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Toastmasters installs Geller as new vice president

Irma Geller accepted the position of Vice President of Membership for the Siuslaw Tale Spinners because she wants to provide support for the local Toastmasters group and to further her community involvement.

She is in her last term at Lane Community College, where she will complete a program leading to certification as a medical assistant from the American Association of Medical Assistants — a nationally recognized certification.



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Anne Machalek, president of Siuslaw Tale Spinners and area governor for Toastmasters International, welcomes Irma Geller to the office of Vice President of Membership.

Only in her Toastmasters position for little more than a month, Geller has chaired a committee that will bring a noted Toastmaster, Eric Winger, to Florence, where he will give a presentation open to the public at the Florence Playhouse starting at 9 a.m. on April 11. The title of the presentation will be "Public Speaking 101 and Beyond."

She is also involved in bringing another Toastmaster known statewide to Florence, Tom Cox, who will give a presentation titled "Powerful Tools that Motivate" on Saturday, May 9, at a location to be announced later.

Siuslaw Tale Spinners, the local Toastmasters club, meets the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m., at the Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue station, 26th and Highway 101.

Toastmasters International is a nonprofit educational organization that teaches public speaking and leadership skills through a worldwide network of meeting locations.

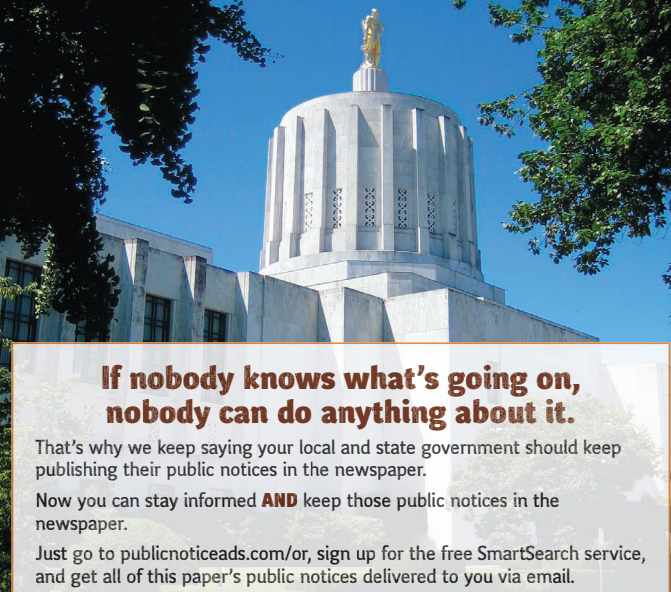
The organization's membership exceeds 313,000 in more than 14,550 clubs in 126 countries. Toastmasters has helped people of all backgrounds become more confident speaking in front of groups or an audience.

For more information, contact Geller at 541-999-0912 or Anne Machalek at 541-902-8008.

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12th Street Alano Club Dual Diagnosis Anonymous A peer support program based on a version of the 12 steps of Alcoholics Anonymous with an additional 5 Steps that focus on Dual Diagnosis (mental health and addiction issues). Meets 1525 12th Street (Old hospital). Every Monday & Wednesday 5:30pm-6:30pm. For more information: 612-462-1481 or 541-997-9588.

12th Street Alano Club Hope Meets 1525 12th Street (Old hospital, back annex). Meeting site for "Open to All" recovery groups: AA, DDA, Al-Anon, Native American AA, GA, Kids caught in the crossfire, AlamoHope.org Meetings, Seven Days a week. Call for times & meeting agenda. Contact: 541-997-9588 or 612-462-1481. **Alanon** meet Wednesday 1:30pm, Friday 5:30pm. 1525 12th St. (Old hospital, back annex) Contact: 541-999-1243 or 541-991-9588.

55 ALIVE/MATURE DRIVING. Contact Lane Community College, 541-997-8444.

Ada Grange #570 meets second Saturday of each month. Potluck at 5pm. Meeting at 6pm. Enjoy getting together with people involved in helping the community. Ada Grange is 10 miles out Canary Road. Contact: Linda Pugh 541-997-4254, or PO Box 674, Florence, OR 97439.

Aglow International meets first Saturday, 10am-Noon., at Florence Vineyard Fellowship, 2610 Kingwood St., Contact: Judy Murphy 541-997-5849.

Al-Anon Family Group meets every Thursday at noon at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Library Room, 19th & Tamarack. Contact: 541-997-3788.

Al-Anon Family Hope Group 1525 12th St. (old hospital back annex). Meets Fridays 5:30pm to 6:30 pm. Contact: 541-999-1243.

Al-Anon Siuslaw Family Group meets every Tuesday at 7pm., at Cross Roads Assembly of God, 10th & Maple St., Rm 14. Contact: 541-997-1209 or 999-0271.

Al-Anon Mapleton Family Group meets every Monday at 7pm., at the Mapleton Evangelical Church, Riverview Ave., Mapleton. Access door off rear parking lot. Contact: 541-999-5223.

Alcoholics Anonymous meets Mon., Wed. & Thurs., 7pm., Episcopal Church, 19th & Tamarack. Contact: 541-902-0152.

Alcoholics Anonymous meets Mon thru Sun., 5:30-6:30pm., Siuslaw Pacific Chr., 1445 W. 8th St. Contact: 541-902-0152.

Alcoholics Anonymous meets Mon. & Fri., 10am., New Life Lutheran Church, 21st & Spruce Streets. Contact: 541-902-0152.

Alcoholics Anonymous meets Tues (closed) Thurs and Sat open) 7pm., Mapleton Lions Club Annex on River Ave., Mapleton. Contact: 541-902-0152.

Alcoholics Anonymous open meetings Sunday, 10-11am. 1525 12th St. (Old hospital, back annex). Contact: 541-991-7870 or 541-999-7300.

Alcoholics Anonymous Men's Meeting. Meets Tuesdays, from 5-6pm., at the Methodist Church on the corner of Kingwood & 2nd St. Contact: 541-902-0152.

Alcoholics Anonymous New Beginnings Men's stag. Meets 11:30 am-12:30pm. (Closed) Methodist Church @ Kingwood & 2nd St. Contact: 541-902-0152.

Alcoholics Anonymous (SIS) Sisters in Sobriety Women's meeting. Meets Wednesdays at 5:30-6:30pm., at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 19th & Tamarack in Library. Contact: 541-590-2110.

Alzheimer's Support Group meets the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of every month, 1-2:30pm., Regency Florence, 1951 E. 21st Street, Florence. Contact: Paulette Volkoff 541-997-8436.

American red Cross Oregon Pacific Chapter. meets 3rd Monday of each month, at 1pm. Contact Tom or Carol 541-999-3219. Persons interested in learning about becoming a Red Cross Volunteer should call and get information. Great opportunity to help locally.

American Legion, Francis M. Yost Post #59 meets the 4th Tuesday of every month, 5pm for a meal and 6pm for general membership meeting at Elks Lodge of Florence, 1686 12th Street. Contact: Jim Swant 541-997-3695 or Mike Neilsen 541-991-3240.

American Legion & Aux. Frances M. Yost #59 Meets on the 4th Tuesday of every month, 6pm. Florence Elks Lodge, 1686 12th St., Contact: Terri Gravel 541-997-5064.

Anger Management for Men. Meets weekly every Tuesday from 6pm to 8pm. Location: 1710 Laurel Way, Unit B (upstairs), Florence. For information contact: Deborah Grigsby, LPCI, MMHC, 541-999-1913, no cost group sessions.

Anger Management for Women. Meets weekly every Tuesday from 12 to 2pm. Location: 1710 Laurel Way, Unit B (upstairs), Florence. For information contact: Deborah Grigsby, LPCI, MMHC, 541-999-1913, no cost group sessions.

Argentine Tango in Newport meets every Monday night at 7-9pm. (7:30pm on second Monday) at South Beach Community Center located east of LaQuinta motel on 3024 SE Ferryslip Rd. First 1/2 hour is a lesson then dancing. No partner needed. All ages welcome. Wear leather bottom shoes, for info contact: 541-563-2705 or <http://www.geocities.com/yesnewporttango/>.

Baha'i Faith of Florence discussion meetings every Monday evening @ 8:75 7th Street, 6:30pm. Soup's on supper and interfaith devotional discussion. No Charge. Contact: Suzanne Mann-Heintz 541-590-0779 or James Heintz 541-590-0616.

Beloved Community of Florence. Healing Circles, Meditation, Spiritual Coaching. Meets every Saturday, 10:30am., Private Home. Contact: Eleanor 541-999-9870 Cell.

Better Breathers Club. meets 4th Wednesday of each month. Peace Harbor Medical Center in Conference room C. 2-3:30pm. Contact: Karl 541-902-6300 Ext 5635.

Breastfeeding Support Group. second Thursday, 6:30-7:30pm., Siuslaw Area Women's Center, 1525 12th St., Florence. Contact: 541-997-1794.

Cancer Education Group Everyone Welcome. Meets every other Tuesday at 1:30pm. 1525 12th St., Ste. 4A, Florence, 97439. For further information please contact: 541-999-6809 or 541-999-8624. Fee: No fee.

Celebrate Recovery for hurts, habits and hang-ups Starting Nov. 29th. Meets every Friday, 6 PM for a meal, following by meetings at 6:30PM. Meeting 1st qtr. at Cross Road Church, 2nd quarter at Florence Christian Church, 3rd qtr. at Florence Evangelical church and 4th qtr. at Florence Church of the Nazarene. For more information contact: 541-997-3370.

Central Coast Miniatures Club of Florence, 1st Thursday of month, 6pm., Siuslaw Public Library, Bromley Room, Florence.

Central Oregon Coast Amateur Radio Club meets every 4th Wednesday of every month, 1715 W. 21st St. Contact: DAV Skis 541-997-1562.

Citizens Democracy Watch. meets at 1pm., the last Sunday of the month at the Women's Center, 541-997-3950.

City Club of Florence. Meets 1st & 3rd Fridays of each month, 11:30 buffet lunch, Speaker: 12-1 pm. Ocean Dunes Golf Clubhouse. buffet reservations 541-997-3252. For info: Call 541-902-0992.

Coast Chamber Ensemble. meets every Thursday, 3-5pm., Coast Village Clubhouse. All musical levels welcome. Contact: 541-870-4346.

Coastal Celtic Society. Meets the third Wednesday of each month. Contact: Carolyn McCord 541-997-9142 for different locations and time.

Coastal Women's Ensembles. 2nd Friday, 11:30am. Place to be announced. Contact: 541-997-9011.

Coastal Writers. 1st and 3rd Thursday, 7-8:30pm. At the Shorewood, 1451 Spruce St. Contact: 541-902-8575.

Community Chorus of Florence meets Mon. 7-8:30pm. at Cross Road Church, 10th & Maple Sts. Florence. Contact: Laura Merz, 541-902-8567.

Diabetes Health & Wellness Group. Meets twice a week every Wednesday from 9am to 11am AND 8pm to 9:30pm. Location: 1710 Laurel Way, Unit B (upstairs), Florence. For information contact: Deborah Grigsby, LPCI, MMHC, 541-999-1913, no cost group sessions.

Disabled American Veterans and Auxiliary meet first Saturday each month at 2pm., 1715 W. 21st St. Contact: DAV Skis 541-997-1562.

Family Caregiver Support Group. Spruce Point Assisted Living, 9th Street, Florence. Meets 2nd & 4th Thursdays 10:30 am. to 11:30/12:00 in the Community Room. Contact Annette at SP 541-997-6111. Facilitator: Mary Ann Earl RN, BSN

Family Support Group for family members of chronically mentally ill, meets the 4th Wednesday of each month, 6:30pm., PeaceHealth counseling Serv., Florence Business Center. Contact: Suzanne Mann-Heintz, 541-590-0779. Charitable knitting & crocheting for local people in need - Siuslaw & Mapleton schools, S.O.S. Helping Hands. No fees. Everyone welcome. Contact: Dennis Marsh, 541-997-1427.

Flying Needles & Hooks of the Siuslaw meets 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of each month, 3:30-5:00pm., Conference Room Siuslaw Public Library. Contact: Suzanne Mann-Heintz, 541-590-0779. Charitable knitting & crocheting for local people in need - Siuslaw & Mapleton schools, S.O.S. Helping Hands. No fees. Everyone welcome. Contact: Dennis Marsh, 541-997-1427.

Grief & Loss for Adults. Meets weekly every Thursday from 9am, to 11am. Location: 1710 Laurel Way, Unit B (upstairs), Florence. For information contact: Deborah Grigsby, LPCI, MMHC, 541-999-1913, no cost group sessions.

Grief & loss for Students. ages 12-18. Meets weekly every Thursday from 3:30pm to 5:00pm. Location: 1710 Laurel Way, Unit B (upstairs), Florence. For information contact: Deborah Grigsby, LPCI, MMHC, 541-999-1913, no cost group sessions.

THE MEETING PLACE

noon, at World Market Buffet, Three Rivers Casino, open to the public. Contact: 541-997-3128.

Florence Area Coordinating Council meets the first Wednesday of the month at the Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue Hall on Hwy. 101, 9am.

Florence Area Democratic Club meets at 11am the 1st Saturday of every month. Contact: www.florenceareademocrats.org.

Florence Area Humane Society. Low Cost Spay/Neuter, Wednesdays, Please call the Shelter for an appointment. 541-997-4277.

Florence Caring Pregnancy Center open Mon., Tues & Thurs., 11:00am-4pm. FREE. 1525 West 12th Street (Florence Business Center). Margaret Getchell, Executive Director, 541-902-2273.

Florence Dance Enthusiasts meet on the 3rd Thursday, 11am. New Life Lutheran Church. For info call Jacquie, 541-997-8311. www.florenceherbenthusiasts.com

Florence Duplicate Bridge (non-smoking). Every Tuesday & Thursday afternoons starting @ 12:30pm. St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 19th & Tamarack, Florence. Contact: John Weatherway 541-997-2677. (American contact bridge league (ACBL) sanctioned games (Master points awarded) Open to all.

Florence Elks Lodge 1888 meets every Thursday at 7:00pm., 1686 12th Street.

Florence Garden Club. 2nd Wed., Sept-June, 12:30pm., Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw, 3996 Hwy 101. Contact: Carol Honey, 541-997-8965.

Florence Herb Enthusiasts meet the 3rd Thursday, 11am. New Life Lutheran Church. For info call Jacquie, 541-997-8311. www.florenceherbenthusiasts.com

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Florence Kwanis meets each Wednesday, noon, Florence Elks Lodge, 1686 W. 12th St., Florence.

Florence Parkinson's Disease Support Group. Meets 4th Wednesday of every month, 1:30pm., Siuslaw Public Library, Bromley room. Contact: Carole 805-587-3394

Florence Performing Arts Association board meeting, 2nd Thursday of each month, 3:15pm. FEC. www.florenceperformingarts.com

Florence Poetry Group. Meets every Wednesday, 3-5pm., in the activity room at Shorewood Retirement Center, 15th & Shorewood Center, 1451 Spruce St., Siuslaw 541-991-7566.

Florence Rotary Club. Tuesdays, noon, at Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St., Florence. Contact: Ron Caputo, 541-997-4961.

Florence Salmon/Trout Enhancement Program. 1st Wed., 7pm, Florence Elks Lodge. Contact Ron Caputo 541-997-4961.

Florence Senior Travel Club. Meets Monday, Wednesday & Friday, Noon-3, at Jerry's Hot Rod Grille, 1179 Hwy. 101. 541-999-9700.

Florence Siuslaw Lions Club. 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 6:30pm., Pacific Pines RV Park meeting room, 4044 Hwy. 101, entrance on 42nd St.) Contact: 541-991-3131.

Florence Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. Sundays, 10am., at the Fellowship Hall located at the NW corner of Heceta Beach Rd. & Hwy 101. Contact: Sally Wanz 541-902-9505.

Friends of Florence Events Center meets on the last Tuesday of every month, 3pm., at Florence Events Center. Contact: FEC 541-997-1994.

Friends of the Library meeting, 4th Thursday of each month, 11am., Bromley Room Siuslaw Public Library. Contact: Susy Lacer, 541-997-8663.

Friends of Poetry. Meets every Wednesday, 3-5pm. Meeting room - Shorewood Center, 1451 Spruce St., Florence. Contact: Elsan Zimmerly, 541-991-7566.

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Ocean Dunes Women's Golf Assoc. meets first Tuesday of every month, 8am., at Ocean Dunes Golf Links. Contact: 541-997-3232.

Oregon Central Coast Veterans. each Tuesday, 12:30pm., Old Town Coffee Roasters, 125 1/2 Nopal St., Florence. Any veteran or active duty member of the Armed Forces welcome. Contact: Dennis Marsh, 541-997-1427.

Oregon Coast International Dancers. meet every Wednesday evening 6:30 pm-7:30pm., Come join the fun! at LCC. Contact: 541-870-4346 for info and directions.

Oregon Dunes Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution meets monthly September-May. For more information, contact: Dianna Allison 541-991-2958

Oregon Right to Life please contact

Mona Dick at 541-997-2065.

Pacific Coast Wind Ensemble meets Monday 6:30-8:30 pm., alternates btw SHS & Waldport HS music rooms. Amateur thru professional welcome. Contact: Gail Nichols 541-999-6907.

Pacific Dunes Shrine Club meets for Dinner Socials at Driftwood Shores, for Business Meetings at Bliss' 101. For details, call 541-997-4082.

Pacific Shores Community of Artisans. meets 2nd Wednesday of each month, 10-Noon at Elks Lodge, 1686 12th St. Florence, (room next to Thrift Store) Topic: Regular membership meeting. Contact: Claudia Ignatieff 541-999-7785. Website: www.pscartisans.org.

Pacific Shores Community of Artisans. board, 3rd Wednesday of each month, 10am., at Fire Station on Hwy. 101. Contact: Claudia Ignatieff 541-999-7785. Website: www.pscartisans.org.

Parkinson Support Group meets first Tuesday of each month at Ocean Unity, 834 SW Lee, Newport. Call 574-6560 for more information, Jeff Geiger, Facilitator.

Peace Harbor Hospital Auxiliary meeting, 3rd Thursday, except July/August, luncheon at 11:30, Florence Events Center. Contact: 541-902-9669 or 541-902-1970.

Pointman Veterans Ministries - Support for veterans and their families. Especially wartime stress. Contact: Bond Hanson, 541-997-2074; Dan Hackett, 541-902-0688.

Professionally Retired Ornerly Single Seniors (PROSS). For information, contact: Dennis 991-6430, or write P.O. Box 572, Florence.

PTA meets 2nd Tuesday of the month, Oct.-May, 4pm. Siuslaw Elementary School Library. Contact Alice Sichtung, 541-997-2514.

Quilt Guild (Rhododendron). 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 10am., Florence Christian Church. Contact: Kate King, President.

RAPP Community meets 3rd Wednesday of month at B&G conference room, 1234 Rhododendron Drive, noon-1:30pm.

Rainbow Girls. Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 6pm, Masonic Lodge 84910 Highway 101 South (1.5 miles south of the bridge). Contact: Stacy Wells, 541-999-5585.

Reiki Gathering All Reiki students 1st, 2nd, 3rd degree. Time to work on each other. No cost. Meets 2nd Wednesday of the month 6:30-8:30pm in Private Home - call for directions. Contact: Lynette Kristine 541-997-2154.

Retreads Motorcycle Club, Florence Chapter. meets for breakfast & rides. Contact: Bill Trapp 541-997-5063.

Rhododendron Society, Siuslaw Chapter. meets 3rd Tuesday of every month, 7pm., Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw, 3996 Hwy. 101. Contact: Mike Bones, 541-997-3082. Sept-May only.

SAR (Sons of the American Revolution) Central Coast Chapter, meets 3rd Saturday of each month, at Reedsport Methodist Church at 11am. For information call 541-271-3771 or James Ives - President 541-271-4212.

S.C.O.R.E. (Service Corps of Retired Executives), free personal consultations with people in or interested in business. Contact: LCC, 541-997-8444.

SHIBA, (Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistants) Meets in Florence @ DHS & LCC 1st Tuesday & 3rd Friday. Call for an appointment for Medicare help. Contact: 800-722-4134.

SRAC, Siuslaw Regional Aquatics Center. Meets the second Monday monthly at 7pm., at the Lions Club in Mapleton. All community members interested in our local pool are encouraged to attend.

Senior Party Bridge. every Friday, 1-4pm., Booster Senior Center, 1424 15th St. Contact: 541-997-8827.

Siuslaw Area React meets third Tuesday each month, 7pm. Contact: 541-997-4297.

Siuslaw Diabetic Support Group meets third Tuesday each month, 2pm., Siuslaw Public Library, The Bromley Room. Contact: 541-997-7134 Julianna or Joan. No meetings June, July or August. Start September 20, 2011

Siuslaw Fiber Arts Guild meets the third Wednesday of each month from 10am-Noon at Bromley Room at the Library. Contact: Margaret Keith 541-997-4558. Anyone interested in joining in the knitting, hand-spinning, felting, rug-hooking is welcome.

Siuslaw Fisherman's Association. Meets 3rd Monday of each month at 1536 12th St. Church of the Nazarene, 2nd floor.

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