



Rose Petals

Build a Better World for Women and Girls

October 2023

President Alissa's Message ~ *Hello Everyone!*

I just wanted to say first off, how proud I am of our Club! We had such a great turnout with 36 registrations, at the District 8 Conference. I hope that those of you who were able to attend came away rejuvenated and inspired to continue the good work that Zonta does. With that being said, I want to thank **Terri Turi, Julie Reed, the ZAPP's, and the District 8 Conference Committee** for all of their hard work organizing, planning and implementing a wonderful event. It was truly a pleasure to be able to share the Conference experience with so many brilliant women and men. I am looking forward to seeing what our Club can accomplish in the upcoming years.

This month is our Club's 70th anniversary! To celebrate we are honoring members that are reaching milestones. We have a number of life members (25+ years) and we are especially grateful to them for all the work they have done over the years. Please take a moment to thank and honor **Paula Bechtold, Patty Borchert, Verena Matthews, Charlene Moore, Lindi Quinn, Muriel Richardson, Shirley Roby, Frances Smith, Terri Turi, Carol Ventgen, and Margery Whitmer.** We will be celebrating Friday, October 20th, at the Mill Casino. We have over 30 members committed to attending the lunch meeting! That's exciting. I hope to see you there to celebrate our members and our Club's big 7-0.



If you are a new member, or a member just looking to do some hands-on work, we will be meeting this Tuesday at 10AM at the CASA office to assemble dignity bags, which will be distributed at the SAFE Project. If you cannot attend, please consider joining a committee. The bulk of our work is generated from committees, so if you have any questions, please contact me, and I can help you figure out which projects you would like to work on or what you would like to learn more about.

I hope everyone is doing well and I look forward to seeing you soon!

Many thanks,
Alissa

Happy Birthday to US!

20 years



Renee Frati
Club President 2007-2008



Genelle Hanken
Club President 2008-2009
and 2018-2019 ZI D8 Governor



Michaela Vonderohe
Club President 2011-2012

15 years



Margaret Melvin
Club President 2016-2017

10 Years



Michele Eberhardt
Past Club Secretary



Sherrill Lorenzo
Past Club Secretary
& Treasurer

5 Years



Ali Mageehon
Past Club Director



Alissa Pruess
Club President 2022-2024



Madison Spotts
Current Club Director

Zontians who have been members for 25 years or more and are retired shall be designated "Life Members" if they reside in the area and wish to remain active members of the club.

- ★ **Shirley Roby 1975 = 48 years!** Club, CAB Zonta Foundation and D8 Treasurer.
- ★ **Carol Ventgen 1976 = 47 years!** Club President 1980-1981 and 1990-1991
- ★ **Verena Matthews 1978 = 45 years!** Club President 1987-1989
- ★ **Paula Bechtold 1979 = 44 years!** Club President 1984-1986 & 1998-1999 and ZI D8 Governor
- ★ **Terri Turi 1991= 32 years!** Club President 1993-1995 and ZI D8 Governor 2008-2010
- ★ **Frances Smith 1993 = 30 years!!** Past Foundation President
- ★ **Patty Borchert 1995** and has sponsored dozens of women for membership!
- ★ **Charlene Moore 1997 = 26 years!** Club President 2000-2002 plus some. Past Area 4 Director
- ★ **Margery Whitmer 1997 = 26 years!** Club President 2002-2003. Current Area 4 Director
- ★ **Lindi Quinn 1998 = 25!** Club President 2003-2004 and 2020-2022.

More Past Presidents

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| Michaela Vonderohe | Club President 2011-2012 |
| Dora Daniels | Club President 2012-2013 |
| Debbie Schade | Club President 2014-2015 |
| Shirley MacAdam | Club President 2015-2016 |
| Karen Costello | Club President 2019-2020 |



Zonta Program Meeting Friday October 20th 12:00- 1:00pm

Salmon Room East - The Mill Casino and RV Park

If you did not RSVP and would like to attend please come, however lunch is a maybe for you due to firm commitment needed by The Mill staff.

OCTOBER IS

**Domestic
Violence**

AWARENESS MONTH

Uplifting survivors and ending relationship abuse.

**#HealHoldCenter
#DVAM2023**

**NATIONAL
DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE
HOTLINE**

Congratulations to Governor Deb Lal, the Conference Committee Co-Chairs Terri Turi and Julie Reed and the conference committee: Registration, Michaela Vonderohe, Credentials, Dora Daniels and Margo Borstad, Zonta store – The Yellow Rose Emporium, Lindi Quinn & Bonnie Foroudi, Publicity & VIP liaison Genelle Hanken, Flag presentation and Memorial Service, Paula Bechtold. With our sponsors help, we were able to keep our registration fee the lowest conference fee throughout the Zonta world!



We LOVE our Sponsors!

Mega thank you to all our sponsors for the District 8 Conference! Your generous contributions help to make this conference such a success! We value your partnership with you in Building a Better World for Women and Girls!

Empower Level

- Pocatello Pet Lodge, ReMax Realty, Zonta Club of the Coos Bay Area

Strengthen Level

- Dora & Ray Daniels, Deb and Arvin Lal, Terri and Rich Turi, Past Int'l Governors, Coastal Center, LLC, Genelle Hanken & Tracy Pierce, Julie Reed at Ocean Breeze Flowers & Gifts (in-kind), Angie Lion (in-kind)

Raise Level

- Zonta Club of Pocatello, Zonta Club of Everett

Boost Level -

Zonta Club of South Puget Sound, Pam deJong at Edward Jones, Zonta Club of Anchorage, Paige Porter at Inspired Intentions

First Timer Impressions of the District 8 Conference

Bonnie Foroudi I am so glad that I was able to attend the Dist. 8 conference and to be among the dedicated members of ZI, listen to powerful speeches and meet other members from all over the nation/world. Our club did a wonderful job hosting the conference. 😊

Jen Shafer Great presentation on the ZI strategic plan. Met some great people and learned a lot!

Cynthia Voller It was a great opportunity to meet and connect with other Zontians within district 8 who all support their community and one another.

Gregory Dalton The conference really solidified for me the driving force that is Zonta. It made my world seem smaller and easier to make change. I am honored to be part of the Zonta team!

Debbie Kirby The District 8 Conference was a wonderful opportunity to connect with folks sharing similar passions to serve, discover upcoming focal points, and explore a variety of ways to become involved at different levels.

Melinda Johnson Outstanding! The conference was an inspiration and showcased the dedication and talent inherent in our own group.

Nichole Rutherford As a first time attendee of a Zonta District Conference, I was uncertain of what to expect, but this experience was beyond amazing, surpassing any baseline expectation I had. The format was open and comfortable, with great speakers sharing insightful information. I especially like the aspect of the Store and the opportunities to connect with other Zontians, expanding my understanding and appreciation of other communities and cultures. And what is most amazing is having this experience in my hometown!



September 15th Club Program Meeting

Jen Shafer gave an excellent review of the 2023 GRITT club project. Planning for 2024 already! For more details on the 2023 program see Rose Petals Sept. 2023.

CeCe Visser, a member of the 2022-2023 Marshfield High School Speech and Debate team, presented a “program oral interpretation.” CeCe won 1st in the Oregon State competition with her presentation. The MHS team was supported with \$1,000 from our foundation which supported their travel expenses to Phoenix for the national competition this last spring.



New member meeting

The New Members continue to meet monthly under the tutelage of Paula Bechtold, to learn about Zonta and the traditions and customs of our club. In September Naomi Ulsted, our Pearson College liaison and Genelle Hanken made a presentation about Pearson College, just before we had the pleasure of meeting Maria and Ella, the two Pearson students who attended and spoke at the District 8 Conference. **Next meeting is set for October 18, 5:30 PM** at the Back Alley in North Bend. All members are welcome. Greg Dalton Advocacy Chair will discuss the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence and our club’s plans for action.



Book Club – Oct. 15 Lessons in Chemistry

Elizabeth Zott and her atypical family were the topic of conversation this last Sunday afternoon. Elizabeth is a scientist who struggled to break the glass ceiling which was so low in the 1950’s she could hardly stand up. Questions were raised as to what is normal? Are we required to conform to get ahead? Privacy issues and challenges. As always, book club is more than just a discussion about a book. Sharing our life experiences is how we connect with both the story and each other. Thanks for being a part of the fun ladies! We all highly recommend reading the book 1st... then maybe watching Apple TV+ series after. ~~~ Lindi Q.

We had 12 members participate wearing our orange “Zonta says no to violence against women” and carried our signs with the same message. Our new banner did not arrive in time so we used our existing banner which led the parade. Toyota donated a white truck – Ron drove and Verena rode shotgun! We had sign carriers and members passing out candy on each side of the truck. What worked – we were there! Room for improvement next year - Plan much earlier. More emphasis and “show” of whatever theme we come up with next year to have a more exciting presence. Have more candy on hand (members contribute) I sent a thank you note to Amanda Perez/Toyota for loaning us the truck.”



New Member Profile: Ashley Mauer

My name is Ashley Mauer. I’ve lived in Coos Bay-North Bend my whole life. I met my husband Andrew 6 years ago and he also grew up in Coos Bay. We live with our 5-year-old Labrador, Lola and she is such a light in our lives. I am an Educational Assistant at Hillcrest Elementary for North Bend School District. I’ve been working with students for the past 3 years and absolutely love what I do. I work with students with disabilities and enjoy helping these students. The moment everything clicks with them, I know what I do is worth it!

Why Zonta? I wanted to be able to help volunteer in our community and because I work with children, my goal is to show them they can do anything they set their minds to. Plus, my mom, Nicole Rutherford, is in the club, and it was a way for me to spend more time with her and make new connections.



October

- Norma Hallmark 2nd
- Leisha Holmes 13th
- Renee Frati 16th
- Paula Bechtold 18th
- Brenda Jackson 22nd
- Amanda Perez 23rd

November

- Tammy Dalton 5th
- Jan Delimont 5th
- Margery Whitmer 8th
- Sherry Horne 10th
- Sheila Wilma 16th

Please vote for Zonta as Best Non-Profit Club and encourage your friends and family to do likewise. Keep our winning streak going. Visit our club Facebook pages for the ballot or The World Newspaper website. At The World website you will find the ballot at the top of the page. Per the rules, one vote per IP address. Voting is open until November 6, 2023.

Thank you. Genelle Hanken PR & Communication Chair

MARSHFIELD H.S. Z CLUB ACTIVITIES



Very pleased to have the Z Club asked to handle the flag ceremony at our district conference. President Kiri Goodson sang our national anthem and the Canadian one acapella – she was fantastic! (We didn't make her try to learn the Finnish anthem – that was played on a tape. No one dropped a flag, and I think they enjoyed their moment in the spotlight.

Otherwise, their main focus has been on starting the Community 101 program for the year. This will be the third year the Z Club has been chosen to participate in the program which is 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. For the first time, we were provided an opportunity for an in-person training by the C101 program manager (prior years were by zoom). 16 members were able to be excused from class to learn the basics.

One of the exercises had the students collectively answer the following questions – and I loved the answers! (Many of them had also participated last year so have a basic understanding of the program.)

Question: **WHY** does a C101 advisor participate in C101? (that would be me!) Answers: Passionate about helping guide the students participating in the program, have a love for service and community, and to set an example. **HOW** does a C101 advisor participate? Answers: Help the students all they can and provide safe discussion environment. (I especially love that last phrase!)

I hope you can attend the **Afternoon with Friends**—a social and educational event on Saturday, October 28, 2-3:30 p.m. at the Black Market Gourmet. Lualhati Anderson will be speaking about the importance of social connections, plus other strategies for successful aging. This will be a fun opportunity to connect with friends. Invite someone you haven't seen in a while to join you! Attached is the invitation. You can reserve your seat and pay (\$25) on the CCFoPH website: www.ccfoph.org, or mail a check to CCFoPH, PO Box 203, Coos Bay.

Frances Hall Smith



Coos County Friends of Public Health invites you to

An Afternoon with Friends

More Conference Fun!



**Aging:
Challenges, Insights & Strategies**

Featuring Lualhati Anderson, MSW, QMHP-C, CSWA
Older Adult Behavioral Health Specialist



Saturday, October 28, 2023
2 to 3:30 pm

The Black Market Gourmet
coffee, tea, and sweet and savory treats



\$25.00

RSVP by October 23, 2023
Payment by card via website: ccfoph.org
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