

NARFE donates to Florence Memory Loss Respite Center



Genoveva Favela (center) accepts a check from NARFE members Florine Hanson and Jim Parrish on behalf of the Memory Loss Respite Center.

The Siuslaw Chapter of National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) donated \$245 to the Memory Loss Respite Center of Florence. This year, during its annual fund raiser, the chapter raised \$490.

Half of the money raised goes to Alzheimer's research and half to the local Respite center. Florine Hanson and Jim Parrish presented the check to Genoveva Favela who accepted it on behalf of the Respite center.

Three Rivers Foundation gifts \$79K to nonprofits

Feb. 8 marked the sixth annual gifting luncheon of the Three Rivers Foundation held at Three Rivers Casino Resort in Florence. The Three Rivers Foundation, established by the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians as the giving arm of its Three Rivers Casino Resort, announced gifts totaling more than \$79,000 to 15 deserving nonprofit organizations in the tribes' service district areas.

"There is a Native American proverb that says 'The more you give, the more good things come to you,'" said Teresa Spangler, chairwoman of the Three Rivers Foundation and Vice Chairman of the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians Tribal Council. "These organizations give out of the goodness of their hearts, and the foundation wants to commend them for their efforts."

During this gifting cycle, the Foundation received 124 grant proposals from nonprofits located in Coos, Curry, Douglas, Lane and Lincoln counties, as well as many communities throughout Oregon. Of those proposals the following were awarded grant dollars:

- Coos County:**
 - Bandon — Bandon Rural Fire Protection District Dive Team
 - North Bend — Coos Bay Area Zonta Service Foundation
 - Myrtle Point — Myrtle Point Food Share
 - North Bend — Southwestern Oregon Veterans Outreach
- Curry County:**
 - Brookings — Brookings Harbor Community Helpers Emergency Food Bank, Inc.,



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 - Winchester Bay — Winchester Bay Community Center & Park
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 - Cottage Grove — City of Cottage Grove
 - Dexter — Dexter Rural Fire Department
 - Florence — Friends of Florence
 - Mapleton — Mapleton Food Share
 - Lincoln County:**
 - Yachats — Friends of Yachats Commons
- The foundation's successes

are a reflection of the commitment and passion of its dedicated leadership. Listed below are the current trustees who ensure that the Three Rivers Foundation continues to reflect the goals and commitment of the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians to local communities.

- Teresa Spangler, foundation chairwoman
- Jay Bozievich, foundation vice-chairman
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The Three Rivers Foundation supports innovative ideas, collaborative approaches and

grassroots efforts in the following areas: education, health, public safety, problem gambling, the arts, the environment, cultural activities and historic preservation.

Nonprofit organizations with 501(c)3 designation and government organizations located in Coos, Curry, Douglas, Lane and Lincoln Counties are encouraged to review grant criteria and application deadlines on the Three Rivers Foundations website, www.threeriversfoundation.org.

Other Oregon nonprofits seeking grant support for projects specifically important to Native American populations in Oregon, have a "statewide" impact or other Oregon federally recognized tribes are also encouraged to apply.

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OCHC Grants available for historic cemetery projects

The Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries is offering grants for qualified historic cemeteries. The annual grants fund projects that preserve historic cemeteries.

Projects funded in the past include marker repair workshops, fencing, signs, interpretive panels and brochures, security lighting, access improvements, records management and more.

Awards typically range between \$1,000 and \$6,000, but have been higher. Anyone can apply for a grant. While

the grant applications are online, they are simple and commission staff can provide support.

"Our goal is to preserve Oregon's historic cemeteries, so we try to make it easy for people to access funds to do that while ensuring the funds are appropriately used," said historic cemeteries program coordinator Kuri Gill. A previous grant applicant, Patricia McCracken with Winchester Elementary School, said cemeteries program staff were supportive when she

was submitting her grant report.

"We were new to filling out grants and staff was extremely helpful when we called," she said.

There will be free grant workshops on project planning and grant writing and using the online grant application. A two-hour workshop will be in Salem on March 15.

A shorter webinar will be available on March 16. Two webinars, Jan. 18 and 19, will explain the online grant system.

State law established the seven-member historic cemeteries commission to maintain a listing of all historic cemeteries and gravesites in Oregon; promote public education on the significance of historic cemeteries; and help obtain financial and technical assistance for restoring, improving and maintaining their appearances.

To learn more about the grants or visit www.oregonheritage.org or contact Kuri Gill at Kuri.Gill@oregon.gov or call 503-986-0685.

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FRAA offers writer's workshop Saturday, Feb. 18

Writers on the River welcomes writers of all levels and genres to its next monthly workshop designed to identify their authentic voices and answer the call to write. The workshop will be taught by Catherine J. Rourke, FRAA's resident writing instructor.

"Writing from the Heart: Find Your True Voice," will take place on Saturday, Feb. 18, from 10 a.m. to noon, at the Florence Regional Arts Alliance, 120 Maple Street in Old Town.

Through simple steps and experiential writing practices, participants can awaken their natural creative genius to craft memoirs, novels, short stories, poems, nonfiction, essays,

family memoirs or enhance the art of journaling.

Catherine J. Rourke is an award-winning journalist, columnist, author and editor. She was educated at the City University of New York, the University of Oxford/England and the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism.

Rourke has more than 30 years' experience as a staff editor and writer for newspapers, magazines and major publishers.

Space is limited; pre-registration required. Cost: \$20 for FRAA members or \$25 for non-members, payable at the door. For more info or to pre-register, call 541-708-2120 or email CJReditor@gmail.com.

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