

## SOS to host Chamber Business After Hours

Florence Area Chamber of Commerce invites the public to the Business After Hours event on Thursday, July 20, at Siuslaw Outreach Services (SOS), 1576 12th St., from 5:15 p.m. to 7 p.m.

During the event, SOS's board of directors will introduce the new executive director, Bob Teter, and celebrate the successful completion of their recent Rainbow Fund matching campaign with special check presentations.

"This spring we were approached by an anonymous community member who was concerned about homeless youth. The project was designed to raise funds to get kids into homes, get them help with their education and dental needs, and provide access to cultural enrichment programs," Teter said.

Recently, SOS received a matching donation challenge. If SOS raised \$5,000 the donor would match the total. That \$5,000 matching check will be presented at After Hours.

Also on that evening, the Florence Unitarian Universalist Fellowship will present SOS with a check from its quarterly collections.

Chamber Executive Director Bettina Hannigan, says the Business After Hours social events offer members and the public valuable networking opportunities.

"Every one of our After

Hours events is beneficial to businesses and the public in some way," says Hannigan. "This one has the extra benefit of celebrating success and compassionate contributions that demonstrate what an awesome community we live in."

For more information about SOS, contact 541-997-2816 or FlorenceSOS.org.

Marianne Brisbane will cater the event and beverages will be available.

## Genealogical Society discusses DNA, Ancestry.com

The Siuslaw Genealogical Society is pleased to host speaker Linda Forrest, discussing "Autosomal DNA: Understanding and Using Your Ancestry.com Results," on Wednesday, July 19, at 7 p.m. in the Bromley Room of the Siuslaw Public Library, 1460 Ninth St.

DNA has spurred great interest in finding "ethnic" roots or matching with relatives. There are advertisements for these DNA tests at Ancestry.com, among other companies.

If your autosomal DNA results are ready (or almost ready) at Ancestry.com, this class will help you make sense of the results using the tools and information available at Ancestry.com.

Forrest will cover a variety of topics and tools necessary to make full use of this information.

The speaker began her genealogical journey in 1999 when an aunt sent her a book she had written about her family. That led to an introductory class with the Oregon

Genealogical Society in Eugene. Soon, Forrest found herself helping with society projects and serving on committees.

Currently, she is treasurer and journal editor for the society.

Forrest's foray into genetic genealogy began with her husband's Y-DNA test in 2007, as previous efforts to research his paternal line had failed. Test results showed that his father's original surname was not Forrest.

By 2012, autosomal testing

made it possible to identify his ancestors and connect with living cousins.

Now, Forrest regularly teaches classes on genetic genealogy to help others up the steep learning curve.

The Siuslaw Genealogical Society is a local organization founded in 1982, committed to helping others research their family history. It is a sponsored organization of the Siuslaw Public Library.

For more information, visit the SGS blog at [www.siuslawgenealogy.org](http://www.siuslawgenealogy.org).

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