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Last year's winners at the Keizer First Citizen and Awards Banquet were (from left) Dan Clem, Lore Christopher, Joe Egli and Krina and Chuck Lee.

First Citizen Awards Jan. 23

On Saturday, Jan. 23, the 55th annual Keizer First Citizen and Awards Banquet takes place at Keizer Quality Suites, located at 5188 Wittenberg Lane. The event starts with a 6 p.m. social hour and dinner at 7, followed by the awards. Individual tickets are \$45 while tables of eight are available for \$360.

Expect Christine Dieker, the longtime Keizer Chamber executive director who is leaving after more than 17 years at the helm, to be honored at some point.

Continuing a trend started last year, there will also be Pairings of Excellence tables. Special couples, friends, cooperating organizations or partners that are stewards of the community will be honored and recognized at these tables.

As of last week, 12 businesses and organizations had sponsored such tables: Bay Insurance Agency, Big Town Hero Keizer, Chemeketa

Community College, Jackson's Body Shop, Oregon State Credit Union, R. Bauer Insurance, Remodeling by Classic Homes, Rich Duncan Construction, Scenic Valley Farm, Salem Area Chamber of Commerce, St. Edward Catholic Church and Walery's Premium Pizza.

Overall banquet sponsors are Capitol Auto Group and Allied Video Productions.

The event will see Keizer's First Citizen, Merchant of the Year, President's Award and Service to Education Awards be handed out.

Former Mayor Lore Christopher, now chair of the Keizer Public Arts Commission, won the First Citizen award last year. Joe Egli, a former Keizer City Councilor who works for R. Bauer Insurance, was Merchant of the Year. Dan Clem, who worked for the Keizer Chamber at the time and is now with the Salem Chamber, won the President's

Award. Power couple Chuck and Krina Lee won the Service to Education Award. Chuck has since opened the Career Technical Education Center (CTEC) with former McNary High School principal John Honey and is still a member of the Salem-Keizer School Board, while Krina is executive director of the Salem-Keizer Education Foundation.

Tickets are still available by calling Brandon Bay (503-871-8858), Heather Hettwer (503-569-8290), Alicia Self (503-569-2357) or Shelly Paddock (503-871-4466), or call the Keizer Chamber office at 503-393-9111. New this year is a \$60 night stay addition package at the hotel, which includes breakfast and after-party transportation.

Nathan Bauer is returning as event emcee, while Grand Jazz and Swing Band will provide the live music.

obituaries

Submit an obituary through our website at keizertimes.com or send an email to: editor@keizertimes.com

William (Bill) D. Rumpf

Former Keizer resident Bill Rumpf passed away on Dec. 28, 2015 in Kirkland, Wash.

Bill married Dawn 51 years ago and together they had two sons, William (wife Kris) and Robert with twin grandsons Alec and Cale. Bill was a for-



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KPAC members discussed issues such as signing contracts, liability and whether the event should be considered a contest or show.

"I don't want this to have

so many rules and regulations before it even starts," Smith said. "This is for the kids. What an opportunity. I'm trying to get them into the culture."

Brown said he would work with Smith and city attorney Shannon Johnson to get details sorted out.

KPAC member Rick Day liked the idea.

"We're great with what you're talking about," Day told Smith.

Smith seemed pleased with the discussion and the reception she got from the commission.

"I have enough information to move forward," she said. "I will e-mail John and get it going."

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