



Rose Petals



April 2023

Building a Better World for Women and Girls

President Alissa's Message ~ *Hello All*



As the days grow longer and the sun warms our faces, spring has sprung here in the beautiful Coos Bay Area. This season of renewal reminds us of the Earth's incredible capacity for rebirth, and it's the perfect time to reflect on our responsibility to protect our planet.

Earth Day, celebrated on April 22nd, is a powerful reminder of the interconnectedness of our environment and the well-being of women globally. Clean air, water, and a healthy climate are essential for everyone, but they disproportionately impact women in developing countries. Environmental degradation often means women have to walk further for clean water, face increased food insecurity, and experience a greater burden of childcare and housework due to illness caused by pollution.

By advocating for sustainable practices and supporting environmental initiatives, we at the Zonta Club of the Coos Bay Area are not just protecting our own beautiful corner of the world, we're empowering women everywhere.

Speaking of empowerment, I'd like to take a moment to acknowledge the fantastic work of Muriel and the entire Tea Party committee! Their dedication is ensuring a delightful afternoon for our upcoming event. I can't wait to celebrate spring and sisterhood with all of you over delicious treats and inspiring conversation.

Together, let's embrace the spirit of spring, take action for a sustainable future, and continue to uplift women around the world.

With warm regards,

Alissa

Club Election 2024-2026

President: Shirley MacAdam

Vice President Debbie Kirby

Secretary Norma Hallmark

Foundation Treasurer Sherril Lorenzo

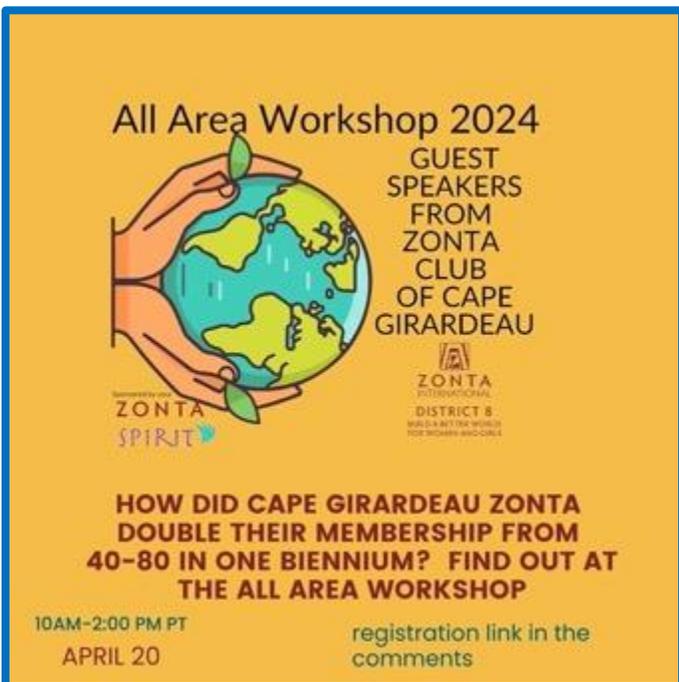
Directors: Muriel Richardson, Kitty Backus and Lindi Quinn

2024-2025 Nominating Committee:
Frances Smith, Carol Ventgen and
Genelle Hanken





What is the All-Area Workshop and what to expect? It is a Zoom online workshop organized by the 4 Area Directors to bring together the 4 Areas in District 8 for a day of information sharing, a chance to learn new ideas, different ways of doing business, the opportunity to hear engaging speakers, and meet Zonta members from Idaho, Alaska, B.C., Canada, Oregon, and Washington, plus Guest Speaker Theresa Harris Zonta International Membership Chair from New York and several members from the Cape Girardeau Zonta Club in Missouri. Theresa is from a newly chartered club in Brewerton, NY. Both Theresa and Zontians from Cape Girardeau will be speaking about membership engagement, retention, and recruitment using "Second Century Techniques."



Area 4 Director Margery Whitmer has lined up two of our Coos Bay Area's club's past and current scholarship recipients to speak: 2022 Laura Lee Blenz Engineering Scholarship recipient Geneva Varga and 2023 and 2024 Club Scholarship recipient Allison Kirby. It's free and all

the organizers ask is that you register. If coming to Frances' home, best to park on the side streets. Frances lives across from MHS.

Registration link below. See you there!!

https://us02web.zoom.us/joining/register/tZUvcuorjwiEtFsvY6KNLLE8ZjrMIG_LNPY



**Traditional Irish Afternoon Tea
Fundraiser April 27**
by Muriel Richardson

Ticket sales and planning are going well. There is plenty of seating still available. To purchase tickets, either mail a check made payable to the Coos Bay Area Zonta Service Foundation to our club's PO Box 245, North Bend, OR, 97459, bring cash or checks to the April 19 club program meeting or go to our website and tap buy tickets here at the top of the first page to pay by credit card. If you purchase online, you are asked if you would like to cover the cost of the service fee. (Otherwise, we pay the fee.) Online ticket sales are available through April 19th. You will be seated together with your guests. The North Bend Z Club will once again help with seating and greeting. Besides delicious food prepared by Chef Frank Murphy and the North Bend High School Culinary students, we have several lovely silent auction items, along with a raffle for a \$100 bill or a flower bouquet donated by Julie Reed of Ocean Breeze Flowers and Tuxedos. Festive afternoon tea hats are encouraged.



ROSE POTPOURRI

ZONTA CLUB OF THE COOS BAY
Presents
Traditional Irish Tea and Scholarship Fundraiser



Business Casual Attire
Festive Hats Encouraged

Tickets \$40
To Purchase go to zontacoosbayarea.org
541-297-4042

SATURDAY APRIL 27 2 PM TO 4 PM
Hall of Champions

North Bend High School
2323 Pacific Street

2024 PARTNERS AND FRIENDS OF ZONTA EDUCATION PROGRAMS



- Congratulations goes out to Cynthea Voller as she completed a 200-hour yoga teacher training on March 23rd!! Cynthea says, "This was Huge for me as I am the only one working a full-time job for my family of 4, living in somewhere over 3000 miles away from any immediate family or support to help with the raising of my children, while also battling a back issue!"
- Dora Daniels just completed her term as president of the South Coast Clambake Music Festival, following a successful 4 days, 11 bands event at The Mill Casino March 7-10.
- Over spring break, Lani Schreiber and her children visited Margaret Melvin at Margaret's new home in Arizona. Together they made a visit to The Grand Canyon.
- President Elect Shirley MacAdam vacationed in Maine to celebrate a milestone birthday and catch the full solar eclipse!
- Sadly, we share the news of the passing of three former members of our Zonta club: Ileana Bravo in February and Pam Cottrell and Jenny Bream in March. May they rest in peace.

Verena Matthews was surprised to receive the Lifetime Service Award from the Salvation Army at their recent Volunteer Recognition lunch. Several of our club bell ringers were in attendance to support Verena and accept the award for the club who raised the most money during 2023 holiday season for the Salvation Army = ZONTA! Verena was club president in 1987 when no female service clubs were part of the annual service club bell ringing challenge. Verena decided to change that and Zonta entered the competition that year and won. It was the highest grossing Red Kettle year the Salvation Army had ever had. Our club has been ringing ever since. **Well-deserved honor Verena.**



Club Survey - Deadline April 15th



Fellow Zontians!!!! Encouraging you to jump online and complete our club survey. Debbie and I are so excited about hearing from all of you and bringing suggestions to our meetings in the future. Help us know what's on your mind. Help us get excited about change and rejuvenation in our new year!!! it only takes a couple minutes. Can't wait to see your responses. Thank you for your time and energy that will all mix to continue building our club together. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Zonta2024>

Happy springtime! Shirley and Debbie

This year's camp will be August 7-9 and August 14-16. We are starting registration outreach and have some exciting camp sponsors this year. We received useful feedback at the pizza party that we need to brainstorm a bit. And, we have some new processes for volunteers this year that we need to get rolling. If you are interested in helping with GRiTT Camp this summer, our next meeting is Thursday, April 18 @ 4:30 PM at the Coos Bay Visitor Information conference room. **Hope to see you there!**





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Oregon Career Action & Trade Education Collective



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BUILD A BETTER WORLD
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present the 4th annual

GRiTT

Girls Rock it Tools & Trade
summer camp





FREE
Ages 8-12 eligible!

WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY, 9AM-2PM
AT OCATEC (OLD CHARLESTON SCHOOL)

AUGUST 7 - 9

introductory project (new campers only)

AUGUST 14 - 16

intermediate project
(intro participants, prior year campers)

CARPENTRY, MATH, ART,
SCIENCE, INDEPENDENT & GROUP
PROJECTS, TEAM BUILDING,
LEADERSHIP, LOCAL GUEST
SPEAKERS ... AND MORE!

2024 sponsors and supporters:









Registration is limited!
For details and application:

- click the QR code
- email treasurer@ontacoosbayarea.org
- visit <https://zontacoosbayarea.org/girls-rock-it-tools-and-trade-gritt/>

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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| Shirley MacAdam | 8 th |
| Anne Medhus Westbrook | 12 th |
| Chelsea Feger | 13 th |
| Suzanne Andrews | 18 th |
| Annastacia Sequoych | 23 rd |
| Ali Helms | 26 th |

MAY BIRTHDAYS

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| Genelle Hanken | 5 th |
| Debbie Kirby | 6 th |
| Patty Borcher | 12 th |
| Rachel Espy | 25 th |
| Bonnie Foroudi | 25 th |
| Margo Bonstad | 27 th |



In honor of Earth Month, the Zonta International Committee took a closer look at one of Zonta International's primary international goals: Engaging Girls on Climate Change in Madagascar.

Madagascar is a unique biodiverse hotspot, home to over 11,000 endemic plant species. Over 615 new species were found by scientists in Madagascar between 1999 and 2010. The island has over 3000 miles of coastline and some of the world's rarest coral reefs.

Unfortunately, the island's environment is threatened by unsustainable farming practices and deforestation. The people of Madagascar are made up of over 20 ethnic groups, and 80% of them live below the poverty line. Additionally, people in Madagascar have little access to basic hygiene, sanitation and water. Subsistence farming is the primary economy, but farming practices such as slash/burn to make way for cattle or rice paddies has caused damage. More sustainable practices are now being taught and implemented, including selective farming and composting.

Zonta has partnered with UNICEF support the people and the environment of Madagascar. Zonta has pledged \$500,000 over the next two years to UNICEF to help implement environmental education in schools, as well as access to water, sanitation, and hygiene. The strategies for success are below:

- Promote the role of children, schools, and districts in raising awareness about preserving the environment in the face of climate change
- Improve the quality of teaching that supports environmental practices
- In schools, focus on water conservation, school gardens, and using sanitation and hygiene practices
- Deliver training and coaching to educators
- Develop school health and environmental plans at 700 schools

Together with UNICEF, Zonta plans to support the girls of Madagascar and promote environmental health in the face of climate change. For more information, see Zonta's website:

https://zonta.org/Web/Programs/ISP/Engaging_Girls_on_Climate_Change_in_Madagascar.aspx



Earth Day Club Program Meeting

Our April 19 club program meeting speaker is Shannon Souza. Shannon will discuss the advances in renewable energy. Meeting will be held noon – 1:00 PM at the Seven Devils Ale House on the Waterfront. Order lunch off the menu. 20% gratuity and service fee is included with each lunch order.

Earth Day is April 24!

We celebrated Rose Day with an evening gathering focused on Inspiring, Motivating, and Empowering one another. Thank you to our honored speakers who shared their heartfelt stories and experiences as Zontians. We heard from new member Annastacia Sequoyah, young professional new member Ashley Mauer, and long-time member Paula Bechtold about why they are members, who has inspired them, and a time they have felt empowered as a Zontian. A big thank you to new members Cynthia Voller and Maria Gonzales-Santos for all their efforts in making the evening a success.



North Bend High School Z Club Updates - Sophia Hutcherson Z Club President

The North Bend High School Z Club has had a busy year! In the Fall, we had members volunteer for projects including a catered Veteran's Day brunch and a 50/50 raffle where we raised money to give back to our community through future service events. Recently, we have created free care packages for NBHS students that included toothbrushes, menstrual products, band aids, and more! We also just finished an anonymous cards of kindness project to encourage a positive and welcoming culture within our school. We are now preparing to hold officer elections, volunteer at the Bay Area Hospital, and plan a project for teacher appreciation week. The enthusiasm and dedication that our members have shown this year is admirable, and we are eager to continue collaborating with our vibrant community.



New Member Meeting

The New Members will meet April 15th 5:30 PM at El Coyote Restaurant in North Bend. The meeting will focus on our club service projects and will feature Jen Shafer talking about GRiTT Girls Rock it Tools and Trade. All members are welcome to attend.