

**Relay** from 1A

on the central and southern Oregon coast and Polk County for about a year. She said Lincoln City and Newport events do not have a designated chairperson.

"I kind of fulfill that role," Bickleman said. "The other people on the committees are dedicated to what they are doing."

Last year's chairwoman and this year's former co-chairperson Harris said, "We wanted to know where, in this community, the money is going. We understand that the ACS gets

part of it to help with research. We have no problem with that. But they are not telling us how the money is being spent to help our community."

Harris said the only hard dollar amount given by Bickleman for last year was that ACS gave \$3,000 to help support the Friends of Florence free van service to transport cancer patients to Eugene and Springfield for treatment.

"If the ACS wants the community to help with Relay for Life, they need to listen to the people of the community," Harris said.

She added that almost 75

percent of the work for this year's relay fundraiser had been completed by the committee by the time the three stepped down.

"The fundraising takes place with the five months we have left to go. It is up to the teams to do that. This is way ahead of last year and the year before," Harris said.

According to Bickleman, 6,000 Relay for Life events worldwide raise about 60 percent of the revenue for the ACS.

"Without all of these Relay for Life events, the ACS would not be able to fund research and programs," Bickleman said.

According to Harris, Relay for Life raised approximately \$59,000 in 2016, which was 61 percent of the previous year's donations.

Bickleman would like to see that number increase to \$65,000 to \$70,000 in 2017 and see a 10 percent annual increase in revenues going forward.

However, Harris and Bickleman agree that some people are getting bored with the event.

"There is just not enough entertainment," Harris said.

"Every time an event starts to decline, we look at it and say, is there something we can do differently that would

engage a new, more diverse audience or demographic?" Bickleman said.

"Over the past couple of years we could see a decline in attendance and revenue (for Florence). We thought, maybe folks would like to do something different than coming out to Miller Park and camping overnight," she added.

She said that a lot of relay events are going toward a "festival atmosphere."

"The FEC was a no-brainer. It's close to Highway 101. It can handle a festival type atmosphere and it has an auditorium," she said.

Bickleman hopes that doing

Relay for Life at the events center will bring that different demographic.

"It is going to be fresh and new. We will be having live entertainment, bands and speakers on cancer education," she said.

The popular survivor celebration walk and the luminaria will be maintained as part of the new program.

The next Relay for Life committee meeting is at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, March 20, at the Florence Elks Lodge, 1686 12th St.

For more information or to get involved, contact Bickleman at 541-272-9240.

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Gov. Kate Brown (third from right) visits a local art studio and hears about RAIN's partnership with coastal entrepreneurs and The City of Florence.

**Brown** from 1A

(RAIN) presented information on ReVision Florence, the

Siuslaw Vision 2025, startups in the Florence and Newport areas, new developments in the Florence Business Park, the success of area artists and the Siuslaw River Bridge catholic protection project.

Brown said, "This is a place that truly has that innovative spirit."

The governor visited various

locations in Old Town before heading indoors at The Studios at Jayne Smoley Designs.

The group also visited Pacific View Business Park and Klaus Witte's new Top Hydraulics building.

Later in the day, Brown held a public forum at Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue to discuss economic development

and other issues with community members.

"In order for people to thrive, that means an excellent school for every child and every community, making sure that kids can find good paying jobs in the communities they grow up in and it means everyone has access to healthcare," Brown said.

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got to go to the announcers booth and call the line up for the fourth inning."

Aaron said she feels the trip was even more meaningful than the fun the team had during the day.

"I explained how important I thought it was for our players to see what hard work and dedication could do for them. The whole ride home, I heard nothing but the girls talking about how much fun they had and how cool the players were," said Aaron. "Most importantly,

I heard them all talk about how excited they were to play softball, and several of them want to keep playing beyond high school. They got the opportunity to see strong females succeeding at their passion and it was amazing."

Aaron is also responsible for the club's partnership with the Portland Trail Blazers, which provided basketball jerseys, instruction for coaches and tickets for participants in the club's basketball program, to attend a Blazer game in person.

Aaron said she is excited by the response from the Blazer organization to her outreach

efforts and the club is looking forward to the upcoming trip to Portland.

"Our Rip City Basketball season will be closing up with a trip to a Trail Blazers vs. Denver Nuggets. Before the game, during the National Anthem, 13 very lucky BGC players and referees will walk with and stand next to the team on the court at the Moda Center," she said.

That game will be on Tuesday, March 28.

For more information on the activities at the Boys and Girl's Club call 541-902-0304.

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