

Meet new board members at Friends of Library meeting

The Friends of the Siuslaw Public Library (FOL) will hold its regular monthly board meeting on Thursday, Jan. 28, at 11 a.m. in the library's Conference Room.

All FOL members and others interested in supporting the library or learning more about FOL are invited to attend.

This will also be an opportunity to meet the new board members. New officers include Ryan Cronk, president; Sharon Hobart, vice-

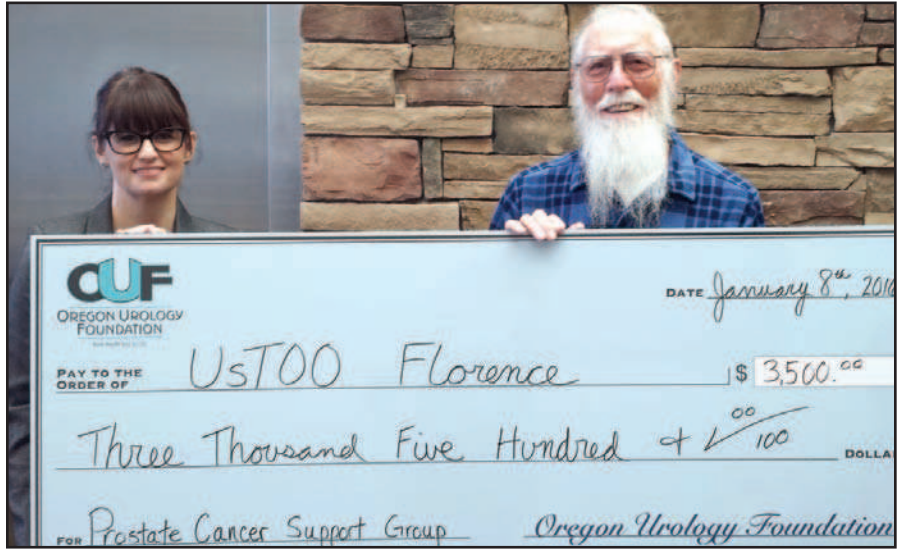
president; Akiko Marsh, treasurer; and new Members at Large, Sadie Stevenson and Merilee Mulvey. Annie Schmidt and Susy Lacer remain as second-year Members at Large. Sherry Curran, former president, remains on the board as past-president.

The purpose of FOL is to support the Siuslaw Public Library. For questions, contact SiuslawLibraryFriends@gmail.com.

Us TOO receives grant from Urology Foundation

On behalf of Oregon Urology Foundation (OUF), Stephanie Kerns, OUF Resource, recently presented a grant of \$3,500 to Us TOO Florence, represented by facilitator Bob Horney.

This OUF grant provides the financial means for Us TOO Florence, a 12-year-old chapter of Us TOO International, to continue providing



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Us TOO prostate cancer support group representative Bob Horney (right) receives a check from OUF representative Stephanie Kerns.

prostate cancer support and education to men and their families in Florence, the sur-

rounding communities and along the Oregon Coast from Yachats to Bandon.

It also makes it possible for Us TOO Florence to continue its vigorous advocacy for early detection of prostate cancer.

This is a huge part of Us TOO International's Mission and one that Us TOO Florence eagerly accepts.

OUF is a nonprofit charitable organization funded by the Doctors of Oregon Urology Institute. Nearly 100 percent of the foundation's money goes directly to urologic education and community support, such as Us TOO Florence.

Siuslaw jazz band receives donation

MTG quartet, City Lights Cinemas collaborate to raise funds

By JACK DAVIS
Siuslaw News

Miles To Go (MTG) jazz quartet played to a sold-out crowd at City Lights Cinemas Jan. 7 and raised \$300 for the Siuslaw High School jazz band.

Siuslaw band teacher Chris Rowbotham said, "I can't thank them enough for wanting to help us. I mean, \$300 buys two new jazz charts (sets of music) for my jazz band. I've been at Siuslaw for five years and I've never bought a jazz chart because we just didn't have the money. We are going to decide as a class which jazz charts to purchase."

Rowbotham is in charge of both middle school and high school bands, including the high school jazz band.

"For the high school I have a budget of \$3,500. The middle school budget is \$2,350," Rowbotham said. "Travel and festival fees come out of that budget, including paying the bus driver and gas. Travel kills a lot of the budget. The Florence Events Center is gra-



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Siuslaw High School Director of Bands Chris Rowbotham accepts a check for \$300 from Miles To Go jazz quartet percussionist Nate Kaplan to help support the schools jazz band. The money was raised during a recent sold out Miles To Go performance held at City Lights Cinemas.

cious to give us a half-rate discount, but it is still another \$1,350 for four performances throughout the year.

Remaining funds pay for instrument repair, maintenance and to purchase reeds throughout the year for students that can't afford them. The school also has a number of instruments it could rent to students.

"Unfortunately, about half are unplayable. We are waiting for funds to be able to fix them," he said.

According to Rowbotham, an average operating budget for a 4A school band program such as Siuslaw would be \$10,000 to \$12,000.

MTG percussionist Nate Kaplan said, "When we first started last year and I hooked up with the schools and learned about their plight, in the back of my mind I've always thought, 'as soon as the Miles To Go thing gets going, and get some people coming out, then we will have enough money to donate to the school (band) program.'"

After overhead and expenses, MTG was able to donate \$300 to the school jazz band program.

Siuslaw band members were given free passes to attend the performance, during which Rowbotham joined MTG for several trumpet duets.

In addition to the MTG quartet, guest pianist Ken Wannberg played two arrangements and three local female singers, Maree Beers, Denise Dee and Judi Kelly, sang several songs each, as well as a group tribute to Natalie Cole.

MTG was formed in 2014 when Kaplan, convinced brass instrumentalist Ron Green, upright bass player Michael Anderson and pianist Gus Russell to form a jazz quartet. Kaplan and Green live in Florence and Anderson and Russell live in Eugene.

Kaplan said MTG is planning a spring performance with proceeds again going to support the school band program.

Anyone wanting to donate money to the band or jazz program should contact the district office at 541-997-2651. Band donations need to be specific for either the middle school or high school band program.

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