

# Rose Petals

Building a Better World for Women and Girls

March 2024

## President Alissa's Message ~ *Hello Fellow Zontians!*

Spring is just around the corner, and with it comes a time to celebrate the strength and achievements of women – both in our community and around the world. This month, we'll be marking two important occasions: **Zonta International Rose Day** and **Women's History Month**.

### Mark Your Calendars for Rose Day!

On **Friday, March 15th**, we'll be celebrating Zonta Rose Day at Little Italy! This annual tradition allows us to raise awareness about our mission to empower women while enjoying fellowship and delicious food. See below for more details.

### A Huge Thank You!

Speaking of celebrations, I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude to our incredible **Finance Committee**. Their hard work and dedication made our recent fundraiser a resounding success! Thanks to their efforts, we have the resources to continue supporting local initiatives that empower women and girls in the Coos Bay Area.

### Women's History Month

Throughout March, let's also remember the trailblazing women who paved the way for our opportunities today. Take some time to learn about inspiring women, past and present, and reflect on how we can continue to break down barriers and create a more equitable future.

This month promises to be filled with celebration, reflection, and meaningful connections. I look forward to seeing you all at our Rose Day event and continuing our vital work together.

*With Zonta Spirit,*  
*Alissa*

**Rose Day- Lani Scheiber** We have a wonderful program planned for Rose Day. Join us March 15th from 5:30-7:00pm for an evening of Empowerment, Motivation, and Inspiration. Not to mention friendship and fellowship. We will enjoy a dinner lovingly prepared by Little Italy's Head Chef as we honor the past, present, and future of our local club. This is our March program meeting, no 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday noon meeting this month.

Please join us for the

## Coos Bay Area Zonta Rose Day Program

Friday March 15, 2024

5:30-7:00pm

Little Italy Banquet Room

145 Central Ave, Coos Bay OR

Dinner \$40/person

No-host bar

RSVP by 3/8 to Lani @

971.227.4948

*Motivate*

*Inspire*

*Empower*





A picture is worth a thousand words... so enjoy! Thank you all for the superb support of this event. Club members, community members and businesses contributed to the fundraiser. We raised over **\$27,500** ~ substantially surpassing our goal. Grateful for an awesome team including Shirley, Sherrill, Suzanne & Annastacia plus Wildflour staff!

Photos/Canva by Melinda Johnson and Genelle Hanken – THX!

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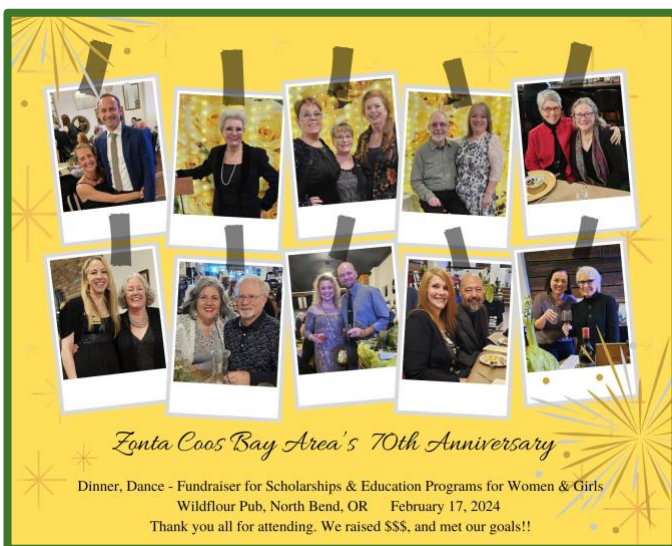
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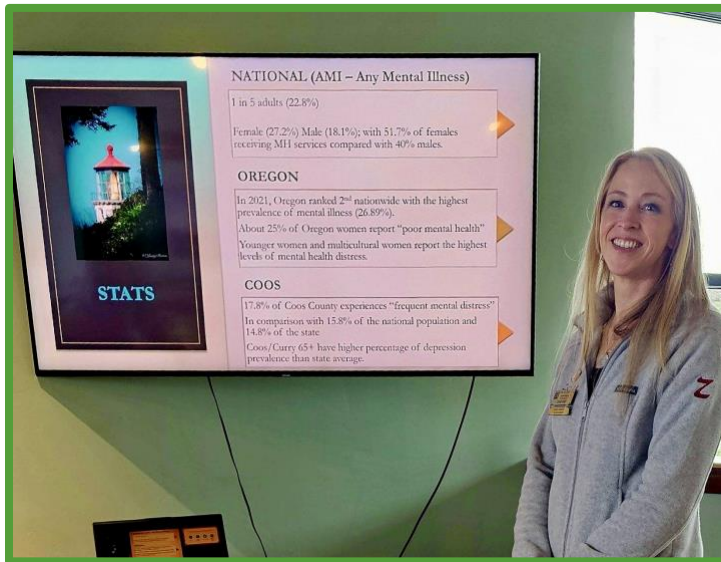
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Our February program speaker was Zonta club member, **Debbie Kirby**, LCSW and co-owner of the **Coastal Center Counseling Service**. Debbie shared statistical trends impacting women's mental health, as well as an overview of ideas and available resource. We were all surprised the hear the highest rate of suicide among women is in the 40-55's age group.



Zonta club member, Rachel Espy Director of The Safe Project was awarded a check from our Coos Bay Area Zonta Service Foundation for \$5,954. Our club donation will fund a new program at The SAFE Project, called SAFE2WORK. This is an incentive-based employment readiness program for survivors of domestic violence entering or reentering the workforce. Members will recall our long-time club service project Dress Your Best. Dress Your Best began in 2004 as a service project of the Zonta New Member Committee lead by advisor Paula Bechtold. It later became a club service project, a half day seminar in partnership with the Bree's Foundation, designed for women effected by domestic violence, drug addiction, on parole or probation, etc. The last seminar was held in 2019, as the scheduled April 2020 seminar was canceled during Covid. It's exciting to see our club financing will continue to improve women's lives through the SAFE2WORK program.

# SAFE<sup>2</sup>WORK

AN INCENTIVE BASED  
EMPLOYMENT READINESS  
PROGRAM FOR SURVIVORS  
OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE  
ENTERING THE WORKFORCE

 THE SAFE PROJECT *Coming SOON.*  
SAFETY - ADVOCACY - FREEDOM - EMPOWERMENT



Club membership 2024-2025

invoices are coming!

Your annual dues are

expected by April 1<sup>st</sup>,

per our club standing rules.





### 2024 Patty J Barton Memorial Scholarship totaling \$20,000 available now

Scholarship paid directly to applicant's accredited school until expended. Application deadline April 15, 2024, with scholarship awarded by May 31, 2024.

Apply today  
[www.zontacoosbayarea.org](http://www.zontacoosbayarea.org)



Patty J. Barton – Zontian extraordinaire!

## International Women's Day and Zonta Rose Day by Genelle Hanken



Each year on March 8, Zonta joins the global community in celebrating International Women's Day, a global day to celebrate the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. The United Nations established International Women's Day in 1975 to celebrate the rights of women and international peace. However, its history stretches back to the early 1900s, when women's organizations around the world used the day to rally support for their causes: from the universal suffrage movement to obtain the vote, to the protest of poor working conditions. In 1999 Zonta International officially designated International Women's Day (IWD) as Zonta Rose Day. The Yellow Rose was adopted as the symbol of Zonta in 1984 at the convention in Sydney, Australia.

Zonta Rose Day is a time to reflect and honor those individuals who are working toward gender equality and making a difference for women and girls in their communities. In recent years our club has honored Annie Pollard, marine biologist and co-owner of Seven Devil's Brewery in 2021, Tara Johnson Director of the Nancy Devereux Center in 2022 and Jody Newby Coos County Chief Deputy District Attorney and now a candidate for Coos County District Attorney, in 2023.



## Nichole Richardson Zontian of the Moment selected by Greg Dalton

After months of missing each other at meetings, Greg Dalton was finally able to pass the Zontian of the Moment Award to Nicole Rutherford. The award reads, Zontian of the Moment is a traveling trophy awarded for Outstanding Service to the Zonta Club of the Coos Bay Area or for Member Individual Achievement.

Greg says, "I recognized Nicole for both her can do spirit, in helping with service, fundraising and advocacy projects, her work at the District 8 Conference as the IT guru, and for her selection as the City of Coos Bay's first female City Manager."



## Salvation Army Bell Ringer Appreciation Lunch

### Coos Bay Area Volunteer and Bell Ringer Appreciation Lunch

CELEBRATE



MARCH 21, 2024  
12PM-1PM



The Salvation Army  
1155 Flannagan Ave  
Coos Bay, OR 97420

RSVP to 541.888.5202 x101  
[Shari.McFadden@usw.salvationarmy.org](mailto:Shari.McFadden@usw.salvationarmy.org)  
Western BBQ Party

Members who rang the bell this year or have been a regular ringer in past years are invited to lunch, Thursday, March 21, 12 noon- 1:00 pm at the Salvation Army Gym, in Empire, 1155 Flannagan Ave, Coos Bay. Club member Major Erin Kauffman advises years of service and the group raising the most money (ZONTA!) will be honored. Erin will set aside two tables for Zonta. The food is western barbeque, so feel free to wear your cowboy hats and boots. RSVP to [Shari.McFadden@usw.salvationarmy.org](mailto:Shari.McFadden@usw.salvationarmy.org) or call 541-888-52002 x 101.



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I was born in Torrance, California about a mile from the beach and I have always loved the water and the Pacific Ocean. The love of nature and all its beauty led to me owning Arabian horses and showing them as a teenager in Rolling Hills, California where I was raised.

As a young adult I traveled to Europe, took many classes, and decided to major in Child Psychology. At Chico State I met my husband. I never finished school because we opened one of the very first Micro-Breweries in the U.S., in the year 1984. Also, a brewpub 1990. The businesses were sold, and we traveled around the western part of the U.S.. We lived in Show Low, Arizona and I went back to school in Tucson to become an architect. In California I received a theology certificate for 4 years of study with the Magi Temple in Paradise, California.

At the University of Arizona, Tucson I graduated Cum Laude and other various accolades. I focused on sustainable green architecture at a time when no one was discussing the issue of climate change. I studied art, architecture, theology of ancient Mexico. While in Tucson I practiced some of the ancient Toltec mindfulness techniques.

Once I graduated, I moved to San Antonio, Texas and worked for one of the largest and oldest firms in Texas- Ford, Powell & Carson. Here I interned and gained my registration as an architect and as a LEED ap (green certificate). LEED stands for Leaders in Environmental Energy Design – U.S. Green Builders – AP is Approved Professional. During my stay in Texas, I purchased a small cattle ranch and built a Gold LEED home and offices on the property where I ran my own Design Build firm for 10 years. Also, received my reverend certification here and married about 30 couples at the ranch.

Tired of the snakes I sold the ranch and everything that went with it and moved to Kona, Hawaii. Here I enjoyed an interesting time working on a large development on the Big Island. After 4 years of study in Texas and Hawaii I became a certified Kriya Yogi with the International Self Realization Fellowship. When the pandemic hit, I moved back to the mainland and while everyone was in lock down, I was driving around. In Montana I was prodded by a good friend to see the Oregon Coast again. I drove straight through to Florence, love, love, love the coast.

There were two other times in my life when I was approached by other people to move to Coos Bay. It took 40 years I'm so glad I made it! I work at an old architecture firm here in Coos Bay called Crow & Clay. Mike Crow retired last year so I was a good fit to help with the workload. I enjoy long distance travel, my theology studies, meditation, gardening & helping with Zonta!



**Why Zonta?** Helping women and girls, as I have been helped, is a wonderful opportunity, along with the great company of wonderful gals & 2 guys!

We've received our first few completed applications for our scholarships. Please remind anyone you know that could benefit from our scholarships about this opportunity, and that the deadline is March 15, 2024. We are hoping for a robust set of applications and our scholarship program is a significant opportunity to help local young people that share our club goals. Please talk up the program!

**To the committee:**

The committee will be holding our last meeting before we start reading and scoring the applications on March 13, 2024 at 6:00. We will also schedule our selection meeting at that time, so please bring your calendars to the meeting.

Megan Jacquot's Zoom Meeting Time: Mar 13, 2024 06:00 PM Pacific Time

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89041656473?pwd=t1LUNiFf9qhY9cm0w1Wh9Meq6U1bjo.1>

Meeting ID: 890 4165 6473

Passcode: 495856

Thank you- Megan Jacquot, Scholarship Committee Chair

**New Officer and Nominating Committee Election set for April 5<sup>th</sup> meeting**

**Slate of Officers for 2023-2025**

**President:** Shirley MacAdam

Secretary Norma Hallmark

**Vice President:** Debbie Kirby

**Foundation Treasurer** - Sherril Lorenzo

**Directors for 2024-2026**

Muriel Richardson

Kitty Backus

Lindi Quinn

**Nominating Committee for 2024-2025**

Genelle Hanken

Frances Smith

Carol Ventgen

Continuing for the second year of their two-year term are Treasurer Jen Shafer,

**Directors for 2023-25 (2 YEAR TERMS)**

Greg Dalton

Bonnie Foroudi

Megan Jacquot

**CLUB TREASURER (2 YEAR TERM)**

Jen Shafer

There were no nominations from the floor. Election is April 5, 2024, at our next business meeting. The newly elected officers and directors will assume office June 1, 2024. Stay tuned for the date of our Installation Ceremony in May.

Submitted by Charlene Moore, Margery Whitmer and Verena Matthews



**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

Ali Mageehon	8 <sup>th</sup>
Patty Scott	12 <sup>th</sup>
Verena Matthews	20 <sup>th</sup>
Lani Schreiber	22 <sup>nd</sup>
Muriel Richardson	27 <sup>th</sup>

**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

Shirley MacAdam	8 <sup>th</sup>
Anne Medhaus Westbrook	12 <sup>th</sup>
Chelsea Feger	13 <sup>th</sup>
Suzanne Andrews	18 <sup>th</sup>
Annastacia Sequoyah	23 <sup>rd</sup>
Ali Helms	26 <sup>th</sup>

The club has received applications from four local nonprofits focusing on environmental issues – their choice this year for granting the Community 101 dollars from Oregon Community Foundation. They have \$5,000 from OCF and an additional amount from their own earnings which they can contribute. The club also has the option of granting up to \$1,000 from the OCF funds to local school programs – and they have selected the Millicoma Marsh and the vegetable gardens at Madison School as possibilities. The nonprofits are Coos Watershed, Friends of South Slough, Rogue Climate and Wild Rivers Trust. The club members will be scheduling speakers from each program or taking field trips, as appropriate, before making their decisions.

The club is also required to do a mission-based service project (which this year means the environment!) and due to various schedule complications they have not yet voted on which project of the ones members have proposed will be selected. And we are beginning to be short on time!

We were pleased to welcome our Zonta member MARIA GONZALEZ-SANTOS as a career speaker in February – sorry too much going on at that meeting to get a photo – but she was outstanding – what an interesting life she has had!

## Club Reminders

March 15 <sup>th</sup>	Rose Day Evening Program – Little Italy – see page 1
April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Club Membership 2024-2025 renewals due
April 5 <sup>th</sup>	Club Business Meeting – Coos Bay Fire Hall Election of Club Directors and Officers
April 19 <sup>th</sup>	Club Program Meeting - Annual Meeting and ZI Calculation
April 27 <sup>th</sup>	Irish Tea & Silent Auction – NBHS Hall of Champions
May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Club Business Meeting – Coos Bay Fire Hall

SAVE THE DATE



*Zonta's  
Traditional Irish  
Tea*



APRIL 27, 2024  
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HALL OF CHAMPIONS



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