

R. Murphy, Kernutt Stokes Brandt & Co., an accounting firm at Valley River Center, gave \$2,000. Lost Creek Timber, owned by the Giustina family, gave \$1,250, along with \$1,250 each from Giustina Resources, Giustina Woodlands and Cadore Timber Company. The anti-tax group Taxpayers Association of Oregon donated \$1,000.

Handy has raised about \$53,000 so far, averaging \$69 per donation. Topping Handy's larger contributions is \$6,000 from Mountain Rose Herbs, a Eugene business that has been around since 1987 and is a big supporter of organic agriculture locally and regionally. Carlos Barrera, co-chair of the Friendly Area Neighbors association, pledged \$5,000. The Eugene Firefighters PAC has donated \$3,000 and is also supporting Commissioner Pete Sorenson. Robert Emmons, founding member of LandWatch Lane County and a former city of Eugene employee, gave \$2,500. Political consultant Phyllis Barkhurst donated \$2,000

of in-kind services. Art Johnson, attorney and co-owner of *Eugene Weekly*, gave \$1,000. The Lane County Labor Council donated \$500, along with \$500 from the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades PAC.

The third candidate, Nadia Sindi, is not raising money for her campaign.

The topic of campaign donations came up at one of the candidate forums. Handy asked Farr, "Why are you accepting large donations from business and industry that will be affected by your being on the commission?" Farr answered, "Certainly some of my friends that I've been friends with for a lot of years, people who provide a lot of jobs in Lane County, have supported my candidacy." He added that "a lot of individuals have also supported my candidacy."

Contributions are public record and are required to be reported periodically during campaigns. In-kind donations such as consulting, polling, bookkeeping or website

development need to have a dollar value assigned, and campaign expenses must also be documented. All this information can be found at orestar.org

— *Ted Taylor & Ted Shorack*

## CIVIC STADIUM GROUPS LOOK TO THE FUTURE

In Eugene's rainy spring, Save Civic is an umbrella — for two smaller Civic groups, that is. The movement to save the old wooden stadium, formerly home of the Ems, has refined itself into Friends of Civic Stadium, centered on historic preservation, and Civic Stadium Sports and Entertainment, focused on business and future activities.

On May 10 the Save Civic groups will come together to update supporters on recent developments. Chairman Dennis Hebert says

that Civic Stadium, with the surrounding fields at South Eugene High School, Amazon Park and Roosevelt Middle, is the ideal location for minor league soccer and for sports tournaments. "The whole combination comes up with like 10 soccer fields in the area," Hebert says. "Be it soccer, be it lacrosse, ultimate Frisbee, rugby or whatever, that gives an opportunity to have a regional tournament there."

Civic Stadium Sports and Entertainment commissioned a study to examine the level of local support for minor league soccer, and Hebert says they found the response encouraging — and a natural step forward for Civic. "Civic started out as football, morphed into baseball, and I guess it's time to slip back into that cocoon and come out again as a soccer venue."

Save Civic Stadium meets 7:30 pm Thursday, May 10, at Washington Park Community Cottage, 20th and Washington.

— *Shannon Finnell*

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