

Rose Petals

April 2022



Rose Day - Community Grant to The Devereux Center by Alissa Pruess, 1st Vice President

The 2022 Zonta Rose Day Celebration was a great success! Many Club members were able to attend to honor our guest, **Tara Johnson**, Executive Director of The Devereux Center. She was presented with yellow roses and praised for her unwavering dedication to help those experiencing homelessness. The club foundation will be sending a check to the Devereux Center for \$3,000 which will help support the hard work that Tara and her colleagues perform every day to uplift the most vulnerable in our community.



At the Rose Day program those present learned more about Pearson College, our District 8 project. The foundation will be mailing a check for \$1,000 to the Pearson College Endowment Fund. Pearson College's mission is to provide one-of-a-kind education to students from around the world to promote fellowship and humanity.



In addition to grant awards, we also inducted 2 new members, **Julie Brecke and Nichole Rutherford**. We welcome you both to the Club and look forward to working alongside you in future endeavors.

Thank you to Paula, Margaret and the Waterfront Alehouse crew and all the members who contributed to make this event special.

*Check out Nichole's T Shirt!
Zonta International!*



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March 25, 2022

Coos Bay Zonta Service Foundation
PO Box 245
North Bend, OR 97459-0019

Dear Coos Bay Zonta Service Foundation,

Today, a client walked back to my office carrying flowers. I was a bit confused to be honest because no one was having a birthday or anniversary that I was aware of. Then she walked into my office and said, "These are for you. I want to thank you for helping me get a job in my dream field again." I was perplexed. I had helped her get a little job doing light housework for a friend. Well, my friend asks a lot of questions. And, true to form, she asked what my client, "Sissy" had done before becoming homeless. Sissy shared that she used to be a Certified Nursing Assistant. My friend wondered if that opportunity would still exist for her. Sissy said that should still be an option. My friend called one of her friends and more or less insisted that they interview Sissy. Well, Sissy nailed the interview and was offered a job on the spot. She started yesterday. Sissy is a great example of someone who is currently homeless but has hopes and dreams. Sissy should have given the flowers to herself! She did the work to get the job, all I did was provide an opportunity for my friend to do what she does best.... Ask a LOT of questions.

The rest of the story remains to be seen but I am very confident that Sissy will continue to make great strides. I wish that I could provide each of you with a bouquet of flowers because YOU are part of this story. Your gift of \$3,000.00 on March 21, 2022 helped us help Sissy. Sissy will continue to need our support for a while as she and her husband work towards finding permanent housing. Knowing that you care enough to give empowers all of us to continue helping those like Sissy who are currently living on the streets of Coos County!

Serving our Community,

Tara Johnson
Executive Director

*I am so honored & humbled by your recognition and your generous donation! Thank you so very much!
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Mark Saturday, April 23 on your calendars! Join Zontians from all over District 8 as we participate in the Virtual All Area Workshop! The link to get more information and to register (so easy!) is on the district Facebook page (Zonta District 8 Group). The link to participate is will be there as well, so do register! The workshop time is set for 9:30 – 3:30 – and is set to be **FUN, FREE AND INTERACTIVE!** Did you get that?

IT'S FREE!!!!

More details of what our district leaders are planning for us will be coming shortly. So be sure not to miss out – **REGISTER TODAY!**



9:30 - 10:00 Log On & Zocial

10:00 Welcome

Coos Bay Area Club GRITT Project - Jen Schafer

Teaching Technology Together - Bekki Mangum & Cindy Bewley

Stretch Break

Hands on Math Counts - Krystal Shanda

Advocacy Updates - Katherine Cleland, D8 Advocacy Chair

Zonta Foundation for Women - Vicky Trabosh, Foundation Ambassador

12:15 Break Out Into Groups for Lunch Roundtables - Share our Take Aways from the earlier discussions

12:45 Zonta Says NOW on Climate - Connie Campbell

Pearson Student/Everett Scholarship Recipient(s)

OSU STEAM Program - [Cynthia Resendiz](#) Director of the Oregon Coast STEM Hub

Final Announcements & Acknowledgements, Thank yous and invite to stay to Zocial and Cocktails

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZl0cu2vqjgoHtdDUb03y6NUTm64wq0m5gv4>



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Recently I was honored to share our club's history at the Coos History Museum's 1st Tuesday Talk. The theme was "Making the World a Better Place – Then and Now." Since 1953 our club has been working to help others here and around the world. As I joined in 1998, I relied on our club archives to tell our story.

One of the first things I came across was a documented titled "History of the Coos Bay Area Zonta Club" by Historian Amy Lipton. Some of you know that Dr. Lipton was a founding member of our club and my mother-in-law. In fact, in 2007, after my past president's pin was stolen, my husband and I stumbled upon her past president's pin which I proudly wear to this day. I am proud of her efforts to bring Zonta to the Coos Bay Area, thankful she left behind such a well written report and forever grateful she raised a man who respects and treats women as equals.

Over the years our club has supported many, many projects and scholarships. We continue to do this with our fundraisers, grant writing, donating our time and resources. We are able to do these wonderful things because we have many members – engaged members ~ you, me, our boards, committee chairs and our district and international leaders. Zonta exists because we chose to be a part of an effort to improve the lives of women.

Next year our club will be celebrating our 70 years anniversary. Hundreds of determined women, and a few really good men, doing good work in our community. It all started like this:

"In August, of 1953, a short breezy and effervescent lady, Effie Kurtz blew into town with a list of names and a determination to organize a new Zonta Club. She did so by doing personal interviews, short talks with small groups and finally a meeting of all those interested. Like any similar effort of its kind, it took a lot of talking on her part and a great deal of explaining as to what Zonta is, why there should be a group here and what would be expected of us." Excerpted from Dr. Lipton's report dated October 1957



Charter Members October 1953

What does Membership in Zonta mean to you? Each member has a unique answer.

[Share your answers at zontayellowrose@yahoo.com](mailto:zontayellowrose@yahoo.com)

Watch for our May Rose Petals to read what we heard!

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Club President Alissa Pruess
 Vice President Terri Turi
 Secretary Margaret Melvin
 Director – Advocacy Ali Mageehon
 Director – Membership OPEN
 Director – Finance/Fund OPEN
 Director – ZICC/ Programs Bonnie Foroudi (2022-2023)
 Nominating Committee #1-Paula Bechtold #2-Colleen Wylie #3-Lindi Quinn



Completing terms for 2021-2023

Club Treasurer Sherry Horne Foundation Treasurer Shirley MacAdam
 Director – Service Jen Shafer Director – Scholarships Patty Scott



2021-2022 Fundraising SUCCESS!

\$51,500+

Attend the May 6th Club Meeting via ZOOM hear how we support Zonta International with some of these funds!



Colleen graduated from North Bend High School in 1980. While in school she worked in a florist shop to become a florist and she has been amazing this community with her floral talents since then. Colleen is the owner and designer of her own business BLUE DAHLIA. Since joining Zonta Club of Coos Bay Area Colleen has been responsible for many of the amazing decorations and themes for our Celebrity Dinners. Colleen can turn a large room into a Magical Kingdom on a shoestring budget. She has been very helpful in the displays at our Leaf's Treehouse booth and helped our President Lindi with the Tidings & Tinsel Holiday Sale – last December. She can turn every day, ordinary items into beautiful creations.

Colleen joined Zonta to be part of something bigger and is dedicated to our mission of improving the lives of women and children. Colleen loves her Zonta camaraderie. She is also a regular volunteer at The Devereaux Center where her bright smile and happy countenance brings joy to the clients at the center.

Colleen lives with her significant other, Mark Driscoll. She and Mark spend many happy hours in their flower garden that supplies the creative floral designs Colleen sells and delivers. She is also proud mother of Octavia Kazzar-Schafer and delighted grandmother to Xander 12 and Gius 6. She loves spending lots of time with her family every day! Colleen is also a creative sewing artist and many of us have her beautiful blankets and warm wraps
I hope you have had the chance to get to know our member, Colleen Wylie. She is our magical unicorn and sweet fun!

**April**

Shirley MacAdam 8th
Anne Medhaus-Westbrooks 12th
Chelsea Feger 13th
Suzanne Andrews 18th
Margaret Melvin 28th

May

Genlle Hanken 5th
Jasmine Lockwood 11th
Patricia Borcher 12th
Christie Noggle 17th
Bonnie Foroudi 25th
Margo Borstad 27th



Join us to get in on the ground floor of District 8's

Zonta Says NOW to Gender Equality and Climate Action!

Our meetings will have an educational piece and discussion along with brainstorming ideas for each club's Advocacy team to take Climate Action! We meet via Zoom on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM. Please contact [Connie Campbell](#) of Zonta Club of South Puget Sound at for more information!

D8 Zonta Says NOW to Gender Equality & Climate Action which will occur on the 1st Wednesday of the month, (generally speaking--I'll let people know of exceptions)
Thanks! ~Connie

Topic: D8 Zonta Says NOW

Time: Apr 6, 2022 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Every month on the First Wed, until Oct 5, 2022, 7 occurrence(s)

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Monthly: <https://psychnexus.zoom.us/meeting/tZUtdOuqqT4uG9zjSYzUC3EO4rU46ugbEgZz/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGprjgoGNOQtBiPRpwcAojCa-rwtiVbjfPHlzcGRVwMSbZYvB3ZuRqF9r1>

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://psychnexus.zoom.us/j/81032275418?pwd=dkq0VU5WaC900EtoaUIIQIFtNINzdz09>

Meeting ID: 810 3227 5418

Passcode: 099595

Zonta International's [Statement on Climate Change: a Gender Equality Issue](#) highlights the importance of educating girls, having more women in parliament, and achieving gender equality, especially in economic participation and responses to climate change.

Learn More at ZontaUSA.org/climate pages

Thank you to **Margaret Melvin and Colleen Wylie** for helping the NBHS Z Club with the concession stand for the 3A Basketball Tournament in early March. This was a bit outside the comfort zone for many of the kids, but it did give us better chance to get to know each other!



The Z Club members continue to work on separate committees within the club to offer service to their school and community. With several ideas being discussed, they are currently focused on compiling a list of mental health services that are offered both within the school and the community. They hope to have an informational document to share with the students. Another project being discussed is how to honor health care workers who've been under extra stress during this time of Covid. These ideas have helped the students reach out to others in the community and learn both what information is offered and what they can do. It's still a work in progress, with a big benefit as they learn how to work together in small committees.

A BIG project came up quickly! We are now in the aftermath of an **AWESOME** community participation in the "Feed the Ukraine" Pizza Fundraiser held on Saturday, April 2nd. It was a special fundraiser to raise \$\$ to send to WCK (World Central Kitchen) who are well known for helping in humanitarian crisis situations – in this case, feeding the Ukrainian refugees.



The project was in partnership with the "Blazing Bulldogs" Culinary group, which many of the Z Clubbers are also involved with. **Chef Frank Murphy** was the chief organizer with Z Club advisor **Erica Street** and our Zonta Club!! Our club was able to help them in several ways:

The club immediately acted with funding the purchase of pizza supplies. Thank you **Sherry Horne** for personally delivering the check to NBHS. Publicity - the non-stop help of vacationing **Genelle Hanken**. They borrowed our canopy and the club credit card service via the Square. Mostly they needed our ability to help with the financial side, acting as the fiduciary agent. The NBHS rules forbid them from sending any money to an outside non-profit. **Thank you to Lindi, Alissa, Sherrill, Sherry for helping me figure this out!** So many of you showed up to purchase a pizza or just drop off donations!!

Club "Pass the Hat" fundraiser to support the Zonta Clubs in Ukraine via the District 8! TU Genelle!

You donated \$515.38 USD to Zonta International District 8

Donation Details

Date: March 19, 2022
 Transaction ID: 2606-9146-4642-6433
 Purpose: Donations for Ukraine Zonta clubs
 Donation to: Zonta International District 8
 Donation from: tvpnell@hughes.net
 Donation amount: \$515.38 USD

Funding Sources Used (Total)
 VISA x-4245 \$515.38 USD

The final tally is not yet in. Sherry is working hard on tabulating the final net income. **The current estimate is possibly over \$7000!!** The next process is sending the funds to WCK. There are many very generous people in our community who came together on a windy afternoon to help these kids to show support for this cause.





The “color run” at Millicoma Marsh on Saturday, March 26, was a great success! The Z Club did all the planning and publicity and invited the MHS track team to help for a share of the profits. Well over 200 adults and children participated on what turned out to be a glorious day



weather-wise. Z Club will be using some or all of the funds earned to add to the grants to be awarded to local non-profits working with mental health.



Smiling adult (bus driver) is the MHS principal and former Zclub adviser – Eli Ashton

As most of you have heard - the MHS Z CLUB was chosen to participate in the Oregon Community Foundation “Community 101” project. Each Community 101 recipient was required to identify their own “primary community need,” and mental health was the choice of both the club and the entire Marshfield student body. The club has reviewed the grant applications and is doing either field trips or having speakers from the programs come to a club meeting before making the final decisions. On March 31, Z Club members traveled to Belloni Ranch where they were greeted by our own member Naomi Ulsted who is the executive director. Our member Greg Dalton will speak to the Z Club on April 7 about CASA. On April 14, Z Clubbers will tour the Coalbank Village complex operated by The Devereux Center (recipient of Zonta service funds at our Rose Day program). Hey, it’s a small community!

UKRAINE UPDATE This is from twins who were active Z Clubbers at MHS, graduating in 2021, and are now at SWOCC. They immigrated from the Ukraine when they were in middle school.

“These past two weeks were very demoralizing for us here, and beyond dreadful and stressful for our family in Ukraine. The majority of our relatives live in Kyiv, the capital, and they are facing food and medication shortages every day. All the people we were able to reach are safe, but they are hiding in the basements and underground shelters. The air sirens are going on and off, and at night no one can go out because of the curfew. Some people are sitting with no electricity and no running water. And it is snowing right now, with the temperature down below freezing. The familiar streets we once walked are covered with debris, soot, and remnants of burned military vehicles.

“Our uncle lost his property in Crimea in 2014 due to annexation of the territory by Russian troops, and now he cannot get to his house near the town of Vasilkiv because of the constant fighting going on in the area. The highway bridge leading to our grandparents’ house in the suburbs of Kyiv was bombed, and it is not accessible anymore. No one knows what is happening there, other than the storage depot, about 1 block from their property, being hit with missiles. Our mom’s friend went to stay with her acquaintances in Irpin (suburbs of Kyiv) the third day of fighting because she thought it might be safer there. We lost contact for almost a week after that. Just yesterday she texted us that she was back in Kyiv with her son. They had to crawl through the forest to avoid being hit, since the occupants mistook her son for a soldier. Nonetheless, none of our relatives or friends are wanting to leave their home.

“Every night since the start of this chaos, we’ve been staying up past midnight, keeping in touch with our family and reading the news. And every day we’ve been getting more bad news. Ceasefire and safety corridors were violated too many times. Countless innocent people have lost their lives. We just hope this ends soon.”

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