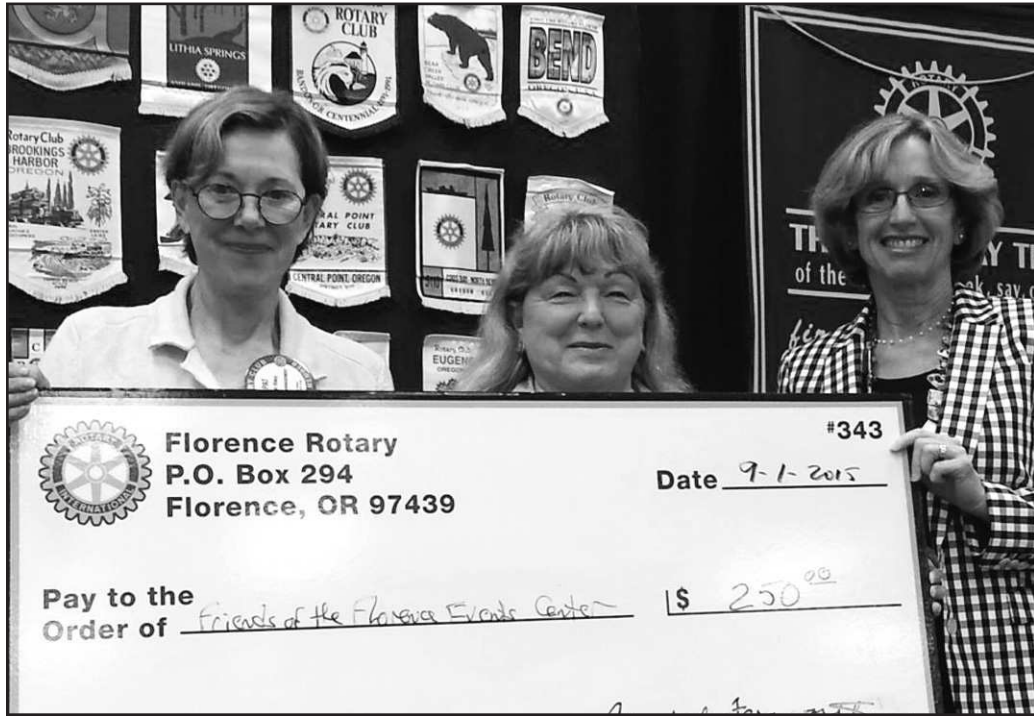


ROTARY DONATES TO 'FRIENDS'



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The Florence Rotary Club recently made a donation to the Friends of the Florence Events Center in the amount of \$250 for the fifth annual Festival of Books, which will be held today, Sept. 26, at the Florence Events Center. From left are: president-elect Pat Riley, Brenda McDuffey and president Crystal Farnsworth.

Cascadia Concert Opera presents masterpiece 'Don Giovanni' Oct. 4



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Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St., will host Cascadia Concert Opera's final concert of the 2015 season, featuring Mozart's "Don Giovanni," on Sunday, Oct. 4.

Cascadia Concert Opera concludes its 2015 season with Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's "Don Giovanni" on Sunday, Oct. 4, at 3 p.m. at the Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St.

The concert, open to the public with a ticket price of \$20 for adults and \$10 for students, will be presented with piano accompaniment.

A groundbreaking serio-comic masterpiece, Mozart's "Don Giovanni" recounts the

story of a wealthy, charismatic Lothario who recklessly seduces a multitude of women only to meet his rightful yet untimely fate.

Arguably the pinnacle of Mozart's collaborations with librettist Lorenzo da Ponte, the opera offers an incisive and ironic perspective on the duplicitous nature of humanity.

The convergence of Mozart's exquisite musical development and da Ponte's

vulgar depiction of the Don Juan myth results in a complex and electrifying opera that exemplifies Mozart's mastery of the form.

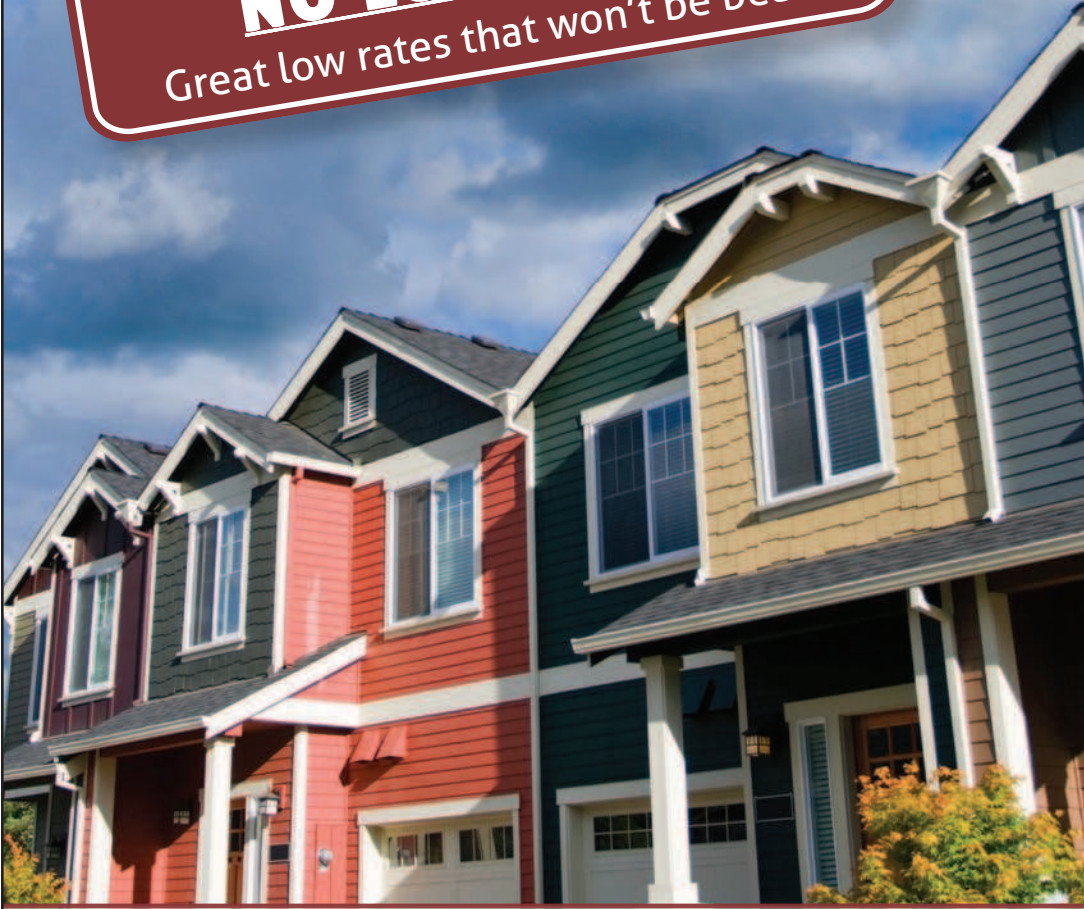
Currently in its seventh season, Cascadia Concert Opera is a nonprofit performing arts organization based in Eugene.

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Mayor makes cancer proclamation



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City of Florence Mayor Joe Henry (center) visited the Sept. 15 meeting of the Us TOO Florence Lunch Bunch at the Kozy Kitchen Restaurant to proclaim September Prostate Cancer Awareness Month in the City of Florence. After reading the proclamation, Mayor Henry presented it to the group represented by Bob Horney (left), Us TOO Florence facilitator, and Urologist Dr. Doug Hoff (second from right), and Dr. Hoff's physician's assistant Chad Jorgensen. As part of the proclamation, Henry urged all men to take advantage of the information available at Us TOO Florence meetings, become aware of their own risks of prostate cancer, talk to their health-care providers and get screened for the disease.

Kenneth B. Gallery offers French, art classes

Kenneth B. Gallery, 1458 First St. in Old Town Florence, now features working art studios for artists, along with a new lineup of weekly classes.

Gigi Lissan, founder of France Exchange School and winner of the "Family Choice Award," continues to offer Beginning French language classes for adults each Tuesday, from 10:30 a.m. to noon, and intermediate and advanced classes from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Beginning Oct. 6, Lissan will teach two new fun-filled classes for children.

On Tuesdays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m., she will discuss art

history while teaching painting skills for ages 5 to 10 years old in her class, "French Impressionism — Painting for Children."

On Wednesdays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m., she will teach "Fun with French," a beginning language class where she utilizes exciting games such as French bingo, crossword puzzles, songs, art projects and much more.

Children will be exposed to French sounds and practice French basic conversation.

In "Fun with French," children will discover the pleasure of speaking, understanding, writing and reading a new language.

Classes for adults cost \$80 for four sessions, and classes for children are \$60 for four sessions.

For those who enjoy drawing from a live model, the gallery also offers bi-weekly adult figure drawing sessions that are now held Wednesdays, from noon to 3 p.m. Cost is \$20 per session.

For more information, visit KennethBGallery.com, or call the gallery at 541-999-5875 or Gigi Lissan at 541-991-3000.



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