

# Rose Petals

February 2023

Building a Better World for Women and Girls



## President Alissa's Message ~

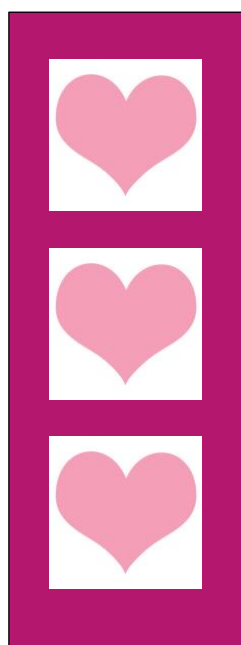
*Hello All!*

Coming up this weekend is the Murder Mystery Dinner Theater! We are so excited to host this new event in partnership with the Dolphin Players and Oregon Coast Culinary Institute (OCCI). I apologize if you were unable to get tickets as we sold out quickly. Hopefully the dinner will be fun and fruitful and the beginning of a new tradition. I want to thank the committee for all their hard work, and I cannot wait to see how the evening goes.

In other news, I am looking for someone or someones to help me with the virtual side of meetings. If you can be in regular attendance and are willing to run the Zoom part of the meeting, I need you! What I am looking for is someone that can monitor the chat, share screen when necessary and provide some back up tech support. Please let me know if this is something you would be interested in. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

I hope everyone was able to enjoy the Spring-like weather we have been having lately and I hope to see you all soon!

Many thanks,  
*Alissa*



**ZONTA**  
CLUB OF  
COOS BAY AREA

MEMBER OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL  
EMPOWERING WOMEN  
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY



## WELCOMES

Our new club members  
**Rachael Espy, Rennie MacNeille,  
Kim Winker and Leisha Holmes**





Thanks for the chance to show some love to a few people (there are so many to still acknowledge) who have impacted me. I am doing this from home and don't have my membership book - it's at work - and don't remember last names for everyone.

**Paula Bechtold** starts off my list of thankfulness and love this Valentine's Day. My inquiry to Zonta about joining was immediately responded to by Paula, who came to me with information and excitement. Knowing Paula's historic role in our community, I was absolutely in awe of how comfortable and open she was with me on day one. Of course, this was the group I wanted to be a part of if this is how interested individuals are brought in! She has been a great and patient teacher of all things Zontian. ♡

**Colleen Wylie** is a floral magician, taking ideas from my bride-to-be daughter's vision and translating them into amazing works of art, helping to pull together colors and themes. She helped to put the radiant smile on my girl's face for one of the biggest days of her life. ♡

During my early days of becoming a Zontian, **Mike Claassen** always made a point of welcoming me each meeting with a warm hello. His free and regular use of friendliness encouraged me to relax and truly take in the greatness of the group. ♡

I'll close with calling out **President Alissa** who is an inspiration to remind me to think bigger and outside my comfort zone. She has a drive and energy that you want to be a part of, exactly the type of leader that can bring about change. ♡

So many in our local club are worthy of this level of acknowledgement and it's tough to stop with just these; regular notes of gratitude are something I should be working on! I am so thankful to be a part of this amazing group of people as we take steps towards bettering the lives of women and girls in our community, across the nation and the globe.

Thanks, **Nichole Rutherford**



Very Special Valentine Thank you to my Zonta Sister **Terri Turi**. She is kind, dignified and respectful to everyone she encounters. She is an amazing and inspiring leader to all. Our club is blessed to have her in our circle.

Valentine love to the Mystery dinner committee. Great work friends. We lifted each other up.

Love to my Bestie **Sherrill**. You are a mighty warrior. So glad you are in my life.

**oxmkm. (Margaret Melvin)**



Feeling the love - As co-editor of the Rose Petals, our club's newsletter, I appreciate working with my co-editor **Lindi Quinn**. The Rose Petals looks professional thanks to Lindi's publishing skills. Many clubs, Zonta and otherwise, do not publish monthly newsletters. I take pride and appreciate our combined efforts to keep this tradition going. It's my pleasure to collect articles and keep you members informed of club news and activities. Thank you for reading and please feel free to send us stories or share your ideas for improvement.

**Genelle Hanken** PR & Communication Chair



I would like to express my thanks to the many Zonta members who have reached out to me the last few months. I appreciate your support.

**Sherrill Lorenzo**



I ADORE these outstanding Zontians for walking the talk and working incredibly hard to make our debut Murder Mystery Dinner Fundraiser a huge success!

**Alissa Pruess Margaret Melvin Lani Schreiber Genelle Hanken. Julie Reed Colleen Wylie Alice Carlson**, former Zontian and Dolphin Player extraordinaire!

The best thing about Zonta is the friends we gain along our journey. I am truly blessed by these women. My deep appreciation to all of you! Deep hugs! ♡

**Terri Turi**





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Club award  
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37 district awards  
US\$5,000 each

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### Jane M. Klausman WOMEN IN BUSINESS SCHOLARSHIP

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This year on Zonta Rose Day and International Women's Day March 8<sup>th</sup> we give tribute to individuals who have empowered us personally or the women in our community. On March 17<sup>th</sup> at our club program meeting, we will honor Coos County Chief Deputy District Attorney Jody Newby. Newby epitomizes the Zonta Rose Day theme of "Building a Better World for Women and Girls."

International Women's Day is a Global Day of Celebration to celebrate the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. The United Nations established International Women's Day in 1975 to celebrate the rights of women and international peace. However, its history stretches back to the early 1900s, when women's organizations around the world used the day to rally support for their causes: from the universal suffrage movement to obtain the vote, to the protest of poor working conditions. In 1999 Zonta International officially designated International Women's Day (IWD) as Zonta Rose Day.

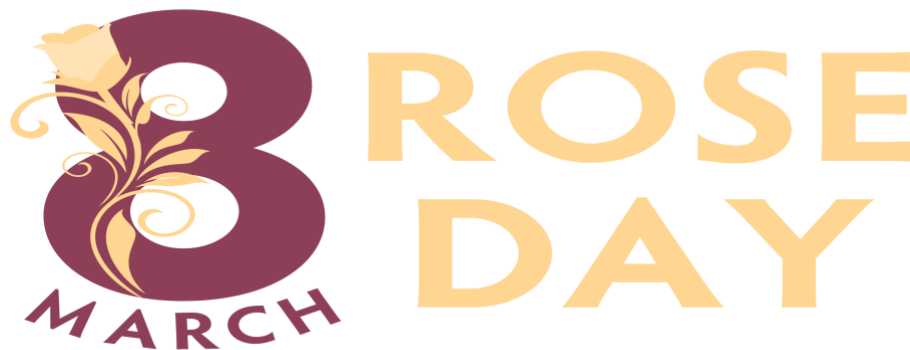
The March 17<sup>th</sup> meeting will take place at the Coos History Museum's Sprague Gallery, 12:00 -1:00 PM. A Zoom option will be available. A light sandwich lunch will be available for purchase. This is a great meeting to invite

guests and potential Zonta members. A RSVP will be sent in a Z Flash closer to the event. Please also consider making a Rose Day tribute gift to honor an individual who has inspired you at [www.zonta.org](http://www.zonta.org)

### **March 17<sup>th</sup> Program Speaker**

Jody Newby was born in Anchorage, Alaska and currently lives in Bandon, Oregon with her husband Vance Newby, a Chief in the U.S. Coast Guard, and her fourteen-year-old son Sebastian. She graduated from Willamette University in 2001 with a degree in Politics where she started an exchange program to Iceland to study women in politics. After college, she worked at the Alaska Women's Resource Center.

In 2002, she traveled back to Iceland as a Fulbright Scholar to study Kvinnalistinn, a women's political party. Jody graduated from Seattle University in 2008 with a Juris Doctorate and later began working as a prosecutor in Cowlitz County Washington, where she remained for over six years. In 2015, she and her son moved to Bandon to join her husband after he was stationed in Coos County. She currently works as the Chief Deputy District Attorney for Coos County and prosecutes major crimes, is a member of the South Coast Interagency Narcotics Team, the Coos County Crash Team, and the Major Crimes Team. Her passion is helping survivors of domestic violence and sexual abuse navigate the criminal justice system and see justice served.



## INTERNATIONAL DAY OF EDUCATION

### 24 JANUARY 2023



Worldwide, **129 million** girls are out of school, including **32 million** of primary school age, **30 million** of lower-secondary school age, and **67 million** of upper-secondary school age.

Source: UNICEF



The education of girls helps to break intergenerational cycles of poverty and disadvantage. When a girl stays in school, she increases her income-earning potential and her future is immediately brighter.

Source: World Vision Canada



A woman with formal education is more likely than an uneducated woman to use contraception, marry later, have fewer children, and be better informed on the nutritional needs of her children.

Source: World Vision Canada



In many parts of the developing world, the nearest primary school could be a four- or five-hour-long walk away. Girls are particularly vulnerable, risking danger, violence and abuse to get into a classroom.

Source: World Vision Canada



War and violence often bring an abrupt end to education opportunities, but girls are particularly vulnerable. A quarter of all out-of-school children live in crises-affected countries.

Source: World Vision Canada



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## ZI Scholarships, Fellowships and Awards

- **Amelia Earhart Fellowship-** awards up to 30 Fellowships of \$10,000 each to women pursuing Ph.D./doctoral degrees in aerospace engineering and space sciences.
- **Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship-** helps women pursuing undergraduate and master's degrees in business management with up to 37 scholarships of \$5,000 each annually. See page 3
- **Women in STEM Scholarship-** encourages women to pursue education in STEM through a pilot program, offering up to 32 awards of \$5,000.
- **Young Women in Public Affairs Award-** recognizes young women for demonstrating leadership skills and commitment to public service with up to 37 awards of \$5,000 each annually.



Building a Better world for Women and Girls



I was born and raised on Maui, Hawaii. My parents owned sport fishing boats in the Lahaina Harbor. I attended Southern Oregon University where I obtained my Bachelor’s in Psychology, and then Lewis and Clark College for my Master’s in Education.

I have two kiddos. A 5-year-old daughter Ella, and a 9-year-old son Jaxon. Ella loves gymnastics and dance, and Jaxon can’t get enough soccer. I was an elementary school counselor for 9 years before becoming a stay-at-home mom. Along with raising my children, I spend much of my time volunteering for local nonprofits and chairing community committees. My passion is supporting and advocating for vulnerable youth. A life challenge I have faced is becoming a single

mother when my daughter was 3 months old. It is challenging and rewarding all at the same time.

I’m so grateful for friends that have become family (love you Margaret Melvin). Something I would like to change in the world? I have always been passionate about supporting youth programs, particularly those that work with underserved youth. Removing barriers so our families can access resources and care is something that needs all our support. Why Zonta? I believe strongly in Zonta’s mission. The people I have met through Zonta have not only changed our community for the better but are working to make a positive global impact. I’m so proud to call myself a Zontian!



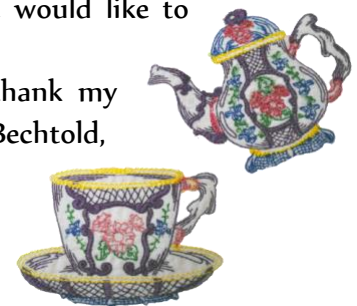
**Fundraising Traditional Irish Tea - May 13, 2023**

The Zonta Club of Coos Bay Area is having a “Traditional Irish Tea” fundraiser and silent auction. It will be held at the North Bend High School in the Hall of Champions Building on Saturday, May 13, 2023, from 2:00 to 4:00pm. The cost is \$40 per person.

Frank Murphy, the Culinary Arts Instructor assures us, this tea will be remembered for a long time. It will be a very special experience for friends and family. Frank’s expertise and knowledge as chef, working in the high-end restaurants was gained in Dublin Ireland before moving to the states. If any of you have never been to an afternoon tea before, now is the time for good conversation while feasting on dainty sandwiches, scones and much more.

For many centuries, affluent men and women were the only ones that could afford to go to the teas. Women wore their best clothes and beautiful hats while men wore suits and top hats. High Teas have truly changed through-out the years. In the states, there is more casual dress apparel. We would like to encourage you to wear your lovely hat if you still have one.

Tickets are sold by members of the Coos Bay Area Club. I would like to thank my committee for helping me plan the tea. Genelle Hanken, Margaret Melvin, Paula Bechtold, Verena Matthews, Debbie Schade, and Melinda Johnson.



**Muriel Richardson, Irish Tea Party Chair**

In anticipation of reviewing the applications from local nonprofits for this year's Community 101 funds, the MHS Z club has had presentations at two meetings this month: one from the Coos Bay Police Resource Officer about the drug use he is seeing in our community, and the other from treatment providers (who are NOT applying for funds) who talked about the needs of those in recovery and the options available locally. Both presentations were well received by the members with many good questions asked and answered.



On the community service side, Z Club was asked to provide childcare on a Saturday (IN COQUILLE) by Greg Dalton. This was for a foster parent training co-sponsored by CASA and Every Child. Greg reported:

“The youth from Z-Club were amazing and so very helpful with the kids. They did art projects, played games, ran after the busy toddlers, and just showed love and attention to the kids. One of the younger kids has some developmental delays and is very busy and curious, he takes a lot of energy. They cared for him, snuggled him, and were just the best caregivers. I saw one of the youths helping a little girl blow her nose, on several occasions. I saw [them] get hugs from the kids; their presence was important, calming, and caring. I just got to say that I'm always so impressed by your Z-Club team! What was extra special about this event was that we had used your Community 101 funds [from last year] to purchase the emotional regulation kits that were given to foster parents at the event. The training covered how to use the kits and how they worked to help a child calm.”



The Z Clubbers who helped at the Foster Family training





## Club Reminders



### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Alissa Pruess	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Michaela Vonderohe	4 <sup>th</sup>
Shirley Gray-Roby	5 <sup>th</sup>
Megan Jacquot	6 <sup>th</sup>
Carol Ventgen	6 <sup>th</sup>

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Ali Mageehon	8 <sup>th</sup>
Patty Scott	12 <sup>th</sup>
Rosemary Padgett	19 <sup>th</sup>
Verena Matthews	20 <sup>th</sup>
Kathy Erickson	21 <sup>st</sup>
Lani Schreiber	22 <sup>nd</sup>



NEW MEMBER MEETING  
ON ZONTA ROSE DAY  
WHO INFLUENCED YOU?

**MARCH  
08  
2023**



Sumin's Restaurant  
Meeting Room  
298 S. Broadway  
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