

Centered seniors

By Beverly Dunlap
For the Port Orford News

"If you have heard this story before, don't stop me, because I would like to hear it again."

— Groucho Marx

It was the Annual Meeting for our Corporation and was being held at our plant this time – Sunnyvale, California. We had been working on the meeting for months and had tried very hard to make everything perfect. I had worked the night before until 8:30 PM and went home whipped.

So it was the day of our big event and I had to get my hair done, pick up all the hot rolls and be at work by 7:30 – before the crowd would be there. Of course it was raining. That's how you know it is winter in California. You don't get so cold and sure do get wet. The girl that was to do my hair was mad that she had to get up so early, so she used the Green Hat method. I got my hair pulled and my neck almost broken, but oh well – it was passable. On to the plant just as soon as I

stopped to get the Annual Reports from the printer and the rolls.

Getting into and out of the car was a trial with the rain and wind showing off! I was trying to protect my hair and my new outfit from becoming wet.

I was successful arriving at the plant at my office to check in to be sure we had no changes. I guess it doesn't come as a big surprise, that I was nervous as a "cat on a hot tin roof"! I made it into my office and gathered the telephone notes and found that there had been no changes. Great, that gave me 15 minutes to get to the Corporate Building a block or so away and get my obligations out of the way, so the meeting could get started. I ran back out of the building to my car and opened the door to get in. A big draft of wind blew the door back on me and it hurt. It just stopped me from getting into the car and so I caught more wind and rain on my hair, I lost my temper and got in the car and slammed the door closed. Then I remembered I had left my purse inside so I opened the door to the car and held it open with

my foot while I reached for my rain hat. Another blast of wind blew the car door and it hit my leg very hard. It hurt like mad and made me mad. I yelled (even though I was all alone) "you will stay open"! I said that and gave the door a good kick.

Just as you thought, I broke the top hinge of the door and so it was hanging beside the car and really looked bad. I ran back into the building to see if anyone had a car I could borrow, it was early and there were no cars available. To deliver the annual; reports and rolls I would need to drive in front of the corporate building and it was solid glass. By the time I got there and pulled up in front of the building I had forgotten about the goofy door. So I drove up and opened the door and it fell to the ground, except the one hinge still worked, so it did not fall off but it was "cock eyed"!

The attendees at the meeting were gathering in this main lobby and sitting inside the building looking out the windows and talked about what bad weather we were having. No way on earth did they miss my elegant arrival at the annu-

al meeting with one of my doors hanging limply at the side of my car? I started to scoot across the front seat to get out the passenger door, but the seat was filled with the annual reports and rolls. It was plain and simple; I had a major mess on my hands. The guard came running out and asked if there was something he could do! There's an understatement. Yes sir, please take the annual reports into the building and I will follow with the rolls and then please get someone to remove my embarrassing car. I will need to get it fixed this afternoon.

That is what happened, the attendees were very nice about it and I got sympathy rather than being laughed at. Thank goodness. The meeting went well and long. I was late leaving work and so late getting home. In route to home it dawned on me that I was going to need to give my new husband a reason for this calamity. I thought and thought about it, even drove slowly on the freeway to try and come up with something – believable! We had just been married a few months and I didn't know how he was going to take my

temper. I drove in the drive and luckily he was in the house and didn't see me crawl across the car to get out. Went in the house and just said "Honey, the wind blew my driver side door off its hinge today!" He looked me straight in the eyes and said OK, I better go fix it. That is all that was said. That was years ago and we have had a good laugh about it from time to time. He said he knew I was lying but felt sorry for me, especially when I told him all the dignitaries from my company were watching my car fall apart.

I learned my lesson that day, you can kick the door off of a car and it is not nice to lose your temper and get everything ready the day before a big event.

I earned every penny I made from that company and even with the bad scene; they gave me a good recommendation when I left that firm. I think I was lucky that I didn't get fired. Oh well, that was a long time ago and I don't make deliveries in the wind and rain in Port Orford. Lets all be grateful -- life could be worse. Stay happy.

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"I come from here," he answered, and looked out into a crowd of people he knew, and as he stated, has already been serving in many capacities.

"On the Northern Curry Chamber of Commerce, the Port Orford City Council, as a council liaison for various committees and groups, the Curry County Fair Board, Wild Rivers Coast and the Curry County Law Enforcement Blue Ribbon Committee," he said.

"It doesn't matter is we have a police department in Port Orford is we don't have a District Attorney and Justice Department," he added, of his work to stabilize justice department funding in Curry County.

Smith is also a member of the Redfish Rocks Citizens Committee.

"We have it (the marine reserve)," he said. "We wanted it. Now how do we make money off it?"

He also is a member of the Port Orford Rotary.

"And the Port Orford Rotary is not a check-writing club," he said. "We are a hands-on work-



ing club," noting the Port Orford Rotary had raised over \$300,000 for its local scholarship program.

He has also worked with Curry County Emergency authorities.

"We need to be better prepared for a tsunami here," he said. "It has to start with us and

be a grassroots campaign. We've got to do it for ourselves."

From there Smith went on to other issues, mostly funding. It's a subject on which he is fluent – he's done his homework – but there things change.

He's got ideas, and he's daring enough to share them.

PON photo by Matt Hall

Candidate David Brock Smith speaks at his recent Port Orford campaign kick off. Smith is running for Curry County Commissioner, Position No. 1.

He's not saying these alternatives are the best – he's asking for participation in studying the issues and making the decisions.

"Our funding is dropping steadily here in the county," he warns, citing an upcoming \$2 million shortfall. "We've got \$3.5 million coming and we need \$5.5 million."

He wants answers and urges participation.

"The issues won't be solved by three county commissioners sitting in Gold Beach," he stated. "These issues will be solved here, by us, in this room."

U Smith called for "jobs to hold our youth."

U He cited the need to "create family-wage jobs."

U He called for "community action. For citizen constituents sending e-mails back to Washington, D.C." to create change.

U He suggested wind energy as an undeveloped source of revenue: "The technology is getting better all the time," he said. "We could use that technology here in Curry County."

Then he opened the floor up to questions, which proved to be surprisingly feisty and candid.

They wanted to talk about tax increases – a subject that can be death for a candidate.

But Smith listened. He outlined potential plans. He suggested some avenues of increase, listening carefully to

the crowd's feedback.

It wasn't easy. Tax talk, especially just days after April 15, is never pleasant – but the candidate engaged his audience. He listened, answered, and didn't quibble.

It was here, at the end of a tough question and answer period that Smith demonstrated another good attribute for an elected representative – the ability to listen.

It was refreshing.

Smith closed the meeting by promising to devote himself to the duties of commissioner "when elected."

And just before the buffet was served he promised to remain accessible to all – especially here in the north end of the county – after all, as he pointed out at the very beginning, it's where he's from.

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During the meeting various city reports were presented, a new ordinance concerning fire suppression system charges was passed, a right-of-way was granted, an appointment was made to the city planning commission and Steve Donovan of SHN Engineering made a presentation outlining the needs and parameters of Port Orford's water storage and distribution system.

In the midst of the session a brief exchange flared between Auburn and Clancy, leading to a threat of "ejection," and a formal "admonishment," some general laughter, and an agreement to disagree between the pair.

Public works

Wagner opened the meeting by reporting on public works: "We cleared the area for the community garden," he said.

Police

Next Combs reported on the police department: "Our meet-and-greet went really well," he said.

"A stabbing was resolved and an officer suffered a minor assault by a citizen," he continued, including praise for a general effort to remove junk cars.

"A lot of cars are being moved," said Combs, adding his thanks for the public's cooperation.

"You guys are doing a good job," said Auburn.

"How is the JUSTICE system doing?" asked Smith.

"It's amazing," said Combs.

"And it has helped us out con-

siderably already ..."

Planning Commission

Dave Holman, chairman of the city planning commission reported for the Planning Commission: "The Battle Rock sub-division on Deady Street is a dead deal," he said. "It's been more than a year (since the last activity)."

"How much is the city down to these guys for fees?" asked Auburn.

"A bunch," replied Murphy,

"but we have a lien ..."

Chamber of Commerce

The Chamber of Commerce report was given by Smith, who noted a lot of activity – culminating in a food fiesta.

"The Chili and BBQ Cookoff at the P.O. Community Building will be held on Sunday, April 28," he said. "There will be a 50-50 raffle, with proceeds being split between the

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The Budget Committee of the City of Port Orford will be conducting a Revenue Sharing Public Hearing at the beginning of the first Budget Meeting on Wednesday May 5, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. at Port Orford City Hall Gable Chambers at 555 W. 20th St., Port Orford, Oregon, for the Budget Committee to obtain citizens' views regarding Revenue Sharing for Fiscal Year 2010-2011. Written comments are also welcome and must be received by May 3, 2009.

Both written and oral comments will be reviewed by the City Council. Written comments by mail should be sent to PO Box 310, Port Orford, OR 97465; e-mail comments should be sent to djohnson@portorford.org

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A PUBLIC MEETING OF THE Budget Committee of the Port Orford-Langlois School District, Curry and Coos Counties, State of Oregon to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2010, to June 30, 2011, will be held at Pacific High School Library located at 45525 Hwy 101, Sixes, OR 97476. The meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 12, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive comment from the public on the budget. A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after May 6, 2010, at the Administration Office, 45525 Hwy 101, Sixes, OR, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee.

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A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the Port Orford Rural Fire Proct. Dist., Curry, State of Oregon, (District Name) (County)

to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011, will be held at Fire Station (Location)

42048 Vista Drive, Port Orford OR. The meeting will take place on the 04-22 2010 at 5:30 am pm (Address) (Date) (Time)

The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive comment from the public on the budget.

A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after 04-08-2010 at 526 W 9th Street (Date) (Location)

Port Orford, Oregon, between the hours of 9:00 am pm and 5:00 am pm (Location) (Time) (Time)

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