

GENERAL NEWS

Florence Dems to discuss Helping Hands April 2

The Florence Area Democratic Club will meet Saturday, April 2, at 11 a.m., in the Bromley Room of the Siuslaw Public Library, 1460 Ninth St. Information will be presented about the Helping Hands Coalition program in Florence. State Representative Val Hoyle, candidate for Secretary of State in the May 17 Primary election, will attend as a guest speaker. Everyone is welcome to attend.

WLCF awards grants to 39 nonprofit organizations

So far, 2016 is proving to be a very good year for 39 nonprofit recipients from throughout western Lane County who received grants totaling \$71,000. Recipients were awarded checks at the Rotary Club of Florence meeting on Tuesday, March 15. These funds will further projects that fall within the four Western Lane Community Foundation grant criteria areas of focus; culture, medicine/science, education



COURTESY PHOTO

WLCF grant recipients with checks handed out on the March 15 meeting

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and social/civic services. WLCF received 56 applications requesting over \$176,000 in funds. This year's grants covered a wide range of projects, including partnering with the Central Oregon Coast Amateur Radio Club as it establishes an emergency field deployable communications trailer; both Mapleton and Siuslaw School districts, which are benefiting by several projects funded to enhance the students educational curriculum that are not covered with regular school district funding, such as one-on-one computers and online academic subscriptions; both Mapleton and Siuslaw elementary, which will use the grants to receive library books; and at the district, a grant to replace the audiometer for conducting hearing evaluations. The arts were represented as well, including SEAcost Entertainment's "Living Voices Educational Theater" Project, and FloTones music library upgrade. Florence and Mapleton Food Share received funds to help maintain and upgrade their equipment vital to serving the needy. The Rotary Club of Florence established the Western Lane Community Foundation in 1974 as a community trust, a private nonprofit organization to attract, administer and distribute private charitable resources for the benefit of residents in western Lane County. Through these resources the Foundation helps sustain and enhance the quality of life in western Lane County by supporting non-profit organizations operating in all fields of interest. The Foundation manages current assets of \$5,000,000, which consist of Designated Funds; assets that are established by donors to support certain organizations, Field of Interest Funds; donors who set a criteria of a particular area of community service that they want the grant distributed to, and general funds; which are flexible resources the foundation can apply to address changing community needs. To see the complete list of all 2016 grant recipients, or to establish your own endowment, visit www.wlcf online.org or call our executive director Gayle Waiss at 541-997-1274.

Caregiver receives Tomorrow's Leader award

Each year at the Catholic Health Assembly, the Catholic Health Association (CHA) of the United States offers four awards that recognize remarkable contributions to Catholic health care. This year, a PeaceHealth caregiver has been chosen by the Catholic Health Association's Awards Committee as one of Tomorrow's Leaders for the health ministry — a recognition program to honor young people who will guide the health ministry in the future. William "Chip" Scott, RN in the emergency department at PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center, was one of 10 outstanding young leaders recognized for 2016. His department manager, Jan Finley, nominated him for this recognition. Chip has been with PeaceHealth Peace Harbor for almost 14 years. "Chip's knowledge, even as a relatively new graduate when I first met him, was impressive, and has only grown over the past seven years I have worked with him," said Dr. William Foster, Medical Director for the Emergency Department. "His calmness in even the most stressful situations is much appreciated by all he works with. When there is a critical patient in the ED, I am always glad when Chip is my nurse." "Chip is a natural leader," Finley said. "This is evidenced by his fellow staff members nominating him as both the ED Council Chair and the House Council Chair, his ability to remain calm and focused during an emergency and his passion for improving processes related to patient care and safety." Scott always finds a way to connect with patients, coworkers and his community. He and his family regularly donate and volunteer with a local church to provide food, clothing and shelter for the homeless in Florence. These contributions are outside of his work or job role but clearly relate both to the PeaceHealth Mission and his commitment to his community. As one of Tomorrow's Leaders, he will be the guest of CHA at the 2016 Catholic Health Assembly in Orlando, Fla., this June, where he will be recognized during the annual Awards Banquet. In addition, he will be attending an exclusive leadership formation retreat, which brings him face to face with several senior executives from across Catholic health care. CHA pays for all travel and expenses for the honorees to attend the assembly and the formation retreat. The Catholic health ministry of tomorrow will depend on strong leadership and passionate commitment to the healing mission.

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MARCH 26	MARCH 27	MARCH 28	MARCH 29	MARCH 30	MARCH 31	APRIL 1
54°F 46°F	51°F 42°F	51°F 42°F	56°F 42°F	61°F 42°F	63°F 44°F	59°F 48°F

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