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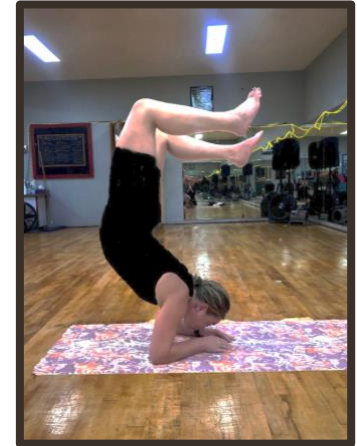
June 2023

Building a Better World for Women and Girls

President Alissa's Message ~ *Hello Everyone!*

I am so happy that summer is here, and the sun is shining!

I want to thank everyone who was able to attend the Induction/Installation dinner at Restaurant O. It was a wonderful event, led by our new Vice President, **Lani Schreiber**, who did all the planning and made it a fabulous experience for all. Also, many thanks to the Zonta team at the United Way Day of Caring. A special kudos goes out to **Margaret Melvin** who even showed up on Sunday to finish stacking wood. I love the fierce, strong woman spirit that is exhibited when we get together and give our time to others in need.



Did you know - Alissa is a yoga instructor at Bay Area Athletic Club.

Coming up next Friday is our program meeting. It will be held at the Coos Bay firehouse on Elrod. Our Club treasurer, **Jen Shafer**, has invited a special guest to present. Stay tuned for more details. Also, **Margery Whitmer**, is putting together a day for us to go bass fishing! Bass in the Coquille River have devastated the salmon population and there are rewards to catch them. This is a great project to support **Zonta Says Now To Climate Change**, so if you have interest please reach out. More details and a form to determine the time that works best for everyone will be in the next Z-flash. **Paula Bechtold** is seeking volunteers to house musicians during the upcoming music festival, in addition to volunteering at the welcome BBQ.

Aside from action items, I was requested to write something inspirational, so I am addressing the passing of **Tina Turner**. Turner was an advocate for survivors of domestic violence and the LGBTQ community. She told her story to give others strength and was a vocal supporter of same sex marriage long before it became law. June is Pride Month, so I think it is worth acknowledging that Turner not only advocated for women's rights but also the rights of the LGBTQ community. She showed us that it is possible to overcome adversity, but also demonstrated how powerful overcoming adversity can be.

As we move forward, think about what inspires you and gives you strength. Then take a moment to think about how you can share it with others. We are embarking on a new year of Zonta projects, and we need your ideas and passion if we are truly going to lift up the women and girls in our community. So, I am asking you all to put on your proverbial spiked heels and be Tina, be simply the best.

Many Thanks - Alissa

May 30 at Restaurant O, our new board was installed, and six new members were inducted into our club. Members Charlene Moore, Margery Whitmer and Lindi Quinn were recognized for 25 years of membership in Zonta. We enjoyed delicious food and lively conversation.

It is shaping up to be another great year for our club!!!



CONGRATULATIONS

2023-2024 Zonta Coos Bay Area Club Officers, Directors & Nominating Committee members

Zonta Club of the Coos Bay Area 2023-2024 Board of Officers and Directors

President Alissa Pruess	Directors 2023-2024	Directors 2023-2025
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Treasurers	OPEN	Greg Dalton Advocacy
Club Jen Shafer	Nominating Committee	
Foundation Shirley MacAdam	Verena Matthews Charlene Moore Margery Whitmer	

GRITT coming up in August

AUGUST 2nd - 4th - WED through FRI AUGUST 9th - 11th - WED through FRI
GRITT Chair Jen Shafer director@unitedwayswo.org 541-297-3440
 Please reach out to the event contact if you want to know more about the event and/or where you may be able to help. THANK You to all who have already committed to the above summer events. Enjoy this beautiful weather I hope is here to stay for a while!
Madison Spotts, Service Committee Chair madisonspotts1@gmail.com 808-228-6250

Build a Better world for Women and Girls



Creating Greater Visibility for Zonta on Social Media Genelle Hanken PR & C Chair

Did you know our Zonta Club has both a public page and a private Facebook group, as well as a presence on Instagram? If you are on Facebook, friend me and I will add you to our private group. Please like, follow, and share our public posts on your accounts. Before sharing, add your own comment before hitting post to get more traction in feeds. This is free advertising for us. District 8 also has a private Facebook group that once we are friends, I can add you as a member and we also have an Admin controlled public Facebook page and Instagram account. Please check them out and like and follow.

Help us grow our club and district Instagram following. If you haven't done so, download the free Zonta International App at the App store. From the app you can access ZI governing documents, manuals, news from headquarters, videos, My Zonta, ZI statements on climate change, human trafficking, women in Iran, etc. Our dues help pay for this App so please use it!

Did you know that our club has **11 Life Members?**

Paula Bechtold	1979
Patricia Borchert	1995
Shirley Gray-Roby	1975
Verena Matthews	1978
Charlene Moore	1997
Lindi Quinn	1998
Frances Smith	1993
Terri Turi	1991
Carol Ventgen	1976
Margery Whitmer	1997
Sheila Wilma	1979

ZONTA COOS BAY AREA
WELCOMES
 NEW MEMBERS: AMANDA PEREZ, CYNTHIA VOLLER, RETURNING MEMBER DEBBIE KIRBY, KITTY BACKUS, NORMA HALLMARK & GIDGET WALTERS



Press Release - North Bend, OR: The Coos Bay Area Zonta Service Foundation is proud to announce that the fourth Patty J. Barton Memorial Scholarship is awarded to Courtney Jeffs of North Bend. This is a \$20,000 renewable award to be issued over qualifying terms as the requirements of performance are met. Patty J. Barton was a long time Zonta member with a passion for women choosing to face their life's challenges by improving their status through education. Courtney Jeffs is doing just that, studying for a Business degree at Portland State University, with a major in Advertising Management. Patty's husband, Jon Barton, began the scholarship fund from donations received after Patty's death in 2018. Through club fundraising efforts, we have been able to grow and now use the funds to honor Patty with this award which will support Courtney with her education.

**ZONTA 2023
PATTY J BARTON SCHOLARSHIP
AWARDED TO COURTNEY JEFFS**

Courtney, a Marshfield High School & SWOCC graduate, is pursuing a Business degree in Advertising Management at Portland State University. The Zonta Club is proud to support women who are overcoming challenges towards improving their lives through education.

The Patty J Barton Scholarship is an annual award totaling \$20,000. This memorial scholarship is funded by many generous donors including Jon Barton, Patty's husband. Donations to support this award can be made via our website.

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The graphic features a portrait of Courtney Jeffs, a young woman with long dark hair, smiling. The text is arranged around the portrait, with the Zonta logo and name to the right and descriptive text to the left and below.

Courtney, a 2020 Marshfield High School graduate, has achieved an associate degree from Southwestern Oregon Community College. Both at MHS and at SWOCC, Courtney was an active member of Z Club and Golden Z Club respectively. She began building her foundation in business while still at MHS, earning multiple Adobe certifications with which she could do freelance work in the Coos Bay area. As a 1st generation college student, she maintains a 3.8 GPA at PSU and continues her community volunteer service there. Dr. Joel Bettridge, one of Courtney's professors at PSU, wrote "Courtney is exceptionally focused on her education and is tenacious in her pursuit of it; I believe that she will go on to do outstanding work in whatever field she chooses and is just the kind of student who deserves financial support."

The Zonta Foundation received applications from 17 amazing students from both Coos and Curry Counties for this scholarship. The

selection process reduced the pool to five applicants who received personal interviews. Shirley MacAdam, the PJB Scholarship Chair, said, "It is inspirational to witness the many women in our community pursuing their college educations all over the United States and in a variety of fields. We encourage all of you to keep an eye on our club website. Every January we post applications for the many scholarships we plan to offer. A fifth PJB Scholarship will be awarded in 2024. Donations to the Coos Bay Zonta Service Foundation are always appreciated."

Steps to A Successful Garage Sale Sale Postponed until Saturday, August 26th

- Mark your calendar – Set up August 25th Sale August 26th CLEAN UP 4:00 PM after the sale!
- Gather donations - No hard sided suitcases or clothes. Shoes, and purses okay and exercise equipment only with pre-approval. (It's too hard to find a willing taker if it doesn't sell.)
- **We need more help with the clean up this year!!** Bring your muscle and family. Plus more help! Thank you. **Greg Dalton and Genelle Hanken**

What a delightful day we had for Mother's Day on Saturday, May 13, 2023. The Traditional Irish Tea was held at the North Bend High School Hall of Champions. Chef Frank Murphy and his culinary high school students had the tables decorated elegantly with beautiful plates, cup and saucers and lovely rose pedals tossed along the center of each 12 round tables all over white linen tablecloths and napkins.

Chef Frank filled the room with laughter as he told his wonderful stories growing up. His teachings came into play as he announced to everyone, how to make a perfect cup of

tea. For a person who doesn't drink cream or milk in my tea, of course, I had to try it. Not bad, in fact, I could probably get used to it. The scones were great with chocolate chips in them. The sandwiches were very yummy. The delicious strawberries were dipped in chocolate and so huge and juicy. They must have been on some kind of hormone program as they grew. The desserts were heavenly. Many thanks to Chef Frank and his students in the NB Culinary Class.

The auction items went very well as so did the scholarship donations. The Tea netted over \$6,100. Chef Frank introduced the two scholarship recipients, Avery Pex and Alison Kirby who were in attendance. The North Bend Z Club members greeted the guests and directed them to their tables. The whole afternoon was so successful that possibly this tea could be a great addition to the club. Everyone left with great memories of a Traditional Irish Tea and a wonderful celebration of Mother's Day.

Karen Costello played the harp that was beautifully presented all through the room as guests entered the doors. And especially my committee for helping me get this lovely tea going. Margaret Melvin, Paula Bechtold, Genelle Hanken, Debbie Schade, Verena Mathews, Lindi Quinn and Melinda Johnson.

Once again, thank you. ~ Muriel Richardson, chairman



Oregon Coast Music Festival BBQ Hosting

JULY 24th – MONDAY

Paula Bechtold

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Build a Better world for Women and Girls



June 1919 was a milestone month for women's history in the United States. After decades of petitions, silent vigils, hunger strikes and protests, in June 1919, the U.S. Senate passed the 19th Amendment, guaranteeing all American women the right to vote. The amendment would not be fully ratified until 18 August 1920; however, its passage was a victory for women suffragists who had fought tirelessly to be given an equal voice and to be fully recognized as American citizens.

The weeks immediately preceding and following the passing of the 19th Amendment encouraged tens of thousands of women to use their newfound voices. The women who would become the first Zontians had gathered only a few months ago to conceive of a different kind of women's organization. Soon they would already count some hundred (!) pioneer women who would, on 8 November 1919, form Zonta. In hindsight, the creation of Zonta was an even more remarkable achievement since this organizational effort was made in times of snail mail and a just developing telephone infrastructure.

January 13, 1920: The 25th state to ratify the 19th Amendment was Oregon. Sylvia Thompson, the only woman serving in the state legislature, introduced the ratification measure in the Oregon House of Representatives on January 12, 1920. Although both the House and Senate were eager to pass it, confusion and conflict delayed the final passage until the next day. On January 14, 1920, the Oregon Secretary of State certified the ratification. The delay was in keeping with the history of woman suffrage in Oregon. Six times between 1884 and 1910, the Oregon legislature had passed an amendment to the state constitution enfranchising women only to have the measures defeated when put to the voters. Finally, in 1912 women in Oregon won the vote. With their ratification of the 19th Amendment, Oregonians gave their support to suffrage for every woman in the United States.

Issues Continue today! Gender equality is a basic human right and its achievement has immense socioeconomic implications. Yet, gender inequalities are deeply rooted in every society. The UN's Sustainable Development Goal No. 5 is to achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls. While progress has been made, no country in the world has achieved gender equality.

- Nearly 40% of women and girls, or 1.4 billion people, live in countries that are "failing on gender equality."
- According to recent data from some 90 countries, women devote on average roughly three times more hours a day to unpaid care and domestic work than men, limiting the time available for paid work, education and leisure and further reinforcing gender-based socioeconomic disadvantages.
- Women are paid approximately 81 cents for every dollar a man makes.
- Women continue to be underrepresented at all levels of political leadership. As of 1 January 2019, women's representation in national Parliaments ranged from 0 to 61.3%, with the average standing at 24.2%.
- While women represented 39% of world employment, only 27% of managerial positions in the world were occupied by women in 2018.
- 35% of women worldwide have experienced either intimate partner violence or non-partner sexual violence in their lifetime.
- Globally, one in five girls were married before age 18.



Women, including those representing the states of Wisconsin and Oregon, and delegations from Women's clubs, assemble in first national suffrage parade (1913), Washington, D.C. (Library of Congress/National Woman's Party)

Zonta International calls on its membership to:

- Increase their own awareness of climate change and on its gender-related consequences and raise awareness locally.
- Include gendered climate change advocacy actions in their advocacy plans.
- Support the inclusion of women at the national and local tables of decision-makers on environmental sustainability.
- Promote girls' education and the inclusion of climate literacy in schools, as well as to promote girls' science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) studies to increase gendered scientific and technical contributions to climate change mitigation.
- Advocate for national policies that take into account women's economic opportunities and ensures their full and equal participation in the economy.

Local Action on Climate Change

Margery Whitmer, Area 4 Director

Help save salmon on the Coquille River by catching small mouth bass!

As Area 4 Director I attend District 8 Board meetings. There has been much discussion and concern about depleted salmon stocks on the west coast from climate change and other reasons. Here in Coos County the non-native species of small mouth bass was introduced to the Coquille river and over the years they are eating up salmon smolts to the point of almost extinction last year for the king salmon.

Oregon Fish & Game, Coquille Tribe and the Port Commission of Coquille are working together again to promote a small mouth bass derby. This lasts all summer! There is a \$20 entry fee. You keep the bass you catch and freeze them for scanning for a chip. Scanning takes place Saturdays at Sturdivant Park and Sundays Myrtle Point boat ramps 2 pm to 8 pm. Your bass could have a chip for a prize of \$50 up to \$10,000! The goal is to rid the Coquille river of bass to save the salmon, a historic native species important to our economy and tribe alike!

This fun service of time project is a club supported (by consensus) activity. Look to see a survey monkey to decide on a time our club can take on this fishing adventure!

Let's help our salmon, promote Zonta to the public and have fun all at the same time!

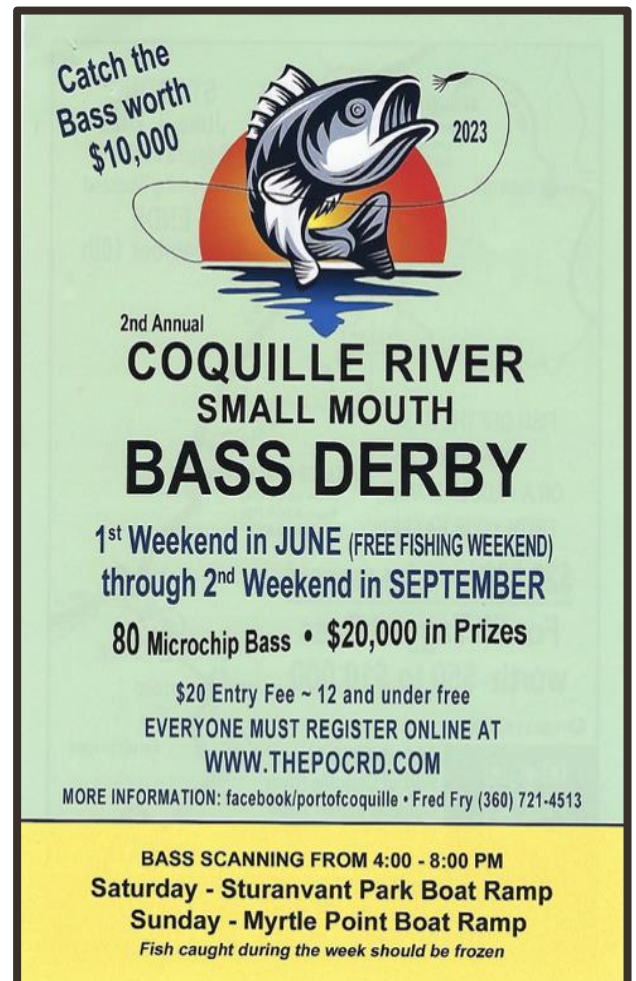
P.S. I read the Fish & Game regulations and it might be good to let the club know the angling license fees:

Oregon senior resident, 65 yrs and 5 yrs resident is \$29.

Oregon resident is \$44.

Oregon Youth 12 to 17 yrs is \$10.

Pioneer 65 yrs and 50 yrs Oregon resident is \$6 and purchased at ODFW office.



Catch the Bass worth \$10,000

2023

2nd Annual
**COQUILLE RIVER
SMALL MOUTH
BASS DERBY**

1st Weekend in JUNE (FREE FISHING WEEKEND)
through 2nd Weekend in SEPTEMBER

80 Microchip Bass • \$20,000 in Prizes

\$20 Entry Fee ~ 12 and under free
EVERYONE MUST REGISTER ONLINE AT
WWW.THEPOCRD.COM

MORE INFORMATION: facebook/portofcoquille • Fred Fry (360) 721-4513

BASS SCANNING FROM 4:00 - 8:00 PM
Saturday - Sturdivant Park Boat Ramp
Sunday - Myrtle Point Boat Ramp
Fish caught during the week should be frozen

District Conference is just a few months away...finalizing the planning details is falling into place well. I extend my utmost thanks to my Co-Chair, Julie Reed. Not only is she a super, great friend, we have learned we work very well together in planning and implementing big events. And we have fun doing it!

Here's where we are:

Call to Conference – **Governor Deb Lal and myself** are working on the development of the Call to Conference document. It will be sent to all Zontians by July 31. This document will have all pertinent information that will be discussed and voted on during the conference, information about the conference venue, registration information, slate of District candidates for the next biennium, etc... Look in your email for this very important document August 1!

Registration – **chaired by Michaela Vonderohe**. Michaela will be accepting, monitoring, and organizing the registrations for the conference as they come in once Call to Conference goes out. **She may need your help** with staffing the registration table at the venue (the Mill hotel lobby, second floor) on the evening of Thursday, September 28 as conference attendees arrive and then again, each morning for later arrivals.

Zonta Marketplace – **chaired by Lindi Quinn**. All 12 clubs in District 8 will be invited to "sell their Zonta wares" at the Marketplace which will set up in the Hazel Room 2nd floor) at The Mill conference facility. **Lindi may need your help** as the dates for conference get closer. The Marketplace will be open at most times that conference is not in session.

Picnic on the Bay – **chaired by Julie Reed and Terri Turi**. This casual gathering will be held at Bay Point Landing, 6:00 – 8:00, on Wednesday, September 27th to welcome Governor Deb Lal, her board and committee members. All Coos Bay Area club members are invited to attend to meet Deb and her team to welcome them to our beautiful area and enjoy a "Picnic on the Bay". Julie and Terri will be providing picnic fare and beverages for this event.

Credential/Elections – **chaired by Dora Daniels**. Dora will be receiving and compiling the delegate forms from all the clubs after Call to Conference is received. Then she and Terri will build the various ballot styles through Election Buddy and will distribute the ballots to all the voting delegates and club officers via email. Voting on the candidates for officer for the 2024-2026 biennium will take place the week before conference begins. Voted ballots will be counted and the final election report will be presented during Saturday's conference session. Dora and Margo Borstad will staff the Credentials Check In table (2nd floor of hotel lobby, near registration table) each morning of conference.

P.I.G.'s Dinner – **chaired by Paula Bechtold**. It is tradition that the Past International Governor's (P.I.G.'s) have a private dinner one night during the conference gathering. Paula has secured a room at Ciccarelli's for this event to be held on Thursday evening, Sept. 28 at 7:00 pm. It is expected that 10 D8 P.I.G.'s will be in attendance.

VIP Liaison – **chaired by Genelle Hanken**. We have two International VIP's attending our conference in September. Salla Tuominen, Finland, current ZI Vice-President, is our ZI representative. She will be bringing President Ute's message as well as sharing important information with us about the organization's strategic plan. Our second VIP guest is Sharon Langenbeck, immediate Past International President (PIP) who will address us with her experience as being President of Zonta International. This is a real honor for us to have these two join us!

Opening Ceremony/National Anthems – NEED HELP! This traditional processional is for the posting of the colors and the playing of the national anthems of not only the USA, but also of Canada (part of District 8) and Finland, to honor the country of our international guest. We have not yet secured a local color guard to participate in this event. **Any suggestions or help with this small piece of the conference would be appreciated!**

Welcome Reception/Hospitality Room – chaired by Julie Reed and Genelle Hanken. Julie and Genelle have graciously stepped up to organize and monitor the Welcome Social on Thursday evening, September 28, in the conference Hospitality Room (Coquille Suite) opening at 6:00 PM to welcome all attendees to the conference. The Zonta Club of the Coos Bay Area will serve as host of this event. **THIS IS WHERE WE NEED ALL MEMBER'S HELP!** Our club will be supplying appetizers, chips, beverages of choice, charcuterie trays, veggie trays, etc...for the Welcome event. Genelle will have a sign-up sheet as the event date gets closer for club members to sign up with what they can bring and/or donate to this event. In addition to the Welcome Event, this room will be open each evening until 10:00 pm as the hospitality room for attendees to relax, enjoy a nibble or beverage at leisure with other Zontians. **We will need a few members help to staff the room and help with serving** Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings after the planned events have been completed. **Again – beverage (wine, beer, water, soda, etc... donations are appreciated as well as nibbles of any kind)**

Coos Bay Village Tasting Tour – chaired by Julie Reed. This social event will be held on Friday, September 29, 2023, 5:30 – 9:00. Check-in at Lobby Bar at the lobby of the resort hotel at 5:00-5:30. Attendees can purchase a beverage to enjoy while meeting and catching up with fellow Zontians and guests! The complimentary 12-passenger Mill Casino shuttle will take us in groups to the Coos Bay Village. The tour includes a Cheese Tasting at Face Rock Creamery where one can purchase beer and wine to accompany the cheese and make purchases to take home, browse the boutique shops who have opted to open that evening for our group, and enjoy a sampling of local small bites at 7 Devils Waterfront Alehouse where one can also purchase a flight sample of their local Ales or a beverage at their full-service bar. Next up is shuttling or walking to the final destination at the 999 Front Street Historical Building where our local Zontians are waiting to serve you delicious bites, dessert, beer and wine! **Club members' help will be needed!**

Cost per person \$50.00 - The tour comes with free transportation to and from Mill Casino Resort, Cheese Tasting at Face Rock, Food Sampling at 7 Devils and at 999 Building all your Food, Desserts, and Beverages. **TOUR NOTES:** Advance reservations at registration and payment required – No refunds will be issued.

Memorial Service – chaired by the Zonta Club of Grants Pass. This is the traditional memorial service held each Saturday morning of conference to honor our Zonta members within the district who have passed within the last biennium. It is a moving ceremony each year – especially for those club members who have experienced such a loss.

Other Notes of Interest - Conference agenda will include inspirational leadership speakers, VIP Zonta International guests, engaging information about Zonta International's strategic plan for the future of our organization, Zonta Says Now – presentations on how climate change affects women of today, wonderfully fun activities & slideshows.

YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS! WE NEED YOUR PARTICIPATION, YOUR REGISTRATION AND ATTENDANCE, AND YOUR HELP! PS...Anywhere in this article that you see the word help or any phrase that is in bold font – please offer your kind assistance by contacting Terri or Julie!

Zonta Advocacy Committee Seeks New Members

The Zonta Advocacy Committee supports improving the status of women and women's human rights. We advocate to influence laws and attitudes that impact women's lives, underlying Zonta programs and activities at every level. The committee also coordinates United Nations education activities and publicity. We are looking forward to planning and implementing some activities, tools, and resources this 23-24 fiscal year. We'd love to hear your ideas and project suggestions. If you are interested in being part of the advocacy committee, identifying community needs for us to address, then please reach out to me.

Thank you. **Greg Dalton, Advocacy Chair** gdalton@orcca.us 541-297-0569

Build a Better world for Women and Girls



My family moved multiple times when I was young due to my dad’s career. We settled in Southern California when I was 8, five blocks from the beach. I love the beach! The travel was tough on Mom, picking up and moving all of us, but she did it. She was a strong woman, and my best friend. I have two older brothers who I give credit for my love of music and camping. There is never enough time when we get together.

College brought me to Northern California and scuba diving brought me to my husband and our 3 children. Two of our kids have children and our middle son got married last year. I had a long career in retail, mainly apparel, traveling from Northern California, Oregon, Washington, Nevada, and Hawaii. Happily, retired from retail I still love to work so I continue to do so. We moved to Oregon 15 years ago and love it. I love to hike, dance, garden, be creative, and spend time with family and friends, including my two kitties.

I enjoy being in Zonta and support the mission to make lives better for women. We must continue to support each other and continue to fight for our rights.

United Way Day of Caring by Jen Shafer, Director of United Way of Southwestern Oregon

This year’s United Way Day of Caring involved nine organizations and over 100 volunteers who serviced 30 homeowners with yard care assistance on Saturday, June 10. A barbeque lunch was sponsored by NW Natural and prepared by the Kiwanis club. Team Zonta Coos Bay Area was represented by Margaret Melvin, Greg Dalton, Sherrill Lorenzo, Alissa and Nicoya Pruess, Genelle Hanken, Wyatt and Nicole Rutherford, Sherry Horne, Maria Gonzalez-Santos and Muriel Richardson. Plus, our many cookie-dessert bakers Tammy Dalton, Dora Daniels, Leisha Holmes, Debbie Schade, and Bonnie Foroudi.

Team Zonta serviced four homeowners in Lakeside, Hauser, and Coos Bay. We cleared brush, trimmed hedges, cleaned gutters, weeded, etc. During the afternoon shift Margaret, Nicoya and Greg stacked wood, and Margaret went back the next morning to finish the job and offered to finish up a few other homes. Sherry Horne said, “Wyatt Rutherford totally transformed the backyard (of our assigned



home) into a very enjoyable space. The resident was very happy and appreciative. The neighbors wanted us to do their yard too!” Greg Dalton said of Margaret Melvin, “Margaret is a bad ass wood stacker! We worked 2-4 pm stacking ¾ of 2 cords of wood. I’m beat!” Margaret said, “by Sunday afternoon it resulted in 3 cords of stacked wood. We helped a lot of people this weekend. I love service work.”

All in all, a productive feel-good day. Thank you to United Way Board member Margaret Melvin for visiting and vetting the 30 homes we serviced. I had a great team!

For the second year, the Z Club participated in the Community 101 program funded by the Oregon Community Foundation. School classes or clubs throughout the state receive \$5,000 each to grant to charitable organizations of their choice in their community. The program requires students to identify issues and causes they care about, research nonprofits which address those needs, solicit, and then review grant applications, conduct site visits, and award grants. This year the club's focus was on increasing awareness and providing more counseling and other resources to address the critical issue of substance abuse in our community.



The newly elected MHS Z Club officers for the 2023-2024 school year.

The club has also provided volunteers during the year for various community activities and projects - Suicide Awareness Walk, Oktoberfest, Egyptian Christmas Concert, Foster Families Christmas Party, bellringing with the Zonta Club for the Salvation Army, providing childcare services during a full day training for foster parents, and Family Fun Day. The Z Club had a booth at the Read Across America event at the Coos Bay Library. Their most recent activity was a silent auction and bake sale fundraiser to support the Every Child and Foster Love programs; their net was approximately \$1,200. Finally, the Z Club voted to send \$500 to Zonta International's Foundation for Women. Money, they earned selling nachos, popcorn, etc. at concessions for school games and events.



The MHS Z Club graduating seniors wearing the mahogany and gold cords they earned to wear with their graduation robes.

The Z Club at NB continues to have actives crowding their time as the school year comes to an end for 2022-23

New officers have been elected for next year, and were introduced at the last club meeting on June 6th.

President Sophia outlined the activities of this past year including last minute activities the club was called on to help with. This included helping at BAH with hanging art work and providing daycare for the spa day offered to employees at BAH.

The following pictures are from the Z Club members helping at the Irish Tea on 5/13.



And here they are at the Club program meeting presenting scholarships to the NB Z Clubbers Ali Kirby and Avery Pex, with YWPA winner also from NBHS Bryn (???)

By the start of the final meeting all of the chairs were full, which is pretty good for the final week for seniors with all of the year end activities. The seniors were introduced and each gave a few words on their plans for post High School.

This is a good club . It was started in 2017



with Terri Turi as the first Zonta advisor, with several to follow. The Z Club existence at NBHS has been possible with the facility advisor **Erica Street**. She wears many hats including biology teacher and yoga instructor and more. Her science club has also been a past winner of our own club service grant awards. While Zonta has had a revolving door of advisors for this club, she has been a constant advisor to this club. Erica is the one who can remember all of the NB Z Club students who have won our Zonta scholarships through the years. So I applaud her and her dedication to the students in so many ways. And for sticking with this service club! Thank you Erica!!