

Karaoke Winners Announced

The second round of Celebrity Star Search Karaoke began in August in the Rogue River Restaurant and Lounge. The eight-week contest required that the performer dress the part of the singer whose song they presented. Each week, one person qualified (we had a tie one week) to be a finalist in the Celebrity Sing-off, which took place Oct. 3. Here's the final report from Stephanie Worrall, manager of the Rogue River Lounge:

Star Search Karaoke Contest No. 2 was a **tremendous success!** The room was nearly filled to capacity and the crowd was delightful.

This, by far, was the toughest round of Karaoke to judge so far! Our judges, Carollee Zuercher, Melody Gritton, and Susan Thomas, indeed had a difficult choice to make. And when all was "sang" and done, the grand finale winner of Star Search No. 2 was Denise Baron of Lincoln City, Ore. She sang "Saving All My Love For You" by Whitney Houston. Second place went to Kristan McBride of Salem, Ore., who sang "Fancy" by Reba. Third place went to Rachel Jahn of Salem, who sang "I Will Survive" by Gloria Gaynor.

The RRR Lounge will start Round No. 3 of the Star Search Karaoke contest in February 2002. Details will be released at a later date.

Karaoke will continue in the RRR Lounge every Wednesday evening, so be sure to join us! Thanks again to all who have joined us and for everyone who has contributed to its success!

Darryl Worley and Jeff Carson to Perform at Benefit

The National Association of Slain Officers (NASO), in conjunction with 98.7FM KUPL, will hold benefit concerts at Chinook Winds Casino in Lincoln City on Nov. 17. Two rising stars in country/western music, Darryl Worley and Jeff Carson, will perform at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.

In 1995, Carson was named Billboard Magazine's Top New Country Artist. He received the 1996 ACM Award for Video of the Year for "The Car." In 1996, he was chosen as Country America's Top New Artist and in 2000 received the CCMA "Mainstream Artist of the Year" award. Among his top chart singles are "Not On Your Love," "The Car," "Holdin' Onto Something," "Shine On," "Scars & All," and his highly anticipated new release "Real Life."

Worley set the country music scene on its ear in 2000 with his album "Hard Rain Don't Last," which spawned his top-10 single "When You Need My Love," and "Good Day Run." Every track on the album punctuates his grassroots country style and phenomenal talent.

According to Deputy Patrick Crader, the organizing force behind

this benefit concert, "The need of the families of officers that are slain in the line of duty is not being met. When a police officer loses his life, his family is left in limbo. In many cases, health insurance benefits to the family cease anywhere from the time of death to 90 days and the life insurance coverage varies from department to department, sometimes being as low as \$10,000.

"With the cost of the average funeral being nearly half of that, not much is left for the family. The National Association of Slain Officers provides funds to offer immediate assistance to the families to meet expenses during their time of grief."

Crader went on to say, "Too often we fail to realize that the livelihood of an entire family is on the line every time a police officer goes out on a call. We're hoping that this concert will be a show of support for these unsung heroes and that it will raise public awareness."

Tickets are on sale now at \$30 each and can be obtained by contacting Patrick Crader at patrick@slainofficers.com, calling 1-888-MAIN-ACT, or visiting the Chinook Winds box office.

Blood Drive a Resounding Success

Chinook Winds' annual Red Cross blood drive, held Sept. 13, was a resounding success! We had a goal of 50 units and expected 130 donors. Instead, we collected 82 units, saw 178 donors, and turned away 68 because we ran out of blood bags. The response from both casino employees and the community was absolutely astounding.

Team Chinook volunteers made this blood drive the best we've ever had. The Red Cross commented that our volunteers were the "best ever" and that the casino provided "super hospitality." The following volunteers who helped as escorts, registrars, canteen attendants, and number callers should be commended for their efforts:

Vicki Ames (Lakeside), Chuck Nelson, Rene Straessle, Melody Gritton, Charlotte Brame, Cathy Holman, Michael Callaway, Dona Trickler, Nolan Butler, Melissa Rupprecht, Dub Bellinger, Selina Kissinger, Marge Campbell (guest), Betty Donat (guest), Maynard Hull, Diane Moore, and Kathi Martin (guest).

Thank you to the many donors who gave the most precious gift of all, their blood. Your gift will help save many lives in the Northwest (yellow alert) and also in New York City and Washington, D.C.

Holiday Shopping Made Easy

Holiday shopping begins at Chinook Winds Casino! On Nov. 10-11, the Lincoln City Chamber of Commerce and Chinook Winds will hold the 2001 Holiday Gift Showcase.

A unique variety of items will be on sale in the main floor showroom. Many local retailers will have their wares on sale. Discover stocking stuffers and those one-of-a-kind, hard to find personal gifts, all under one roof and out of the rain.

Carolers will create the holiday spirit to browse through the booths. Children will delight in having their photo taken with Santa and whispering in the big fella's ear between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. both days.

Hours for the showcase are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Nov. 10 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Nov. 11. Admission is free.

Happy Thanksgiving



Pat and Tim Smith win the People's Choice Award for "Bad to the Bone," a 1941 Willys, entered in the Show and Shine during Surf City 2001 in September.