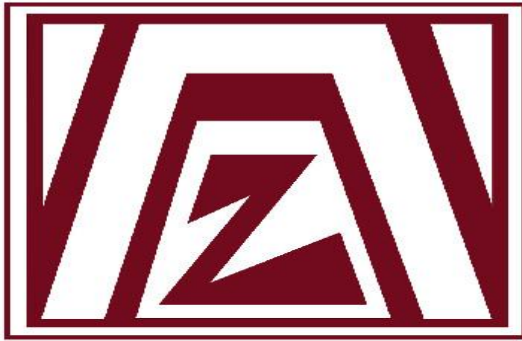


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EMPOWERING WOMEN
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY



THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

CALENDAR of EVENTS

- Jan 27 1200 ZOOM Program Meeting- Amelia Earhart
- Feb 3 – 1200 ZOOM Executive Board Mtg
- Feb 10 – Business Meeting via ZOOM 12-1pm
- Feb 24- ZOOM Program meeting 12-1pm
- March 8- Zonta Rose Day or International day of the Women

President's Message

Hello everyone and let's just say it, welcome to 2021! After the past several months, we all look forward to this new year.

Our club, you members and the communities worldwide have certainly been handed some real challenges and as a service club locally and globally, we have had to make some small and some big adjustments. Meeting monthly via online conferencing has kept business going but I cannot wait for the time when we can meet in person.

Ok, enough of the negative. We are all still here, and our health seems strong and steady. Our club has continued the work of serving the community with our Dignity Drive, Double Donation Drive along with the great honor of the Centennial Grant where Zonta International issued us \$5000 to help educate young people on the terrible occurrences of Human Trafficking. Even though the pandemic has slowed things down, the Douglas County Human Trafficking Task Force has continued their work with In Our Backyard to create education materials, so this important education for our teachers and youth continues. We have almost half of the grant left to help in this truly important effort, good job to all of you so involved.

For our club, I say this: Let us keep our vision(s) alive, our efforts strong and help keep each other enthused about who we are and what we want to do as Zontians.

Zonta love and kindness,

Grace Farenbaugh
President

ROSEBURG ZONTA RAFFLE 2020

This year, Covid altered our daily lives, stalled social gatherings, and changed business operations. However, Roseburg Zonta still decided to go forth with its fund-raising raffle this summer. Over \$700 was contributed to the raffle by the businesses used as prizes who contributed all, or a portion of the value of their prize to the club. Thus, the club owes a big THANKS to Casey's Guide Service (Guided fishing trip for two), The Painted Lady Bed & Breakfast and Tea Room, and Seven Feather's River Rock Spa!

Despite social distancing, club members raised over \$4000 in ticket sales and netted the club over \$3724. This was nearly \$1000 more than the club raised last year during its initial raffle. These funds are used internationally to provide girls the opportunity to obtain more than a grade school education, end child marriages in 12 countries, and support the Amelia Earhart Fellowship for advanced education in aero-space fields. Locally it supports our HandUp Program which helps women improve their lives by venues such as education, technical trade certification, transportation for employment, and mentoring. Roseburg Zonta is also working with the Douglas County Human Trafficking Task Force to provide a trafficking prevention curriculum to all of the Middle and High Schools in Douglas County, plus works to educate the public about child marriage in the USA. The club also provides funds to local women via its Young Woman in Public Affairs and Women in Technology Scholarship.

Given our limited draw format of selling 225 tickets, the club has the potential to net over \$5000 if each member sells their allotted tickets. Thank you, club members, for increasing your ticket sales this year!!!



25 NOVEMBER
ORANGE DAY
WEAR ORANGE AND SAY NO

www.ZontaSaysNO.com

DIGNITY DROP DRIVE

The 2020 Dignity Drop Drive ran from October 15th through November 20th. This spanned part of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, then led into *Zonta Says No to Violence Against Women* and 16 Days of Advocacy. The club was able to setup purple donation boxes at the Douglas County YMCA, Red Robin Gourmet Burgers and Brew, plus Ten Down Bowling and Entertainment. Purple is the Prevent Domestic Violence Awareness color, and makes our boxes highly visible. The club put out multiple flyers and social media posts encouraging the public to look for the purple boxes.

Donations were down a little due to reduced foot traffic at many businesses because of COVID-19. Still, the Dignity Drive collected over 200 bras, panties or sanitary products, plus some toiletries, socks, gloves, and other goodies. Many women forced to flee their homes due to violence or pregnancy leave with little or no extra clothing or hygienic supplies. Thus, the undergarments and sanitary products provide basic dignity to these women. The donations are divided between our partners: Peace at Home, Safe Haven, Good Samaritan, and Crossroads. Normally the club would present these items to our partners at a luncheon. This year, our partners will pickup their portion of the donations at Cardinal Services.

Roseburg Zonta would like to thank the YMCA, Red Robin, and Ten Down for hosting Dignity Drive boxes this year! Zonta would also like to thank Hawks & Co., Realtors for their donation, plus our partners: Peace at Home, Safe Haven, Good Samaritan, and Crossroads for working with women in need, and distributing these donation items to restore their dignity.



HOLIDAY AUCTION



Covid could not stop Zonta’s holiday spirit. The club carried on its traditional Holiday Auction via Zoom. Club members put together gift goodies ranging from homemade dish cloths, cookies, and jam, to holiday decorations and baskets full of chocolates, wine, baking supplies, cheese, or jerky sticks. Members described their goodies and Rosa served as the auctioneer.

Members enthusiastically bid for items; ultimately raising nearly \$300 in an hour. The proud owners picked up and paid for their items at Cardinal Services thanks to Pam. The auction was a great success. Thank you ALL for your spirited contributions to keep our tradition and holiday cheer strong!



ZI CENTENNIAL GRANT UPDATE

In 2019, the Douglas County Human Trafficking Task Force was awarded a Zonta International Centennial Anniversary Grant for \$5000. In December of 2019, the Task Force and Roseburg Zonta Club completed Phase 1 of the grant which involved bringing a survivor speaker to talk at four Douglas County schools. The students at these schools were among the county's most "at risk" kids due to their isolation, proximity of the school to trafficking hot spots such as truck stops, or the school being an alternative education site. The presentation reached 326 students and overall, 70% of the students gave the presentation the highest two possible scores, which supported that the presentation taught them about the dangers of human trafficking.

In February 2020, the Task Force and Zonta hosted the first teacher training session which was taught by the anti-trafficking group, In Our Backyard (IOB). Thirty people, representing eight different schools and five youth services organizations attended. The training taught the attendees how to use the PowerPoint presentation, discussed questions to expect, and counseling that should be available given that some students might have already been trafficked. Attendees received the curriculum and a book with additional information and references.

Although the April training session was already filling up, it was cancelled due to Covid. Since then, IOB underwent several personal changes. However, IOB still kept working on a trafficking prevention curriculum. The presentation was updated and upgraded from a slide-by-slide PowerPoint presentation with a few video clips, to a solid video with teenage commentators. The Task Force is currently reviewing the curriculum. The updated curriculum still includes the same reference book for teachers and students. The Task Force has also created a video, "Sara's Story" from the December 2019 survivor speaker presentation.

Thus, the Task Force will soon have all the tools necessary to finish implementing the training. There is also over \$2000 left in grant funds to purchase items needed to implement the training. Therefore, when in-person schooling becomes available, and normal, we'll start making arrangements to complete the training. It may be this spring or next fall. Our goal was to provide training and the curriculum to every middle and high school in Douglas County. Thanks to Zonta and the Task Force, we should be able to achieve this goal.



2020 RECAP

Pre-covid can be summed up in the song, “Those were the days my friend, we thought they’d never end...” Post-covid was a rude awakening of how much we took “those days” for granted. As businesses closed, events cancelled, and people sheltered at home, online learning, meetings, and Zoom became a thing.

Internationally, District-wise, and locally, Zonta had to adapt. Internationally, Zonta had to cancel the Centennial Celebration Convention that was scheduled in Chicago. They reformatted as much as they could into various Zoom sessions. Not the gala we all expected, but officers were selected, policies updated, and the business of empowering women to reach their full potential through service and advocacy was continued. This included working internationally to improve girls’ health and protection in Peru, provide help for gender-based violence survivors in Papua New Guinea & Timor-Leste, empowering Madagascar girls through education, and accelerating global (and US) action against child marriage. A common thread to all of these activities is educating girls. Girls allowed to be educated can make better choices about their health, when and who to marry, plus they contribute to the local economy, and can become community leaders. ZI also updated their website to include more training for officers, public relations materials, and created more information on its advocacy programs.

District-wise, our spring All Area Workshop went to Zoom. On the plus side there was no conference fee, no gas/motel/restaurant expenses, and dress was casual. Our lineup of speakers still did an excellent job teaching us more about fund raising, motivation, leadership, mentoring, and actions to stop child marriage in the US. While a one-inch head shot of person is pretty tiny, we could at least see each other, exchange information, and share some laughter. Our District leadership is still busy offering fellowship via e-clubs, book clubs, and leadership training.

Locally, our club was able to have a couple, small, properly distanced and masked, outdoor in-person gatherings. President Grace kept the club moving as we learned how to use Zoom for business and program meetings. Grace reported on convention results, the history of Zonta, plus we had a couple presentations by members. The By-laws & Policies and Procedures committee updated both documents via comments from members, plus two properly spaced outdoor meetings. Thanks Muriel for the outdoor setting and Gail for her unflappable dedication to getting the documents done and approved!!! Our club also conducted a successful raffle and collected Dignity items for women in need. The club did an online 16 Days of Advocacy this year, led by the tech savvy of Sandy to load daily information onto Facebook. The 16 Days concluded with our Zonta Club says No Zoom statement! The club also showed off their talent and spirit with a Zoom Holiday Auction. Now we’re conducting the Double Donation Drive. Again, Cardinal Services is the hub of our member drop-off; and Shon is the final collection site. Kudos to both Pam and Shon for keeping this project running.

Yes, “Those were the days..” but Zonta has continued to move forward with it’s mission. Thanks to all the members who learned how to navigate Zoom to keep our local club moving forward and still bring fellowship to each other.