

# Rose Petals

Build a Better World for Women and Girls

December 2023

## President Alissa's Message:

Dear Zonta members and friends,

As the festive season approaches, I find myself reflecting on the incredible spirit of our community and the countless ways we have supported each other throughout the year. I am filled with immense gratitude for each and every one of you who dedicates your time, talent, and resources to empower the lives of women and girls in the Coos Bay area.

Through our various projects and initiatives, we have made a tangible difference in the lives of countless individuals. We have provided educational scholarships to deserving young women, offered vital resources to survivors of domestic violence, and empowered women entrepreneurs to thrive. These achievements wouldn't be possible without the dedication and generosity of each of you.

With the holiday season upon us, I want to encourage everyone to continue embracing the spirit of giving. As we celebrate with our loved ones, let us also remember those less fortunate in our community. Let's dedicate ourselves to supporting local charities and organizations that are working tirelessly to address critical needs.

Here are some ways we can give back locally this holiday season:

- **Donate resources:** Donate items such as clothing, food, or toys to local shelters and food banks. Consider donating to Zonta's various projects, which address specific needs in our community.
- **Support local businesses:** Shop local this holiday season and support the businesses that contribute to the vitality of our community.
- **Spread awareness:** Share information about local charities and organizations with your friends and family. Encourage them to get involved and support the causes that matter to them.

By giving back locally, we strengthen our community and create a brighter future for all. Together, we can make a significant impact on the lives of those around us.

From the bottom of my heart, I thank each of you for your unwavering commitment to our Zonta mission. May this holiday season be filled with joy, gratitude, and the spirit of giving.

With warmest regards ~ Alissa



This year we were able to set up our Child Marriage Shoe display at the Pony Village Mall. Genelle and I grabbed the display items from our storage unit and put them together at the south end of the mall- right in front of the Hearts & Hands Holiday Store. Almost immediately folks came up to read the information. They all were surprised to learn there were so many US states that still allow child marriage. Most folks stood there reading, surprised, horrified, and saddened by the realization that so many young girls in our world are forced into marriage when they are just children. One visitor to the display came to the next Zonta meeting and has interest in joining our club!



I've truly enjoyed getting to be part of the 16 Days project this year. Taking pictures with local business staff and nonprofits has been truly energizing. I've shared so much about Zonta during those photo shoots, helping to build awareness of this amazing club and the important work we do for women and girls. I hope you are following those efforts on our social media accounts, commenting, and sharing so the internet algorithms are pushing them out to a wider audience.



We were also able to appear in front of the city councils in Bandon, Coos Bay and North Bend and have our Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women Day on December 10<sup>th</sup> proclamation read and signed by Mayors Mary Schamerhorn, Joe Benetti and Jessica Engleke.

Outreach, information, awareness work, and showing up works to build our team and make change for women and girls in our local, regional, national, and international world. Remember, the 25<sup>th</sup> of every month is Orange Day. If you have an orange Zonta shirt, that's a good day to wear it when you are out and about.



## Thank you, Weyerhaeuser Giving Fund!

Great news - Weyerhaeuser Giving Fund has awarded \$2000 for our 2024 Girls Rock it Tools & Trade ("GRiTT") summer camp program! This is our second year receiving a grant and we are so grateful for their ongoing support of this fun, impactful program!

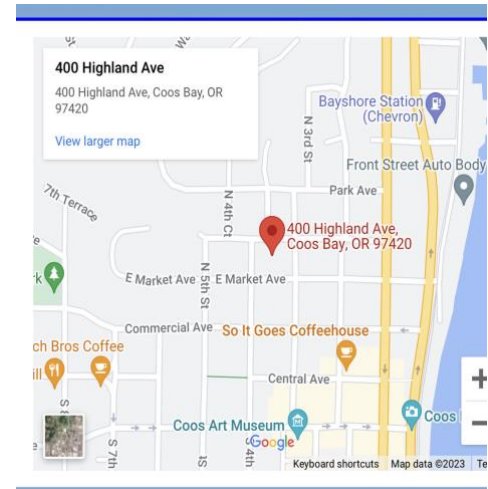


**Club Program December 15<sup>th</sup> 12-1pm at 400 Highland Avenue, Coos Bay**



### Mission Statement

We partner with vulnerable families to identify their needs, set strength-based goals, and provide ongoing support using a holistic approach that includes therapeutic early childhood program classrooms, home visits, outreach services, and parent education programs.



### Wish List for Care Closet Specifically for mothers:

Feminine hygiene products (tampons, pads)  
Razors and shaving gel (we don't have any of these yet)  
Hair products (shampoo/conditioner or hairspray/mousse or hairbrush/hair ties)

### Other items we can take:

diapers/pull-ups (size 3-5) and wipes  
new clothing items 12mo-5T Winter jackets/hats  
Nonperishable food items  
personal hygiene products (toothbrush/toothpaste, deodorant)  
cleaning products (laundry detergents, toilet cleaner, kitchen sponges)

Also, it would be nice to be able to take a family shopping to get clothes, shoes or an interview outfit or something like that. So, a gift card for Fred Meyer or Walmart might be good for that? Just giving some options! Thank you!

PS - Lindi Q here - while touring CFRN I was reminded that many of the non-perishable food items donated to food pantries require milk, butter, or eggs to make. And that beef and chicken are not readily available to/affordable for families. Maybe consider a gift card to your favorite grocery store to help cover the costs for these items.



## The Salvation Army Red Kettle History by Erin Kauffman

In 1891, Salvation Army Captain Joseph McFee was distraught because so many poor individuals in San Francisco were going hungry. During the holiday season, he resolved to provide a free Christmas dinner for the destitute and poverty-stricken.

The next day Captain McFee placed a similar pot at the Oakland Ferry Landing at the foot of Market Street. Beside the pot, he placed a sign that read, "Keep the Pot Boiling." He soon had the money to care for the needy. Rumor has it that Captain McFee would wait for the fishermen to arrive after a day out on the sea and bang the pot with a ladle to attract attention.

In 1900 in Chicago, a spry 16-year-old Salvation Army Cadet named Amelia Kunkle stood beside a kettle and thought of a way to draw attention to it. She purchased a small bell at Woolworth's for \$0.10...soon after, all Christmas kettle locations included a "bell to draw attention."



In 1950 Jay Livingston and Ray Evans wrote the song "tinkle bells" they heard ringing in front of department stores being rung by Salvation Army personnel at Christmastime. Livingston's wife Lynn reminded the songwriting duo that the word "tinkle" also had another meaning, so they quickly changed the title to "**Silver Bells**". The song was made famous when Bob Hope and Carol Richards sang the song as a duet in the film "The Lemon Drop Kid."

Captain McFee's kettle idea launched a tradition that has spread not only throughout the United States, but across the world. Kettles are now used in such distant lands as Korea, Japan, Chile, and many European countries. Everywhere, public contributions to Salvation Army kettles enable the organization to continue its year-round efforts at helping those who would otherwise be forgotten.

Zonta has been ringing the bells here in Coos Bay since 1977. The most recent totals are as follows:

- 2022-\$1,793.50
- 2021-\$2,566.69
- 2020-\$2,175.42
- 2019-\$2,388.91
- 2018-\$2,334.43

**Our club efforts have raised \$11,258.95 in the past five years, with well over \$50,000 raised by Zonta Coos Bay Area for The Salvation Army over the past 46 years!!** The Salvation Army Coos Bays Kettle Goal is \$52,000 in 2023. With the help of Zonta, we will reach our goal, and help those in need in the South Coast area.



New this year, Zonta has been assigned a QR code in where you can donate, and it will be posted by the kettles on Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at Fred Meyer. This QR code goes into our bell ringing total. The red kettles help fund our After School Program with much needed supplies, and our Hope Market Food Pantry.

Thank you so much for your support. Please sign up to ring. 90-minute shifts, bring your dog, dress warm. Open shifts still available.

**Contact Service Chair Madison Spotts 808-228-6250 to volunteer.**



**10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at Fred Meyer's**  
**Zonta ringing the bell non-stop since 1977!**

90-minute shift, two people needed for each door. Dogs welcome and wanted, children and guitars too!! Dress warm, wear funny hats, reindeer horns, big smiles. This is our longest running service project started back in 1970's as a friendly competition with Kiwanis. Please start collecting checks-cash from your friends, family, and coworkers now. All \$\$ we raise stays local. Funds collected go to food pantry, after school programs, social services.

Contact Madison Spotts # 808-228-6250

Email: [madisonspotts1@gmail.com](mailto:madisonspotts1@gmail.com)

**Grocery Door**

10:00 to 11:30 AM  
11:30-1:00 PM  
1:00-2:30 PM  
2:30-4:00 PM

**Name & Phone#**

Rennie MacNeille 703-303-5728  
Verena Matthews 541-290-8676  
Mike Claassen 541-982-9924  
**OPEN**

**Name & Phone#**

Sherrill Lorenzo 541.297.2357  
**OPEN**  
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**OPEN**

**Apparel Door**

10:00 to 11:30 AM  
11:30-1:00 PM  
1:00-2:30 PM  
2:30-4:00 PM

**Name & Phone#**

Alissa Pruess 970-404-2649  
Norma Hallmark 530-262-0929  
Maria Gonzales-Santos. 408-838-1254  
Annastacia Sequoyah 808.557.1140

**Name & Phone#**

Nicoya Pruess  
Lindi Quinn 541-297-0421  
Annastacia Sequoyah 808.557.1140  
**OPEN**

**Customer Service Door**

10:00 to 11:30 AM  
11:30-1:00 PM  
1:00-2:30 PM  
2:30-4:00 PM

**Name & Phone**

Margery Whitmer 541-297-2095  
Nichole Rutherford 541-404-5021  
**OPEN**  
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Bonnie Foroudi 310.872.8977  
Ashley Mauer 541-297-9118  
**OPEN**  
Megan Jacquot 541-404-6777

- Please call your partner if you are running late

Salvation Bellringing 2022

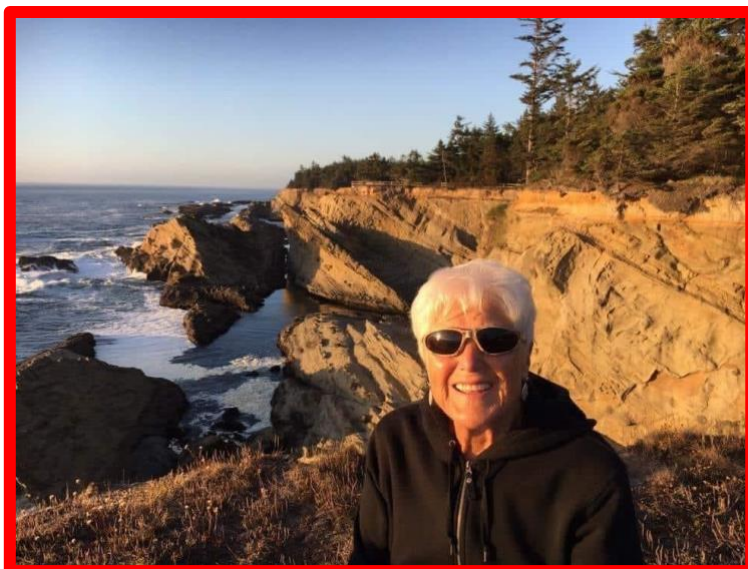


I was born in Coos County and spent my early years on a farm at Delmar ~ located near Green Acres. When the U.S. entered World War II, my father moved us into town for safety, where he went on to become Mayor of Marshfield/Coos Bay. After graduating from Marshfield High School in 1952, I attended Oregon State University, where I majored in Education and Home Economics. I spent several years teaching in California before marrying Robert Walberg and returning to Oregon, where we had two daughters, Gretchen and Sarah. After spending roughly 20 years teaching Home Economics and English in several Coos Bay schools, I married Bill Borchert and retired from teaching to help him manage the Oregon Jazz Band and to continue my new career as a Doncaster wardrobe consultant. In the years following, I enjoyed traveling, being involved in the organization of musical festivals and becoming more active in my community. I was a member of several organizations, but was particularly attracted to Zonta, not only because my mother, Grace Fitzwalter, had been a member, but also because of Zonta's contributions to women and to the community, and because I met many active, like-minded people there.



Editors note: Patty was a fervent Zonta recruiter and at last count recruited well over 30 members into our club.

*Happy Birthday  
Zontians*



**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Frances Smith	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Gidget Walters	10 <sup>th</sup>
Arnold Hill	20 <sup>th</sup>
Julie Brecke	26 <sup>th</sup>
Melinda Johnson	27 <sup>th</sup>

**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Sherrill Lorenzo	9 <sup>th</sup>
Charlene Moore	9 <sup>th</sup>
Debbie Schade	13 <sup>th</sup>
Naomi Ulsted	14 <sup>th</sup>
Muriel Richardson	16 <sup>th</sup>
Jen Shafer	21 <sup>st</sup>
Greg Dalton	23 <sup>rd</sup>
Nikki Pritchard	23 <sup>rd</sup>
Lori Schmidt	27 <sup>th</sup>



From left to right, Gabriel, MJ, Liam, Amgalanbayar.

Hello!

I am Gabriel Carton from QOL,EW room 7 of Pearson College. I am so sorry that we haven't contacted you sooner, but life at Pearson is very intense and we finally have a small break after exam week. We wanted to thank you for your gifts which have been very appreciated in the rainy weather of Vancouver and we would like to stay in contact with you, in whichever means is easier for you. Anyways, I'm a first-year student coming to Pearson from Belgium and I've really enjoyed the

nature in North America, which is far more extreme and exciting than anything I have seen back home. I asked my roommates to present themselves and here is what they had to say!

- Hi my name is Amgalanbayar and I am from Mongolia. I am currently a second year at Pearson. I came to Pearson to seek totally new opportunities to allow me to become a global citizen. I come from the country with the coldest capital in the world 🥶.
  - Hi! My name is MJ and I'm from Minnesota. I'm in my first year and I came here for an opportunity to meet people from all over the world. I have a cat and he has an additional toe! He's also my best friend and confident. I'm also really interested in environmental law, and especially advocacy around Lake Michigan
  - Hi my name is Liam and I'm from Ireland and Brazil. I came to Pearson to have the opportunity to interact and have memorable experiences with people from all over the world.
- ~ Yours truly. Gabriel, Amgalanbayar, MJ and Liam

## ROSE POTPOURRI



- ◇ Amber Perez started a new job November 8<sup>th</sup> with Graham Bay Area Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram, where she is the new sales and finance manager. Amber says, "We also have Bobcat Tractors and Trailers. We are located off Ocean Blvd right up from the Y Marina.
- ◇ Audrey Duke recently retired from her nurse practitioner practice at North Bend Medical Center. In retirement, she is enjoying trail riding, showing horses, being active with Coos County Mounted Sheriff's Posse, and serving on several community boards.
- ◇ Genellen Hanken and her husband, Tracy, are cruisers! They are headed to South America and Antarctica this month. "Ugh packing! Summer there except Antarctica, where it is below zero. 🥶"
- ◇ Renee Frati State Farm Insurance, Inc. Coming soon.... Team Frati is moving to a new location in January. The new office address is 2293 Broadway, North Bend (across from Umpqua Bank). We are very excited ~ it's a great way to start the New Year!
- ◇ Movers and shakers – Arnold Hill to Vermont, Theresa Cook and Margaret Melvin to Arizona.
- ◇ Nikki Pritchard recently joined the Board of Directors at the United Way of Southwestern Oregon. She is also starting a business selling crystals and minerals. You can visit her shop at [thecrystalgardener.etsy.com](http://thecrystalgardener.etsy.com)





I grew up in Michigan as the baby in a large Irish family. When my parents retired, we moved to Las Vegas, where I witnessed the tragedy of the sex industry. I hold certifications on the regional, national, and international levels as an expert in human trafficking. I graduated from the Michigan State University Broad College of Business with a Master of Business Administration focusing on management strategy and leadership. I also hold a Bachelor of Science in Organizational Leadership. I have been with The Salvation Army since 1993- 30 years!

My husband and I arrived in Coos Bay in February 2023. We currently oversee operations and business for The Salvation Army for Coos, Curry, and Northern Douglas Counties on Oregon's South Coast. We have lived in Las Vegas, Santa Monica, Tucson, Phoenix, Big Bear and Sacramento, CA, Colorado Springs, Spokane and now Coos Bay. Recent accomplishments include updating social services delivery systems addressing food disparity and after school programming to serve community members with the highest standards of quality, dignity, and respect. My husband and I are partnering with City and County governments, the faith community, and many local service agencies to build transitional housing for unhoused families.

On a personal note, I am mother to Allison and Amber, wife to David, and I love to travel and spend time with my family.

Why Zonta: I have a strong desire to pour life and love into others, and help women live up to their full potential.

MHS Z Club Update

Paula Bechtold



Marshfield Z Clubbers helping with the Foster Family Christmas party. They are setting up the cotton candy machine.



**BIG NEWS~**

Current MHS Z Club President Kiri Goodson is now Miss Coos County! You may remember her from singing the national anthem at the opening of our Zonta conference in September Or maybe in 2022 when she greeted guests at our Lunafest Fundraiser.