



Rotary News

By Elaine Roemen
For the Port Orford News

Rotary was visited by Aaron Longton, President of the Fisherman's board and Alicia Billings, Program Director for Port Orford Ocean Resource Team. They were there to introduce Briana Goodwin, the new RARE intern and Stewardship Area Outreach Coordinator. Briana graduated last June from Knox College with a BA in Environmental Studies.

Before moving here from Illinois, she worked as a wet-land intern for the DuPage County Division of Environmental Concerns.

Goodwin is working with POORT for a year through a program called Resource Assistance for Rural Environments (RARE) created through the University of Oregon. Her main interest in working with POORT is to promote an understanding of the important land-sea connection of our environment. As part of her job, she will focus on community outreach, and coordinate a water quality monitoring program.

"It is very important both to me and to POORT to consider the thoughts of the community. Please feel free to contact me with ideas and concerns. Stop by the office to see me or send me an email at: briana@oceanresourceceteam.org," she said.

Ruby Price's husband, Dale, was our guest and we were heartened to hear of his remarkable journey through cancer treatment and spiritual growth.

Also we are blessed by our dear friend Ray Johnson's steady recovery after stint surgery. He will be staying with his son in Eugene for a little while before returning home.

Correction: In last week's edition of the PON Pacific High School's Phillip Madde's name was misspelled. My apologies to Phillip, who is my friend.
— Matt Hall, editor



ABOVE: Briana Goodwin is shown addressing the P.O. Rotary about rain gardens and bioswales.
BELOW: Aaron Rongton explains a point.



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Theatre 101's 'Kitchen Witches' is set to start cookin' on Feb. 6

When Dolly and her nemesis, Isobel, get cast in the same cable cooking show, trouble starts a'brewin'. It's a fool proof recipe for chaos and comedy as the two archrivals each do their best to upstage the other. These "kitchen witches" are cooking up a storm!

Funny script, sight gags galore and a silent cameraman (Chris Green) who gets it all on tape for posterity.

Directed by Perri Rask, this is a very funny evening at Port Orford's Theatre 101.

The concept behind The Kitchen Witches, is a brilliant one.

Dolly and Isobel, two 50-somethings who are long time rivals, wind up cast in the same cooking show and are forced to work together despite their differences. An amusing premise that delivers the laughs, no doubt, but it's the execution that makes the play unique.

The whole production takes place on the set of a cable cooking show that is broadcast live before a "studio audience" (that's you), and the play shifts between on-air theatrics and off-air drama. Complete with a camera-man and producer -- whose public service announcements are cleverly written and delivered -- the set-up makes you forget at times that you're at the theatre.

The audience takes a leading role in the production, participating two-fold in this behind-the-scenes glimpse into reality tv. Applauding on cue for the made-up program, and off cue for the per-

formances, the production ventures into a new realm of interactive theatre.

Audiences will fall immediately in love with Dolly, played by the vivacious Susi Eckhardt and her sensational menagerie of accents, costumes and facial expressions.

Stacy Romele, who plays the pretentious and smug Isobel delivers swift and snarky remarks which make a successful catalyst for the outrageous banter between the two characters.

Stephen, the show's producer and Dolly's son, is played by Julian Carter -- and what a treat it is to watch him perform. Switching sharply between his role as son -- anxious and frantic -- to his role as producer -- sometimes buoyant, other times wry -- he is the subtle centre point of the plot and the laughs.

Take a handful of animated actors, add a lively and responsive audience, let the plot thicken and you get a savory show that's sure to please even the fussiest palate. The Kitchen Witches will definitely leave you with a good taste in your mouth.

Performances are Friday and Saturdays Feb. 6, 7, 13, 14, & 20, 21 at 7:30pm. and Sundays Feb. 8, 15, & 22 at 2:00pm. Tickets are \$10 and available at the door and at the Port Orford Downtown Fun Zone, or reserve your seat by calling 332-PLAY and leaving a message. Get information about Theatre 101 on the website www.theatre101portorford.com. Quality Theatre on the Oregon Coast!

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wind blowing through the walls before I play partner with a ten year old kid". Now the Grange Master was Wayne's Aunt and she calmly said, "Carl play one game and if you are not happy then go home, give the boy a try". So Mr. Steiner and 10-year-old Wayne Foster partnered up and low and behold were the top players for the evening way back on the near banks of the Sixes River, at the Sixes Grange in Winter 1939.

Thank you Wayne Foster of Langlois for the fun story of Sixes Grange Hall history.

'A serious mishap to humor—A vintage Elk River Fish Hatchery Story(1972)'

In the first few years of Elk River Hatchery

there was a well known fish trap on the Checto known as Jacks Creek Fish trap.

Two gung-ho young hatchery men chose to check out the trap on a winter south storm to see if they had scored a large number of Salmon entering the trap.

The men were Hatcherymen Craig Smith and Hatchery Foreman Lyle Curtis. The trap was in Jacks Creek and constructed of 2 by 4's, three 4 by 8 foot trap compartments and had plywood Hinged Doors to prevent theft of brood stock.

It was midnight when they arrived at the Jacks creek location on the Chetco. The weather was blustery south winds and heavy rain.

The trap consisted of three compartments with

hinged 4by 8 plywood lids. The hatchery Foreman was down in the trap with a net looking for ripe females to sort out.

Hatcheryman Craig Smith was bleeding out salmon to prevent blood from mixing with eggs when the spawning process occurs. While doing this chore a gust of wind blew up Jacks Creek slamming all three 4 by 8 foot trap doors shut. Craig looked around instantly and saw no sign of his foreman.

Craig was very concerned and went to the lead door where he last saw foreman Curtis. He lifted the plywood door and Lyle was in a crouched position not knowing what had hit him.

He had taken a serious blow to the side of his

head from the plywood sheet. Shortly his face started swelling.

Craig asked Lyle if he wanted to immediately leave for Gold Beach. Lyle was for finishing the job at hand.

They finished spawning the salmon, then headed out north for Gold Beach Hospital.

By the time they made it to the Gold Beach hospital the side of Lyles face was very swollen to the point that it affected his speech.

Lyle was taken to the emergency room and assessed by the on call doctor, to evaluate his mental state to determine a possible concussion. In evaluating Lyle the doc asked him how his

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determination that was spent on ousting our police chief we could actually see a rebuilt water system in just a couple of years!

Let's nip politics and misguided spending in the bud. Please let city hall know if you agree that water should be our highest priority. It is going to take some prodding to get the job done.

Wendy Thomas,
Port Orford

'A fascinating year ...'

What a fascinating year 2008 was for all of us in these United States of America!

And now in just a few days, a new start for our beloved country. Our new president is young, elegant, brainy, unaffected, utterly American and cool! And now (Wow) suddenly America is cool again.

We threw the dice and we won the jackpot and elected a black guy with a Harvard degree, the middle name Hussein and a sense of humor - he said, "I've got relatives who look like Bernie Mac, and I've got relatives who look like Margaret Thatcher."

*Appreciation to Garrison Keillor for some of these comments. He's a much better writer than I am.

I (and my daughter) traveled overseas in October and wore

our Obama buttons everywhere. People kept asking us for them!

It feels good to be cool and all of us can share in that. Next time you fly overseas and hand your passport to the man with the badge, he's going to see 'United States of America "and look up and grin. We all walk taller this year.

Our new President won't be able to do much without our help; this is "our" country and we all have an obligation to stay engaged and do something. If we do not, we deserve what we get. So get involved! Remember we are Americans first, not Republicans or Democrats, not straight or gay, not rich or poor, not young or old; we are Americans!

Anne O'Dell,
Port Orford

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We will continue to do our best to bring you the news in North Curry County and beyond. Thank you.

Matt Hall,
Ed/Port Orford News

'Saddened ...'

I was saddened to read about the resignation of Gold Beach Police Chief Russ Merkley. I know Chief Merkley and believe him to be an honest, dedicated, qualified and capable leader of the Gold Beach PD. I have met

Port Orford Police Chief Mark Creighton and believe he possesses those same qualities.

Having read in the local papers recently about the conflicts between these two Police Chiefs and the conflicting micro-management by their respective City Councils/City Administrator, I have seen the error of my ways. I am a retired police officer and I was Vice-Chair of the group that placed the Curry County Charter amendment on the November ballot. I was totally responsible and wrong to insert in the Charter that the Curry County Sheriff be appointed by the County Commissioners. I owe Sheriff John Bishop an apology. I believe the Sheriff of Curry County should be elected and the Police Chiefs of the Cities of Curry County should also be elected to insulate them from the petty politics of the self serving small minded people that are sometimes elected to positions of leadership in the Cities and

County. The Sheriff and Police Chiefs should answer only to the people they serve.

I still believe that the requirement that in order to run for Sheriff, a person must be a resident of the County for one year before taking office should be removed from state law. As a past police union president I can see how the Oregon Sheriffs Association for political favor got the Legislature and Governor to sign a law that protects

Sheriffs from having to run against more qualified individuals from outside their County. In small Counties like ours it strictly limits the candidate pool and at times has left us with poor choices. I have every confidence in the abilities of Sheriff Bishop, but I can't say that of some of the past or future Sheriffs or candidates.

Ralph Martin,
Harbor

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