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# NEWSLETTER



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September 2024

## From the Chef's Table - President Shirley MacAdam

Happy Fall Time to all! The evenings and mornings are cooler and yet we continue to have these wonderfully warm lingering days. Like the days that are getting shorter, my message this month is also shorter!

This coming Thursday, September 19th, at 6pm at the Coos Bay Fire Hall, is our first quarterly Induction for new members joining our club! We are thrilled to have four new members to induct Thursday night. Muriel and the membership committee have worked very hard to plan a wonderful event that will include food and drink for us all! Please be sure to come and join us. Aside from it just being a great opportunity to visit and catch up, we want to show our new members a warm welcome!

I was a new member in 2005 and I recall how moved I was by the Zonta induction story and pledge. I liked hearing the part read that talks about where the name Zonta was derived from: "The name Zonta is derived from a Lakhota word of the Native American Sioux peoples meaning honest and trustworthy. Our members volunteer their time and talents to work toward Zonta's vision."

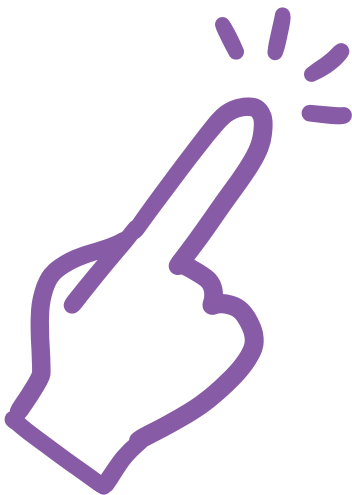
New members are so important for the continuation of our club. But new members also make it more fun and more inspirational with fresh faces and ideas. Next time you are at a club meeting, I hope you will sit down next to a newer member and chat. Ask them about themselves and tell them a story about you! Next time you are working on a committee project, call up a newer member and ask them to join you for a meeting or a work party. Or feel free to just call up a newer member for an introduction and a chat and say "Hi, how are you doing?" **REMEMBER HOW YOU FELT WHEN YOU WERE NEW AND MAKE THEM FEEL WELCOME!**

Joining and belonging to Zonta is like anything else we do in our life - we get out of it what we put into it! We can all take turns at taking a break and walking through our complacency periods, which is just being human, but we all can't do it at the same time! We have 57 (soon to be 61 members)! If you have been feeling uninspired or haven't been to a meeting in awhile, I hope you will take chance and reach out to all of us this Thursday night at induction!

Sincerely,  
Shirley MacAdam, President



## Zonta Membership Induction



Help welcome to Zonta our new members: Kimberly Mandel, Kim Hendricks, and Jesse Graf on Thursday, September 19, 2024 6:00 PM at the Coos Bay fire station on Elrod St.

The Membership Committee is presenting a light meal, so those that are coming won't go hungry.

We hope that you will celebrate this induction with us and most of all, welcome our newest members into the Zonta Club of the Coos Bay Area.

Thank you,

Muriel Richardson and the Membership Committee



## September Program Meeting

At our Friday, September 20 noon program meeting we'll have an update on our 2024 Girls Rock it Tools & Trades summer camp that was held in August. You can look forward to photos, stories, videos, and recognition of the 15+ Zonta members who helped out at this year's super fun and impactful girls' empowerment program!

For the September 20 program meeting we will have a small plate assortment of sandwiches, wraps, and salads from Coos Head Food Co-Op available for a donation of \$5 - most will be vegan/veggie with gluten free options, and everything will be healthy! This is an experiment we're trying to accommodate folks who would appreciate snacks at our Friday noon meetings.

Please bring exact change of \$5 if you'd like to partake, and let Jen (treasurer@zontacoosbayarea.org) know if you have specific dietary needs. We cannot guarantee we can meet everyone's needs this first time but we will do our best, and we will use this info going forward. Or, feel free to bring your own brown bag! Dessert donations are welcome. Thank you! Hope this all works... Thanks :)

Jen Shafer



# August Club Program Meeting



Linda Robbins, Nikki Wright & Courtney Jeffs

On August 16, 2024, as part of our club program meeting, three of the past recipients of the Patty J Barton Scholarship award came to visit! Nikki Wright, the 2020 recipient; Linda Robbins, the 2022 recipient and Courtney Jeffs, the 2023 recipient all participated. Each student gave us a brief summary of their educational journey and what they are doing today. The audience participated by dividing up the interview questions and taking turns asking each student a variety of questions. We included a couple of fun questions like:

What class in college was the most lame and why?

Who is one of the most interesting people you met in college?

There were many other questions and the students answered them with great thought and humor! We were lucky to have Jon Barton (Patty's husband and founder of the scholarship) on zoom to listen in and personally congratulate the students on their accomplishments. Jon shared with the club and the students how happy and proud he knew Patty would be if she could be here to witness.

Thank you to all the club for helping to fund raise over the years and thank you to the committee members over the years! The most recent committee was: Shirley MacAdam, Lindi Quinn, Anne Medhus-Westbrooks, Nikki Wright, Frances Smith. Thank you all!

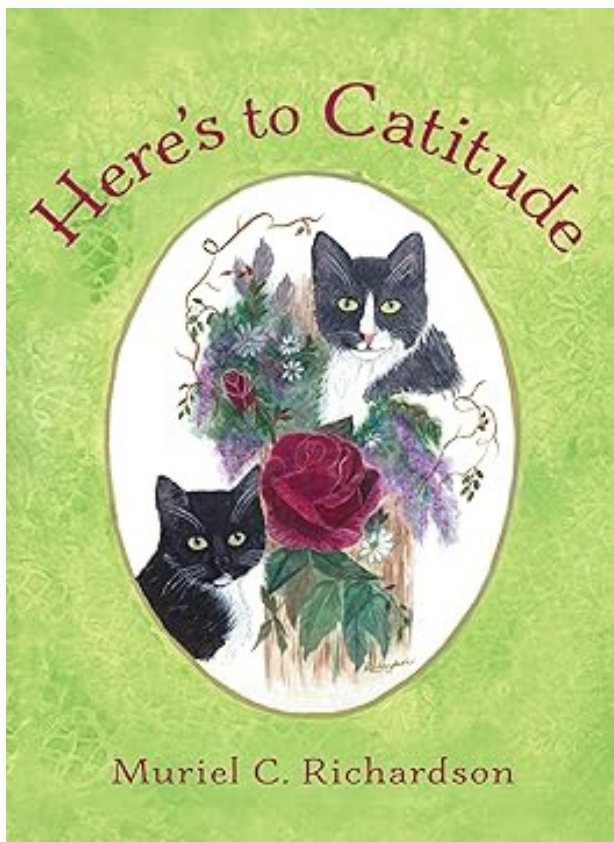
Sincerely,  
Shirley MacAdam  
PJB Committee Chair



## Congratulations to Published Author Muriel Richardson!!

In *Here's to Catitude*, sibling cats Lexi and Indy love to spend time together getting into mischief, having adventures, and accomplishing courageous feats.

Written and colorfully illustrated by Muriel Richardson, this book teaches the important values of compassion, kindness, selflessness, and courage while encouraging young readers to use their imagination. Available now on Amazon.



## New Member Profile: Kimberly Mandell



Kimberly played Mrs. Brill in the On Broadway Thespian's musical *Mary Poppins* in 2023

As a Gen X, 70's kid, growing up in the foothills between Portland and Beaverton, Oregon, I had a wonderful childhood living blissfully with both my parents and little sister, even if I was the "free babysitter" a lot of the time. I was quite precocious, learning how to read when I was two and outsmarting the grown-ups at my parent's parties with my early prowess of words when they would let me join their Dictionary game. Crosswords are still my thing. I am kind of a health nut, yet I am not into extreme anything, so along with my mostly pescatarian diet, I enjoy baking tricky things that don't always turn out right, like French macarons and Japanese cloud cakes. However, don't try to find the meals I serve in any recipe book, that is too tricky for me! I've learned to appreciate the process, and I am great at inventing appetizing names for dishes so people will eat them. Friends tell me I am full of ideas, and although I have had a wonderful career in education, and continue to substitute teach, I will never rule out living overseas (Germany again?), or any other big adventure that I may dream up. When asked "Why Zonta", Kimberly said, "The reason I joined Zonta is to get to know the people who are doing meaningful things in our community."

# SUMMER

## How I Spent My Summer Vacation

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Jan Delimont - I saw the Dorothy Grant couture... exhibit at the Haida Gwaii museum in Skidegate, British Columbia. Fun trip!



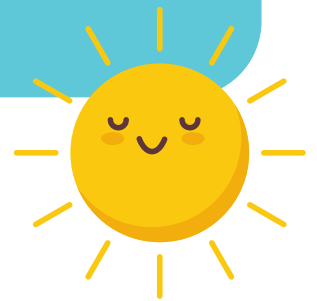
The summer project this year at the Daniels house has been the construction of our igloo on our deck. As you can see it can seat 6. It is great for summer time outside as we can enjoy the sunshine and not been blown away by the winds we get here at our house in Hauser. We love it!!!  
Dora Daniels



We spent our Summer buying our very first home, moving in and settling in with our family. ❤️ Rachael Espy



This summer I enjoyed spending time with aging parents, family and friends. Enjoying blue sky & sunshine and for that I am very thankful!!  
Sherry Horne



My husband and I added a new furry addition to our family in July. Her name is Luna and has been a great sister to our 6 year old Lola. Ashley Mauer



We had a wonderful and adventurous summer traveling as far north as Seattle all the way down to San Fransisco attending soccer and gymnastics camps and visiting friends and family. Lani Schreiber

## Laura Lee Blenz 2021 Scholarship Recipient: Geneva Varga

Geneva Varga attended our September 6th business meeting. Geneva was the second Blenz scholarship recipient- a graduate of Winter Lake High School, Southwestern Oregon CC and Oregon State University. She is currently employed as a civil engineer for the City of Coos Bay. When asked her dream project- she replied, “designing a waste water plant.”



## Dignity Bag Project

This year's project will provide 60 dignity bags to the SAFE Project. Bay Area Hospital is the sponsor the project this year.

Every year, the Zontians get together and assist with filling the bags.

Join us at the Oct Business meeting, Oct 4th, and be part of this great effort and support the women in our community.

Bonnie Foroudi & Kitty Backus  
Service committee co-chairs



## September & October Birthdays

September 17 - Kriston Collier  
 September 26- Charlotte Hutt  
 October 2 - Norma Hallmark  
 October 13 - Leisha Holmes  
 October 16 - Renee Frati  
 October 18 - Paula Bechtold  
 October 22 - Brenda Jackson  
 October 23 - Amanda Perez

# Zonta Sale 2024

Zontians have stuff! And when they are ready to part with it, the club is often the beneficiary. This year was no exception. We had donations from many Zontians which helped us raise over \$1,000! As usual, Zontians love to shop which helped our efforts as well. THANK YOU to the following members for their contribution of time and donations to the sale:

- Suzanne Andrews Kitty Backus Mike Claassen Bonnie Foroudi
- Norma Hallmark Genelle Hanken Leisha Holmes Melinda Johnson
- Sherrill Lorenzo Shirley MacAdam Verena Matthews Maria Gonzalez-Santos
- Ashley Mauer Charlene Moore Alissa Pruess Muriel Richardson
- Shirley Roby Nicole Rutherford Lani Schreiber Patty Scott
- Annastacia Sequoyah Jen Shafer Frances Smith Carol Ventgen
- Margery Whitmer Kimberly Mandell

A special thank you to Theresa Collins who facilitated the location for the sale! It worked out perfectly! Also, to Erin Kauffman for coordinating the pick-up of the leftovers from the sale. Many hands make for light work.



*Thanks for shopping Zonta's*  
**2024 GARAGE SALE**  
**WE MET + EXCEEDED**  
**OUR GOALS!!**



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