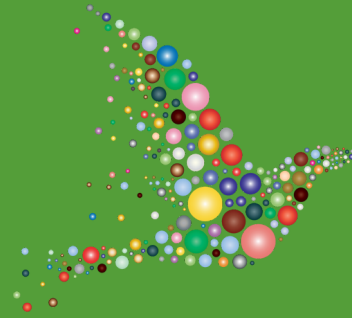


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Why Zonta?

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.

President's Message Lindi Quinn

When I read the message above the 1st thing that comes into my mind about empowering women is education. Education and career opportunities are incredibly empowering. Independence, access to healthcare, mobility, confidence can all come along with a job. Add an unplanned pregnancy and child into that mix and the hurdles pop up everywhere. Subtract the education and job, and you're not even in the race anymore. A good reminder of how this can happen is the mini-series MAID which is on Netflix ~ A sad story, well told and acted. Good choices, bad choices, complicated family, abusive relationship ~ really tough choices!

When I reflect on my choices in life the one thing I always knew is that there was a safety net under me, my family. Watching the young family in MAID reminded me to be grateful for my childhood and parents. And it reminded me to be thankful for good luck. In my twenties my father and I got into a heated discussion about luck and choices. He wanted me to acknowledge that good luck had allowed me to have a well-paying job and nice life. I wanted him to acknowledge that my good choices had given me these things. I will never forget that discussion because he was right, yet my youth and stubbornness would not allow me to concede.

Could your life have been or was your life like Alex's - the MAID? Single mom's have really tough days. What can we do to help? Scholarships, Hygiene Bags, Dress Your Best are just a few club projects that can shift the course for women. Two things we could add to that list is support of birth control, preventing the need for many abortions and support local efforts to revitalize a relief nursery. Having babies when you are ready and having support taking care of them is huge! Just watch MAID and be reminded of how difficult it can be to get to work when you have a sick little one or are without family help.

Zonta is making a difference in the lives of many young women with scholarships – maybe those women have had some good luck and have a firm safety net. To pass our scholarship “test” I think it would take
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Zonta Club Scholarships ~ Two \$3,000 each
 15 credit tuition waiver for SWOCC
 Z Clubs - \$1,500 each for MHS & NBHS
 STEM Scholarship ~ \$3,000

What Girls Say about Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math

The Generation STEM research report conducted by The Girl Scout Research Institute, graphically interpreted by WTS International for Transportation YOU.

STEM girls have had greater exposure to STEM fields, stronger adult supportive networks, and had more of a parental role in their career and future plans than non-STEM girls.

Girls who are interested in STEM fields are actually interested in many subjects and career opportunities—STEM is just one area of interest among many.

Girls want to help people and make a difference in the world.

Girls in STEM are interested in many careers: Top four career categories: Medicine/ Health Care, Arts/Design, Entertainment, Social Science.

80% of STEM girls like asking questions about how things work and finding ways to answer them v. 54% of non-STEM girls.

Girls are interested in the process of learning, asking questions, and Problem solving.

47% would be uncomfortable being the only girl in a group or class.

74% are interested in the field of STEM and STEM subjects.

Only 13% say a STEM career would be their first choice.

82% feel they're smart enough to have careers in STEM fields.

African American and Hispanic girls have high interest in STEM, high confidence, and a strong work ethic, but have fewer supports, less exposure, and lower academic achievement than Caucasian girls.

Girls who are interested in STEM are high achievers who have supportive adult networks and are exposed to STEM fields.

57% believe they'd have to work harder than a man to be taken seriously in a STEM job.

57% believe girls their age don't typically consider a STEM career.

STEM girls have significantly higher confidence in their academic abilities and higher academic goals and aspirations compared to non-STEM girls.

Perceived gender barriers are still high for girls and may help explain why STEM fields aren't their top career choices.

STEM girls are significantly more inclined to grapple with adversity and overcome obstacles than non-STEM girls.

Women

57% of college graduates	60% of master's graduates	48% of the US work force
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For the complete results of the Generation STEM report by Kamla Modi, Ph.D., Judy Schoenberg, Ed.M., and Kimberlee Salmond, M.P.P., visit www.girlscouts.org/research. Transportation YOU is the joint initiative of the US Department of Transportation and WTS International, the association for the advancement of women in transportation. For more information, visit www.TransportationYOU.org.

Young Women in Public Affairs ~ \$1,500
 JMK Women in Business ~ \$1,500

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Friends

As we all weather this pandemic, I have been struck by how powerful Zonta is in my life. I was sad not to go to Chicago and see all of the wonderful Zonta friends I have made from all over the world – women in Africa and Asia, so many European countries and all over North America. There are so many friends that I treasure that I never would have had without my almost 40 years of Zonta membership. Connecting with them on Facebook helps.

Like many of you, I often reflect on how close my own club members are. I can't imagine life without them – and during this pandemic, they have kept me going, motivated, engaged and alive! I never would have known these amazing wonderful women if it weren't for Zonta!

Knowledge and Commitment

In Zonta, I learned about important issues that affect women. I am so much more aware of all the insidious aspects of violence against women, female genital mutilation, acid burning, human trafficking, child marriage, gender equity, lack of access to education, limited access to decision-making positions in society, and more. These issues are important to me not only because I am a woman, but because I can empathize with other women, and because so many women are precious to me - daughters, granddaughters, sisters, nieces, cousins, Zisters!

Leadership Growth

In addition to these blessings, Zonta has given me the priceless gift of leadership development. Every time I said “yes” in Zonta, there were materials to help me and Zontians to encourage, support, correct, guide and help me along the way. And I learned so much – from those women, from the position itself, from the requirements and responsibilities, from the people I met along the way. And I learned so much from those times I didn't get it right the first time – I didn't lose my job, get a poor performance review, or suffer other negative impacts.

The Difference in Zonta Leadership Development

That is why stepping up to leadership in Zonta is a no-lose proposition. In addition to the empowering Zontians who are there to help you, there are also wonderful tools and resources. Using them gives you confidence that you are succeeding as a leader.

<https://www.gotostage.com/channel/zontaleadershipprogram>

Did you know...

The Zonta International's **first** service project was funded, **98 years ago**, in 1923 to care for **115,000** women and orphans in Smyrna, Turkey!

Submitted by Madison Spotts
ZI Connections Committee Member



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 THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

Prospective Member Questionnaire Form

Membership in a Zonta Club is by invitation or application. Members of Zonta Clubs support and implement the mission of the organization and have experience in a recognized business or profession. Members are required to commit time to service and advocacy projects in our community and to contribute financially to local and international projects that benefit women.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Zonta Club of the Coos Bay Area, please complete the following information and mail it to: Zonta Club of the Coos Bay Area, PO Box 245, North Bend, OR 97459 or email to zontayellowrose@yahoo.com. The application goes through the approval process with the Membership Committee and Zonta’s Board of Directors. You will be contacted by the Membership Committee.

Contact Information

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
 Home Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____
 Zip Code: _____
 Mobile/Cell Phone: _____ Home Telephone: _____
 Personal Email: _____
 Gender _____ Birthdate: _____
 Spouse (optional): _____
 Business Name/Employer: _____
 Business Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____
 Business Telephone: _____
 Business Email: _____
 Occupation/Profession: _____
 Job/Position Title: _____

If retired, former occupation: _____

Best time to contact you:	Preferred method to contact you:
____ Morning	____ Home email ____ Business email
____ Afternoon	____ Mobile/Cell ____ Business phone
____ Evening	____ Home phone

How did you hear about Zonta? What has interested you in membership?
 Please tell us about you: (Along with your professional status please include family information, hobbies, areas of interest, etc.)

Other volunteer organizations you’ve participated in:

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date _____

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NB Z Club off to a good start! Under the leadership of President Sophia and VP Ali, the club had their second club meeting with another large attendance of 33 kids! And they now have a full slate of officers including a new role of club historian. Good job new officers: Secretary Wendy, Treasurer Grace and club historian Jake.



Events are planned and they are busy making and selling of traditional Homecoming Mums which will be the official first game at the renovated NB Vic Adams Field on Friday Oct. 15th. This will be their first fundraiser to help with their coming service projects. Under the supervision of Advisor Erica Street (and with the help of Julie Reed @ Ocean Breeze getting the supplies) the kids are currently making the silk mums and promoting them well before the event. They are also promoting the tradition of mums for Homecoming. This should be a really great event and they are hoping for a sale of 200 mums! Are you a NB Football fan? How about a Z Club fan?? Be sure to buy a mum from them (\$5.00) and attend the Homecoming game @ NB vs Willamette. And be sure to tell the Z Club kids you're part of Zonta too!

Coming soon will be their first service project, a canned food drive in time for holiday events. This is another project that Zontians can help with. Check out what you can contribute from your cupboards and watch for notices in the Z Flash for when and where food drop off bins will be placed.

For being a small group of kids at schools start, these kids have got it together! Debbie Schade is looking forward to being part of their team. And she knows she can count on the support of our club members too! Thank you to Pam deJong for assisting while Debbie was not available. If there are any who would like to helpout and meet this wonderful group of kids please do step up. Remember these kids are our future.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Renee Frati	16 th
Paula Bechthold	18 th



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Tammy Dalton	5 th
Jan Delimont	5 th
Margery Whitmer	8 th
Sherry Horne	10 th
Sheila Wilma	16 th

Due to on-line school last year --- and resulting “zoom fatigue” --- our club ended up with only 14 active members participating in our zoom meetings --- and eleven were seniors! So we started this year with only three members (Ismael, Aaron and Savaylla – all of whom had been members since their freshman year) but we are now up to 14 and hopefully will continue to grow.

The club has a new school adviser and (very exciting) a new Zonta co-adviser --- new member CHELSEA FEGER who is “stationed” at Marshfield (although employed by SWOCC), working the TRIO/Upward Bound program.

And the most exciting news of all is that Marshfield nominated the ZClub to handle the Community 101 (C101) program through Oregon Community Foundation. This means that the Z Club was CHOSEN to receive \$5,000 for grantmaking – WOW!! Members are to identify community needs and then decide what non-profits should receive the money! The club is working on a school wide survey to help determine which community need(s) are most important to the students. Three members have



volunteered to create a video to introduce the survey to the student body --- and hopefully it will also serve as a recruiting tool.

Always active students, they’ve also decided to do a “color run” at the Millicoma Marsh on Saturday October 23 --- open to the entire community. Entry fee will be a donation to the Pirate Pantry (food cupboard) of either cash or a canned or packaged food item. The Pirate Pantry was a project the club had been working on and it was almost ready to open in the spring of 2020 --- until covid shuttered the school doors!

First community service project this year at which they helped was on Saturday October 9 --- a book giveaway at Mingus Park which was a joint project of ESD and Coos Bay Library for the Coos Hispanic Allies. And of course the ZClubbers who came to help were Ismael, Aaron and Savaylla! Among other “tasks,” they made balloon animals and “crowns” for the children. (Ismael -in the gray jacket - is the first boy to be Z Club president at Marshfield.)

President’s Message

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that. So... what does a “scholarship” look like for someone who isn’t going to school? Somebody struggling to find a job and childcare? Someone without a car, or maybe they just need gas money? Vouchers to help with these types of challenges are out there. Are they easily accessible? What if we could offer a We Care Voucher -maybe each non-profit we work with nominates a couple of clients who they think could make the most of a \$1,000 Voucher to get them back in the race. What would be on their list? What gaps in services are they experiencing? Watch MAID to see just how quickly money can be used up on simple things we all take for granted.

While cooking dinner the other night I was overwhelmed with thoughts of being a young mother without food to feed her children, a warm, soft bed, and food in the refrigerator - without a family who is able and willing to help. We can be that safety net for a moment for a few. We already are in many ways.



HYGIENE BAG PREPPING
SUNDAY OCTOBER 17TH
10:00 CASA HOUSE

Foster Parent Christmas Party

125 Kids in Coos, 33 kids in Curry County, but we like to do gifts for every kid in the household, even our biological kids! So we hit at around 200 kids.

Typically, we give teens gift cards as they are the most difficult to buy for. We usually purchase those with association funds. Between Coos and Curry we have 50 teens in care.

We’re sending out a survey to foster parents this week to get a more accurate idea of needs for toys and I can update you when that data comes in. I did notice last year that we ran short of toys for the 10-12 year old kids if folks want to concentrate on those.

For now, here’s a list of general items that are great for building our family boxes.

Family gift boxes needs:

1. Individualized snacks - Chips, cookies, gummy bears, etc. We like to have a few of these in the box for every child.
2. Craft kits and painting sets for kids/families
3. Family Games
4. Fidget toys
5. Kids books
6. Family movies - DVD



We could also use some help building boxes and during the event.

Event date is December 11th from 10am-Noon; volunteers to be there by 9am. Gift box packing day is will likely be the week before, we are still working on the date.

We’re doing the drive-through event at Hauser Community Church again as they have that wonderful, covered area! **We’d love to have our Zonta team there again this year!**

Donations can be dropped off at the CASA office at 1848 Thomas ave, Coos Bay.

**Thank you!
Greg Dalton**

Club Calendar

- October 27 Club Board meeting via Zoom- all members welcome
- October 29 5th Friday Club meeting -United Nations Program – Coos History Museum 12:00-1:00
- November 5 Club Business meeting Via Zoom
- November 19th Advocacy Program Meeting – 16 Days of Activism
- November 23 16 Days of Activism Kick off

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