



ROSE PETALS

NEWSLETTER



June 2026

A Message from President - Joanne Griffeath



I would like to thank our wonderful club for having the confidence in me to serve as your president. I look forward to having this opportunity to help our Coos Bay Area Zonta Club do many uplifting and productive projects. My theme this year is reflected in my logo: **Friendship - Respect - Integrity - Service**. I hope everyone is ready to enjoy an exciting new club year of fellowship in Zonta!

All members are invited to my home Saturday, June 20 1:00 PM to craft friendship bracelets, car cup coasters, nail files and bookmarks. Items we are selling in our Vancouver, BC Convention booth. The origami bookmarks will be gifts for convention attendees. Join us!
Joanne

Welcome to our New Zonta Club Members!

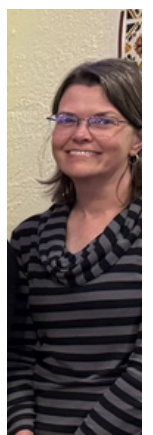


L - R John Rowe, Vanessa McKinney, DeeAnne Jacobs and Nicole Caporale. Learn more about DeeAnne on page 5 of this Rose Petals.



L-R Theresa Collins Advocacy Chair, Paula Bechtold Parliamentarian, Jen Shafer Treasurer, Muriel Richardson Membership Chair, Sandy Warrick Secretary, Sherrill Lorenzo Foundation Treasurer, Lindi Quinn Finance Chair, Joanne Griffeath V.P. and President Debbie Kirby

Welcome to our 2026-2027 Club Board



Paula Bechtold, Parliamentarian, Genelle Hanken V.P., Theresa Collins, Advocacy, President Joanne Griffeath, Sherrill Lorenzo Secretary & Foundation Treasurer, Kim Richards Membership Chair, Naomi Ulsted Zonta International Connection Chair and Jen Shaffer Treasurer

**THANK
YOU**



Margery Whitmer, Lindi Quinn and Muriel Richardson
our 2027-2028 Nominating Committee



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INSTALLATION/INDUCTION

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M.C. Margery
Whitmer



May program meeting

Our club made a second field trip this year for our May program meeting, visiting the South Coast Hospice campus on Thompson Rd., Coos Bay. Big thank you to Doreen Kelly for the warm welcome and informative program. Club members came away with new appreciation for the many services and events SC Hospice provides our community, not to mention hearing about the Hospice staff and amazing volunteers. We look forward to exploring ways our club can partner with Hospice. Afterwards we met for lunch at Dave's Pizza.



Zonta South Coast Hospice Field Trip



**South Coast Hospice
& Palliative Care Services**

New Member Update: DeeAnne Jacobs

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I grew up in the California San Joaquin Valley, where my family had a small almond orchard. I attended college while working full time, completing a B.S. degree in chemistry and a Masters in business administration. I worked in the biotech industry for several years, before switching to telecommunications engineering. I have been married to my husband, William, for 46 years. Before retiring and moving to Oregon, we had a small farm where we raised thoroughbred horses. We are both avid fishermen, especially enjoying fishing for salmon. We are also walking enthusiasts, and can be found most every day at one of the local walking paths.



Barn Squares painted in 2025, mounted at OCATEC in Charleston in 2026



June 10 - Nichole Rutherford

July 18 - Lindi Quinn

July 25 - Mike Claassen

Club Calendar

June 19 11:30 - 1:00 PM Fabulous Scholarship Program - Wild Flour Public House

June 20 Board Retreat and Convention Craft Workshop- home of Joanne Griffeath

July 3 No Zonta meeting - Happy 4th of July!

July 11-14, ZI Convention Vancouver, BC Canada

July 17 Joint Club Business & Program meeting at Coos Bay Fire Station on Elrod

August 7 Club Business Meeting - CB Fire Station

August 5-7 and August 12-14 GRiTT Camp - club members needed to volunteer

MHS ZCLUB CONCLUDES ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR

By Paula Bechtold MHS Z Club Liaison

For the fifth year, the Zclub's primary project was the Community 101 grant from The Oregon Community Foundation. This year we were awarded \$7,500 to grant to charitable organizations. Of that sum, \$1,500 was eligible for school-based programs.

Following the required curriculum, the club surveyed the student body as to what they viewed as the major problems facing our community. Because many of the same students are involved each year, we have chosen to select a different issue each year. Unfortunately, the problems in our community are many so the options seem almost limitless! This year the students focused on "teens at risk" of substance abuse, pregnancy and unhealthy relationships, and with limited access to physical and mental health care.

The club learned about 501c3s, researched qualified nonprofits which addressed the problems, requested and reviewed grant applications from appropriate programs, and invited speakers to their meetings from both the applying programs and from other professionals familiar with the issues. Ultimately, the club determined how to allocate the \$7,500 available: Waterfall Clinic, \$2,000; Kid's Hope Center, \$1,500; Safe Project, \$1,500; Pacific Pregnancy, \$1,000; ARK Project, \$1,000; Destinations Academy (Coos Bay's alternative high school), \$500.

The photo attached is of the graduating seniors. Saying goodbye to the graduates is always hard. Nine seniors earned their cords (all but one pictured). Four of them had been in Zclub all four years, and two others joined as sophomores. Four were valedictorians/salutatorians. And they raked in the scholarships! Just from the Marshfield Scholarship Fund alone, Zclubbers received \$146,750 – PLUS one of the four-year members (Angeles) received the HUGE Ford Family scholarship which funds 90% of her schooling cost.

Marshfield
High School





for our 2026

Girls Rock it - Tools & Trades



G R i T T

summer program!

Have fun, make a difference, meet cool people, and learn new skills!
Camp runs Weds-Fri (9am-2pm), August 5-7 and August 12-14.

Volunteer roles available:

- Table lead (Weds-Fri 9am-2pm)
- Table assistant (2 hr shifts)
- Check-in (8:30am)
- Check-out/clean up (1:45pm)



For more info, contact Jen at jshafer.zontacba@gmail.com or 541-297-3440.

District 8 and Zonta International News



Coos Bay Area 2026 ZI Convention attendees - full report coming soon!



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Zonta Convention 2026

July 11-14, 2026