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Oregon Dunes Chapter of DAR celebrates 11th anniversary

Oregon Dunes Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) will celebrate its 11th birthday on Friday, April 26, with a luncheon meeting at Driftwood Shores. The national society was established in 1890, and has had a presence in Oregon since 1896, when the Multnomah Chapter was formed.

During the meeting, special guest, State Regent Rebecca Taylor, will attend and share information about her State Regent Project, which will help fund a bench in the Sons of the American Revolution Oregon Revolutionary War Memorial in Beaverton, Ore. This memorial park will have names of patriots who served or assisted the colonies during the Revolutionary War and whose descendants are members of Oregon Sons of American Revolution or DAR.

The DAR State Regent Project will also fund a variety of educational programs, including those at the two DAR-owned museums, Caples House Museum Complex in Columbia City and Newell Pioneer Village near St. Paul.

The Oregon Dunes Chapter sup-

ports the area's active duty military and veterans and is proud to award an annual scholarship to a graduating senior. Community Service Awards have been awarded to Louis and Pearl Campbell, Taylor Graham, Kaylee Graham and Emma Meier. Local teacher, Marsha Klosterman, was also recognized at the Oregon State Society State Conference as History Teacher of the Year. In addition, the chapter supports the Willamette Valley Honor Flight, Florence Food Share and Food Backpack for Kids program.

In addition to participating in the annual Veterans Day Parade, members participate in the Flag Retirement Ceremony, and catalogued the bricks at the Veterans Memorial Wall. The Remembrance Garden at the Oregon Coast Military Museum was created as a result of the chapter sponsored \$10,000 Special Projects Grant through NSDAR.

The chapter has donated numerous books to Siuslaw Public Library, including the three volume set "America's Women in the Revolutionary Era 1760-1790: A History Through Bibliography," the chapter's cookbook,

"DAR: Delicious Ancestral Recipes" and several children's books in honor of people who have presented programs.

For more than a century, the members of the NSDAR have dedicated themselves to historical preservation, promotion of education, and encouragement of patriotic endeavor.

These timeless, overarching principles keep the group strong and vitally relevant in this ever-changing world.

Any woman 18 years or older, regardless of race, religion or ethnic background, who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution is eligible for DAR membership.

DAR boasts 185,000 members in 3,000 chapters across the United States and internationally. Women interested in membership may contact Karen Childs at 541-997-7154, to attend a meeting as a guest.

To learn more about the Daughters of the American Revolution, visit the national website at www.dar.org, or the chapter website at www.OregonDunesChapter.org.

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Port Manager David Huntington shared the updated cost information involved in the upgrade, which he had gathered since the last commission meeting, from the

city and utility companies.

Huntington then presented the commissioners with a resolution to authorize a transfer of \$100,000 from the port's debt services account, to their capital outlay account, to facilitate the completion of the upgrade, if it was needed.

After a brief discussion recapping the revenue expected from the upgraded spaces and other benefits expected by the change, the resolution passed unanimously.

There were some thoughts expressed by commissioners that the timing of the upgrade might allow for the cost of the modifications to be included in the budgetary calculations for next year.

Huntington acknowledged it was going to be a challenge to finish the upgrades quickly but felt there was still a chance they could be completed before the end of the summer, necessitating his request for a financial transfer.

There was another financial subject considered by commissioners and that was

an across-the-board rate increase. Huntington provided commissioners with a review of campgrounds in this general area with similar amenities. This data showed that the rates charged at the Port of Siuslaw are significantly less than in other locations.

Huntington strongly suggested an increase was warranted and asked for the commissioners to approve an increase.

The motion to approve a 12 percent increase was then seconded and passed unanimously.

The last item on the evening's docket was a brief update provided by Commissioners Terry Duman and Bill Meyer, who announced that the retail space available for rental in the blue building on Harbor Street had been leased.

The terms of the lease were somewhat unusual, and the commissioners felt an explanation was in order.

The commissioners said the space had been leased for two years by Geraldine

Lucio. The original asking price for the space had been \$1,400 per month but had attracted no one interested in renting the building at that price. Part of the problem with attracting a renter was the poor condition of the space.

According to Duman, there are a considerable number of problems with the electrical and plumbing systems in the building, as well as structural issues. These issues convinced the commissioners to reduce the rental rate for the space to \$800 a month for two months while some of these repairs were made.

Lucio will then be required to pay \$1,200 a month for the remainder of her lease.

There were no public comments made during the meeting and reports from the commissioners were brief.

The meeting was adjourned, and the next Port of Siuslaw Commissioners meeting will be held on May 15.

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so we don't have to do a complete rate review every time they increase the tipping fee," she said.

EMAC held an executive session following the open discussion, which allowed committee members to see the confidential financial information submitted by the haulers, which supported their belief that the new coun-

ty fees were of the type that allowed for them to be passed on to the public.

There was then a lengthy discussion after the meeting returned to open session, when Dave Twombly, ex-officio member of EMAC and owner of Central Coast Disposal, delved into the percentages of profit that were being made by haulers.

This discussion briefly revisited the rate increase ap-

proved at the end of last year for Twombly and his competitors at County Transfer and Recycling.

Twombly reiterated his displeasure with the final rate of increase allowed, which was less than the amount recommended by EMAC.

"Last year, the city paid to have personnel make a recommendation on the increase we should receive, and without any explanation or anything else you took that recommendation and gave us 1 percent less than the recommendation made by staff," Twombly said.

These observations were not disputed by city staff and the discussion returned to the present recommendation to approve the fee increase, which was then passed unanimously.

The committee also approved the wording used in the 2019 City Work Plan related to EMAC with virtually no changes.

Committee assignments were the next item discussed, with members deciding which of the various aspects of the EMAC portfolio to participate in directly. Brief reports regarding upcoming Earth Day and Arbor Day were the final items discussed, and the meeting was adjourned.

The next EMAC meeting, which is open to the public, will be held Tuesday, May 21, at 6 p.m.



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