All of us can help with this by being attentive to committee chair emails, attending meetings, participating in club projects and supporting fundraisers.

We are here to serve and advocate for women! Together. Supporting leaders and sharing the key roles.

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July 16	Club Business Meeting	Set up for Club Fundraiser
July 17	Club Fundraiser – Yard Sale	at CASA office 9-5
July 28	Club Board Meeting	
August 6	Club Business Meeting via Zoom	– small gatherings for meeting encouraged
August 12	Evening Club meeting at Waterfront Ale House	– tour of Waterfront Development
August 16-20	GRiTT program	
August 25	Club Board Meeting	
Sept. 3	Club Business Meeting via Zoom	– small gatherings for meeting encouraged
Sept. 17	Service of Time Report on GRiTT program	– Location to be determined
Sept. 22	Club Board Meeting	
<b>October 15-16</b>	<b>District 8 Conference 15-16</b>	<b>A Virtual Event!</b>



**Board approved sponsoring the conference at the OPAL \$250 Level – Club Vote July 16th**

**Program Meetings**

November 19	16 Days of Activism	Advocacy Committee	Every Member in November
December	Evening gathering – Christmas Party		
January 21	Amelia Earhart Month		
February 18	Women’s Health and Education	– New Members	
March	Rose Day Event - Evening or Weekend club meeting		
April 15	Scholarship Program		
May 6	Club Annual Report Meeting		
May 20	Zonta International Convention Preparation Meeting		