

GENERAL NEWS

Florence ORganizers meeting draws large crowd to Bromley Room

Group that came into being after Woman's March seeks to build on enthusiasm and participants desire to do more

January's Woman's Empowerment March in Florence had more than 300 participants. It also garnered strong support from a large segment of the local community. The outpour-

ing of ideas, emotion and the passion for further action prompted march organizers to create a vehicle for future community engagement.

This decision led to the

founding of a local organization to support action by those wishing to build on the energy created by the march. The group settled on the succinct but meaningful name, Florence

ORganizes (FOR).

Nin Bebeau, organizer of the January march and one of the driving forces behind FOR, was pleased with the turnout for the group's first meeting on Tuesday night at the Siuslaw Public Library.

"After the march we formed a group called FOR, which stands for Florence ORganizes. And we choose those words deliberately. Because we are 'for' the betterment of our society, we are not against anything or anyone," Bebeau said. "We would like to be non-partisan. We would like to include individuals from different religions. We would like to see different parties represented in the group. We really want to be inclusive and eclectic."

Turnout at the initial meeting exceeded expectations, as did participation in the empowerment march. The crowd that turned out for the meeting in the Bromley Room more than filled the space.

According to Bebeau, the opportunity to do something to counteract the fear and negativity that surrounded the November election plays a large part in the initial enthusiasm for FOR.

That factor, coupled with local residents' natural inclination to want to help better their community, was also an important element in FOR's creation.

"Right now the media has embedded fear in people. And in addition to the fear, people also feel frustration — and some feel isolated, alone and angry. They don't like what's happening but they don't know what to do about it. So we are offering them



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Health care was just one of the topics discussed at length at the first meeting of the new group Florence ORganizes (FOR) at the Siuslaw Public Library on Feb. 7.

a vessel to let go of the anger and take action," Bebeau said.

Cardboard signs indicated the focus of the panel and reflected the concerns of those in attendance. There were five main working groups: Health Care, Education, Climate and the Environment, Immigration Policy and Civil Rights.

Individuals primarily interested in those topics formed circles and a facilitator led each discussion. The topics that were discussed were only a small sampling of those originally considered.

"These were the primary issues that were identified," Bebeau said. "We want to keep to the key issues, because we have to be targeted. Otherwise we will lose energy. We will get overwhelmed and then we don't have sustainability."

The structure of the meeting was chosen to be as egalitarian as possible, with organizers placing seats in a circle. While there was a group facilitator,

there were no group leaders.

"This way every single person is being heard. Everyone is being acknowledged and no one is angry. They are talking. And they are talking about what they can contribute and what their ideas are. And there are very few forums where people can do that," Bebeau said. "A supportive group is a circle. It is friendly and safe. You can state your views and you can be heard. This way every person there can be heard. And then they can take action."

The main point that Bebeau hoped those participating in the working groups might take away from the evening was, "When you are in a room with so many people that feel the way that you do, it gives you assurance that you are not alone."

For more information about the group's goals or for future meeting times, go to www.Facebook.com/FlorenceORganizes.



THIS WEEK'S FEATURES: \$9 | \$8 Senior/Student/Military | \$7.50 Matinees Before 3 | \$7 Child | \$6.50 Members

FEBRUARY 10 -16	FRI 10	SAT 11	SUN 12	MON 13	TUE 14	WED 15	THU 16
FIFTY SHADES DARKER R 115 MIN - The sexy sequel While Christian wrestles with his inner demons, Anastasia must confront the anger and envy of the women who came before her.	12:50 PM 3:30 PM 6:10 PM 8:40 PM	12:50 PM 3:30 PM 6:10 PM 8:40 PM	12:10 PM 2:40 PM 5:15 PM 8:15 PM	12:50 PM 3:30 PM 6:10 PM 8:40 PM	12:50 PM 3:30 PM 6:00 PM 8:35 PM	12:50 PM 3:30 PM 6:10 PM 8:40 PM	12:50 PM 3:30 PM 6:10 PM 8:40 PM
THE LEGO BATMAN MOVIE PG 90 MIN - Bruce Wayne must not only deal with the criminals of Gotham City, but also the responsibility of raising a boy he adopted.	12:10 PM 4:20 PM 6:25 PM	12:10 PM 4:20 PM 6:25 PM	12:00 PM 4:10 PM 6:35 PM	12:10 PM 4:20 PM 6:25 PM	12:10 PM 4:20 PM 6:25 PM 9:35 PM	12:10 PM 4:20 PM 6:25 PM	12:10 PM 4:20 PM 6:25 PM
THE LEGO BATMAN MOVIE 3D "A thing of wonder. There are around four (great) films' worth of action and jokes here, crammed into a story so streamlined it might have been assembled in the Lockheed wind tunnel."	2:15 PM 8:35 PM	2:15 PM 8:35 PM	2:05 PM 8:45 PM	2:15 PM 8:35 PM	2:15 PM	2:15 PM 8:35 PM	2:15 PM 8:35 PM
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THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL EVENTS: Films are regular prices | Performing Arts \$19/\$15 Member/\$10 Student

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BOLSHOI BALLET: THE SLEEPING BEAUTY NR 170 MIN Choreographed by the legendary Yuri Grigorovich						6:00 PM	

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Wellsprings, PeaceHealth offer pain clinic

Wellspring Clinic, in partnership with PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center, will offer "Points of Grace", a community acupuncture program, free of charge to the public.

The program, which Patricia Immel, Licensed Acupuncturist of Wellspring Clinic started years ago, is now being offered weekly through a partnership with PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center's Community Benefit program.

"These partnerships are a valuable opportunity to work toward achieving better patient outcomes, improving community health, and deliv-

ering more efficient, cost-effective care," said Richard Yecny, Chief Administrative Officer of PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center.

"Acupuncture can be a beneficial component of a patient's full spectrum of healthcare. It offers pain relief that can offset the risk of becoming reliant on medication," Yecny said.

"I've seen individuals who have been suffering from chronic pain as the result of injuries or constant headaches who would come in once a week and begin seeing positive results in their long-term health," shares Immel. "We're grateful for this partnership,

which allows us to continue offering a more integrative, holistic healthcare model to those we serve."

The Points of Grace clinic is open to anyone in the community, every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please allow approximately 30 minutes for your treatment, which involves acupuncture treatment of the ears designed to guide pain relief, reduce anxiety and promote restful sleep. Donations are welcome.

Wellspring Clinic is located at 1845 Highway 126 at Park Place, Suite H. For more information, contact Wellspring Clinic at 541-902-8860

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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