

## Soroptimists welcome new member



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Amanda DeTar was inducted into the Soroptimist International Club of Florence on Wednesday, Jan. 20. The induction took place at Chen's Restaurant, where the Soroptimist meetings are held on Wednesdays at noon. Jo Hine presided over the induction with Mimi Teachout and the participation of the club members. DeTar said she is eager to work with the club and its mission. From left: Nancy Bosket, president; Amanda DeTar, new member; Jo Hine, secretary; and Mimi Teachout, scholarship and membership chairwoman.

## Author Welch to speak at City Club

Keynote speaker and storyteller Bob Welch will speak at Florence City Club on Friday, Feb. 5.

His previous City Club programs have been favorites of the club members.

A well-known author and former national award-winning Register-Guard columnist, Welch will be speaking on "The Power of Story in a World that has Overdosed on Information."

His forte is people, he says. Author Mike Yorkey calls Welch "perhaps the most eclectic writer in America."

His books range in topics from children's stories to World War II, from hiking the Oregon portion of the Pacific Crest Trail to nuggets-of-life wisdom from plays.

The program begins at noon at Ocean Dunes Golf



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Bob Welch

Links, 3345 Munsel Lake Road.

Welch is the founder of the Beachside Writers Workshop, whose flagship event is held in Yachats the last weekend of February.

His book about the first nurse to die after the landing at Normandy, "American

Nightingale," was featured on ABC's "Good Morning America" and was an Oregon Book Award finalist.

An earlier book, "A Father for All Seasons," was winner of the Gold Medallion Award For Family and Parenting.

Welch is a former adjunct professor of journalism at the University of Oregon and was at the Eugene Register-Guard for 24 years, leaving two years ago to work on his own.

A column of his runs the first Sunday of each month in the Oregon Life section.

The public is invited to hear this excellent speaker.

Beverages are offered and a light lunch may be ordered starting at 11:30 a.m.

For more information, call Roger Johnson at 541-902-5135.

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