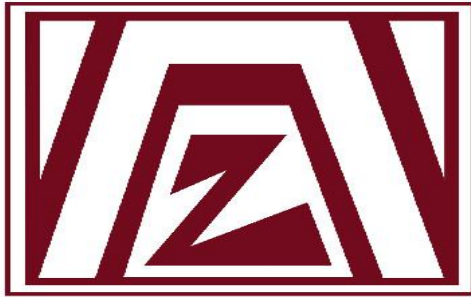


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IRON WOMAN 2017 VICTORIES



The 2017 Zonta Iron Woman was held on September 9th. Twelve, two-person teams participated in the event. The teams first proudly displayed their creative Iron Woman shirts for the best t-shirt design contest. Then the women boarded the Backside Brewery bus to go to the Roseburg Rod and Gun Club. There, the women used the indoor range and shot the 22 caliber rifles. Zonta member Connie Benham and Team 1-member Christie Hruska shot a near perfect 49/50! The women also played corn hole, which was won by Team 6. Next, the women tossed horseshoes with the assistance of the Roseburg Horseshoe Club. Team 1 won this event, scoring over 100 points while tossing the horseshoes for 30 minutes.

The teams then bowled, with Team 12 narrowly edging out Team 1 to bowl the highest 2-game scores. Next, the women putt a modified 9-hole course at the Roseburg Country Club. Team 4 scored the victory. The event concluded with awards and hors d'oeuvres at Melrose Vineyard.

Team 1, composed of Kathy Steele and her sister Christie Hruska, won both the competition and best T-shirt design with 54 points. Their shirts highlighted the Iron Women events and their sponsor Arbonne. Team 6, Debi Price and Jenn Perron of Umpqua Sand and Gravel, took second in the competition with 45 points. Team 12 members Becky Rogers and Traci Atherton of Idle Hour Tavern took third, missing second by one point!

Overall, the event was a fun for the 24 participants and a victory for local assistance programs for women. The 2017 Iron Woman cleared over \$2,300! Thank you to all of the participants, venue hosts, sponsors, and Zonta members who helped with this event. A special thanks to Zonta member Gail Trimble for leading us through another successful event!

2017 IRONWOMAN EVENT



The 2017 winning team of Kathy Steele and her sister Christie Hruska



2nd Place winners: Debi Price and Jenn Perron

DIGNITY DRIVE SUCCESSFULL

Have you ever forgotten your underwear? Then you know the yucky feeling of having to dress without undergarments. Women forced out of their homes due to an abusive relationship or pregnancy, frequently have little time to pack and may be missing their undergarments. Thus, last year, Roseburg Area Zonta started the Dignity Drive Drop-off to collect undergarments for women in need. Now in it's second year, the 2017 Zonta's Dignity Drive was a huge success, nearly doubling what the club received last year! This year the drive collected 25 bras, 206 panties, and 49 packages of sanitary products. The drive was expanded this year to include drop-off points at the Roseburg YMCA and Branding Nails Salon, in addition to West Harvard Furniture.

The next step will be distributing the items to partner agencies who will give the items to women in need. This year, to distribute the items, the club will invite partner agencies to our Roseburg Zonta Harvest Luncheon on October 25. Since the Harvest Luncheon is also part of our membership drive, potential new members can see what Zonta accomplishes and members of partner agencies may consider a membership.

Thank you to all of our drop-off points and community members who contributed to this drive to help women retain their dignity.



FOCUS ON NEW MEMBER: DR. ANNA ROBLEDO



Welcome Dr. Anna Robledo!

Anna was born and raised in the Willamette Valley, and grew up on a small ranch outside of Scio with 3 sisters and 1 brother. Her family raised cows and calves, plus owned pack mules. During high school she participated in cheerleading, track, and 4-H where she raised and showed pigs and cows. Her nurturing side also emerged, and she bottle raised bumper lambs, calves, goats, and sheep. She also started working at a mixed practice veterinary clinic in high school, consequently deciding she wanted to become a veterinarian by the time she was 15 years old.

Anna's Dad, grandfathers and siblings all served in the military, so it was important to her to honor her country and family by also serving. She went to Gonzaga University and was a member of the Army ROTC. After graduation, she served the Army for 5 years, and had assignments in Germany and Afghanistan. She was ready to return to Oregon after her service ended in 2011. She joined the Oregon National Guard and started veterinary school at Oregon State University. As she was completing her degree, her husband Dan, was on Active Duty and working for the Corps of Engineers in Eugene. It was easy to convince him to stay in Oregon, and subsequently Anna landed a job at Parkway Animal Hospital in Roseburg.

Anna started attending Zonta meetings last year. She appreciates Zonta's efforts toward gender equality and finds it frustrating that in 2017 women are still being paid less than men in many jobs. She also likes that the Zonta Club of Roseburg Area addresses international issues, yet empowers women locally and has a positive impact on our local community.

Hobby-wise, Anna and her husband are runners and have completed three half marathons! Their dog, Bailey, helps the couple train. The couple also enjoys time with their family, and spoiling their nieces and nephews.

OCTOBER IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

ENVISION A WORLD



Domestic violence is pervasive. According to the National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV), it crosses all gender, social-economic, race, age, sexual orientation, and religious boundaries. Millions of Americans are impacted every year. According to the Domestic Abuse Shelter, 1 in 4 women, and 1 in 7 men experience domestic abuse during their lifetime. Human trafficking is also a form of abuse. Both batterers and traffickers use intimidation, coercion, drugs, isolation, physical & emotional violence, and threats to family members to control their victims. Trafficking victims perform some type of servitude from sexual exploitation to labor, while domestic abuse victims must follow the directives of their batterer. Both domestic and trafficking victims seek help at Domestic Abuse Shelters.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness month. It is our opportunity to improve awareness of domestic violence tactics to community members and to victims. To improve awareness, watch for the telltale signs of abuse. Survivors can be wounded emotionally and physically. Teach others how to be safe, where to get tips, and how to contact help. Wear purple during October and tell people WHY you are wearing purple. Purple is the official domestic violence awareness color because it represents peace, courage, survival, honor and dedication to ending violence. From October 15 – 21, join in awareness activities during the week of action. Spread Zonta's message of, "Say No to Violence Against Women." As November arrives, be ready for Zonta's 16 Days of Activism, November 25 – December 10 to help end violence.

To help awareness, the Roseburg Area Zonta Club is joining with the Douglas County Human Trafficking Task Force to put up at display at UCC during October. Below are some valuable phone numbers that could help a victim find help. Be aware and lend a hand.

- National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-7233
- U.S. National Teen Dating Abuse Hotline: Love is respect: 1-866-331-9474
- Roseburg area Battered Person's Advocacy Crisis Line: 541-673-7867 or 800-464-6543
- If a person is in immediate danger, call 911.

HARVEST LUNCHEON-OCT 25th

Mark your calendars for noon, October 25th for the annual Harvest Luncheon! This year the club will be presenting items from the Dignity Drive Drop-off Campaign to partner agencies that assist women. The luncheon will be held at Elmers Restaurant off Garden Valley. Zonta members are encouraged to invite guests who could be potential members.



SAVE THE DATE: SANTA RUN DEC 9TH



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- ♦ Oct 15- International Day of Rural Women
- ♦ Oct 17-International Day of Eradication of Poverty
- ♦ Oct 24- United Nations Day
- ♦ Oct 25- Harvest Luncheon Noon at Elmers Resturant
- ♦ Nov 25- International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women
- ♦ Nov 25- Dec 10- 16 Days of Activism
- ♦ Dec 1- World AIDS Day
- ♦ Dec 2- International Day for the Abolition of Slavery/Suppression of the Traffic in Persons
- ♦ Dec 9- Santa Run- RHS
- ♦ Dec10- International Human Rights Day

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