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Challenges to Leadership in Zonta

Message from Club President Lindi Quinn

At the July board meeting we discussed the fact that it has been challenging to recruit club leaders for some time now. This is not a unique issue for our club and it is not an easy one to fix. However, we can all help by focusing on the good work we do for our community. This work requires some key elements including committee leaders, board support and member participation.

Next week we will be hosting our 1st **Girls Rock it ---Tools & Trade** event. **Jen Shafer** and her committee have taken the original concept promoted by **Alissa Pruess** and designed a wonderful learning opportunity for young girls in our community. Many hours have gone into the planning, a successful grant writing effort was completed, and we are partnering with local women who will be speaking to the girls about their career paths. All three key elements are part of this event – good committee leadership, board support and member participation. I am very excited for those young women and proud of our club efforts. What a mission focused project! So proud.

Another fact I am so proud of - our club is loaded with smart, educated, mission focused members. We are all busy with professional and personal activities so choosing to give our time to Zonta needs to feel good and maybe sometimes, it does not feel that way. We feel micromanaged, or the flipside - left without support, without a guide on how to do our work. We want committee autonomy and decision making without club oversight, or maybe we want a voice at the club meetings because we don't have time to be on every committee, yet we remain vested in our club decisions and community. Both good positions, but not always in sync. We want big fundraisers to raise big money, yet we don't want to chair that event because it is too big. Wow! Is it possible to make leadership attractive? Sometimes it feels like no matter what we do there will be questions, different ideas of how the work gets done and, at times, conflict.

SO after struggling to get through a day which is filled with the good, the bad and the ugly = why would we want to come to a committee or board meeting where we leave feeling unheard, unappreciated and doubted? Here is my take on this – we are here to do good work, to participate in the discussion as both a listener and by sharing your opinion (mucho important), to respect the work of those who led before us, to not take things personally, and to support each other and our mission. We can choose to stay positive and address challenges with creative solutions. Leadership in Zonta is an opportunity to learn, share and make a difference. I think it is worth it.

We need leaders. We need you. We are better together.

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Greetings Zontians!

I am writing to give you a summary of our recent Yard Sale activities. We are proud to say we exceeded our goal of raising \$1500 and raised nearly, if not \$1700- so that is great news!

As always, putting together a yard sale is a lot of hard work, but this year with the help of a handful of dedicated Zontians we were able to pull it off. There was great attendance and we received many well wishes from passers through. The items that were hot this year included kitchen items, jewelry, books and furniture. Next year, my suggestion is we do more vintage clothing (in good condition and old enough to be cool again) and no exercise equipment. I am a huge fan of Nordic tracks and Stairmasters, but they are heavy and if they don't sell, the thrift shops will not accept them.



In addition, to this being a great fundraising event, it was also a win for Fellowship. We had a great time hanging out and chatting, while people perused the goods. Granted there was a little sweat and heavy lifting involved, but there was also lunch, sunshine and laughs. I would encourage everyone to join us, whatever the next event is, to chip in and enjoy the camaraderie. I can attest to feeling a true sense of sister (and brother, thanks Greg and Mike!) hood working side by side for something that is good and we can all get behind.

We are living through unprecedented times of stress and hardship, but we are lucky to have the beautiful coast to call home and good friends to lean on. I ask we keep this in mind, as we move forward into autumn and winter.

I just want to let you all know, whether you participated in the Yard Sale or not, you are valued and appreciated and I look forward to more adventures to come.

Many thanks- your VP,
Alissa

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Challenges and Opportunities for Zonta's Second Century

By Terri Turi, Zonta International Connections Committee Chair

The North American Districts/Clubs of Zonta International hold an Inter-District meeting on the odd-numbered years, typically in June. This year's "NAIDM" was held in Cincinnati, OH, hosted by clubs in District 5. The awesome thing about this year was that it was a hybrid conference, in that one could attend in person by traveling to Cincinnati, or one could register to attend the conference virtually. I chose to do that and spent Friday, Saturday and Sunday morning (June 25, 26 & 27) on my computer listening and participating in virtual breakout sessions on all things Zonta. It was insightful, educational, and inspirational - worth the early mornings of logging in at 5:30 AM due to the time zone difference.

The sessions offered Leadership Training, an Advocacy training opportunity for how North American Clubs can legislate for ZI's global signature project of Ending Child Marriage, breakout sessions that included how to recruit members virtually, how to increase diversity, equality and inclusion in our clubs, and how to partner with like-minded organizations for service and fundraising. The keynote speaker at the Saturday evening session was Kathryn Sullivan, former NASA Astronaut who was the first woman to walk in space AND the first woman to dive in one of the world's deepest part of the oceans. She also became the Administrator of NOAA after being confirmed by the Senate in 2014. A very accomplished and inspirational woman of our modern day!

There were two sessions that were aimed at Zonta members specifically which are important to our membership and to the advancement of the Zonta organization as we begin our second century.

The first session was an open forum with Zonta International President Sharon Langenbeck speaking to all attendees, (in person and virtual) addressing two Resolutions (Res. #2 and Res. #3) which will be up for a vote at the International Convention in Hamburg, Germany next July. In a nutshell, Zonta leadership at the international level is "taking the pulse" of our organization. President Sharon said that this is the best time to review Zonta International - at the beginning of our "next 100 years". What is the vision? Where are we going and how will we get there? "This is a time to reflect".

A survey will be sent out to ALL members sometime soon asking each member to share their thoughts in four (4) areas: Strategy, Governance, Advocacy & Service, and Membership. The survey should only take 5-10 minutes to complete. Every members' participation is IMPORTANT - as Zonta International leadership is looking to develop a new strategic plan for how we govern ourselves, how we are structured, what we want this organization to become as we move into our second century. We'll be hearing more on this survey and the two potentially transformative resolutions in the coming weeks. I'll try to keep you all apprised of what's to come.

The second session was titled "What's New in Zonta?" Again, President Sharon and ZI Treasure Mari McKenzie along with staff from Zonta Headquarters - our Executive Director Allison Summers and Ass't Director Megan Radavich - spoke for over an hour highlighting new changes that have been implemented recently - much already available on the ZI website. Here's just a few to take note of and check out on the website. www.zonta.org

- Welcome to Zonta booklet - newly updated and improved. A must have for your new members and potential members.
- Remarkable Women series - talks with remarkable women - these can be viewed live through a registration process from the ZI website OR watch the recorded version.
- New Member Orientation Webinar - this is very popular and has gotten great feedback. Check it out!
- Membership Campaign/Add your Voice - This is an on-going campaign to help with membership recruitment.
- Foundation Name Change - what used to be Zonta International Foundation (ZIF) is now Zonta Foundation for Women
- ZI's official statement on Climate Change and how that impacts women personally. ZI plans to have a webinar available on this topic and ZI's statement in September - hosted by the International Advocacy Committee.
- New Toolkits available (or soon to be available) for clubs and committees on ZI website - Zonta Says No (coming in September), Communications, Membership, and more! Again - check it out!

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- Elevator Speech Campaign - ZI will be asking all clubs to submit their "Elevator Speech" as part of a campaign for pr purposes
- Data Privacy - a data cleanup project will be coming soon for all members to help with updating their information on the members data base. Each member will be notified of this project and asked to make necessary updates.
- Areas of concern include - declining membership and losing clubs. ZI recently lost Russia as a member country due to political pressure; Turkey and Hong Kong are experiencing similar pressure. ZI will be conducting a Membership Efficiency Study and will gain info from membership as well as non-Zonta organizations

President Sharon also noted that the International Convention in Hamburg will look a bit different that what we've experienced from recent conventions.

- It will be shortened by 1 day
- There will be a hybrid (virtual) opportunity
- There will not be formal district meetings by opportunity to meet for district dinners in evenings to conduct any district business.

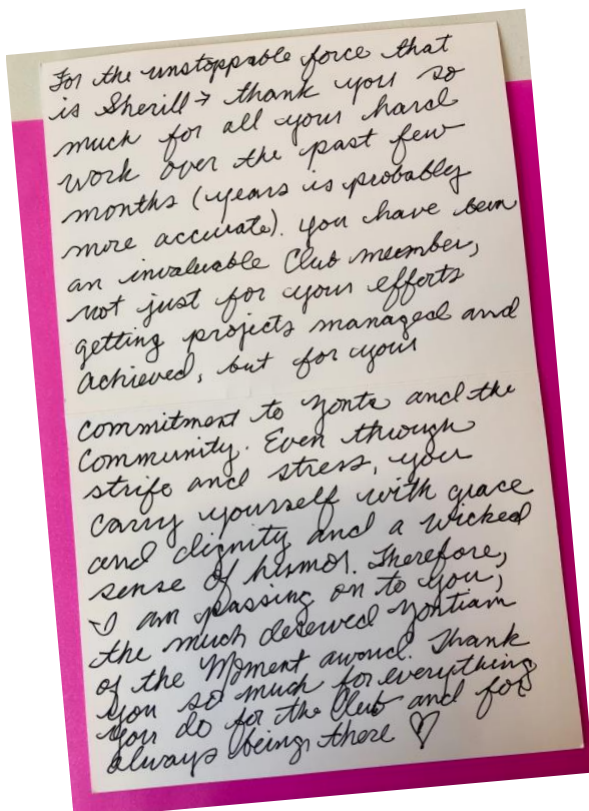
To watch any of the NAIDM presentations, power points, etc,...please check out

[NA Inter District Meeting 2021 | zonta-cinci \(zonta-cinti.org\)](https://www.zonta-cinci.org) - great stuff!

There's absolutely so many benefits of attending these type of conferences - NAIDM, District Conference, Area Workshops, and yes, an International Convention. Each time I've attended, I am renewed and inspired. I love this organization and am honored to be a member - this year marks my 30th year!

Zontian of the Moment – Sherrill Lorenzo

A letter of appreciation from Alissa P.



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Genelle Hanken, also known as the Energizer Bunny (she just keeps going), joined Zonta Club of Coos Bay of 2003. Patty Borchers was her sponsor. She has been a passionate member since joining the club. She joined the Club Board of Directors in 2005 and became Club President from 2008-2009. She then became Zonta District 8 Area 4 Director from 2010 to 2012, then was Lieutenant Governor from 2012 to 2014 and finally District Governor 2014-2016. Genelle notably has attended every Zonta International Convention as a representative for our Coos Bay Club since 2006 when she attended the Melbourne Australia Conference followed by Rotterdam 2008, San Antonio, TX - 2010, Turin, Italy - 2012, Orlando, FL - 2014, Nice, France - 2016, Yokohama Japan 2018 and finally she was one of our representatives at the virtual International Conference in 2020.

Genelle served a 2nd term as President for Zonta Club of Coos Bay from 2018-2019 when she enthusiastically again said yes! Genelle loves our mission, enjoys many great Zonta friendships and has great memories of the service projects we have participated in. And every year, she and her husband Tracy Pierce love the fabulous celebrity dinner.

Genelle and her husband Tracy have been together since meeting at Portland State University as students in 1974. Genelle retired after 32 years of service in 2009 at Coos Community Corrections. Genelle and Tracy love traveling and have visited many countries on cruise ships. On a recent Scandinavian tour, Genelle visited with her Zonta Hero Zonta International President (2014-2016) Maria Jose Landeira Oestergaard in Copenhagen, Denmark.

Zonta is a family affair for Genelle. Her sister, Shon Garrison, is active in the Roseburg Club and usually travels with Genelle and her husband to attend Zonta International Conventions.

Thank you Genelle for all your good works to keep our Zonta Club going strong!



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Why Zonta?

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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.

Let Us Learn Madagascar



DID YOU KNOW. . . in the 2018 UNICEF report more than 125,000 children in all public lower secondary schools have benefitted from sports equipment and learning materials. In addition, a sports field was built as part of the construction project at Marolinta secondary school with the support of Zonta International.

So, what do we know about “Let Us Learn Madagascar” well, one is that between 2016 and 2020 Zonta International (that’s us) contributed US \$2,000,000 to UNICEF USA to support this project and in 2020 Zonta International announced an additional commitment of \$500,000 (US). Why? 1) to ensure that more children, particularly girls (who drop out at higher levels in post-primary level) have access to post-primary education and stay in school. 2) To ensure that Madagascar’s education system has the capacity to offer quality teaching for enhanced learning outcomes.

Some expected outcomes for the years 2020-2022 . . .

- Around 100 children will learn in two new classrooms, which will be complete with latrines, a water point, and equipment
- 100 Principals will be trained.
- 750 households will benefit from conditional cash transfers.
- 114 children’s clubs will be established to implement plans of action to raise awareness in their schools and communities about the issues of violence
- 1,600 children at risk and victims of violence and exploitation in schools and communities will benefit from medical, legal, or social support.

To learn more about “Let Us Learn Madagascar” visit [Zonta.org](https://www.zonta.org)

Written by Charlene Moore, Past President 2000-2002

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The Coos Bay Area Zonta Service Foundation is proud to announce the second Patty J. Barton Memorial Scholarship is awarded to Jasmine Herrera, Coos Bay. This is \$20,000 renewable award to be issued over qualifying terms as the requirements of performance are met. Patty J. Barton was a long time Zonta member with a passion for women choosing to face their life's challenges by improving their status through education. Jasmine Herrera exemplifies these qualities and goals. Patty's husband, Jon Barton, began the scholarship fund from donations upon Patty's death in 2018. Through club fundraising efforts, we have been able to grow and now use the funds to honor Patty with this award that will support Jasmine

with her education.

Jasmine was born in Los Angeles, CA moving to Coos Bay at the age of eight. She graduated from Marshfield High School in 2017 and enrolled at Southwestern Oregon Community College, where she is a nursing student. As a Mexican American first-generation college student, Spanish was her first language. Jasmine learned English at age four. Upon graduation from SOCC in 2022, her plan is to enroll at Oregon Health Sciences University to pursue her goal of becoming a nurse practitioner. Her long-term place is to remain in Coos County working in the field of mental health.

Jasmine lives with and helps support her family in Coos Bay. Attending nursing school and working during COVID has been a challenge for Jasmine, but her great work ethic and resilience have helped her make it through. Jasmine was an active member of the Z Club at Marshfield and the Golden Z Club at SOCC. Paula Bechtold, advisor for the MHS Z Club, said "Jasmine was a great help and diligent worker for all our Z Club service projects and activities."

In Jasmine's application, she wrote "I believe cultural awareness and advocacy is essential knowledge for a nurse to have...Being culturally aware can create a more inclusive and equitable healthcare system." It is a joy to offer our support to Jasmine Herrera on her education journey and we look forward to watching her many accomplishments and contributions to our community in the years ahead.



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Pam deJong	2 nd
Madison Spotts	2 nd
Nancylee Stewart	17 th
Sharon Lovie	19 th
Colleen Wylie	22 nd

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Terri Turi	2 nd
Audrey Duke	8 th
Kriston Correll	17 th
Tiffany Schmidt	23 rd



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SIX Valedictorians were Marshfield Z Clubbers this year – three of them (Sheila Rojas, Mariia Semenchuk and Daryna Semenchuk also earned their AA degrees.)

And Daryna is responsible for creating the logo for GRiTT – she had actually prepared five different designs (all while working and going to SWOCC part-time!) but she wants her twin Mariia to share the credit because she says Mariia gave her lots of encouragement and feedback!

Recognized four names of former ZClubbers on the list of OSU graduates --- and a former MHS Z Clubber just graduated from OIT in engineering while another has earned her nursing degree through SWOCC.

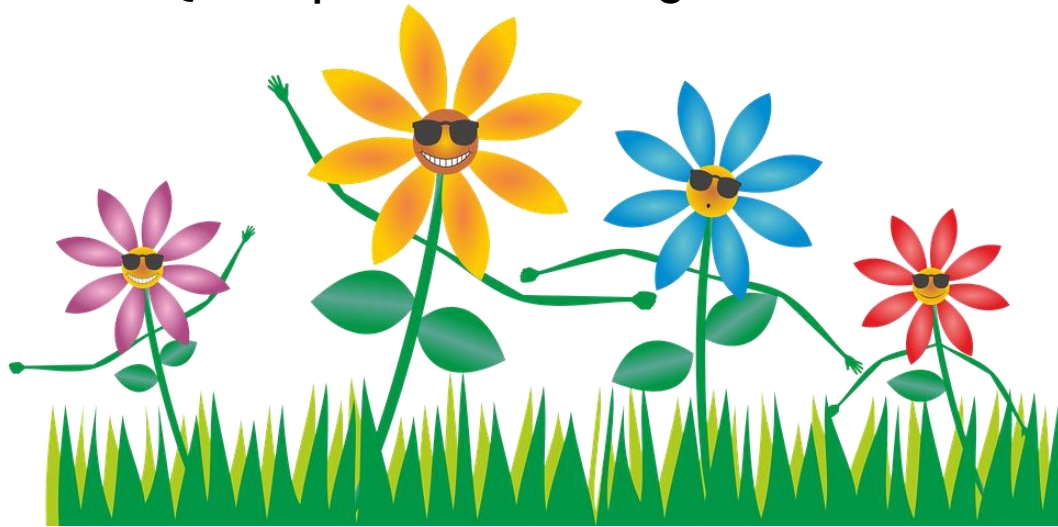
So glad to see their successes!

Club Calendar

August 12	Evening Club meeting POSTPONED
August 20	Club Program meeting - Pop up Zonta gatherings! Details to come soon.
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

Save the Date

Club BBQ on September 16th Margaret Melvin's



October 15-16 District 8 Conference - A Virtual Event!

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