

# Rose Petals



April 2023

Building a Better World for Women and Girls

## President Alissa's Message ~ *Hello All*



I hope everyone is well despite the wet and blustery weather upon us. If you are in a funk and looking for something to do, I encourage everyone to visit <https://zontausa.org/> and click on "Fast Action" to see what you can do to support Zonta's causes from the comfort of your home. Also, the Zonta International website, [zonta.org](https://zonta.org), is a fantastic resource to learn what other Clubs from around the world are doing.

In our Club, I am pleased to announce that Jen Shafer, Bonnie Foroudi, Greg Dalton and Megan Jacquot are our newest board members for the 2023-2025 cycle. I am grateful for all who have served on our current board, and I look forward to what's in store for next year.

Coming up on April 22nd, is our Area 4 Workshop. It is a virtual event, and you can register online at <https://zontadistrict8.org/events/spring-2021-all-areas-workshop/>. We will be hosting a watch party, and more information on that will follow. I encourage everyone to register. I am personally looking forward to the presentation by our fellow Zontian, Patty Scott, president of SOCC, regarding generational differences in habits and attitudes.

Also, the Tea Fundraiser is sold out! I hope everyone that wants to participate is able and I am proud of our Tea Committee, headed by Muriel Richardson, for the hard work they have put into making this into, what I am sure will be, another memorable Zonta fundraising event.

Our next program meeting will be April 21st, at 7 Devils Waterfront Ale House, near the history museum. Julie Marshall and Sarah Bright from the Kid's Hope Center will be speaking in recognition of Child Abuse Awareness month. Team members from the Coastal Families Relief Nursery will present updates to their efforts. Food and beverages can be ordered from the normal lunch menu. I look forward to seeing you there!

Many thanks,  
*Alissa*



**Nikki A. Wright**

**2020**



18 years after graduating from Myrtle Point High School, I made the decision to attend college. With the support and guidance from Judge Megan Jacquot I enrolled at SWOCC. My enrollment coincided with the start of the pandemic so that allowed me plenty of time to study and work. I successfully graduated from SWOCC in August of 2021. I began courses at Southern Oregon University online in September of 2021 with the major of Criminal Justice and Criminology. In May of 2022 I applied for and received a promotion with the Oregon Judicial Department in part because of my education qualifications and my pursuit of higher education. I am currently a senior at SOU and will begin spring term in just two weeks. My biggest accomplishment was being on the President's List for the Fall 2022 term for earning a 4.0 GPA. I will be graduating in the fall of 2023 with a bachelor's degree. I am grateful for the opportunities I have been given, the lessons I have learned, and the support I have received.

**Jasmine Herrarra**

**2021**

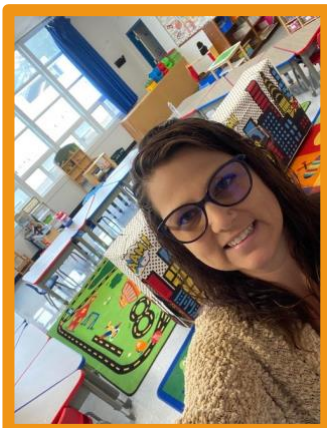


I am currently enrolled at Oregon Health and Science University pursuing a bachelor's degree in nursing. My goal is to continue my education in nursing to increase my knowledge and develop new skills along the way. I am excited to be attending OHSU. I took a break from school after graduating from SOCC's Nursing Program in June 2022 and decided to start classes at OHSU in Spring 2023 instead of Fall 2022. I am officially a licensed RN in the State of Oregon after all the work I have done to get to where I am today! I am thankful to be starting work as an RN at BAH in April 2023 I am proud to be a part of the 7% to 9% of Latinas in nursing in the United States. My goals this year include taking classes with OHSU, complete the Residency program at BAH and start working as an RN at the Acute Psychiatric Unit. It won't be an easy journey, but I know it will be worth it in the end. After completing my nursing classes at OHSU, I will then need to complete 15 upper division credits at a different university to graduate from OHSU. I plan to do those

15 upper division credits at PSU or OIT. These credits are not allowed to be related to nursing but need to be higher level credits at a partnered school. I hope everything goes well for me this year as I start this new chapter in my life. I appreciate the support for my educational and professional career. The Patty Barton Memorial scholarship has been such a great opportunity to help me continue to develop my educational and professional development without the worry of finding money to pay for school.

**Linda Robbins**

**2022**



I am currently working full time as a teacher's aide and attending Grand Canyon University to earn my bachelor's degree in Elementary Education with an emphasis in Special Education. I have completed 24 credits on this degree. I am currently taking 8 credits and have 56 credits remaining. At GCU, a typical student takes only one 4 credit course at a time, and I am currently doubled up on my courses. If I do well and continue doubling up on classes, I will finish my prerequisite courses in June of 2024 and be ready to begin student teaching in the fall of 2025. I feel fortunate to have made it onto the Dean's List my whole educational time as GCU. I have been nominated to join GCU's chapter of National Society of Collegiate Scholars. So far, my favorite course has been U.S. History Themes, it was intriguing and refreshed my memory of many important things that contributed to the creation of our country. I am excited to keep working as a pre-school teacher and continue my educational journey to become a licensed elementary school teacher.

## Zonta International Virtual Events

Zonta International is providing several events: training, webinar, meeting and seminar for month of April. The following two events are virtual and available to all - **registration is required.**

Virtual event/meeting: <https://www.zonta.org/events>

### **DIVERSITY WEBINAR: THE IMPORTANCE OF DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION IN ZONTA**

The Greater Diversity Working Group is pleased to welcome Heidi Moore, the principal of Moore Urban Consulting, to share insights with Zonta members on what they can do to create a welcoming and inclusive club environment. In this session, participants will:

- Recognize why diversity and inclusion is important to Zonta as an organization.
- Understand the different aspects of diversity.
- Consider what diversity may mean in their own club.
- Learn some steps to take to create a more welcoming club environment.
- Have the ability to ask questions of the committee and speaker.

**At Zonta, we believe that clubs who embrace diversity are more successful in reaching a wider audience and when reaching a wider audience, we can go further in our mission to build a better world for women and girls.**

Two sessions are available to register: Date: April 28, 2023

Option one: 7 AM

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMlf-qurT8sGdTprxm8FJeHJ1K2IOK5Clwk#/registration>

Option two: 2 PM

[https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMld-yopj8pHNKknDCmdCFTSEuML2Nj\\_Ra2#/registration](https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMld-yopj8pHNKknDCmdCFTSEuML2Nj_Ra2#/registration)



### **NEW MEMBER MEETING – WELCOME TO ZONTA!**

Are you new to Zonta? Please join members of the Zonta Headquarters Team in this meeting. You will be provided with the history of Zonta, highlights of the programs that Zonta supports and tips for the resources available to you. This is also an opportunity to meet longtime members who serve

on the International Membership Committee and other new members from around the world. Meetings are available in morning or afternoon.

Date: April 20, 2023

Option one: 7 AM

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZckdumhrjMoH9cnpjP8hlcRX3j8XFWNyDlnB#/registration>

Option two: 4 PM

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYpd-qqrzIqHNLX7C2QDOy4p5ZUoDZJNgdG#/registration>



Zonta Club of the Coos Bay Area presents

**SOLD OUT**

Traditional Irish Tea & Silent Auction

Saturday May 13th  
2-4 PM

Please join us for us for this fundraising event to raise money for scholarships and educational projects. Chef Frank Murphy and students of the North Bend Culinary Arts Program have prepared the menu and service is provided by the North Bend Z-Club.

Tickets \$40  
Purchase from a Zonta member  
Or Call 541-297-4042  
info@zontacoosbayarea.org

NBHS Hall of Champions  
North Bend High School 2323 Pacific St,  
North Bend

April 2023 Sexual Assault Awareness Month

WE BELIEVE SURVIVORS

24/7 CRISIS HOTLINE  
541-756-7000

WWW.STOPABUSECOOS.ORG

THE SAFE PROJECT  
SEXUAL ASSAULT  
Awareness Month

**DONATION Drive**

Hosted by Bi-Coastal Media  
April 14th 12pm - 3pm  
Behind the Hall Building in Coos Bay

Donation Suggestions: full size hygiene items, deoderant, razors, & clothing basics

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- Shirley MacAdam 8<sup>th</sup>
- Anne Medhaus Westbrook 12<sup>th</sup>
- Chelsea Feger 13<sup>th</sup>
- Suzanne Andrews 18<sup>th</sup>
- Ali Helms 26<sup>th</sup>

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

- Genelle Hanken 5<sup>th</sup>
- Patty Borcher 12<sup>th</sup>
- Rachel Espy 25<sup>th</sup>
- Bonnie Froudi 25<sup>th</sup>

REGISTER TODAY

ALL-AREA

GATHER-TOGETHER VIRTUAL WORKSHOP  
APRIL 22, 2023 - 10 am PDT

Build a Better Earth  
for Women and Girls

Select your gathering location!  
Bring your Zonta swag/bling!

ZONTA INTERNATIONAL  
DISTRICT 8  
BUILD A BETTER WORLD FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS



Coos County Chief Deputy District Attorney Jody Newby grew up in a small town in Alaska. Known to be an argumentative child, she was often told she should become a lawyer, a career suggestion she rejected. Now she is poised to seek the position of Coos County District Attorney in 2024, when current DA Paul Frasier retires. If elected she would become the first female district attorney in Coos County history. Jody says her passion is helping survivors of domestic violence and sexual abuse navigate the criminal justice system. To this end she has developed a classroom program to teach our local law enforcement areas of the law she believes are missing from the current curriculum at the police academy, such as understanding trauma and delayed response when

working with victims and survivors of domestic and sexual assault. Jody fits the Zonta Rose Day theme of being an inspirational individual and champion of gender equality.



### The Traditional Afternoon Irish Tea Party Committee Report

The Traditional Afternoon Irish Tea is seeking silent auction donations of gift certificates, etc. If you would like to donate items to be added to a basket, bring them to a club meeting or contact Debbie Schade. Chef Frank Murphy has generously donated a private home tea party for six. How much fun will that be for you and five guests! We now have a wait list for tea tickets. If interested contact Genelle 541-297-4042.



PRESENTED BY CHEF MURPHY & NBHS CULINARY

## Afternoon Tea

Congratulations!

**AFTERNOON TEA FOR 6**

- Traditional Irish tea
- Scones
- Petit Fours (pastries)
- Irish Sandwiches
- Brown Bread
- Smoked Salmon and condiments

Served on Traditional Tableware  
Along with great stories of growing up in Ireland

*Frank Murphy*

Culinary NBHS | CTE  
Contact 541-290-5977 | fmurphyenbend.k12.or.us

Auction Item donated by Chef Murphy  
In Your Home Tea Party



I was born in Portland, Oregon. When I was young, my single mother moved us to Virginia where I grew up in a suburb of Washington D.C. My childhood was not conventional. I was raised in what some might consider a religious cult. That experience certainly is nothing I would ever choose to live again, but it did shape my heart for equality, social justice, and empowerment of women.

My husband Joe, and I moved to Coos Bay 5 years ago. We have “fur” children in the form of 2 cats, Ike and Willy. He is an attorney for The Oregon Law Center. I am a nurse. I received my ADN from Walla Walla Community College and my BSN from Boise State University. I have had many fun, rewarding adventures in nursing but my latest is being the ICU Clinical Manager at Bay Area Hospital.

I had never heard of Zonta until living in Coos Bay. I saw Zonta posts on Facebook. I was intrigued by empowering women and ending gender-based violence. I am a DV survivor. I’ve had a lot of privilege in my life and was able to get out of an abusive relationship fairly easily. I honor and want to give back to those that do not and did not have privilege.

Genelle reached out to me after my inquiry and the rest is (recent) history! I look forward to getting more involved and working with all the amazing people in this group!



## Marshfield High School Z Club Updates - Paula Bechtold Advisor

The club had been busily gathering donations from the community for a silent auction to accompany a **spaghetti feed** (with music by the Marshfield jazz band). Proceeds were to be donated to Every Child and Foster Love for support of foster kids, particularly those aging out. The MHS Key Club was responsible for the spaghetti, but unfortunately had not yet done sufficient planning or organizing to satisfy the school administration (let alone the health department), **so the event has been postponed for now**. We are hopeful that it can be rescheduled for some time in May.

In the interim, the club will be finalizing their Community 101 project. Grant applications were received from AYA, Devereux Center, Friends of Coos County Public Health, HIV Alliance, and Waterfall. The focus this year is on substance abuse, prevention, and treatment. The club will hear brief presentations from each program, review each application carefully, and then determine how to allocate the \$5,000 the club received from the Oregon Community Foundation. The deadline for the club’s decision is April 27.



I was born at the Keizer hospital in North Bend. I've lived in North Bend all my life; lived, worked, raised a family, enjoying grandkids! I grew up poor, but with an amazing and supportive family and neighborhood. My father worked in the mills, where he was injured badly and couldn't work. I remember my friends being jealous because my dad was always around. He was a sweet, wonderful man. My mom worked so very hard to make sure we were loved, fed, and had a good roof over our heads. She was tough, loving, and protective of her family. She taught me to see the beauty of family and nature. We didn't have many luxuries, but we were wealthy with love. I have a bachelor's degree in human services management, which I obtained in 2012 from the University of Phoenix. It was a great experience learning with people from all around our nation and being instructed by people who were all working as specialists in the fields they taught.

Tammy (Dalton also a Zonta member) and I have been together for almost 40 years! We've been married for 37.5 of those years. We've raised 3 wonderful children, who are all wonderful adults now. We have 4 of the most amazing grandchildren.

I've done a lot of things over the years. I've worked in the woods (logging, tree planting), as a fish farmer, removed asbestos for a living, was a golf course superintendent, worked public housing maintenance, managed a doughnut shop, and most recently (for the last 12 years) have volunteered and worked for CASA. I've been the director for CASA of Coos and Curry Counties for about 8 years. CASA is a program of Oregon Coast Community Action; an organization I am proud to be part of and proud of the good work we do in our communities.

One of my life challenges was an onset of Rheumatoid Arthritis, which cause a big disruption in my job at the time as a maintenance mechanic for North Bend Housing Authority. There were days I struggled to turn a doorknob, which made the rest of my job very difficult. The blessing, silver lining, was that it led to going to college and working for ORCCA and CASA.



Another big challenge for me was addressing and healing through toxic masculinity and learning to carry an equity mindset. I am learning every day to be a better human, man, and advocate by digging deep into my own ignorance, toxic programming, and oppressive behaviors. I've been so fortunate and privileged to have met some amazing people along my journey. Those amazing people have opened my eyes to reality, injustice, and the need for advocacy. I believe all children need to be safe, loved, and nurtured. I'd love to see myself out of a job. Given a second wish – end oppression, rebuild our systems and foundations that were created inequitably and rebuild them so they support the needs of all humans.

#### Why Zonta?

I eagerly joined Zonta because of the mission and the support CASA received from the club over the years and the work the local, district, and national Zontians do for women and children in our world. There are so many strong women role models I have I have had a privilege to know, work with, and help make change in our community. Zonta has been an amazing experience and I have learned so much from all members of this club.



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