

# SIUSLAW TALE SPINNERS ELECT NEW OFFICERS

During recent meetings of the Siuslaw Tale Spinners, the following officers were installed or elected:

Cathy French was elected as the District 7 Club Growth Director at the District 7 Spring Conference. She joins the other two district executives, Leanna Lindquist who was elected as District 7 Director, and Donna Stark, who was elected as District 7 Program Quality Director. "To my knowledge, I'm the first Toastmaster from the coast to be elected as one of the District Trio," said French. "It's a great honor to be part of the District 7 Leadership Team."

District 7 encompasses all of Oregon, lower Washington and northern California.

The Tale Spinners welcomed back Paul Pfeiffer, a returning Toastmaster who has been using his previous Toastmaster experience to continue his own personal development.

"This is my second stint with Toastmasters," said Pfeiffer, who earned his Competent Communicator and Competent Leader certificates between 2007 and 2010. "Though medical issues took me away from Toastmasters, it never took me away from the friendships I forged, the leadership and communication



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Siuslaw Tale Spinners Toastmasters at its 2016-17 installation of officers. From left: Jim Perry, DTM installing officer; Anne Machalek, treasurer; Cathy French, vice-president of public relations; Vickie Kennedy, vice-president of membership; Jim Wolak, vice president of education; and Alan Campbell, president. (Not pictured: Irma Geller, secretary; and David Edge, sergeant at arms.)

skills I learned, nor the confidence I built."

Each July, a new team of officers is elected to carry forward the activities and duties of leadership within a

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Toastmasters club. By applying leadership techniques, a club officer ensures an atmosphere conducive to both personal and professional growth as well as achieving Toastmasters' educational program goals.

Toastmasters provides a self-paced program that improves problem-solving skills, decision-making skills, team-building skills, effective time management and direct/indirect communication skills.

The Siuslaw Tale Spinners Toastmaster club meets every Wednesday at the Siuslaw Fire and Rescue Building on Highway 101, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. All visitors are welcome.

## Water from 1A

SCWD discovered a leaking water pipe had compounded the problem.

Dunes City Administrator Jamie Mills said, "The cracked pipe didn't look bad, but when you filled it with pressurized water, they were losing nine gallons per minute, which is one-third of their water in that location. They fixed it Wednesday and water was restored by about 6 or 7 p.m. Wednesday."

According to Prunty, the problem will continue as long as the company uses Siltcoos Lake as its water source. The company has battled this problem repeatedly over the years, but this year has been extremely bad.



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A repairman holds a section of cracked PVC pipe that contributed to 80 Dunes City residences losing water for three days. Water pressure was restored July 27.

"The solution we are looking into is changing our water source to Woahink Lake," she said. "The water quality in Woahink is much

better. It will provide us with higher quality water, which will require less filtering and our plant will be able to operate at its opti-

mal capabilities."

Prunty said the company would apply to the state for grants and loans to cover the cost of connecting the water treatment plant to the new Woahink Lake source.

She also said the added expense would most likely mean an increase in water bills.

"We are working with the Oregon Public Utilities Commission (PUC)," Prunty said. "Once we get our funding through the state we will need to work with the PUC to determine how we need to increase the rates."

Dunes City Mayor Rebecca Ruede said, "This interruption of water service for a number of Dunes City households has been intermittent yet ongoing. We are working with the own-

ers of Oregon Water Services to resolve the current issues, and make a plan that we expect to be permanent."

In the meantime, Mills said, "The City of Florence suggested that they enter into an agreement

with Oregon Water Services to provide water tankers in the event of another emergency."

This will allow the water tankers to keep water in the system and prevent another water stoppage.

## Library from 1A

Over the years, Voth was instrumental in adding a counter under windows overlooking the Siuslaw River, placing historic photographs of Mapleton on the walls and brushing up the appearance of the children's room by engaging artist Marcy Tippman to paint a mural.

"Susie was one of the first people I met when I moved here," said Siuslaw Public Library Director Meg Spencer. "I have been so lucky to work with her, and lucky to have her as a friend. She made me feel welcome, and she makes patrons at this library feel very welcome."

At the open house, people exclaimed, "We love Susie!" "Mapleton patrons tell me all the time that Susie has books waiting for them when they walk in," Spencer said.

Voth provides a weekly book review in "Library Tidings," written by Kevin Mittge for the Siuslaw News.

Voth said she goes through stages with her reading. She "voraciously" used to read young adult books, but now considers herself on a "crime

spree" with mysteries and police procedural novels.

"My current favorite authors are Louise Penny, Deborah Crombie and Michael Connelly. Although, Laine Moriarty has a new book coming out, 'Truly Madly Guilty,' and I'm very excited about that," Voth said.

"Susie is such a self-starter," Mittge said. "She loves books and I love talking to her about books ... I know she's going to keep coming back and recommending books to us."

Voth agreed. "I won't stop reading because I'm no longer working at the library," she said. "If I ever read a good book, I can still write a review."

Before moving to Mapleton, Voth taught reading and writing to elementary-aged students.

"It was such a pleasure to share good books with those children. Working in a library allows me to share good books with a wide variety of people of all ages," she said.

Voth continued that spirit by doing a kindergarten storytime outreach program each month at Mapleton Elementary School. Each time, she brought two puppets, Lily the Library

Helper and Billy the Rocket Boy, and gave every student a book.

"The generosity of the Mapleton Community Foundation made the book give-away possible and I owe them my heartfelt gratitude," Voth said.

She will remember all her partners in bringing literacy to the tight-knit community.

"I will miss my co-workers, whom I now count as friends. I have loved working at the Mapleton Branch Library," Voth said. "It has been a truly wonderful experience. This is a very sweet library and over the years I've gotten to know many of the people who walk through the doors. This is the best part of being the librarian in a small community — the people."

After 50 years in the workforce and raising three daughters, Voth plans to enjoy some free time, work on quilt projects and, of course, read.

"Now I can put my creative energy to work. If you need me, look for me in my quilting studio," Voth said. "For now,

I'm going to relish that my time is my own to do with as I please."



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## Port from 1A

season, then we are not going to mandate this. Next year we will."

In other business, the port approved a resolution to declare the real property

owned by the port at 1499 Bay St. as surplus real property.

This step is necessary before the port can sell the property.

"I will have a plan to sell the building by our next executive session at our next commission meeting," Leskin said.



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"I'm taking graphic design, so my goal is to take a lot of photos while I'm here. I'm definitely on track!"

—ELLIE STREETHER,  
VISITING FROM SCOTLAND



"I want to see as much of the Pacific Northwest as I can, so I feel I'm doing good with my goal."

—KATIE STREETHER,  
VISITING FROM SCOTLAND



"I wanted to do a lot more kayaking and gardening. I'm doing good with the garden part, but still need more kayaking."

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