



Rose Petals

July 2023

Building a Better World for Women and Girls

President Alissa's Message ~ *Hello Everyone!*

I am so honored to be your president again this year. I am inspired by the work that we do together to advance the status of women and girls around the world.

In the past year, we have made great progress on a number of important issues. We have raised awareness of violence against women and girls, and we have worked to increase access to education and economic opportunities for women. We have also supported programs that promote peace and security for women and girls. Most recently, we went fishing to try and stem the small-mouth bass proliferation as they are endangering the native salmon population.

I am confident that we can continue to make a difference in the lives of women and girls. But we cannot do it alone. We need your help. I urge you to get involved in our Club's work. There are many ways to participate, from volunteering at our events to donating to our programs. Every little bit helps.

Together, we can create a world where all women and girls have the opportunity to reach their full potential.



Thank you for your support. Many Thanks - Alissa

"I am not free while any woman is unfree, even when her shackles are very different from my own."

- Audre Lorde

Big thank you to Lani Schreiber, our club vice president, for the great job organizing the agenda, food, time, and discussion surrounding the future of our club. Many thanks to **Bonnie Foroudi** for her hospitality and hosting us in her beautiful home. Good ideas were shared, and priorities

identified. Emphasis this year will be on committee work and more opportunities for member participation and decision making. All committees are currently seeking new members. Please raise your hand and make a difference in our community. To get involved contact

Advocacy- Greg Dalton
Service- Madison Spotts GRiTT - Jen Shafer
Scholarship- Megan Jacquot
Membership- Margaret Melvin

District 8 Conference- Terri Turi
Leadership/Events/Fundraising- Lani Schreiber
Zonta International Connection – Bonnie Foroudi



Zonta Club of Coos Bay Area and the Coos Bay Area Zonta Service Foundation are pleased to announce our third annual summer camp, Girls Rock it Tools & Trade (“GRiTT”). Building off Zonta’s Girls Rock STEM Fair (since 2015) and 2021-2022’s successful GRiTT programs, this year we are offering a **free** introductory and intermediate program for youth ages 8-12 to learn basic construction methods using handheld tools. The camp is made possible with the support of Oregon Coast Artisan & Trade Education Collective and Alternative Youth Activities, with generous grant funding from the Weyerhaeuser Giving Fund and support from Zonta volunteers.

- **Introductory session: August 2-4, 2023 (9am-2pm) – toolbox construction** ○ Available to youth who did not participate in the GRiTT 2021-2022 program
- **Intermediate session: August 9-11, 2023 (9am-2pm) – planter box construction** ○ Available to introductory session campers and returning campers

Included in the day camp are lunch, snacks, safety gear, GRiTT t-shirt and handheld tools (measuring tape, carpenter pencils, etc.) that participants can keep. Youth will learn basic measurements including fractions, as well as basic carpentry skills, as they construct their projects from pre-cut materials. Interspersed throughout the camp will be icebreakers, teambuilding, and guest speakers – local women in leadership, STEAM, and/or construction professions.

Camp will be held at Oregon Coast Artisan & Trade Education Collective, located at the Old Charleston School. Transportation to and from the camp is the responsibility of the parent/guardian.

Both sessions are capped at 15 participants; if more than 15 applications are received participants will be chosen by lottery drawing. Please return completed applications to zontayellowrose@yahoo.com or to PO Box 245, North Bend, OR 97459 by July 21, 2023. Applicants will be notified of participation eligibility by July 28, 2023. Questions can be directed to zontayellowrose@yahoo.com. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Jen Shafer, GRiTT Organizer
Zonta Club of the Coos Bay Area

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For details and application:
click the QR code
email zontayellowrose@yahoo.com
visit <https://zontacoosbayarea.org/girls-rock-it-tools-and-trade-gritt/>

AUGUST 2-4
intro week - tool box

AUGUST 9-11
advanced week -
indoor/outdoor planter box

Garage Sale is on! Set up Friday, August 25 and sale Saturday, August 26. We need your help. Your spouses and teenage kids too. This fundraiser pays our club's administrative costs. Collect your items, ask your friends and pre-mark all you can. Melinda Johnson has limited storage space in her garage. No clothes, exercise machines, hard sided suitcases. Please contact us if you can help.

Greg Dalton and Genelle Hanken



ZONTA CLUB
AUGUST 26TH

BIG SALE

GARAGE SALE

PONY VILLAGE MALL
AT THE OLD HARRY RITCHE
JEWELRY LOCATION

9 AM - 4 PM

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July

Julie Reed	7/1
Michele Eberhardt	7/11
Lindi Quinn	7/18
Mike Claassen	7/25

August

Pam DeJong	8/2
Madison Spotts	8/2
Rennie McNeille	8/18
Jody Newby	8/19

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District Conference Co- Chair Terri Turi

Build a Better World for Women and Girls
through empowerment, through service, through advocacy,
through mentorship, leadership, and friendship!

District 8 Conference is fast approaching – September 29 and 30, 2023 at The Mill Casino Resort on the Coos Bay of the Oregon Coast! Take the opportunity to join us as we take in the coastal beauty, share and renew our friendships with one another and get inspired by our district and international leaders!

Call to Conference will be distributed to ALL ZONTIANS on July 31, 2023. Within this document you will find information on the venue for lodging, conference registration, the slate of district officers for the 2024-2026 biennium, club delegate registration information, district business documents for which club delegates will be voting, social event activities and much more! Look for this PDF document coming to each of you in your email! Please let Terri Turi know if you don't receive it! Terri.turi@gmail.com

Joining us at conference this year will be our district's ZI representative, Salla Tuominen, Int'l President Elect from the Zonta Club of Finland, Immediate Past International President, Sharon Langenbeck from District 9 of USA, and Angie Lion, MS, an inspiring leadership speaker and consultant from the Zonta Club of Pocatello. Come hear about Zonta's service projects from around the world and the future of our organization as we enjoy each other's company in person!

This is a conference you don't want to miss - educational pieces on Zonta Says Now and how climate change can affect women, updates from our Foundation Ambassador and opportunities to give, a fun social event and tasting tour, and an inspiring, personal story of Ending Child Marriage at the closing banquet.

We look forward to seeing you all in September!

Leadership **Zocial** **Speakers** **Zonta Says...**

Coos Bay Village Tasting Tour!

Face Rock Creamery 7 Devils Alehouse 999 Front St. Building

Register for this fun, social Friday event. Enjoy samplings of small bites, creamy cheeses, fabulous sweets, & so much more at our area's newest shopping venue. Transportation included. Only \$50.00/person!

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

District 8 Conference
September 29-30
Coos Bay, OR
Hosted by Zonta Club of Coos Bay Area

I grew up in the very deep South, just north of New Orleans. Louisiana, the people, the food and culture are definitely my “home”. I grew up as a first-generation latchkey kid and the youngest of 2 daughters to elementary and college educators. I love to tell stories, watch SEC sports, eat amazing Southern food while enjoying drinks on the porch with friends and family, and Zydeco playing in the background. I attended LSU where I received my bachelor’s in psychology and then a master’s in social work. Within quick order, I found my way to Coos Bay and have been here since graduating in 2000. I am married with 2 children in out of state college as of August 2023. They are relocating across the country, and this will be quite the challenge to have both out of the nest. My kids are amazing, and I thoroughly enjoy being in their presence and watching them sort through life. Being so far away from all family members has been very challenging over the years. However, we have been incredibly fortunate to find so many friends that have become family here in Oregon. The remoteness of Coos County, in comparison with New Orleans’ easy access, has been incredibly challenging and something I continue to grapple with, especially when I want to travel.

I primarily work with abused kids and adults abused as children. I see the harm that comes both to the child and those that they interact with as they age. It pains me like no other and wish I could prevent the harm that comes to children through abuse. Childhood may still be painful for other reasons, but to end the preventable harm to our kids would be amazing.

Zonta’s values are in line with mine, especially around building a better world for women and children. I enjoy being around like-minded people with similar goals and objectives and creating paths in different ways than myself. The work is tireless but those in Coos Bay Zonta are uplifting and energetic in their Zontian pursuits. I’m so happy to be back after a break focusing on my children and building my practice. ♥

Editor’s note; Debbie is co-owner of the Coastal Center. Her daughter Alison is a 2023 recipient of a \$3,000 Club Scholarship and the \$1,500 North Bend Z Club Scholarship.



Debbie is pictured with her Zonta sponsor Lydia Schaffer-Casas at the Jazz Fest 2023.

Club Program June: Laura Erceg



Our June program meeting speaker was Laura Erceg, Director of Southern Oregon Coast Pride. Laura spoke of her advocacy journey and how she advocates for the LGBTQ community on the south coast, both in Coos and Curry Counties. For more information and for opportunities to get to get involved and support Southern Oregon Coast Pride visit <https://www.facebook.com/SOCP.PRIDE>

July 21 Program

MHS Debate & Speech State Champion – CeeCee

Jennifer Stephens – Fitness For Recovery Coach



I received a BA from Boise State and an MBA from Dominican Univ, after the life of a military dependent moving every 2 yrs. between US and Europe. I worked for over 13 years at Merrill Lynch and Smith Barney. Before I jumped the fence and went to work for a private family foundation for four years.

Over time I have served on multiple Board of Directors and volunteered with nonprofit organizations wherever I have lived and worked. My desire to give back to my community has been with me ever since I was in school. That is why I chose Zonta, the best nonprofit ever - helping women and children worldwide. Education will change the world, and Zonta goals align with mine. I also enjoy singing and acting in theatrical productions everywhere, including "Always, Patsy Cline" in four productions here in Coos County, where I played Louise, Patsy's friend.

I moved to Coos County in 2006 to live and enjoy life with David Kelly. I did management consulting and then development for Star of Hope for a few years utilizing my MBA. In 2014 I returned to the finance industry, and I have been in my Coos Bay Edward Jones Investments office on Ocean Blvd ever since.

Saving the Salmon by Margery Whitmer

On July 1st members of our Zonta club participated in the Coquille river small mouth bass derby. This derby goes all summer with the goal of reducing the small mouth bass. These small mouth bass are eating voraciously the juvenile salmon smolts, young salmon causing the salmon returns to be dangerously low last year and so the derby this year as well.

Our group enthusiastically fished and fished but the small mouth bass were not as enthusiastic about our luscious worms and lures! I don't know why, maybe we didn't hold our mouths right or we just need to get out there again! A few small mouth bass were caught to benefit the salmon. We benefited by just having fun together, enjoying a beautiful summer day on the Coquille river and helping the salmon run!



What's Your Favorite Summertime Fun?

- Greg Dalton-** Fishing from my Kayak!
- Paula Bechtold-** Walking on the beach
- Theresa Cook** – Being ecstatically retired!!
- Alissa Pruess-** Beach and garden time
- Sherry Horne** -Backyard BBQs with friends and gardening
- Jen Shafer-** Eating cherry tomatoes off the vines from my garden!
- Lindi-** Golfing, family time, deck drinking – games galore!
- Audrey Duke-** Camping
- Shirley MacAdam-** A Chris Stapleton Concert in Spokane!
- Charlene Moore** – Travel
- Helping my son work in his yard in Tacoma, WA.
- Staying home all of July & August to enjoy Coos Bay!!