

# Rose Petals

September 2022

Building a Better World for Women and Girls

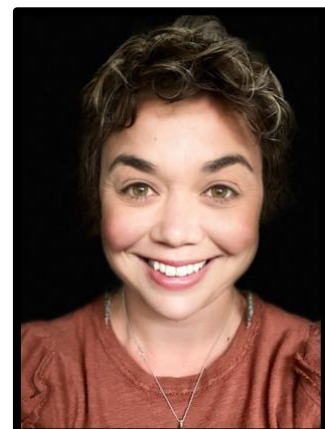
## President Alissa's Message

Hello ALL!

I wanted to start with a story, I am sure many of you have heard before. It's an account of Margaret Mead, the renowned anthropologist, explaining to a student how we can define the dawn of civilization.

"Years ago, the anthropologist Margaret Mead was asked by a student what she considered to be the first sign of civilization in a culture. The student expected Mead to talk about clay pots, tools for hunting, grinding-stones, or religious artifacts.

But no. Mead said that the first evidence of civilization was a 15,000 years old fractured femur found in an archaeological site. A femur is the longest bone in the body, linking hip to knee. In societies without the benefits of modern medicine, it takes about six weeks of rest for a fractured femur to heal. This particular bone had been broken and had healed.



Mead explained that in the animal kingdom, if you break your leg, you die. You cannot run from danger, you cannot drink or hunt for food. Wounded in this way, you are meat for your predators. No creature survives a broken leg long enough for the bone to heal. You are eaten first.

A broken femur that has healed is evidence that another person has taken time to stay with the fallen, has bound up the wound, has carried the person to safety and has tended them through recovery. A healed femur indicates that someone has helped a fellow human, rather than abandoning them to save their own life.

"Helping someone else through difficulty is where civilization starts," Margaret Mead said, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; For, indeed, that's all who ever have."

I found this incredibly inspiring this week as I have been overcoming my own challenges. My wish is that it can inspire you too. We are an amazing group of intelligent, funny and strong people who are lifting up women in our community because we understand the value of fellowship. In order to be the force of change and evolution, we need each other. I am feeling very optimistic about the direction our Club is going and I am grateful for all the time and effort that you all put forth. Our next big event is LUNAFEST and we are in a great position to make this a fruitful and fun event. With your help, we'll knock it out of the park.

Kindest regards,

Alissa

LUNAFEST is a traveling film festival of 8 short films by and about women. 80 minutes in length ~ LUNAFEST is sponsored by the LUNA Bar Company. It premiered 21 years ago and celebrates the work of more than 170 filmmakers in 2,700 screenings nationwide—both live and virtual, helping to raise over \$6.5 million for women's causes while providing a platform for women and gender nonconforming storytellers.

### Goals

150 tickets in person	\$20 pp	\$3000	Egyptian Rental	-\$400
100 tickets on-line	\$20 pp	\$2000	LunaFest package	-\$200
100 raffle tickets	\$20 each	\$2000	Raffle prize	-\$250
7 Corporate Sponsors	\$250 each	\$1750		
Donations		<u>\$1000</u>		
		<u>\$9750</u>		<u>-\$1050</u>

VIRTUAL AND LIVE EVENT

**LUNAFEST FILM FESTIVAL**

**EGYPTIAN THEATRE**

**ZONTA CLUB OF COOS BAY AREA**  
MEMBER OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL  
EMPOWERING WOMEN THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

**LUNA FEST**

**NOVEMBER 5TH 2022**

**DOORS OPEN AT 5 FOR NO-HOST BAR AND RAFFLE. FILMS BEGIN AT 6PM. THE EVENT IS HELD IN PERSON AND VIRTUALLY. TICKETS \$20. SCAN QR CODE TO PURCHASE TICKETS AND MORE INFORMATION**

**Purchase Tickets Here**

**WWW.ZONTACOOSBAYAREA.ORG**



### Dignity Bag Project Jen Shafer, Service of Time Chair

Thanks to the Club for allocating **\$1500 toward 30 dignity bags** for The SAFE Project this year – and thanks to Margaret for helping with shopping! These dignity bags provide essential hygiene and comfort items to survivors seeking services through The SAFE Project. Here's a sneak peek at what the bags will contain – shampoo/conditioner, lotion, bar soap, deodorant, shaving items, dental care items, and more! This year, we are partnering with Coos Elderly Services who will supply 30 drawstring backpacks, COVID test kits, and assorted PPE. **Please join us at the October 21 program meeting to help us assemble bags for delivery.**



for next year (every year!): More muscle needed at the end for cleanup! The Garage Sale fundraiser supports the administrative costs of running our club. It pays for Officer and director insurance, storage unit, PO Box, Chamber dues, etc.

**GARAGE SALE FINAL NET PROFIT: \$3,480.86. Anyone care to make it an even \$3, 500?**

**The membership committee** has been busy meeting with prospective members, planning our next New Member Installation and New Member Social, as well as welcoming our newest members. Keep an eye out for dates to those events soon.

We have sent out 5 Letters of Invitation since August and have officially welcomed 2 new members to our Club. Please join us in welcoming our newest Club members, Rennie MacNeille and Leisha Holmes.

If you would like to invite a fellow community member to learn more about Zonta, we have a membership inquiry form they can complete at <https://zontacoosbayarea.org/interested-in-zonta-membership-form/> and/or invite them to attend one of our Club meetings in person or via Zoom. Once they attend a meeting and complete an application, our committee meets to complete the new member process. If you are interested in joining the Membership Committee, please contact Lani at 971-227-4948 or

Nearly 50% of the club participated in the sale, either donating items or working at the sale. We had more donations than last year. Donations came from members, our friends, Judy Mogan, Dean Lundee owner of the now closed Boat Basin Boutique, and the Girls Scouts. At sale end we took at least 4 pickup loads to Hospice, two to Goodwill, Colleen Wylie took merchandise to the new Devereux thrift store, Brees got a load of purses and shoes, Habit for Humanity Store received tools, Coos Bay Library got books, metal scrap to Shinglehouse Salvage and the county dump-got the old Samsonite suitcases that were even refused by Goodwill. Greg Dalton and I are pleased with this garage sale fundraiser. **Big thanks to CASA for hosting the sale.** Take away



### Club Calendar

October 21	Club Program Meeting Dignity Bags
November 4	Club Business Meeting
November 5	LUNAFEST
November 18	Club Program Meeting
November 25 – December 10	16 Days of Activism
December 2	Club Business Meeting
December 3	Holiday Party 3-5pm
December 11	Shore Acres Hosting



## SAFE in 2021

Pictures from left to right, top to bottom:

Mayor Jessica Engelke presenting SAFE Project Executive Director with Revenue Sharing Funds Grant from the City of North Bend, OR.

Touch-Free QR Code Resource Board located in Empire Hall at Southwestern Oregon Community College.

Donations of hygiene bags from our local Zonta for survivors of domestic or sexual violence.

SAFE Project Advocates celebrating all of the gifts we were able to provide survivor families this year!

Some of the gifts we collected from the Tree of Joy giving tree at Pony village Mall to distribute to survivor families.

SAFE Project Advocates and Zonta members with more hygiene bags for survivors of domestic or sexual violence.



## SAFE Survivor Statistics

These statistics represent the clients that our agency served in 2021. These numbers represent the real lives of adults and children impacted by domestic and sexual violence in our community. These are not just numbers; these are survivors.

### 817

#### SURVIVORS SERVED

Total number of survivors of violence or abuse served across all agency programs.

### 749

#### ADULTS SURVIVORS

Total number of adult survivors served across all agency programs.

### 68

#### CHILD SURVIVORS

Total number of children survivors served across all agency programs.

### 3,104

#### SHELTER BED NIGHTS

Total bed nights provided to survivors and children in 2021.

### 143

#### ADULTS SHELTERED

Total number of adult survivors who were guests in our emergency shelter program.

### 54

#### CHILDREN SHELTERED

Total number of children survivors/secondary victims who were guests in our emergency shelter program.

### 18

#### PETS SHELTERED

Total number of service animals and emotional support animals sheltered.

### 9,312

#### MEALS PROVIDED

Total meals provided to survivors and children in 2021.



## SAFE Program & Operating Expenses

Program and Operating Expenses incurred by The SAFE Project in 2021; presented by category/program as well as the percentage of the agency's total yearly expense report.

### \$196,500.00

#### EMERGENCY SHELTER PROGRAM

Our emergency shelter program includes two dedicated shelter advocates as well as all utilities, food, hygiene items, and all other costs associated with operating two emergency shelters. This program amounted to 38% of our total yearly expense.

### \$140,000.00

#### OUTREACH PROGRAM

Our outreach program includes one full-time housing advocate, housing search assistance, support groups, our crisis hotline, and court and legal advocacy. These items amounted to 27% of our yearly expense.



### \$84,250.00

#### OPERATIONS, ADMIN & FUNDRAISING

Our operations and admin costs are kept as low as possible and include overhead and administrative items. We also include our minimal fundraising expense in this category. These items amounted to 16.5% of our total yearly expense.

### \$63,000.00

#### CLIENT ASSISTANCE

Financial aid payments made on behalf of survivors and emergency services amounted to 12% of our yearly expense.

### \$33,625.00

#### CAMPUS PROGRAM

Our campus program includes a dedicated part-time campus advocate, emergency services for survivors, and campus sexual assault awareness activities and training. Located on the SWOCC Campus, this program amounted to 6.5% of our total yearly expense.

## SAFE Board of Directors

The SAFE Project Board of Directors are a team of volunteers committed to our mission of serving survivors and holding perpetrators accountable, and to providing our agency with the strong leadership, oversight, and support that is needed to successfully operate a non-profit. We could not do our life-saving work without this amazing group of people supporting our agency, our advocates, and our dreams for the future. Thank you to all of our dedicated Board Members!

### LouAnn Dewater

#### BOARD CHAIR

Star of Hope

### Chantell Geels

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ODHS: Aging & People with Disabilities

### Julia Day

#### BOARD SECRETARY

Coos County District Attorney Office

### Joe MacNeille

#### BOARD LIAISON

Oregon Law Center

### Mike Paturzo

#### BOARD MEMBER

Coos County Parole & Probation

### Sgt. Thomas Lindahl

#### BOARD MEMBER

Coos Bay Police Department





I was born in North Bend and grew up here with my older brother and younger sister. I attended first grade at Hillcrest school, then Blossom Gulch, N B Junior High and Marshfield High school. I also went to SWOCC and got my Associates degree in Banking and Finance. I got my first real job at First National Bank in 1967 and stayed there for almost 30 years. The name had changed to First Interstate before Wells Fargo did a hostile takeover which caused my North Bend branch to close. I then began my new career at Wood Products who became Northwest Community Credit Union and stayed there for 13 years. I had two daughters, one passed away 5 years ago from cancer and my younger one is living in Arkansas. My first husband of 48 years passed away. My current husband, Don, and I have been married for 6 years. We have enjoyed traveling to Arizona usually in November to April for the past 6 years. **I joined Zonta in June of 1975** for networking and to promote our vision and mission. I spent many of my early years in Zonta as treasurer and spent two plus years as District 8 Treasurer. I have enjoyed all the people I have met and friends I have made through Zonta.




## International Day of the Girl 2022

On 11 October, Zonta International commemorates the 10th anniversary of the International Day of the Girl.

On the International Day of the Girl, Zonta International calls on its members to stand with and for girls, invest in building a better world for women and girls, advocate for ending gender-based violence during the 16 Days of Activism, and partner with like-minded organizations and influential people.

Zonta International has spent more than 100 years providing opportunities for women and girls and invested more than \$50.1 million in our international service projects and scholarships, fellowships and awards. From 2022-2024, Zonta is responding to the health needs of adolescent girls in Peru, empowering girls in Madagascar to act on climate change while learning in a safe and inclusive environment, and protecting the rights of millions girls to delay early marriage in 12 countries in Africa and Asia.


**INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE GIRL**  
11 OCTOBER 2022



Girl-led movements are stopping child marriage and female genital mutilation, demanding action on climate change and trailblazing in STEM fields


Source: UNICEF

Globally, females account for **less than 15%** of STEM graduates in over two-thirds of countries



Source: Sustainable Development Goals Report 2021

#DayOfTheGirl | #DayOfTheGirl2022  
#IDG | #IDG2022




### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Renee Frati 16<sup>th</sup>

Paula Bechtold 18<sup>th</sup>

### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Tammy Dalton 5<sup>th</sup>

Jan Delimont 5<sup>th</sup>

Margery Whitmer 8<sup>th</sup>

Sherry Horne 10<sup>th</sup>

Sheila Wilma 16<sup>th</sup>

**This is the 36<sup>th</sup> year of the Shore Acres Holiday Lights!** The first year began with about 1,000 lights and now has over 325,000 lights. The concept was initiated by Shirley and David Bridgham of North Bend, and they are still the main brains of the organization. **Visitors visit the park from all over the world.** The last year the lights were open was 2019, and the records show approximately 75,000 people visited the park that year. The lights run every day from Thanksgiving night through New Year's Eve. The park is a walk-through park so visitors of all ages can stroll at their leisure. There is a garden house where free hot cider, coffee and cookies are served. This is where our members volunteer. **Our Zonta Club is scheduled to work Sunday December 11 from 6:45 -9:30. This is a fun job for our members. You get to see and visit with friends from our local area as well as meet and visit with others from all over.**

We need at least 6 people, preferably 8-10 people to work during the shift. We will be serving the refreshments, as well as staffing the sign in table for the guests. The upstairs bedrooms need a volunteer in each of the 2 rooms and it's nice to have 2-4 people outside "patrolling" the grounds." A sign is hung at the sign in desk that states the name of the organization that is volunteering each shift as generally there are two different shifts a day. This gives the group a lot of recognition. Often the people at the sign in table get to tell the story of their organization.

The parking for volunteers is in the back area behind the garden house. There will be a sign stating the parking area for volunteers. There is no fee to park there, but if you come through the main park entrance (**which we do NOT want you to do**) there is a \$5 fee.

As a general point of information, this year the Oregon State Parks (who we work through) is instituting a "TIMED ENTRANCE" policy into the holiday lights. For more information go to [www.shoreacres.net](http://www.shoreacres.net) to find out more information on how this works. We've not had it before this year so we will all be learning at the same time, how this works for us. This is another reason we need our volunteers to park in the designated parking for them.

If you have questions or want to volunteer, feel free to contact me.

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Zonta Past President  
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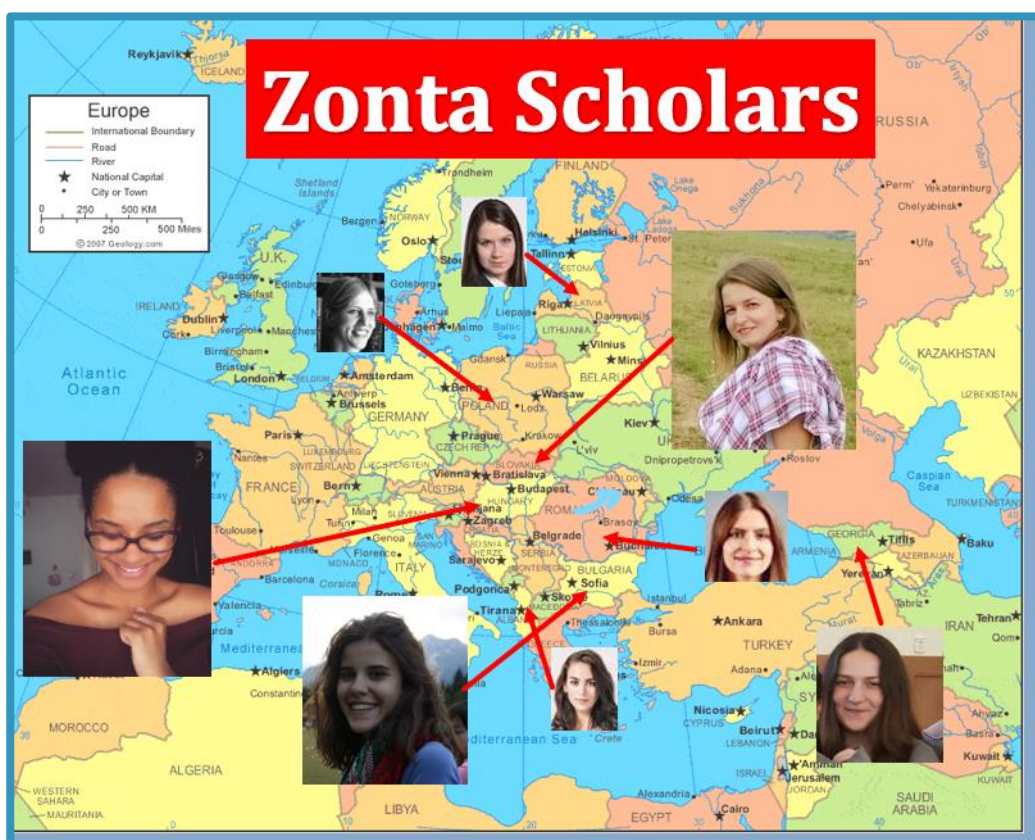




I am pleased to announce that this year's Zonta scholar is Silvia Lungu from Moldova! Pearson College is one of 18 United World Colleges. It's come to my attention that many are not familiar with the Zonta scholarship at Pearson- so here's the nutshell version.

District 8 has a long history of supporting a female student at Pearson. Initially it was a Colombian student and we actually pooled our monies to make a scholarship. Then, the US clubs began contributing towards an endowment fund while the Canadian clubs sent scholarship monies- and the two together (scholarship plus interest on endowment) formed a scholarship. Somewhere in there, we hit a year with no Colombian female student, so Pearson asked if we might agree to an Eastern European student. This is working well now that we are ALL contributing to the endowment and not providing direct scholarship monies.

You see, the interest on the endowment can't fully support a student, so Pearson finds a student whose national committee can support the rest of the student's funding. Right now- the Zonta Endowment sits at \$530,142.21... Pearson tells me they use 4% as a proxy for what all endowments generate- so about \$21k. I believe this is about 40% of what it costs to go to Pearson for a year... so Zonta is providing 40% of the scholarship and other funding (e.g. national committee) kicks in the other 60%. Still, we like to make a "thing" and call the student the "Zonta Scholar"!



We've had a wide variety of Zonta Scholars from Bulgaria, Georgia, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Romania, Hungary, Albania, Poland. So far as I know, we've never had Moldova before! OK I admit I had to pull up a map to see where Moldova is, and just in case anyone is as geographically challenged as I am ~ the pale blue arrow in the picture below; and assorted other scholars from the past.

Cheers all~  
Anita Mathur  
District 8 Pearson College  
Liaison





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