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## Zonta Club Celebrity of the Year

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Nominations are open for the 2019 Zonta Celebrity to be honored at the upcoming 21st Annual Zonta Celebrity Dinner & Auction, "Zonta's Greatest Show: 100 Years of Empowering Women" on March 16, 2019 at The Mill Casino and Hotel. Zonta International will celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> Centennial Anniversary in 2019. The Celebrity Dinner is hosted by the Zonta Club of the Coos Bay Area. In 2018 the Zonta Celebrities were the Erbele Family of North Bend: Mike, Kristi, Ashley and Ameer. The Zonta Celebrity can be a family, a couple or an individual. The nominee is to be a resident of Coos County and is selected for their contributions to Coos County and beyond. Additional criteria includes:

- Made significant and enduring contributions to their field, whether professional or volunteer;
- Made improvements to the cultural, economic, political or social status of the Coos County community or the state of Oregon;
- Elevated and improved the status of women and/or girls;
- Helped open doors for women, girls and the general society;
- Are inspirational role models.

Nomination form and list of previous Zonta Celebrities is available on the club website [zontacoosbay.org](http://zontacoosbay.org). Submission deadline is December 21, 2018. The 2019 winner will be elected by vote of the club membership and presented along with a guest of their choice, with their award at the Zonta Celebrity Dinner and Auction, March 16, 2019.

The Zonta Celebrity Dinner and Auction is the club's largest fundraiser complete with dinner, live and silent auction followed by dancing with DJ Daryl Elkin's. This fundraiser supports local and international scholarships for women, grants to local non-profits, the Little Red School House School supply program as well as Zonta International service projects.

The Zonta Club of the Coos Bay Area is encouraging people to nominate a colleague, neighbor, friend or family member, or someone well known in one of the following categories: Community, Business, Health, Education, Arts, or Sports. For more information contact Genelle Hanken 541-297-4042.

Zonta International is a leading global organization of women and men professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy. The Coos Bay Area Club was formed in 1953.