

D4 2026 Afternoon speaker 2



**Bethany O'Hagan, Zonta US Caucus Representative**

Born and raised in Soldotna, Alaska, I have lived in Chautauqua County in Western New York for almost four years. Moving here from Portland, Oregon where I lived for over 20 years, and worked in the Sustainability field for over a decade doing waste minimization, composting, and recycling. I am pleased to now be working to help keep all the freshwater this area of the world is lucky to have, as the Wilds, Engagement & Stewardship Coordinator for Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy - which is a nationally accredited Land Trust located in Lakewood, NY. In my role, I take charge of all our nature preserves, easements, over 42 preserve stewards, as well as volunteer coordinating; I take great delight in being able to call these things my job.

In my very little spare time, I am a member of the Chautauqua County Planning Board, I am the founding committee member and chair of the Sustainability Committee in my local chapter of Zonta, on the Zonta board, as well as am the US Caucus District Rep for Zonta Area 4. I also am the Jamestown District Rep for Southern Tier Girls Babe Ruth Softball, as well as the 8U Jamestown softball coach, and the Vice President of the league. I am captain of a Dragonboat team, a master recycler, a master gardener, member of Chautauqua County Beekeepers association - with my own hive. A level one game logging chainsaw operator, fly fisher, bicyclist, annoying lover of playing board games, crazy native plant gardener, and avid composter that loves to throw and create pottery. I adore living in this area with my two young daughters, my blue-eyed Husky, and my super rad husband who all keep me belly laughing when I am not busy double booking myself.