

Rose Petals



September
2021



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.**

President's Message: Lindi Q.

What is your why?

Making the world a better place... that is my why. I see that happening by empowering women. Helping women achieve their goals, improve their lives. Help them find a way out of a violent relationship ~ see our 16 Days of Activism project. Help them learn a new skill ~ see our GRiTT and Dress Your Best projects. Supporting their education goals ~ see our Scholarship Committee. I believe in luck, good and bad, and that most successful people have safety nets. Isn't it wonderful that we are part of that safety net for some?

Our work to support our mission requires administrative work, lots of hours planning and managing. This is where many of our members spend many, many hours providing service to our mission. Fundraising, minute taking, financial reports, grant writing, leadership work, press releases, website management, membership support (retention and recruiting.) Our goals of helping women must be supported by this important work. I know we all truly value the members who are doing this work for us. Club and Foundation board members, Committee Chairs, Committee members! We rock! Our club has a stellar reputation in our community. I am proud to tell others why I am in Zonta and a part of this wonderful club.

Zonta is a choice. What is your why? **I invite you to share your answer via zontayellowrose@yahoo.com.** Next month's Rose Petals will include our whys. Inspire us! Just a few words, maybe a picture. It would be fantastic to hear from everyone, especially those of you who haven't made a Zoom meeting for a while. Why do you stay? What pumps up your Zonta mojo? Do you share your Zonta story with others? If not, why not? Why do you give your time and money to support our mission? You get the idea.

As a child my parents impressed upon me that we had a good life, to work hard, and to remember that others are not so lucky and we can help. I get overwhelmed when thinking about how we can make a difference in this very complicated world. However, doing nothing is simply not an option to Making the World a Better Place.

Thank you for your service.

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The first Girls Rock it Tools & Trade (GRiTT) summer camp program was held August 16-20, 2021. Thirteen girls constructed toolboxes, bird houses, and bat boxes throughout the week. In the process they learned fractions, how to measure and drive screws, and the importance of teamwork. Small groups were led by instructors Margery Whitmer, Kay Westphal (former kindergarten teacher), and Amie Sacrenty and Kimblery Wenbourne (Alternative Youth Activities), and everyone was led by our fearless leader, Rick Stillwagon (Oregon Coast Artisan & Trade Education Collective).

Guest speakers throughout the week included Annabel Taylor (Recruit HIPPO/Helping Individuals Pursue Professional Opportunities), Macie McCurdy Jones (local general contractor), Amber Sorupski (Pacific Air Comfort), and Sabra Comet (South Slough Estuary). These speakers presented career opportunities in the trades, talked about their experience in male-dominated fields, and discussed the importance of wildlife preservation.

Feedback from campers, parents, instructors, and volunteers was overwhelmingly positive. At the end of the week campers were given a paper evaluation where they were asked to provide input on next year's program; ideas included nightstand and jewelry box projects (and hot dogs for lunch... every day, apparently!).

This project was made possible by Zonta Club of Coos Bay Area, Zonta Coos Bay Area Service Foundation, Oregon Coast Artisan & Trade Education Collective, Alternative Youth Activities, the Coos Bay Boat Building Center, and generous funding from Oregon Community Foundation. The logo was designed by former Marshfield HS Z Clubber Daryna Semenchuk.

I would like to express personal thanks to Zontians Genelle, Margaret, Margery, Suzanne, Lindi, Alissa, and Debbie for their time and efforts ensuring the program's success. I would also like to thank everyone involved in the initial planning of this program, pre-COVID - you all made it incredibly easy to step in and make this happen this year!

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The Zonta Club of the Coos Bay Area is pleased to announce Payton Davidson as the first recipient of the Laura Lee Blenz – Zonta Coos Bay Area Engineering Scholarship. Payton is a 2019 graduate of Marshfield High School and a junior at George Fox University in Newberg, OR where she is studying civil engineering. Payton also pole vaults for the GFU track and field team. In her application Payton wrote, “My grandfather always said that getting an education is the best thing one can do for themselves. Learning is a lifelong process, whether getting a degree or in day-to-day life. I want to become a civil engineer so that I can make the lives of those around me better. I want to design and improve buildings and bridges to help my community as a way to give back to the people who have helped me. After an internship this past summer working in the civil engineering field, I know this is the right path for me. I was able to see

how small changes such as patching a road can eliminate a nuisance for regular people trying to go from place to place. Engineering is a challenging path, but it is one where I know the challenge will allow me to grow and be the best person I can be. My grandfather pushed me to achieve success until the day he died, and now I push myself so that I can prosper in my college and career goals.”



This scholarship is named after long time Zonta Member Laura Lee Blenz who passed away at 101 years of age in May 2020. Laura Lee would have liked to have become an engineer if such were possible when she was finishing high school in the 1930s. This scholarship fund was established by a bequest from her family and other donations in her honor after her death. The fund is administered by the Oregon Community Foundation, and scholarships are limited to women who are graduates of Coos County high schools. \$2,175 is the amount of this year's award which is automatically renewable for up to four years as long as the student is in good standing (minimum 3.0 GPA/at least half time).

NBHS Z Club

by Debbie Schade

North Bend Z Club is ready for the new School year! Debbie Schade will be the Zonta liaison again this year. She attended the school registration day on Aug. 20th, with the officers and school advisor Erica Street, to encourage kids to join the Z Club @ NBHS. They had a great time telling all who stopped by about the activities the club was able to do last year – virtually! There were approx. 40 students who signed up to be notified of the first meeting. The kids were very excited as they didn't have any idea there would be so much interest.



They also had a quick officer meeting to plan their first meeting with ideas going forward for both service and fundraising. The club is well led by very capable officers and we're looking forward to a busy **In Person** school year 😊



Debbie is seeking another Zontian to join her to serve as advisors for this Z Club. They plan to meet monthly on the first Tue @ 11:45 for approx. 30 min. Please contact Debbie if you are interested. (541-297-6537) These kids are amazing!

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Dear Zontians~

I am so excited for the opportunity we are providing to you, your members, and guests at District Conference.

As you know, District Conference is just about a month and a half away. It is a conference that is held every two years. It is typically an in-person event where the business of the District is conducted; updating district by-laws, resolutions, rules of procedure and electing officers and area directors who make up the district board. It is typically held over two days and when in-person costs include registration, travel, meals, and hotel. This year's conference is a real bargain - only the registration fee!

Due to the pandemic and the unpredictability of state of life, your district board - based on feedback from club presidents and the board's wisdom, chose to do an electronic conference. We thought this best for the health and safety of our membership. The only cost for any member or guest is the \$100 registration fee (which is much lower than most conference registrations) plus the cost of the craft kit of \$10 if one chooses to participate. No travel required and people can participate from the comfort of their own home.

We have provided a very robust program with over 30 speakers. Our topics range from **Women and Finances** to **Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women**, from **Confidence in Leadership** to **How Climate Effects Women** and an opportunity to **hear from our Pearson students**, and about **UNICEF** and our **Service Projects**, **Women in Policy Decisions** to **More Inclusive Clubs** and so much more. This is truly a unique opportunity. Registration information can be found in the Call to Conference sent to each Zonta member via email or on the District Facebook page and website: zontadistrict8.org

District leadership encourages general members and guests to attend the business sessions (and would typically attend at an in-person conference) workshops, vendor booths, chat room, Zonta store and Zocials at their own pace.

TRANSITIONS, CHANGES & NEW OPPORTUNITIES
DISTRICT 8 ELECTRONIC CONFERENCE

FALL FOR ZONTA

OCTOBER 15-16, 2021
9AM-6PM PST

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Club delegates will attend a delegate training via Zoom on October 1 – two opportunities available – 12:00 noon and again at 7:00 PM. They will be representing the club to vote for officers and directors, attend business sessions, vote on proposed changes to bylaws/rules of procedure, proposed budget for the 2022-2024 biennium, and also take part in the speaker sessions, chat rooms, store, etc.. Club delegates will report back to their clubs on actions taken at conference.

I hope you; your members and guests will participate in this biennium's conference. I can't remember a time that we have had so many workshop options! This is a unique opportunity and it's a perfect time to invite your potential members to experience Zonta from their homes.

In Zonta,
Maggie Calica, D8 Governor

Excerpts from Governor Maggie Calica Email to Presidents mid August 2021:

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Margo Borstad joined our Zonta Club of the Coos Bay Area in August 2010. She grew up in North Dakota, where she worked for the state welfare service until she and her husband Skip moved to Coos Bay in 2003. Her husband, Skip, passed away on their 41st wedding anniversary in 2009 in New York City. She is the mother of two beautiful daughters, Gunilla (Gunny) in Denver, Colorado and Kirsten in Westport, Connecticut. She is the grandmother to four wonderful grandchildren ranging in ages from 13-16. They bring her joy daily.



Patti Borchert invited her to a Zonta meeting in 2010. She thought it would help her get involved outside the house. It helped that she did believe in the Zonta mission of helping women and children. Margo has many outside interests and involvements besides being a member of Zonta. She is a Coos Bay library Foundation board member, a member of P.E.O. Chapter CS, and belongs to the South Coast Celtic Society. Margo is a Community Volunteer and helps out at Old World Antiques. She is also a member of Wine Divas.

Margo has a love of traveling with friends and visiting her family all over the U.S. Her special companion Jefferson, her mini Dashhound, gives her much joy and keeps her busy. Other interests she has are gardening and watercolor painting as well as enjoying her many friends.

Margo continues to belong to Zonta as she feels she should continue to show her support for the club as well as the Zonta Mission.

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Renee Frati 16th
Paula Becthold 18th

Club Calendar

Sept. 17	Service of Time Report on GRiTT program – Zoom
Sept. 22	Club Board meeting via Zoom- all members welcome
October 1	Club Business meeting via Zoom
October 15	Club Birthday! – Birthday cake evening gathering – location TBD
October 15-16	Zonta District 8 Conference – A Virtual event. See page 4
October 27	Club Board meeting via Zoom- all members welcome
October 29	5 th Friday Club meeting -United Nations Program – hope meeting is in person
November 5	Club Business meeting



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