



The Lampings with their successful product, locally made to catch locally grown Dungeness crab.

2016 Technology/Manufacturing Advancement: Award Airport Crabpot Company

Vern and Lisa Lamping, owners

This company has been manufacturing this product since 1948, and is one of only five commercial producers on the West Coast. The product is handwoven in such a way that creates a unique patented design that allows a very important seafood that we all love in, but not out! (Hint: We can't get enough of it as consumers and you have to crack it before you can eat it)

Until 2014, this company averaged about 50 orders per year, but in 2015, an order of 800 units came in from Costco, and another 100 from West Marine. This increase in demand caused the owners to find a new, less time-consuming and labor-expensive ways to protect the items from corrosion. They discovered a coating in which the product is dipped and then baked in an industrial oven, providing a better, longer-lasting solution, but it still a truly artisan product, with much of it hand-woven.

2016 Business Service to the Community: Large Business Award

Astoria/Seaside/Warrenton KOA

This letter is to nominate this business for your Business Service to the Community Award. I would like to see this business recognized for all that they do for our community.

This business sponsors an Autism 5k walk in April. In May, they host a Care Camp for children with cancer, and at Halloween they provide a Monster Bash to keep kids safe and raise food to benefit the Clatsop Emergency Food Bank. At Christmas time, the Christmas tree lot proceeds are also donated.

My primary interest in writing this recommendation is due to their dedication to help the seniors of our area stay healthy by opening up their swimming pool all winter for an ENCORE class from Clatsop Community College. In addition to offering the pool for the class, they allow senior citizens to use the pool all winter long at no charge! They also provide showers with shampoo, conditioner, and shower gel also all FREE OF CHARGE. Their staff not only keeps the pool in running order and suitable for swimming, but they manage the exercise equipment twice a week for the class from Labor Day to Memorial Day.



Micha and Jennifer Cameron-Lattek, owners of Street 14 Café were honored for entrepreneurship.

2016 Entrepreneurship: Medium Business Award Street 14 Café

Micha and Jennifer Cameron-Lattek, owners

The winners of the entrepreneurship award for a medium-size business have international roots; in Germany and locally in Portland. The two owners met in Berlin, and moved from Berlin to Astoria to take over a small business in Downtown Astoria. Their ambition was to live in Oregon, own a small café, and be part of a smaller community.

They bought the business in 2012. At the time of the purchase, the business had struggled. With their passion and hearts, they have made it into a profitable business.

From 2012 to 2015, their business grew rapidly. In 2015, they expanded into the vacant storefront next to their existing shop, became a full-service café, and have added dinner to their existing breakfast and lunch offerings. The new space also houses the kitchen build out.

And they continue to add jobs.



Wendy Higgins and The Ocean Lodge are famous for customer service. Higgins accepts the congratulations from Kevin Leahy, CEDR executive director

2016 Customer Service: Large Business Award The Ocean Lodge

Wendy Higgins, general manager

Always rated as one of the Top 5 hotels in Cannon Beach, last year the #1 rated hotel for service, this hotel is undergoing a major renovation for guest rooms, even though the Hotel is only 15 years old. This hotel is the sponsor of the Women's Only Weekend, and in addition they sponsor a training seminar every year for Leadership Development.

Wendy Higgins is known as the best Hotel GM in Customer Service in our area. She meets with her management team every week to work on customer service skills. She thinks a lot about legacies: the one a community leader inherits and the ones she'll leave behind when she goes. "We're here to serve our community, but we've got to hand things off," she says. "So that's my passion now: legacy. How do we train up this next generation?"

Higgins has always steered her ship by the stars of faith and service. These compasses have served her well during a decade and a half running an iconic Oregon inn, and seven years back, they guided her straight onto the Cannon Beach City Council. She is now in her final term on the City Council. Higgins mentors future leaders because she knows it's an enormously satisfying, enormously challenging calling.