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May 2025

A Message from President - Shirley MacAdam

Depending on how I choose to view it, I'm either looking at the last few weeks as President of our Zonta Club or I'm looking at the past eleven plus months as President of our Zonta Club. Both views are good! I said nearly a year ago that I felt it would do our club good to take it easy for a year. Not knowing exactly what that meant, and with Debbie's help we chose the theme of Celebrate, Collaborate, Connection. I did not know what the year would shape up to be exactly, but I hoped for all of us to work a little less and enjoy each other and the spirit of Zonta a little more. As with any other year, we did some things quite well and we could have done some other things better! Genelle put together a wonderful short video of a look back at our year and we previewed it at the April meeting. If you missed the April meeting, please keep an eye on our web site to view it as it will be posted there. Thank you, Genelle!

Our purpose, as a club, for so long has been along the lines of raising money to give it away in the form of scholarships, school supplies, educating the community through advocacy, offering great programs like GRITT, providing opportunity to women and girls for a safer and healthier life without violence against women and supporting the Zonta International work. Over time, our club is getting smaller and our community is not growing like it used to. The pool of economic resources from which we can draw for our fundraising is shrinking. Nationally, the look of non-profit organizations and how we operate and accomplish our mission is drastically changing. Human compassion and how we choose to incorporate it into our lives and our communities is changing. Time is the new currency, it seems, and people are protective of their free time. This is not doom and gloom but a chance to respond and reinvent ourselves the way WE want to! The need for Zonta is as strong as ever.

I am not voicing judgement on any of this. Rather I am sharing what I have observed and learned in the experiences I have had and the reading and exploring I have done. I feel just as passionate about Zonta's mission as I did in 2005 when I first joined. My time today no longer includes a 40 hour a week job, but I have a busy full life just like all of you do. We are all challenged with the same question: how much of my time do I give to Zonta? Zonta and our community need you! The reward is a better world, being an example to our kids and grandkids and the joy inside we receive when we serve.

As we begin a new year with new leadership, I ask you all to take a breath with me and consider giving Zonta a fresh part of you-not all of you! Please consider starting a committee today: do you prefer education (scholarship committee), working on projects (service committee) or spreading the word of our mission (advocacy committee)? It is simple! Pick one! Bring to the table something like 4 hours per month (start with one of the two Friday meetings, 1 committee meeting & an activity or project one per quarter). That sounds very doable. We all have at least 4 hours per month watching TV!!!! I am going to do this myself. I am going to give at the committee level which allows me to have the most input and the most one-on-one time with my fellow Zontians! Please give it a try!

Sincerely, Shirley MacAdam, Outgoing President



Program Meeting - May 16

Hey Zontians 😊

Please attend May 16th's meeting at the Coos Bay Fire Hall where Debbie Kirby will be discussing "The Power of Connection on Mental Well-Being" and how that aligns with the mission of Zonta 😊

Truths/myths and how do we get and stay mentally healthy in a world where we are more connectedly disconnected than we've ever been. Fun facts, \$5 healthy lunch – Thank you Jen and Co-op, Shirley's last meeting as President and who knows what else we will find along the way! 😊 See you Friyayayayay!



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April Program Meeting- Nancy Devereux Center Update

We heard from: Dr. Timothy Lynch, DrPH, MHA who is the Public Health Director at Coos Health & Wellness and Amanda McCarthy of Advanced Health. We also heard from the new executive director who had worked there a long time under Tara Johnson. Dr. Lynch presented a basic explanation that the Center had grown too much and tried to include too many services all at once to remain sustainable. We heard about how the Salvation Army stepped up to house over 60 people on short notice during the coldest three months of the year (and 14 pets) when the center was closed. They shared a generally positive message about many of the services of the Center still being met by other community partners. The biggest news is that the board is working on the purchase of a building, a new name, a complete rebranding of the organization and a planned rollout to the community to market the organizations new structure. The Zonta members posed challenging and interesting questions and we had a great discussion with our guests. Thanks to all who came and participated.

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**KYLA BAILEY-
WILSON**

2025 PATTY J. BARTON
\$20,000 SCHOLARSHIP
& \$3,000 MEMORIAL
NON-TRADITIONAL
SCHOLARSHIP
RECIPIENT

Kyla is attending Eastern Oregon University pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting. Her goal is to become a CPA, pursuing opportunities in financial management and corporate accounting. Congratulations Kyla, Zonta is proud of you!!

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**MEET
AVERY
PEX**

\$3,000 STEM
SCHOLARSHIP
RECIPIENT

Avery is in her third academic year working on her biology/pre-veterinary studies at Oregon State University. She plans to be a veterinarian.

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Meet our 2025 scholarship recipients at the June program meeting.



**To carpool meet at 5:15 at the North Bend Library. Driving directions to Dora's:
We are approximately 10 miles north of the McCullough bridge.**

**Heading north on 101 you will see 2 different amber blinking lights. Continue through the
2nd light still heading north on 101 (Wagon Wheel grocery is on the right) approximately
1/2 mile. Beaver Loop Road is on your right....continue on Beaver Loop approximately 1.5
miles. We are on your left in the middle of a big turn. You will see our flag flying. The
house is yellow.**

**66874 Beaver Loop. If you miss the first right turn continue north about 1 mile and turn at
Beaver Loop here. Continue on Beaver Loop approximately 3/4 mile. Look for the 2nd
yellow house on your right and also the flag.**

Coos County Friends of Public Health Legacy Award Presented to Frances Smith



Frances Hall Smith is hard to surprise. The CCFoPH Board had to sneak in this surprise award at the annual Super Star Recognition Lunch April 29th. Board member and the last luncheon speaker Sam Baugh presented Frances with her award and read this testimonial:

Frances began her 26-year public service career with Coos County public health in early 1987; the last 13 years serving as the Public Health Administrator. Her career with Coos County Public Health encompassed many highlights. Successes that included:

- Initiation of Coos County's licensing and inspection program for restaurants, swimming pools and tourist facilities
- Developing one of the first tobacco prevention coalitions in the state; and
- Leading the Health Emergency Response Team, which became a model of public health working collaboratively with the response community

A quiet, hard-working and dedicated dynamo, Frances is also a founding member of SCRIPT; which is now known as CHI, or Coos Health Initiatives.

A program that succeeded in bringing federal grants to increase access to health care at Waterfall Clinic, and train public health nurses to provide case management services. Coos Fights Cancer, is another important associated project Frances pursued that is also associated with CHI. In addition, Frances also serves with The League of Women Voters of Coos County and the Zonta Club of Coos Bay. The hours Frances consistently contributes weekly is nearly immeasurable.

The program sponsoring this event today is a plan Frances initiated in 2008; the Coos County Friends of Public Health. This unique praiseworthy effort has at least one other health department and health service-related programs interested in modeling. For more information about what CCFoPH does, refer to the brochures on your table.

Frances has no idea she is also being recognized today; an honor she has adamantly and repeatedly denied. However, a glance at the accomplishments and tasks the CCFoPH does, will show, Frances has again, initiated and continues to serve with, a trail-blazing, community contributing program!



Big thank you to Jan Delimont for hosting the District 8 All Area Workshop watch party April 26. Club members Margery Whitmer, Shirley Roby, Sherril Lorenzo, Maria Gonzalez Santos, Joanne Griffeath, Paula Bechtold and Leisha Holmes attended, with Muriel Richardson and Lindi Quinn zooming in from home.

Marshfield Z Club

The club members have made their decisions on how to allocate the \$5,000 from the Oregon Community Foundation "Community 101" grant as well as an additional \$500 from their bingo fundraiser and raffle ticket sales. OCF has to approve the allocation before the agencies can be notified so it's still "secret" for now. However, fairly confident that the club will receive the confirmation soon, and then we can send the good news to the applicants: Bikers Against Child Abuse, CASA, Kid's Hope Center, the SAFE Project, and YouthERA. Students have learned a lot during this process.



At least one community service project left for their participation (the MayFly Festival), and then the club year will end. Always sad for me to say goodbye to the seniors --

Paula Bechtold, Z Club Advisor

GRiTT Registration open until May 15th. Please tell your friends!



proudly present our 5th annual

GRiTT

Girls Rock it - Tools & Trades

AUGUST 6-8, AUGUST 13-15

FREE TOOLS & TRADES CAMP FOR YOUTH AGES 8-12

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Needs include:

- Hammers
- Measuring tapes
- Carpenter pencils
- Safety glasses/ear plugs
- Sandpaper
- Wood glue
- Rulers
- Stain
- Acrylic paint
- Brushes
- Snacks
- Teambuilding prizes

16 CAMPERS EACH WEEK

DONORS WILL BE RECOGNIZED ON GRITT PROMO MATERIALS, ZONTA WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNELS

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FOR MORE INFORMATION - CONTACT ZONTAYELLOWROSE@YAHOO.COM

2024 Supporters:

2024 Sponsors:

Camp application

Member Rose Potpourri



I recently visited Sharon Lovie, our president in 2009/2010. A few years ago Sharon had a stroke. She is now at a residential care facility at 3440 Pine St. in North Bend, just off New Mark. Sharon uses a walker to get around but is strong in mind and has a strong positive spirit. I sent her greetings from the Zonta club and she was happy to hear about the March 8th fund raiser and about the GRITT program happening again this year. I was so glad I visited Sharon and maybe you can too sometime! Margery Whitmer

Joanne Griffeath is moving to Greenacres. Her new much bigger and quieter house closes this month.

With a heavy heart we say goodbye to our club member Erin Kauffman and her husband David. Erin wrote, "As Officers, we are humbled to serve wherever God and The Salvation Army lead us. With a mix of emotions, we share that we have received marching orders to serve as Business and Program Directors of the Seattle Social Services in the Northwest Division, an incredible opportunity to spread love and hope. Our final day here in Coos Bay will be June 29th. This community has become part of our hearts. You've welcomed us, worked alongside us, prayed with us, laughed and cried with us—and through it all, you've made our time here truly life-changing We also request that you pray for Captains Denise and Mark Litreal, and their two children as they prepare to take on their new roles as Corps Officers, that they may be blessed with wisdom, courage, and joy. Zonta Coos Bay Area will miss your bright spirits Erin and David!"



Birthdays

May 5 – Genelle Hanken

May 6 – Debby Kirby

May 12 – Patty Borchert

May 25 Lydia Casas, Rachael Espy & Bonnie Foroudi

May 27 Margo Borstad

June 10- Nicole Rutherford

June 13 - Maria Gonzalez-Santos

June 28 Cynthia Voller

Club Calendar

- May 15 GRiTT Registration deadline
- May 16 Program meeting Mental Health Awareness Month
- May 28 Installation Dinner home of Dora Daniels
- 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



WOLF WISE COMMUNITIES ON A LANDSCAPE OF HOPE

WOLF HAVEN INTERNATIONAL



MEET THE SPEAKER

Amy Porter
Director of Conservation

Thursday, June 5, 2025 7:00 PM PST

AMY PORTER WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BIOLOGIST WITH 25 YEARS EXPERIENCE IS THE CURRENT DIRECTOR OF CONSERVATION AT WOLF HAVEN INTERNATIONAL. AMY WILL TALK ABOUT THE WOLF WISE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM, THE MOVEMENT/ MIGRATION OF WOLVES ACROSS WASHINGTON, HOW CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS WOLVES, AND THE IMPORTANCE OF BUILDING WOLF-WISE COMMUNITIES. JOIN US ON ZOOM.

SAVE THE DATE



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Women Soar

District 8 Conference
September 19th - 20th
Everett, Washington

Empowered Women, Empower Women



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