

SIUSLAW VALLEY FIRE & RESCUE

What is an initial response?

What happens when firefighters are initially dispatched to a house fire? For simplicity, let's just focus on two of the participants, the Duty Chief (DC) and an Engine Company from Station 2 (E2) with six firefighters responding to a bedroom fire on Kingwood Street.

As turnouts are donned or E2 is already rolling out of the fire station, the DC radios observations made from the scene, also known as a "size-up." From this information, the E2 officer assigns personnel to teams and gives assignments based on the situation. In this case, the dispatcher alerts responders to a pet chihuahua that is unaccounted for.

Meanwhile, the DC converts into the Incident Commander (IC), who then ensures no one is inside while performing a 360-check — a complete walk around the exterior of the structure. During the 360, the IC looks for hazards like propane tanks, animals, dangerous footing, downed power lines or anything which could harm

unaware firefighters.

During his size-up, the IC is also strategizing where to stage rigs, where water supplies are located, and what other agencies might be needed.

As E2 arrives, it goes right into offense mode. Hoses are pulled by Team 2 and charged with water from the engine. Meanwhile, Team 1 prepares to enter the structure by: 1) "Breathing air" from their SCBAs (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus), 2) Buddy-checking each other to ensure no areas of their skin could be exposed to the intense heat they will face inside, 3) "bleeding off" any extra air from the hose line before entering the structure.

At that point, Team 1 checks the door for temperature, slowly opens it and waits about 10 seconds before entering in order to guard against a potential "flashover" due to the introduction of extra oxygen through the doorway.

The team enters, often forced to feel its way through the structure due to limited visibility caused by thick smoke. Upon hearing crackling noises, heat becomes prevalent and there's a slight glow from the bedroom. Now, Team 1 cranks open the nozzle towards the base of the fire with a steady stream of water.

Once they have "knockdown" of the fire, Team 1 alerts the IC.

To remove lingering smoke, ventilation is called for, generally by utilizing

a large fan in the main doorway to blow smoke out another door or window.

Oftentimes, a Thermal Imaging Camera (TIC) is used at this point to locate any lingering hot spots that could flare up again inside of walls, ceilings or floors. The TIC can also be used to detect heat signatures of people, children and animals who may be in hiding or unconscious.

Immediately, Team 1 goes into search mode as the IC alerts them the dog is still unaccounted for. Their searching pics up a heat signature in a back-corner room. The lead firefighter radios the IC that they are exiting the house with the dog.

Upon exiting, a team grabs the dog and immediately starts CPR on it while administering oxygen as the anxious family helplessly watches.

Team 2 then goes into secondary search mode and looks for hot spots.

In this case, there's a happy ending as the Chihuahua starts coming around. The owners take him to their local vet while fire crews continue their overhaul of the home to assure the fire completely out.

Pete "Boa" Warren can be contacted at 541-997-3212, or the main SVFR station, 2625 Highway 101, or email Boa@svfr.org.

Alternative Radio host to speak at library May 19

Local KXCR radio will present David Barsamian at the Siuslaw Public Library on Friday, May 19, at 7 p.m. in the Bromley Room.

The library is at 1460 Ninth St. in Florence.

Barsamian is host of Alternative Radio every Friday on KXCR at 5 p.m.

His 2016 tour was unexpectedly canceled last year due to ill health. The good news is Barsamian has regained his health and is coming to Florence for a special event in which he'll examine the broad coalition of opposition to the current President Trump administration policies.

Come for an informative discussion that addresses concerns about the nation's ability to cope with the challenges it faces and the efforts to protect federal programs, including medicare, social security and the environment during the Trump administration.

Barsamian is the award-winning founder and director of Alternative Radio, the independent weekly audio series based in Boulder, Colo.

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David Barsamian

wide-ranging and respected independent journalists, Barsamian has altered the media landscape with his radio programs with Noam Chomsky, Tariq Ali, Howard Zinn, Edward Said, Arundhati Roy and others.

There is no admission fee for this event, but donations to sustain KXCR's relevant programming for our coastal region are appreciated.

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12th Street Alano Club Hope Meets 1525 12th Street (Old hospital, back annex). Meeting site for "Open to All" recovery groups: AA, DDA, Al-Anon, Native American AA, GA, Kids caught in the crossfire, AlanoHope.org Meetings. Seven days a week. Call for times & meeting agenda. Contact: 541-9917-9558 or 612-462-1481. Friday 5:30pm. Contact: 541-9917-9558 or 612-462-1481. Friday 5:30pm. Contact: 541-9917-9558 or 612-462-1481. Friday 5:30pm. Contact: 541-9917-9558 or 612-462-1481.

55 ALIVE/MATURE DRIVING. Contact Lane Community College, 541-997-8444.

AA Candlelight Meditation Meeting meets Sat., 7pm., 1525 12th St. (rear). Contact: 310-210-3324.

A. C. A. Adult Children of Alcoholics (and Addicts). Meets every Monday at 3pm St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 19th & Tamarack. Contact: Loyd or Kyle (612) 462-1481.

Ada Grange #570 meets second Saturday of each month. Potluck at 5pm. Meeting at 6pm. Enjoy getting together with people involved in helping the community. Ada Grange is 10 miles out Canary Road. Contact: Linda Pugh 541-997-4254, or PO Box 674, Florence, OR 97439.

Aglow International meets first Saturday, 10am-Noon., at Florence Vineyard Fellowship, 2610 Kingwood St., Contact: Judy Murphy 541-997-5849.

Al-Anon Family Group meets every Thursday at noon, at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Library Room, 19th & Tamarack. Contact: 541-997-3788

Al-Anon Family Hope Group 1525 12th St. (old hospital back annex). Meets Fridays 5:30pm to 6:30 pm. Contact: 541-999-1243.

Al-Anon Siuslaw Family Group meets every Tuesday at 7pm., at Cross Roads Assembly of God, 10th & Maple St., Rm 14. Contact: 541-997-1209 or 999-0271.

Al-Anon Mapleton Family Group meets every Monday at 7pm, at the Mapleton Evangelical Church, Riverview Ave., Mapleton. Access door off rear parking lot. Contact: 541-999-5223.

Alano Club Hope meets Mon.-Sun. daily, 1525 12th St., Florence (rear). 7-8pm Contact: 310-210-3324.

Alcoholics Anonymous 12 Step Study meets Tues., 6:00pm. Alano Club Hope (rear). Contact: 310-210-3324.

Alcoholics Anonymous meets Mon., Wed. & Thurs., 7pm., Episcopal Church, 19th & Tamarack. Contact: 541-902-0152.

Alcoholics Anonymous meets Mon. & Fri., 10am., New Life Lutheran Church, 21st & Spruce Streets. Contact: 541-902-0152.

Alcoholics Anonymous meets Tues (closed), Thurs and Sat (open), 7pm., Mapleton Lions Club Annex on River Ave., Mapleton. Contact: 541-902-0152.

Alcoholics Anonymous Open meetings Sunday, 10-11am. 1525 12th St. (Old hospital, back annex). Contact: 541-991-7870 or 541-999-7300.

Alcoholics Anonymous Brown Baggers Bunch 1525 12th St. Florence, OR 97439. Meets Daily at noon Contact: Pat Duncan 310-210-3325.

Alcoholics Anonymous Men's Meeting. Meets Tuesdays, from 5-6pm, at the Methodist Church on the corner of Kingwood & 2nd St. Contact: 541-902-0152.

Alcoholics Anonymous New Beginnings Men's Meets 11:30 am-12:30pm. (Closed) Methodist Church @ Kingwood & 2nd St. Contact: 541-902-0152

Alcoholics Anonymous Serenity Meeting 1525 12th St., Florence, OR 97439. Meets Sunday 10-11am.

Alcoholics Anonymous Uptown Group meets Sun., Wed., Thurs., Fri., 5:30-6:30pm., 1525 12th St., Alano Club, Florence (rear). Contact: 310-210-3324.

Alcoholics Anonymous Sisters (SIS) Sisters in Sobriety Women's meeting. Meets Saturday at 10-11:30am, at Alano Club Hope, 1525 12th St., rear entrance. Contact: 310-210-3324.

Alzheimer's Support Group meets the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of every month, 1-2:30pm., Regency Florence, 1951 E. 21st Street, Florence. Contact: Rachel: 541-997-8436 ext. 205.

American Red Cross Oregon Pacific Chapter meets 3rd Monday of each month. Contact Tom 541-997-1123. Great opportunity to help locally.

American Legion & Aux., Francis M. Yost Post No. 59 meets the 4th Tuesday of every month, 5pm for dinner and 6pm for general membership meeting, at Elks Lodge of Florence, 1686 12th Street. Contact: 541-997-3082

Anger Management for Men. Meets weekly every Tuesday from 6pm to 8pm. Location: 1710 Laurel Way, Unit B (upstairs), Florence. For information contact: Deborah Grigsby, LPCi, MMHC, 541-999-1913, no cost group sessions.

Anger Management for Women. Meets weekly every Tuesday from 12 to 2pm. Location: 1710 Laurel Way, Unit B (upstairs), Florence. For information contact: Deborah Grigsby, LPCi, MMHC, 541-999-1913, no cost group sessions.

Argentine Tango in Newport meets every Monday night at 7-9pm. (7:30pm on second Monday) at South Beach Community Center located east of LaQuinta motel on 3024 SE Ferryslip Rd. First 1/2 hour is a lesson-then dancing. No partner needed. All ages welcome. Wear leather bottom shoes, for info contact: 541-563-2705 or <http://www.geocities.com/yese Newportango/>.

Baha'i Faith of Florence discussion meetings every Monday evening @ 875 7th Street, 6:30pm. Soup's on supper and interfaith devotional discussion. No Charge. Contact: Suzanne Mann-Heintz 541-990-0779 or James Heintz 541-590-0616.

Beloved Community of Florence. Healing Circles, Meditation, Spiritual Coaching. Meets every Saturday, 10:30am., Private Home. Contact: Eleanor 541-999-9870 Cell.

Better Breathers Club, meets 4th Wednesday of each month, Peace Harbor Medical Center in Conference room C. 2-3:30pm. Contact: Karl 541-902-6300 Ext 5635.

Breastfeeding Support Group, second Thursday, 6:30-7:30pm., Siuslaw Area Women's Center, 12th St., Florence. Contact: 541-997-1794.

Cancer Education Group Everyone Welcome. Meets every other Tuesday at 1:30pm @ 1525 12th St., Ste. 4A, Florence, 97439. For further information please Contact: 541-999-6809 or 541-999-8624. Fee: No fee.

CaregiversSupport Group Bimonthly meeting is held at SprucePoint on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month starting at 11 AM. Spruce Point has supported this group by providing a complimentary lunch for the participants on those meeting times. It is facilitated by Mary Ann Earl RN BSN retired. Contacts are Annette Poston 541-997-6111 or Mary Ann Earl 541-997-4866. Anyone needing support caring or assisting another person with their responsibilities for health, welfare, finances or decision making can be supported in that process in this group.

Celebrate Recovery for hurts, habits and hang-ups Starting Nov. 29th. Meets every Friday, 6 PM for a meal, following by meetings at 6:30PM Meeting. 1st qtr. at Cross Road Church, 2nd quarter at Florence Christian Church, 3rd qtr. at Florence Evangelical church and 4th qtr. at Florence Church of the Nazarene. For more information call Chick 541-997-3370.

Central Coast Miniatures Club of Florence, 1st Thursday of month, 6pm., Siuslaw Public Library, Bromley Room, Florence.

Central Oregon Coast Amateur Radio Club meets every Wed. 7-8:30am, at Koffee Klatch @ Clawson's Wheelhouse. Wed net @ 7 pm. 146.80(-) 100hz tone.

Chronic Pain Group People with chronic pain helping people with chronic pain, meets 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 to 7:00pm at Community Baptist Church, 4590 Hwy. 101, Florence. Contact: 541-991-0037.

Circle 4 Oneness community meets two times a month, the 11th and 22nd, 6:30-8pm. Contact 541-902-7912 for directions.

Citizens Democracy Watch, meets at 1pm, the last Sunday of the month at the Women's Center. Contact: 541-997-3950.

City Club of Florence. Meets 1st Friday of each month. 11:00am order of the lunch menu. Speaker: 12-1 pm. Driftwood Shores Surfside Restaurant upstairs, 88416 1st Ave. For information, call 541-902-5135.

Coast Chamber Ensemble, meets every Thursday, 3-5pm., Coast Village Clubhouse. All musical levels welcome. Contact: 541-870-4346.

Coastal Celtic Society. Meets the third Wednesday of each month. Contact: Carolyn McCord 541-997-9142 for different locations and time.

Coastal Women Veterans. 2nd Friday, 11:30am. Place to be announced. Contact: 541-902-8623.

Coastal Writers, 1st and 3rd Thursday, 7-8:30pm. @ The Shorewood, 1451 Spruce St. Contact: 541-902-8575.

Community Chorus of Florence meets Mon. 7-8:30pm. at Cross Road Church, 10th & Maple Sts. Florence. Contact: 541-997-3469.

Diabetes Health & Wellness Group. Meets twice a week every Wednesday from 9am to 11am AND 8pm to 9:30pm. Location: 1710 Laurel Way, Unit B (upstairs), Florence. For information contact: Deborah Grigsby, LPCi, MMHC, 541-999-1913, no cost group sessions.

Disabled American Veterans and Auxiliary meet first Saturday each month at 2pm., 1715 W. 21st St. Contact: DAV Skip Stitt 541-997-1562.

Family Caregiver Support Group. Spruce Point Assisted Living, 9th Street, Florence. Meets 2nd & 4th Thursday 10:30 am. to 11:30/12:00 at the Community Room. Contact Annette at SP 541-997-6111. Facilitator: Mary Ann Earl RN, BSN

Family Support Group for family members of chronically mentally ill, meets the 4th Wednesday of each month, 6:30-8pm., PeaceHealth counseling Serv., Florence Business Center.

Fibromyalgia Support Group of Central Oregon Coast, 1st Saturday, 1pm., Pacific Community Hospital, Newport. Contact: 541-563-5240.

Fibromyalgia Support Group of Reedsport meets 3rd Wednesday of every other month at the Reedsport Public Library.

Florence Area Chamber of Commerce Noon forum 2nd. Thursday of each month, noon, at Best Western Pier Point Inn. Open to the public. Contact: 541-997-3128.

Florence Area Coordinating Council meets the first Wednesday of the month at the Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue Hall on Hwy. 101, 9am.

Florence Area Democratic Club meets at 11am the 1st Saturday of every month. Contact: www.florenceareademocrats.org.

Florence Area Humane Society. Low Cost Spay/Neuter, Wednesdays. Please call the Shelter for an appointment. 541-997-4277.

Florence Caring Pregnancy Center open Mon., Tues & Thurs., 11:00am-4pm. FREE. 1525 West 12th Street (Florence Business Center). Margaret Getchell, Executive Director, 541-902-2273.

Florence Chapter-Oregon Right to Life Contact: Mona Dick 541-997-2065.

Florence Community PTA meets 2nd Tuesday of the month, 4pm. Siuslaw Elementary School Library. Contact Diane McCalmont, 541-997-1854. Email: florencecommunitypta@yahoo.com. Website: florencepta.org. Facebook: Florence Community PTA.

Florence Dance Guild, meets monthly. Contact: Angela Palmer 541-997-6839.

Florence Duplicate Bridge (non-smoking). Every Thursday afternoon starting @ 12:30pm. St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 19th & Tamarack, Florence. Contact: John Weatherwax 541-997-2677. (American contact bridge league (ACBL) sanctioned games (Master points awarded) Open to all.)

Florence Elks Lodge 1858 meets every Thursday at 7:00pm., 1686 12th Street.

Florence Garden Club, 2nd Wed., Sept.-June, 1:00pm., Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw, 3996 Hwy 101. Contact: www.facebook.com/FGCOR

Florence Kivani's meets each Wednesday, noon. Florence Elks Lodge, 1686 W. 12th St., Florence.

Florence Memory Loss Respite Center meets Mon., Wed., Thur. from 10am-2pm., Florence Senior Center, 1570 Kingwood Street, \$10 including lunch. 541-902-8539.

Florence Parkinson's Disease Support Group. Meets 4th Wednesday of every month, 1:30pm., Shorewood Apartments meeting room. Contact: Carole 805-587-3394

Florence Performing Arts Association Board meeting, 2nd Thursday of each month, 3:15pm. www.florenceperformingarts.com.

Friends of Poetry, Meets every Wednesday, 3-5pm., in the activity room at Shorewood Retirement Center, 15th & Spruce. All welcome. Contact: Shirley Nelson 541-373-0065.

Florence Rotary Club. Tuesdays, noon, at Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St., Florence. Contact: Ron Caputo, 541-997-4961.

Florence Salmon/Trout Enhancement Program. 1st Wed., 7pm. Florence Elks Lodge. Contact Ron Caputo 541-997-4961.

Florence Senior Travel Club. Meets Monday, Wednesday & Friday, Noon-3, at Jerry's Hot Rod Grille, 1179 Hwy. 101. 541-999-9700.

Florence Siuslaw Lions Club. 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 6:30pm., Pacific Pines RV Park meeting room, 4044 Hwy. 101. (entrance on 42nd St.) Contact: 541-991-3161.

Florence Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. Sundays, 10am, at the Fellowship Hall located at the New Center of Hecla Beach Rd. & Hwy 101. Contact: Sally Wantz 541-902-9505.

Flying Needles & Hooks of the Siuslaw. This group does charitable knitting & crocheting for schools, SOS, & Helping Hands. All are welcome. Meets 2nd Tuesday in Bromley room Siuslaw Public Library from 3pm-5pm. 4th Tuesday - at Greenreets Community Room from 3pm-5pm. Contact: Suzanne Mann-Heintz, 541-590-0779.

Friends of Florence Events Center meets on the last Tuesday of every month, 3pm, at Florence Events Center. Contact: FEC 541-997-1994.

Friends of Honeyman State Park. Meets 3rd Monday of each month at 11:15am. recreational meeting hall at Honeyman, on Canary Rd. A group of volunteers who support projects at Honeyman - activities include park upkeep, planting & clearing, interpretive programs and special events. Everyone Welcome! Contact: Suzanne Mann-Heintz 541-590-1779, or honeymanfriends@aol.com

Friends of the Library meeting, 4th Thursday of each month, 11am., Bromley Room Siuslaw Public Library. Contact: Susy Lacer, 541-997-8663.

Grief & Loss for Adults. Meets weekly every Thursday from 9am. to 11am. Location: 1710 Laurel Way, Unit B (upstairs), Florence. For information contact: Deborah Grigsby, LPCi, MMHC, 541-999-1913, no cost group sessions.

Grief & loss for Students, ages 12-18, Meets weekly every Thursday from 3:30pm to 5:00pm. Location: 1710 Laurel Way, Unit B (upstairs), Florence. For information contact: Deborah Grigsby, LPCi, MMHC, 541-999-1913, no cost group sessions.

Grief & Loss Support Group sponsored by Hospice. Please contact facilitator for information. Contact: Norma Wood, LCSW, 541-997-3418.

Grief Share Meets at the Florence Christian Church, Thursdays, 3-4pm., 2nd and Ivy streets. Contact: 541-997-2961.

Health Associates, a parenting support group, 3rd Wednesday, 7pm., 340 9th St. Contact: 541-997-1877 or 541-997-7134.

Helping Hands Coalition, is an all-volunteer community organization dedicated to providing services, food, clothing, and a daytime center for the homeless and others with unmet needs. Our small but friendly facility provides warmth, comfort, and basic services for those in our community. Meets every Mon., Wed., & Fri. from 11am-2pm. 1339 Rhododendron Dr. Contact: 541-997-5057.

Ladies of Elks, second Monday, 7pm., Florence Elks Lodge. Contact: Linda Tank, secretary, 541-997-3352.

Lower Umpqua Gem & Lapidary Society Meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month @ 2pm. Winchester Bay Community Center, 451 Winchester Ave. Contact: Bill Hendrickson, 541-271-6816 Reedsport, or Cam Grow, 541-997-8089 Florence.

Managing Chronic Pain Support Group Forming Starting March 2, 2015. Meets 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month from 5:30-7pm, at Community Baptist Church, 4590 Highway 101. for information: 541-990-0591.

Mapleton Advisory Committee meets the second Wednesday of each month, Siuslaw Valley Bank in Mapleton, 4pm.

Mapleton Boomer Club. Meets 3rd Wednesday of each month @ 6pm. Siuslaw Bank in Mapleton. Contact: Krystal Wolford 541-268-6951.

Mapleton Grange #584. Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month, potluck @ 4pm, meeting @ 5pm. Barbara Reeder, Master: 541-268-1061.

Mapleton Lions Club meets 1st and 3rd Mondays of every month.

Masonic Lodge of Florence Stated Communication, 1st Tuesday. Family dinner 6:30pm. Open Lodge 7:30pm. 84910 Hwy. 101 S. Contact: 541-997-9728 (bus.)

Masonic Widows Social Club. last Wednesday, 12 Noon, at the Masonic Temple, 84910 Highway 101 South (1.5 miles south of the bridge). Contact: Phyllis Williams 541-997-7965.

Meditation held Thursdays, 5:30pm, at United Methodist Church, 2nd & Kingwood. Contact: Pip Cole, 541-971-1173.

Mid Coast Soldiers. Come ride with us, Christian Motorcycle Association (CMA) Florence, OR. Breakfast meeting/ride, 1st Saturday @ Kathleen & Ninas, 8:30am. Business meeting, 3rd Tuesday @ Chen's Family Dish, 6:00pm. Contact: Rob 541-999-7605

NAMI (National Alliance for the Mentally Ill) of West Lane County, meets on the 4th Thursday of each month, 6:30pm-8pm. Hospital Cafeteria. Contact Monica: 541-902-8308.

Narcotics Anonymous meets every Mondays: 5:30-6:30pm. Wednesdays: 7pm-8pm & Fridays, 7pm-8:30pm at Alano Club Hope, 1525 12th Street, 4th end of building. Contact: Carol K:541-268-4769.

National Assn. of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) Contact: Jim Parrish, 541-997-1427.

Ocean Dunes Women's Golf Assoc. meets first Tuesday of every month, 8am., at Ocean Dunes Golf Links. Contact: 541-997-3232.

Oregon Central Coast Veterans, each Tuesday, 12:30pm., Old Town Coffee Roasters, 125 1/2 Nopal St., Florence. Any veteran or active duty member of the Armed Forces welcome. Contact: Dennis Marsh, 541-997-5169

Oregon Coast International Dancers, meet every Wednesday evening 6:30 pm.-7:30pm., Come join the fun! at LCC. Contact: 541-870-4346 for info and directions.

Oregon Dunes Monthly Daughters of the American Revolution meets monthly September-May. For more information, contact: E. F. Westphal - Regent 541-517-5333.

Oregon Right to Life please contact Mona Dick at 541-997-2065.

Overeaters Anonymous, meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Rose Room in the Coast Village Clubhouse, at 131 Rhody Loop (enter east side of Coast Village at 27th and Spruce and follow signs to office/clubhouse). Contact: (503) 775-6927 or (541) 590-0738.

Pacific Coast Wind Ensemble meets Monday 6:30-8:30 pm., alternates btw SHS & Waldport HS music rooms. Amateur thru professional welcome. Contact: Gail Nichols 541-999-6907.

Pacific Dunes Shrine Club meets for Dinner Socials at Driftwood Shores, for Business Meetings at Bliss' 101. For details, call 541-997-4082.

Parkinson Support Group meets first Tuesday of each month at Ocean Unity, 834 SW Lee, Newport. Call 574-6560 for more information. Jeff Geiger, Facilitator.

Peace Harbor Hospital Auxiliary meeting, 3rd Thursday, except July/August, luncheon at 11:30, Florence Events Center. Contact: 541-902-9669 or 541-902-1970.

Points of Grace - Community Acupuncture. Experience relief from pain, anxiety, headache, depression. Improve mental clarity, sleep and overall health. Meets Wednesdays: 11am-1pm @ Wellspring Clinic, 1845 Why 126, Suite H. No appointment is needed. Donations are welcome and make this service possible.

Pointman Veterans Ministries - Support for veterans and their families. Especially wartime stress. Contact: Bond Hanson, 541-997-2074; Dan Hackett, 541-902-0688

Professionally Retired Ortery Single Seniors, (PROSS). For information, contact Damee, 991-6430, or write P.O. Box 572, Florence.

Quilt Guild (Rhododendron), 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 10am., Florence Christian Church. Contact: Cyndie Wenz, President.

RAPP Committee meets 3rd Wednesday of month at B&G conference room, 1234 Rhododendron Drive, noon-1:30pm.

Rainbow Girls, Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 6pm, Masonic Lodge 84910 Highway 101 South (1.5 miles south of the bridge). Contact: Sherry, 541-915-9382.

Reiki Gathering All Reiki students 1st, 2nd, 3rd degree. Time to work on each other. No cost. Meets 2nd Wednesday of the month 6:30-8:30pm in Private Home - call for directions. Contact: Lynette Kristine 541-997-2154.

Retreads Motorcycle Club, Florence Chapter, meets second Saturday of the month at 9am @ Kathleen & Ninas for breakfast & a ride. Contact: Bill Trapp 541-997-5063.

Rhododendron Society, Siuslaw Chapter, meets 3rd Tuesday of every month, 7pm., Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw, 3996 Hwy. 101. Contact: Mike Bones, 541-997-3082. Sept-May only.

SAR (Sons of the American Revolution) Central Coast Chapter, meets 3rd Saturday of each month, at Reedsport Methodist Church at 11am. For information call 541-271-3771 or James Ives - President 541-271-4212.

S.C.O.R.E. (Service Corps Of Retired Executives), free personal consultations with people in or interested in business. Contact: LCC, 541-997-8444.

SHIBA, (Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistants) Meets in Florence @ DHS & LCC 1st Tuesday & 3rd Friday. Call for an appointment for Medicare help. Contact: 800-722-4134.

Siuslaw Area React meets third Tuesday each month, 7pm. Contact: 541-997-4297.

Siuslaw Diabetic Support Group meets third Tuesday each month, 2pm., Siuslaw Public Library, The Bromley Room. Contact: 541-997-7134 Julianne or Joao. No meetings June, July or August. Start September 20, 2011

Siuslaw Fiber Arts Guild meets the third Wednesday of each month from 10am-Noon at Bromley Room at the Library. Contact: Margaret Keith 541-997-4558. Anyone interested in joining in the knitting, hand-spinning, felting, rug-hooking is welcome.

Siuslaw Fisherman's Association. Meets 3rd Monday of each month at 1536 12th St. Church of the Nazarene, 2nd floor, 6pm. Contact: Annette Smith 541-902-2345.

Siuslaw Friendship Club meets the second Thursday of each month at 11am. Contact: Mary Danforth 541-590-5012.

Siuslaw Genealogical Society meeting, 3rd Wednesday of each month, 7pm. Public Library, Bromley room. Contact: Kevin Mitige 541-902-2376.

Siuslaw Outreach Services. Women's Empowerment Support Group meets every Tuesday, 4-6pm., 1576 West 12th St. Contact: 541-997-2816.

Siuslaw Pioneer Museum meeting, second Monday of each month, 10am., 2nd & Maple St. 541-997-7884.

Siuslaw Public Library's Art Display Committee meets the second Tuesday of each month at 8:30am., Bromley Room of the library.

Siuslaw Rod & Gun Club meets third Thursday of every other month, 7pm., Gun Club, Munsell Lake Road. Contact: Jerry Harpole, 935-5224

Siuslaw Soil & Water Conservation Dist., first Monday, 6:30pm., 1525 12th Street, Suite 10A. Contact: Seth Mead, 541-997-1272.

Siuslaw Viewfinders Photography Club, meetings 1st Monday of the month at the Siuslaw Public Library, Bromley room, 6pm. Contact: Curt Peters, Digital Dunes Photography 541-902-8748.

Siuslaw Watershed Council meets the last Wednesday of every month, 6:30pm., Contact: 541-268-3044 (Open to public.)

Soroptimist International of Florence, Meets 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 12:00 noon at Chen's Family Dish, 3620 Hwy. 101. Contact: Pres. Jo Hine 541-997-2233.

Support Group for Families & Friends with Mental Illness, Meets every 4th Thursday of the month from 6:30-8pm., at the Peace Harbor Hospital cafeteria, 400 Ninth St. Mental illness is a very stressful and devastating experience for all involved. Everyone is welcome to come and share with others who are going through the same experiences. Contact: Monica 541-902-8308 or Julia 541-997-2026.

SWING (Siuslaw Womens Investment Group), Meets every third Tuesday, 12:30pm., New Life Lutheran Church, spruce & 21st St. Contact: Joyce 541-999-9876 or Karen 541-999-7906.

T.O.P.S. - OR #890 Meets Every Wednesday, 8:45-10am., The New Life Lutheran Church, 2100 Spruce St., Florence, OR. Contact: 541-902-7574.

Toastmasters International, Siuslaw Toastmasters, meets four times per month: the first and third Thursday at 5:30 to 6:30pm at the Port of Siuslaw Office and the second and fourth Thursday at 12:05 to 12:55pm at the Siuslaw Valley Fire & Rescue Station on 2625 HWY 101. Contact: Alan Campbell 541-991-2920.

Us 100 Prostate Cancer Education and Support Group - Evening Group, meets 2nd Tuesday of each month, 5pm, at Presbyterian Church. Spouses, loved ones and families are welcome. Contact: Bob Horney 541-997-6626.</