

Rose Petals

Building a Better World for Women and Girls

September 2023

President Alissa's Message ~ *Hello Everyone!*

I just wanted to start by welcoming all our new members and saying how proud I am of all the hard work so many of the Club members are doing. I have been asked to follow up regarding our last program meeting. Shannon Souza, who is a friend and colleague of mine as well as a mechanical engineer, (among other things), spoke to us about the emerging renewable energy markets in Oregon and on Oregon's south coast, specifically. She covered several different topics including offshore wind, solar and hydrogen production for fuel. She also discussed where we currently get our electricity and the potential to strengthen the Coast's resilience by diversifying our sources of energy. If you would like to learn more, (and I strongly encourage you do, given the enormity of some of the projects planned), please visit the website www.oregonenergyalliance.org and become a member!



Next, our D8 Conference is quickly approaching. If you haven't signed up yet, do it! There will be amazing speakers and it's a great opportunity to mingle and network with other fellow Zontians. Not to mention all the hard work that our members have put into making this happen. I want to give a big shout out to Terri Turi, Dora Daniels, Julie Reed, Lindi Quinn, Genelle Hanken, Pam DeJong, Debbie Kirby and Michaela Vonderohe. So, once again, if you are in town, please do sign up, it's important for us as a Club to make a good showing. I hope everyone is enjoying this lovely pre-fall weather and I hope to see you all soon!

Many thanks,
Alissa

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GRITT on schedule for Program Meeting September 15

At our program meeting on Friday, September 15, Jen Shafer will present a summary of the 2023 GRiTT program. We had a very successful third year with 18 campers building a toolbox and planter box on legs, and we are looking forward to 2024! Huge thanks to our Zonta 2023 GRiTT volunteers Margaret, Ashley, Genelle, Charlotte, Julie, Alissa, Melinda, Greg, Lindi, Leisha, Sherrill, and cookie baker Kitty! Lindi and Sherrill baked cookies too. Also huge thanks to OCATEC and Rick Stillwagon and Kell Smith for their help. **Hope you can join us Friday for photos, kudos, and stories from the event."**

Giant thank you to Pony Village Mall and to our wonderful contingent of Zonta volunteers who made our sale such a success. **We raised \$2,039 for our club.** The Harry Ritchie Jewelry location was a plus, with all the display windows and proximity to the east doors. Free Family Fun Day was going on in the mall Saturday, August 26th so there was extra foot traffic which turned into shoppers for us.

Pony Village was a great host, giving us free space, lots of tables, carts to move our items and took away our garbage in the end.

Although we didn't plan to open the sale Friday, it was hard to keep curious onlookers out, with the big door being open. Good thing too, as it reduced our leftover inventory with only three loads going to Hospice, one to Goodwill, and two smaller loads to Habitat and Bree's.

Thank you to the set up and cleanup crews, our sales team, and cashiers: Margaret Melvin, Lindi Quinn, Tammy Dalton, Annastacia Sequoyah, Margery Whitmer, Ashley Mauer, Lani Schreiber, Mike Claassen, Frances Smith, Alissa & Nicoya Pruess, Sherrill Lorenzo, Meagan & Jesse Jacquot, Suzanne Andrews, Bonnie Foroudi, Leisha Holmes, Melinda Johnson, Verena Mathews, Jan Delimont, Maria Gonzalez-Santos, Carol Ventgen, Shirley MacAdam, Kitty Backus, Nicole & Wyatt Rutherford, Debbie Schade, Madison Spotts, and Paula Bechtold. You all Rock!

Greg Dalton & Genelle Hanken
2023 Garage sale co-chairs





Opportunities for ALL members to participate - registered or not!

Wednesday, September 27 & Thursday, September 28 Welcome our Special Guests!

On Wednesday join the welcome reception for two of our Zonta VIPs Salla Tuominen, Finland and Lori Robinson, Canada,

12:14 PM at **Southwestern Oregon Regional Airport,
OTH North Bend.**

We will have signs and our new banner.

Then on Thursday come back to help us welcome Past ZI
President Sharon Langenbeck as she arrives at the airport
12:14 PM!



JOIN US FOR A FREE MEET AND GREET FOR ALL CLUB
MEMBERS WITH THE
DISTRICT 8 LEADERSHIP/BOARD & OUR VISITING
VIPS

ZONTA PICNIC IN THE PARK

Wednesday, September 27, 2023 at 5:30 PM
Ferry Road Park, 496 Park Avenue, North Bend

TEXT OR EMAIL JULIE REED 541-290-1270 OR
OCEANBREEZE@EPUERTO.NET BY TUESDAY 9/26

Hospitality Suite Support

Please donate food and wine to the hospitality suite ~ drop off non-perishable items to Julie Reed at Ocean Breeze Florist by Tuesday, September 26 or bring to the hospitality suite on Thursday by 5:00 pm.

Hospitality Suite at The Mill OPEN
Thursday, September 28
5:30-8:30 PM
Friday, September 29
5:30-7:30 PM



Shop Zonta!

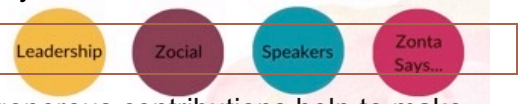
If there is one thing we have learned in the last 3 years is how to be creative with our fundraising efforts. We also love traditions blend the two and The Yellow Rose Emporium was born. Goals of the Emporium include:

- Shopping with Zonta visibility and mission in mind
- Raising funds for our clubs, foundations, and Lester B. Pearson
- Providing practical items and local consumables.



So come spend your money at The Yellow Rose Emporium on Zonta merch, local delights from Cranberry Sweets, Chuck's Seafood, So IT Goes Coffee plus repurposed quality home décor! Shop for Zonta friends and family. Great opportunity to get some holiday gift shopping done early.

We LOVE our District 8 Conference 2023 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

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Rutherford ready to make her mark on Coos Bay

Though I'd rather be with you in person to share these words and my happy dollars, I think it is more important that I share this timely! I am unable to meet with you today, (August 19, 2023) as I had opportunity to meet with Governor Kotek to discuss the needs of our community.

I want to thank you all for your energetic support of my transition to city manager for Coos Bay. I am so touched by the number of people who have given me words of encouragement. I do sometimes struggle with a bit of imposter syndrome, as all I've ever done is show up to work every day and do the best work I can and those who have walked before me have been, and continue to be, amazing leaders, so its tough to measure up! It is not lost on me that

the way was paved for me, that we are already in the hands of great leaders with community vision in our elected city council, and the staff at Coos Bay are some of the most professional and experienced individuals I've ever worked with. I'll just continue to do what I know best to do: show up and do the work.

I especially want to call out a very kind gesture that means a great deal to me. Verena Matthews sent me the nicest hand-written card to my home, congratulating me on my new role and giving me every reason to be my best! It is communications like this that gives me courage to stand up in my worth proudly. Thank you, Verena!

Also, sincere thanks to every one of you who have been so supportive. I don't know what people o who don't have the kind of support that I've enjoyed being part of Zonta, and I am especially thankful I don't have to find out!

Until we meet again (soon) - Nicole

Confirming we will be in the Bay Area Fun Festival Parade this Saturday!!

This is the plan. The new banner with two members on each side will lead our white truck(s) with possible riders and walking members with signs **"Zonta says No to violence against women"**. Truck has been donated by Toyota. We have a second truck on standby if we get additional members who want to ride. Members to wear their orange Zonta shirts or any orange/black shirt.

Parade information: Start Location: 4th and Golden Participants should be there by 11:30pm
Start Time: 1:00pm Route is less than 1 mile

THANK You to those who have confirmed your (and kids!) participation. We currently have Verena Matthews who will be riding in the truck with a few more seats available and looking for safe options for riders in the bed of the truck(s).

If you are available and can join us, please let me know as soon as possible so we can secure a second truck if necessary.

This is a simple, enjoyable event for us to be a part of with the community!
Questions/Suggestions? Please reach out to me anytime.

Madison Spotts
Service Committee Chair

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Build a Better world for Women and Girls

I am our club's liaison with Pearson College this year. Anita Mathur from the Victoria Club and the District 8 Pearson College Liaison will be in town this month attending the District 8 Conference. Best news is she is bringing two Pearson students with her! You will want to meet them. **Anita asks if we can provide new or gently used cloth or plastic bags with handles or drawstring to deliver the treats, she delivers for us to the students during the school year.** You can bring your bags to club Friday 9/15. Also on Friday we will have postcards available to write messages to our assigned students. Anita will take them back to Victoria for delivery. Thank you.

Pearson College Raffle: Tickets \$5 per or 6 for \$25 – Purchase option pre conference and at Emporium

Gold Quilt Set Relax under a luxurious quilt of Zonta-gold! Or add some sparkle to your couch. There are two king sized pillow shams as well, for extra elegance on the bed! Exclusive to QE Home.

Read and Sleep Your hair and skin will thank you for the 100% mulberry silk pillowcase, in a shimmering shade of black pearl. Mulberry silk comes from silkworms fed exclusively with mulberry leaves: the resulting silk is strong and soft. This pillowcase is exclusive to QE Home. Sleep well or have a nice read: an autographed copy of *Woman in Scarlet*- the memoirs Karen L Adams, of one of the first female members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Force.

Tastes of BC A jam, a chutney, and some infused oils and vinegar- every one of them a treat for the taste buds!

Buy yourself a treat A \$150 CAD (\$110 USD) visa card, activated, which you can spend in several countries.

Oregon Coast Music Festival
by Paula Bechtold

Our club hosted the OCMA musicians picnic July 24th. We received many thank you's from the musicians, festival guests and locals alike. Plus, we all had fun!

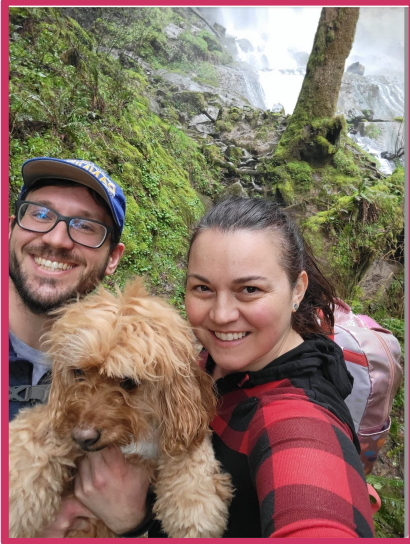


New Member Meeting by Paula Bechtold: Zonta 101: Customs, traditions, and a review of service projects was the topic for the July New Member meeting. Six of our seven new members Gidget Walters, Debbie Kirby, Norma Hallmark, Cynthia Voller, Kitty Backus, and Jody Newby were able to attend. President Alissa Pruess and

members of the membership committee were also on hand, along with three potential new members too. The August meeting was about the District 8 Conference with Terri Turi and Julie Reed as presenters.

Next meeting is September 20, 5:00 PM at Sumin's. Topic will be Pearson College.





I grew up NW Indiana in a town called Valparaiso, an hour from Chicago (a few years of my life I was in Pittsburgh, PA). My parents both have their master's degree and worked full time jobs, most of my childhood. I am the youngest of 3, with an older brother and sister. We lived with our maternal grandfather, so we had a nuclear family. He was the only grandparent I had, as the others had passed away by the time I was born. We always had pets and my childhood was happy. I was fortunate in that regard.

I attend Indiana University in Bloomington, IN. Originally, I was a business/marketing major, but, in the middle of my freshman year, I changed majors to Communication Sciences, which led me on my path to become a speech and language pathologist. My master's degree is from at Saint Xavier University in Chicago, IL where I graduated in May of 2004.

I married Greg who ironically is from my hometown of Valparaiso, IN. I met him in 2010, after working as a traveling Speech-Language Pathologist. We married in NC in 2012 and had our first child Evelyn in 2016. We lived in Indiana and then Wisconsin. In the summer of 2017, I applied to work in Coos Bay at the SCESD and we took a BIG leap and moved here. In 2019, we welcomed our 2nd child, Marigold and so we now have 2 daughters, 1 dog and 6 chickens!!

I currently work for Coos Bay School District as one of the Speech-Language Pathologists at Eastside and Millicoma schools. I left SCESD in June of 2020.

My life challenges center around the lack of affordable quality childcare and family support. I find there is a lack of resources for families new to the area who do not have relatives to help.

What is something I want to change in the world? Big question...well, I would love to go back in time and research and consider the implications of the internet, World Wide Web, screen time, smart phones, etc. I am sad the modern day of learning leans so heavily on technology and screens!!

Locally, I would love to have more community support for women, families, children's activities and emotional care, wellness, etc. Lots of work can be done in 1 or all these areas.

Why Zonta? I believe in women and supporting women. I like this group because we are supporting the community and building up women. I think it is so important as a mother of 2 girls, especially, to demonstrate strength amongst one another, confidence, to build support and celebrate women and their successes and achievements.



September

Terri Turi	2 nd
Audrey Duke	8 th
Bridget Baker-Kincaid	14 th
Kriston Collier	17 th

October

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

