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COOS BAY AREA
MEMBER OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL
BUILD A BETTER WORLD
FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

March 2025

A Message from President - Shirley MacAdam

March is Women's History Month. Please join your fellow Zontians at the March Program meeting, Friday March 21st at noon at the Coos Bay FireHall on Elrod to celebrate, collaborate and connect. Jen Shafer and Bonnie Faroudi are planning a great program in the theme of Women's History Month!

We can take this time to recognize the achievements, tenacity, and contributions of women throughout history. However, we each have our own history and our own story to honor and celebrate. The women I have known in my life, whether close friends or new acquaintances, are, more often than not, open and willing to share their authentic stories from the heart. Whether trailblazing pioneers who shattered barriers or everyday heroes who worked from within their families and communities, this month is about celebrating progress, collaborating in the current work we have before us and connecting to carry on the work that is still ahead.

We all know that throughout history women have played crucial roles in science, politics, arts, and activism, often without the recognition deserved. In March, Women's History Month allows us to amplify these stories, honor their impact, and inspire ourselves and future generations to continue advocating for change while moving towards equality for all.

On International Women's Day, Saturday March 8th, our club honored Trish McMichael at our fundraising event. We also recognized our first PJB Scholarship recipient Nikki Wright. Both women spoke about their history and helped to inspire our fundraising donations from the crowd **allowing us to raise \$26,000!!!** By listening to their stories and their history, all of us received the gift of inspiration to carry on with the important work we each choose in and out of Zonta striving for a better world.



Ways to keep our history alive:

- A. Learn and Share Stories – Read books, watch documentaries, or attend events that highlight the achievements of women. Share what you learn to inspire others.
- B. Support Women-Owned Businesses – Help empower female entrepreneurs by shopping from businesses founded and led by women.
- C. Mentor and Uplift – Encourage the next generation by mentoring young women and supporting programs that foster leadership.
- D. Advocate for Equality – Support policies and initiatives that promote gender equality in workplaces, education, and leadership.
- E. Recognize Everyday Heroes – Celebrate the women in your life—teachers, healthcare workers, caregivers, and community leaders—who make a difference every day.

Keep on keeping on! Thank you, Shirley MacAdam

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International Women's Day

March 8, 2025

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Thank you from our Outstanding Community Supporter

Dear Zontians~ I have no words to express my gratitude for the honor you bestowed on me March 8th. The love in the room. The fundraising for a cause - women's scholarships. The kind words about my community service. All made for a very special evening with wonderful people.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Trish Mc Michael



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2025 International Women's Day Scholarship Fundraiser

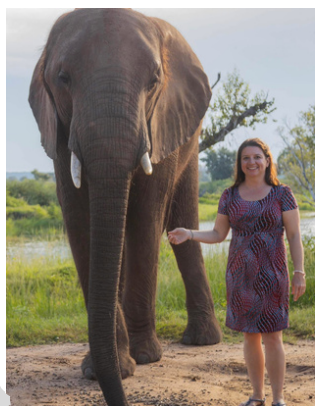


Program Meeting - March 21

Women! International Women! Amazing Women!
 Join us for an interactive discussion about influential women in your lives, an annual update on exciting ZI programs, and some fun trivia about amazing national and international women from 1900-onward!
 Location is the Coos Bay Fire Hall on Elsod. Noon with lunch available for \$5.00 purchase. Bring your own drink.
 Jen Shafer and Bonnie Foroudi



She will also report on her recent attendance at the United Nations NGO CSW (Non-governmental Organization Committee on the Status of Women) meeting in NY, NY. Plus she might share a story or two about her African Safari taken with her husband, mother and her aunt this month.

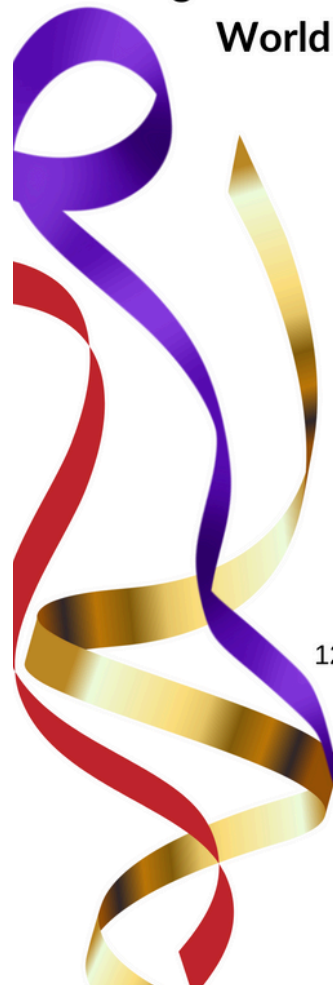


Plan to attend the All Area District 8 Workshop. Join the "Watch Party" at Jan Delimont's House 4/26. Details coming soon.

Business Meeting - April 4

Come meet District 8 Governor Stephanie Adams from the Pocatello Idaho Club. Governor Adams is traversing the district with stops in Coos Bay, Roseburg, Corvallis, Grants Pass, South Puget Sound, Yakima and Olympia Zonta Clubs. She is promoting the All Area Workshop April 26 on Zoom and attendance at the in person District 8 Conference hosted by the North Puget Sound Club in Everett, WA September 19-20, 2025.

Weaving Advocacy into Building A Better World for Women & Girls



- 9:00am Welcome & Club Videos
- 9:30am Kimm Hrdlicka-Tiggles, District 5 Governor
- HOW do we weave advocacy into everything we do?
UNICEF, Laaha
- 10:45am Weaving Activity (Kumihimo Friendship Bracelet)
Leatta Dalhoff, Foundation Ambassador
- Breakout Sessions
- Caucus Updates
- Natalie Jobe, YWPA Recipient
- Clementine McLemore, Women in Business Recipient
- 12:30pm Zonta Core Values Discussion (lunch—consider a Woman Owned Business if you'll be ordering)
- 1:00pm Mona Das, Bad A\$\$ Women
- Doing Kick A\$\$ Sh!t
- Takeaways/Links to Resources
- 2:00pm Advocacy Chair Training (All are welcome to attend!)

STEAM Fair for Girls

Coos Bay Library

International Women's Day March 8

Representing Zonta and promoting GRiTT summer camp were club members Joanne Griffeath, Paula Bechtold and Jen Shafer with assistance from MHS Z Club members Reanna and Alyssa. The "screwdriver practice" station was the most popular, followed by the "build a tower from spaghetti and marshmallows" station. We already have one GRiTT 2025 camp inquiry from an attendee!



GRiTT 2025 update -
We are launching the GRiTT
camper application 4/1 - more
to come soon!

Message from CBPL staff Jennifer Knight: Thank you for having a presence at the Women in STEAM event on Saturday! Your presentations were all amazing- I think the kids who came (I'm guessing there were 30 kids, maybe 50 people overall) had a great experience and positive introduction to STEAM. I loved seeing all the cool things you had to share with kids and families-thank you for putting so much time and thought into it.

MARSHFIELD Z CLUB

Members have been very busy helping at various community events this past month – at the Charleston crab feed, the South Coast Regional Child Abuse Summit, the Coos Bay Library “STEAM” event, the monthly “free for families” movie at the Egyptian, and making balloon animals with GREG DALTON at the annual Coos Bay Library “Read Across America” program for children.

They are also busy planning a bingo fundraiser for SATURDAY APRIL 5 from noon to 2 at Heritage Hall (which is inside the main gym at the high school). Hoping many Zontians will attend to help them raise additional money for their Community 101 project. Pizza will be available for purchase at the event, and the bingo prizes are donations they have solicited from local businesses.

The club meetings In April will be focusing on hearing presentations from the five agencies that have submitted Community 101 grant requests to them. This year the club’s focus is on child abuse and neglect. Oregon Community Foundation will provide \$5,000 for the club to allocate and they hope to add to that with their bingo “earnings.”



Domnik Simmons, Golden Z Club Vice President, and Mackenzie Thompson, Golden Z Club President, both students at Southwestern Oregon Community College, were gifted tickets by Charlotte Hutt to attend the scholarship dinner at Wildflour Public House in North Bend. Thank you Charlotte! Brenda Jackson, Golden Z Liaison



It's annual dues time - dues are due 4/1! You should have received an email about your annual renewal. Adoption of 2024-2025 club budget included a increase to member dues to \$150 (Young Professionals are \$79). Jen Shafer will be accepting dues payments at the program meeting 3/21 and the club meeting 4/4. Payment by check is preferable but other accommodations can be made by contacting Jen (treasurer@zontacoosbayarea.org or 541.297.3440). Together we are building a better world for women and girls!

February Program Meeting

Erlette Upshaw provided an overview of the services available through Coos Elderly Services. Jen Shafer is the chair of the Coos Elderly board and Lindi Quinn is a volunteer for the organization.



**NOTE: April 18 Program
Coos Bay Library Myrtle
Room. Come get updates
on the Devereux Center**



Birthdays

March 12 - Patty Scott

March 20 - Verena Matthews & Jesse Graf

March 22 - Lani Schreiber

April 8 - Shirley MacAdam

April 12 - Anne Medus-Westbrooks

April 18 - Suzanne Andrews

April 23 - Annastacia Sequoyah

April 28 - Margaret Melvin

Club Calendar

- March 20 12:00 PM Salvation Army Recognition Lunch RSVP by 3/17/2025
- March 21 12:00 PM Club Program Meeting- Women's History Month
- April 1 Club dues are payable now ---- Scholarship Deadline
- April 4 Club Business Meeting with D8 Governor Stephanie Adams
- **April 18 Club Program Meeting 12:00 PM Myrtle Room at Coos Bay Library**
- April 26 All Area Virtual Workshop 9AM-2PM Potluck Watch Party at Jan Delimont's
- May 16 Program meeting Mental Health Awareness Month
- June 20-22 North American Inter-district Meeting (NAIDM) Novi, MI
- September 19-20, 2025 District 8 Conference North Puget Sound hosting, Everett, WA
- July 11-14 2026, Zonta International Convention Vancouver BC, Canada