

DAZZLING VOLUNTEERS



Pictured is Leah Goodwin, Volunteer of the Year with Kevin Rhodes, FEC Executive Director

A carnival extravaganza was held on August 24th to honor the Florence Events Center volunteers for their estimated 4,000 contributed hours of work this past year. Sandi Anderson and the FEC team presented a midway atmosphere with a variety of games, prizes, popcorn and peanuts. A festive, carnival themed lunch with hotdogs, hamburgers and bar-b-que'd chicken was served to the over 50 FEC volunteers in attendance.

The Florence Events Center presents

two awards each year to honor volunteers who have made a significant impact in supporting the facility.

The General Managers Award went to Leon Trujillo who has been active in the operations crew, working as an usher and volunteering for numerous events.

The Volunteer of the Year award was awarded to Leah Goodwin for putting in numerous hours over the past year in various capacities including operations crew, back stage management and serving on various FEC committees.

The FEC staff was in full costume; including a bearded lady, a fortune

teller and executive director Kevin Rhodes acting as the lead ringmaster. Fun decorations with colored banners, balloons and circus music filled the room. Kevin closed the afternoon event with congratulatory comments for the volunteers and the statement, "Individually we can accomplish a little, but together we can accomplish much! With your help, we continue to work towards the goal of providing a state of the art facility for our local community."

Volunteer opportunities are always available with the Florence Events Center. Contact Kim Gomez at the office at 541-997-1994.

COMEDY PET SHOW

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In his spare time, Popovich has penned two books on animal training. 'You CAN Train Your Cat; Secrets of a Master Cat Trainer' was published in 2009 and most recently 'Doggy Gone Good: A Master's Guide to Teaching manners, Tricks and Healthy Habits.'

Want to train your four-legged companion from jumping on you or others? Want to teach your dog not to bark and react wildly every time the doorbell rings? Make no bones about

it, Popovich has advice that works.

"There are approximately 77 million pet dogs in the nation," Popovich says. "My concepts represent many decades of knowledge that I've accumulated from experience, as well as wisdom passed onto me from previous generations of Popoviches. I'm sharing these nuggets of information in short, easy to digest morsels." 'Doggy Gone Good' is available at Comedy Pet Theater shows and on the Comedypet.com website.

Popovich lives in Las Vegas with his wife, Izolda, and their daughter, Anastasia, who also performs in the show. The Popoviches' extended household includes more than 50 furry or feathered members.

Don't miss this unique opportunity to see Pet Theater on October 5th at 7:00 p.m. in Florence. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$12 for students, with a \$1 discount off each ticket for groups of 4 or more. Call the box office at 541-997-1994 or go-online eventcenter.org.



BALLET

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Cocktail Hour harks back to a time when entertainment was an engaging, vibrant social experience. Evoking the exotic flavor of legendary Hollywood haunts Trader Vic's and Coconut Grove, this pop-infused production brings timeless American spirits to life, launching the Mai Tai, Martini, Manhattan and more off the menu and onto the stage. The musical score is the creation of Grammy-nominated composer Stephen Gaboury and the amazing costumes are the work of costume designer Catherine Zehr. Together the trio has developed a menu of highly nuanced dance pieces that touch on all the senses.

Seacoast Entertainment is proud to be producing Ballets with a Twist's first West Coast performance. As a 501(c)(3) all volunteer non-profit, SEA has been bringing performing arts companies to Florence since 1980. More information on Seacoast and their upcoming concert series is available at www.seacoastea.org.

SOROPTIMIST FUNDRAISER



It's time for the Second Annual "Bras for a Cause", October 21, 2017 from 6-9 pm at the Florence Events Center presented by the Florence Chapter of Soroptimist International. Ask anyone who attended last year's gala and they will tell you it's not to be missed.

Several Unique and Imaginative Bras have been specially designed and decorated by local area groups and donated for the cause. The bras will be displayed and sold during a lively auction as the highlight of the evening. There will be a DJ to host the event which also includes a silent auction, dessert auction and entertainment.

Table sponsorships start at \$600 and include the opportunity to design/create a bra, advertising and dinner with wine. Individual tickets are still available for \$50 per person and can be purchased prior to the event or at the door beginning at six pm Saturday evening.

BRAS FOR A CAUSE is a fundraiser for Scholarships and other Soroptimist club activities such as the Live Your Dream Awards, Human Trafficking Awareness and other local programs for women and girls.

Contact Nancy Bosket 541-902-7250 or Cathy Dietz 541-902-3519 for more details.

FESTIVAL OF TREES

The Oregon Coast Military Museum will hold the Festival of Trees this year on the weekend of Thanksgiving, November 25th and 26th. Events will



be held on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the public and an auction of the decorated trees on Sunday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

More information is available from the event coordinators - Cindy at cindywobbe@msn.com. and Lynn at lynn.malaspino@yahoo.com.

HOLLY JOLLY FOLLIES

C.R.O.W. is excited to once again produce the 2017 Holly Jolly Follies, Dec. 1 - 3 at the Florence Events Center. Preparations are underway by the production team, the script is being carefully created by Rose Ellen Jacobson, and several local groups and individuals are expressing their interest in participating in this wonderful community-wide extravaganza.

"The Follies is so much fun!" says director, Melanie Heard. "I look forward to it all year long, and my favorite part is that it puts the audience and cast members in the holiday mood." This year's production will feature singing, dancing, and comedy skits that will make even the grumpiest Scrooge giggle.

The 2017 Follies will also showcase the debut of C.R.O.W.'s brand new "Flight Dance Team," which will perform two jaw-dropping routines. There are still roles available for groups and individuals. Rehearsals will be held throughout the month of November. If you are interested in participating in this year's production (onstage or behind the scenes), please contact Heard at crowtheatrekids@yahoo.com or (541) 999-8641.



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