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COOS BAY AREA

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BUILD A BETTER WORLD
FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

January 2025

From the Chef's Table - President Shirley MacAdam

Hello Fellow Zontians! I do not know why I am awake at midnight and thinking about Ameila Earhart but I am reminded that Zonta celebrates Amelia Earhart Day on January 11th, the day in 1935 that she became the first person to fly solo across the Pacific Ocean.

Zonta International celebrates her to honor her life legacy and contributions to women's advancement. Zonta extends the honor to the entire month of January as Amelia Earhart Month! It is perfect timing for our distinguished Vice President Debbie Kirby to bring us a special program meeting about leadership on January 17th at the Coos Bay Fire Hall at noon. Thank you Debbie!

For 5 fun facts about Ameilia, click on the link below! Enjoy!

<https://airandspace.si.edu/stories/editorial/five-things-you-may-not-know-about-amelia-earhart>

Did you have any idea that Ameila had a clothing line? I did not. She designed a line of "functional" women's clothing including dresses, blouses, suits, hats and pants. She originally used her own sewing machine & modeled the clothing for promotional purposes. I am a vintage shopper and would love to stumble onto something with this label.

I know all of us, in many different wonderful ways, contribute to the advancement of women like Amelia. Never underestimate the power you have as one person touching another with the influence of your values and belief system. Whether in our families, our jobs, our community or walking through our life as a thoughtful and mindful citizen, day to day, we make a difference with the mission of Zonta being a part of who we are. Have a great week and see you this Friday, at the club meeting.



Zonta Holiday Gathering at Dave's Pizza 12.20.2024

January's Program Meeting



Hey y'all, Debbie Kirby here :)

In our very well attended first meeting of 2025, we briefly chatted about January's program meeting covering leadership and communication! I want to again encourage everyone to come out, eat yummy food brought by Jen (don't forget to let her know by Monday), and learn about leadership and participate in a fun 2-person, back to back communication exercise! Who knows, maybe there will even be perks for the team(s) coming closest to achieving the goal (hint, hint)!

Lunch Available at Club Meetings

By popular demand, we now provide a light, healthy lunch for our Club and Program meetings for just \$5 per member! Enjoy a half-sandwich or half-wrap and family-style garden salad from Coos Head Food Co-Op, plus chips, snacks, and fruit/dessert. These lunches have gotten rave reviews from those who have participated over the last few months. You're always welcome to brown-bag it, or skip lunch, too! And as always, guest lunches are on us.

If you want to purchase your lunch, please bring your own beverage and \$5 to participate (exact change appreciated). We plan for ~18 members in-person each meeting and while RSVPs are not necessary, this is first-come, first-served so please plan accordingly. If you have special dietary requirements and/or would like to make a tasty dessert, please let Jen Shafer know by the Wednesday before the meeting (treasurer@zontacoosbayarea.org or text 541.297.3440).

Zonta International News



January Is Amelia Earhart Month

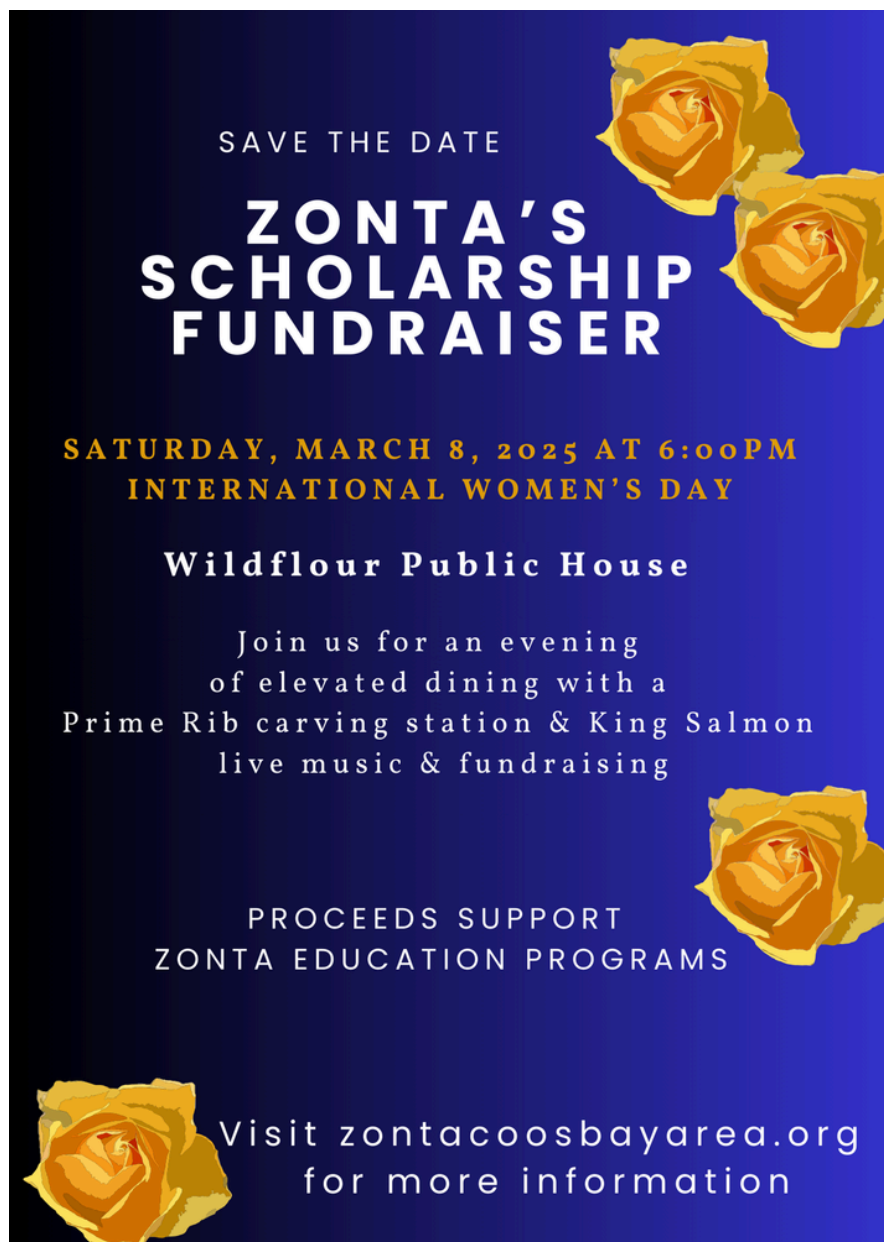
By Joan Knapp South Puget Sound Zonta

January 11th of every year - Zonta International celebrates the historic 1935 flight that Zontian Amelia Earhart flew from Honolulu, Hawaii to Oakland, California. This was the first solo flight ever from Hawaii to California though others had tried and tragically failed. Thankfully she didn't have any mechanical or weather problems.

In fact, she listened to a radio broadcast of the Metropolitan Opera in flight and enjoyed hot chocolate and a few snacks on her 18-hour flight. Not only was this a ground-breaking flight, but she also earned \$10,000 from Hawaii businesses that promoted the idea.

Earhart was a Zontian from 1928 until her untimely death in 1937, first a member of the Zonta Club of Boston, then a member of the New York club. She epitomized the ideals of Zonta by actively encouraging women to take on non-traditional roles, to aspire, to pursue their dreams.





Here are 3 easy steps you can do to make this year's event a success.

1. Mark your calendar for event date MARCH 8TH and Commit to attending - \$100 per ticket – space limited to 100 guests.

If you are unable to attend donate \$100 to CBA Zonta Service Foundation.

2. Invite guests to the event who are likely to support our programs with their checkbooks or credit cards.

3. Collaborate with other members to secure auction item- gift certificates, activities, travel and consumables preferred. Quality over quantity is our goal.

It takes all of us to raise funds for scholarships and club activities! Working together to build a better world for women and girls is our mission. Education is key! Scholarships support education.

Please communicate your plans to the Finance Committee members which include:

Lindi Quinn, Julie Reed, Suzanne Andrews, Sherrill Lorenzo, Sherry Horne, & Kimberly Hendricks

We are counting on your support and looking forward to evening of glitz, celebration, and success!

Congratulations Zonta Member Jody Newby Coos County's First Female District Attorney



Sworn in the new District Attorney on January 2, 2025, Newby has spent the last nine years working under previous DA Paul Frasier as his Chief Deputy DA. She spent 7 years as an attorney in Washington State. Newby ran unopposed in the November 2024 election and said, "This is a huge win for myself and women everywhere." "It's pretty exciting being the first female anything, particularly in the field of law. I think it's just exciting in a rural county." Newby said.

Join Zonta's OdysseyTeam!

The Coos County Friends of Public Health Annual fundraiser for the Nurses' Purse fund is up and running. Easy entry - \$20 with link below. Our club has a team! Empowering Women! Zonta. Join us and help us take home the trophy for 1st place - currently we are in 4th place thanks to Suzie McDaniel - long time retired Zontian who lives in Phoenix.

Remember if you are already a team member you can send a donation link to your friends and family to help support the fundraiser. If you are a Zontian who chooses to support by donating without joining the team please see this link. <https://runsignup.com/empoweringwomen/Donate>

The Nurses' Purse is a discretionary fund which can be accessed by public health nurses at Coos Health & Wellness to help families in need with essentials such as food, winter clothing, infant care, and payment of medical bills for the uninsured. The relatively small assistance from this fund can help families overcome what seem to be insurmountable obstacles to their health and wellbeing.
Join us!!!

Race Around Coos County
COOS COUNTY FRIENDS OF PUBLIC HEALTH
ODYSSEY 2025

JOIN THIS VIRTUAL CHALLENGE AT CCFOPH.ORG
January 1 - April 15, 2025

- \$20 entry fee - all proceeds go to Coos County Friends of Public Health for the Nurses' Purse Fund, helping families in need in Coos County
- Join a team or go solo
- Set your fitness goals
- Log your actual miles on the virtual map

Activities: BIKE · SWIM · GOLF · PICKLEBALL · YOGA · DANCE · KAYAK · WALK · HIKE · RUN

ZONTA SAY NOW USA THINK TANK

Achieving Gender Equality
with guest speaker
Stevan Lynn, Deeds Driven Dads
Formerly Men Engage Network



Click on photo for registration link

Sunday, January 26
6:00 pm Eastern



Would you like to host a group 3:00 PM Pacific time Zoom showing in you home??? Enjoy some Zocial time with club members? Let President Shirley know.



Save the Date

ZONTA
DISTRICT 8
**WEAVING
ADVOCACY INTO**

Building a Better
World for
Women and Girls

Virtual All Area Workshop
April 26, 2025
9am - 2pm

With breaks, breakouts and crafts

*Featuring Mona Das: "Bad Ass Women Doing Kick Ass Sh*t" and Kimm Hrdicka Tigges, District 5 Governor*

December 2024 Holiday News

By Bonnie Foroudi & Kitty Backus Service Co-Chairs

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Our longest running service project, Salvation Army Bell Ringing, took place on Saturday, Dec 14, from 10 Am to 4 PM.

Thank you to all our club members and Zclub high school students who filled all 24 shifts at all three doors at Fred Meyers store. All funds raised stay local and support the food pantry, after school programs, & social services. Zonta Club of Coos Bay Area raised \$2,487 on this day and retains the bell as the service club raising the most funds in one day!!!

Shore Acres Holiday Lights

Like previous years, Zonta volunteer hosts participated in the celebration of holiday lights at Shore Acres on Sunday, Dec 15, 7-9 PM. This year's celebration period was Nov 28-Dec 31 with 68 local clubs or groups of volunteers as hosts. The volunteer hosts are assigned various tasks (some prepare cider, punch and coffee or making sure enough cookies are available! While others help at the counter of host the guest book table) to provide a warm and welcoming experience to the visitors.

Thank you Zontians for your service to our community!



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Z club News



In December NBHS Z-Club delivered over 500 cans of food to the Knights of Columbus for distribution, and members joined us at Fred Meyers for bell ringing with the Salvation Army. This month the club will raise money at the Jan 31 girls and boys basketball games where they are in charge of the 50/50 split drawing. We also discussed Zonta scholarship opportunities at the club's January meeting.

NBHS Z-clubbers decided to write their cards of kindness after school over four days early in January. These will be distributed by office personnel before the end of January. The personalized notes within the cards acknowledge the contributions of each one of their fellow students letting them know that their efforts are seen and appreciated. The Z-Club group chose to add this earlier month of cards to the cards of kindness they deliver in March because January is a month students also need some uplifting. Reaching out to the entire student body with personal notes is a such a sweet, and intensive undertaking by this group.



by Charlotte Hutt, NBHS Z Club Liasion



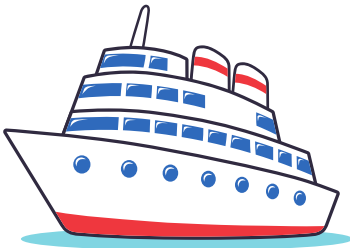
Both North Bend and Marshfield ZClub's rang the bell with us for the Salvation Army



Member Profile: Genelle Hanken



I was born in Salem, OR, moving to Portland when I was in the 6th grade where I grew up. My father was in the restaurant business and my mom called herself a housewife. Many of you know my older sister Shon Garrison, Zonta member in Roseburg. I attended the U of O my first two years of college. Go Ducks!! At the U of O I joined Tri Delta Sorority and to this day, stay in touch with several of my sorority sisters. I transferred to Portland State after my sophomore year to pursue a degree in criminal justice. At PSU a high school friend introduced me to my future husband Tracy Pierce, while I was just 20. Upon graduation from PSU in 1975, I accepted a job at the Belloni Girls Ranch, later renamed Wineva Johnson Center for Girls. Tracy moved with me to Coos Bay, and we lived in a little dump house on Hill St. Bunkerhill where Shake & Burger Restaurant is today. Moving to Coos Bay from Portland was cultural shock, but at that time I had several relatives in Coos Bay to ease the transition, as my mom was a graduate of Marshfield High School and during WWII my dad was in the Navy stationed in Coos Bay. They met, married and Shon was born here.



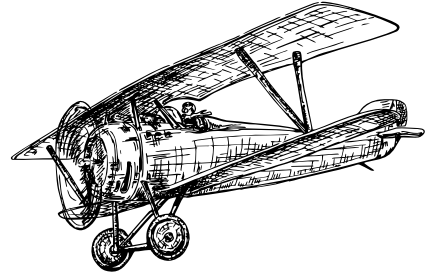
After 18 months at the girls' ranch, I was hired at Adult Parole & Probation in Coquille as a job developer. Later I was promoted to a Adult Parole & Probation Officer, where I worked for 32 years before retiring in 2009. I had a great career, and I know I helped many people turn their lives around. Tracy and I married in 2000, after 26 years together. This May we celebrate our 25th wedding anniversary, 51 years total. We love travel- mostly cruising now. Above photo was taken in Puerto Rico, May 2024.

Patty Borchert introduced me to Zonta. I have been a member going on 22 years. During this time, I have attended 7 ZI Conventions and served twice as club president, District 4 Director, Lt. Governor and Governor of District 8. My Governor term was 2014-2016. Going to Governor's school in February in Chicago was the absolute best freezy cold experience of my life. When asked 'Why Zonta?' --- well Zonta has the ability to change lives and it has certainly changed mine for the better.

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**AMELIA EARHART MONTH:
AEROSPACE ADVANCEMENTS
IN YOUR DAILY LIFE**

16. JAN. 25



In honor of Amelia Earhart month, Zonta International invites you to a panel with three Amelia Earhart Fellows to hear how their work in medicine, weather, wildfires, reduction of pollutants and fluid flow in nature impacts our daily lives. Following the discussion, attendees will have the opportunity to participate in an open Q&A.

Aerospace Advancements in Your Daily Life

**Thursday, 16 January
2:00 PM Central Standard Time (-5 GMT)**

To register:

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_6tWxNL1UTjCrC_7HC7vR3g#/registration



Birthdays

- January 6 - Kimberly Mandel**
- January 9- Sherrill Lorenzo & Charlene Moore**
- January 16 - Muriel Richardson**
- January 21 - Jen Shafer**
- January 23 - Greg Dalton**
- January 27 Joanne Griffeath & Lori Schmidt**
- January 28 - Theresa Collins**
- January 31 - Erin Kauffman**
- February 1 - Alissa Pruess**
- February 5- Shirley Roby**
- February 6 - Megan Jacquot & Carol Ventgen**
- February 17- Kitty Backus**
- February 24 - Dora Daniels**

Club Calendar

- January 16 Amelia Earhart Zoom program
- January 17 Club Program Meeting noon CB Fire Station
- January 26 Zonta Says NOW Think Tank Zoom
- February 7 Club Business Meeting at Coos Bay Fire Station
- February 17 Rose Petals deadline
- February 21 Club Program Meeting featuring Coos Elderly Services
- March 8 Scholarship Fundraiser Wildflour Public House
- April 26 All Area Virtual Workshop 9AM-2PM
- July 11-14 2026, Zonta International Convention Vancouver BC, Canada