

# PeaceHealth raising funds for mammograph

Jessica Baker, Foundation Relations Specialist for PeaceHealth in Cottage Grove, gave a visual update on providing state-of-the-art cancer detection at the Rotary Club's Thursday meeting.

The present mammography machine at PeaceHealth is 10 years old. It was state-of-the-art at that time of its purchase and is still a very fine, accurate machine. However, Baker said replacement parts will no longer be available in the coming year, and it must be replaced with a much higher quality new

technology mammography machine.

Cottage Grove serves about 2000 women per year in cancer detection through this technology. The machine takes multiple images in slices. The accuracy of results is greatly improved, unlike 2-D images, which can overlap and give false positive results. Three-dimensional images reduce the risk of false positives, which decreases the need for tests such as ultrasounds and biopsies. In addition, the new technology increases the chances that cancerous changes may be detected.

A new three-dimensional mammography machine has a hefty price tag of \$400,000, and the Foundation has already begun raising funds toward that goal. The plan is to have the new machine in place October or November of 2016. Of course, this should benefit those in Creswell, as PeaceHealth also has a clinic in that area.

For Cottage Grove and neighboring communities there is the demand for approximately 5,000 mammogram screenings per year.



photo by Don Williams

**PeaceHealth Foundation Relations Specialist Jessica Baker tells the noon Rotary club about the hospital's need and fundraising efforts for a new mammograph on Thursday.**

## CHAMBER

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Raade, who is always deeply involved in the Cottage Grove community, said that he needs citizens of Cottage Grove to "remember that this is your Chamber of Commerce. Citizens need to tell us how we can do better business in our community."

As for the awards, the first presentation came from Worley, who presented the Junior First Citizen scholarships. The award recognizes volunteerism, community service and academic excellence among the youth of Cottage Grove. The runner up was Kale'a Galbreath behind winner Eve Cornelius. Cornelius' essay helped win her the award that her older sister won three years ago at the Chamber banquet.

South Lane School District Superintendent Krista Parent then presented the Classified Employee and Co-Certified Employee of the Year awards. Classified Employee of the Year went to Diana Teixeira, the special education coordinator at Cottage Grove High School.

"She's loved and adored by students and faculty alike and she's all over place making everyone's life easier at the school," said Parent of Teixeira.

The Co-Certified Employee of the Year awards went to Debbie Taie and Peggy Lintula.

Taie teaches third grade in Cottage Grove at Bohemia Elementary School and has been for the past 29 years. Taie is described as someone "that has a level of patience and understanding that allows her students to flourish."

"Teachers don't go into this profession for awards or fame, but this is extremely satisfying," said Taie. "Education has become much more rigorous in the past 30 years, and I would like to thank and encourage the city of Cottage Grove to think of our children and our families." She finished by adding that "cities that



photo by Greg Lee

**Gene O'Neil presented the Distinguished Service Award to Joe Raade.**

value their children and young families stay colorful and vibrant."

Peggy Lintula shared the honor of the award with Taie. Lintula has been in education for over 45 years and has been in the South Lane School District for 35 of those years. She has taught kindergarten and first grade, but perhaps more significantly, Lintula founded a center called "A Primary Connection" 25 years ago which was established as the first family resource center of its kind in the state of Oregon.

Parent described the resource center as "a place where parents and children reach their potential."

"As a mother of a 17 and 20 year old, I can't count how many times I've received council and advice from Peggy," said Parent.

The Distinguished Service Award was presented by 2014 recipient Gene O'Neil. The award is chosen by local service clubs and is given in recognition of significant community contribution. The award was given to Joe Raade, who not only risks death and injury as a member of South Lane Fire and Rescue, but

contributes and volunteers for events such as Toys for Tots and community breakfasts at the fire station.

"I'm really humbled to be recognized by my peers," said Raade. "This room is full of people that serve our community." Before stepping down from the podium, Raade finished with a quote that read: "We can't always serve everyone, but everyone can always serve someone."

The first citizen award went to Paul Tocco, who wasn't present as he was at his daughter's recital during the dinner. Tocco owns and operates Busters Main St. Café. In 2015, Mayor Tom Munroe recognized Tocco for keeping up the "Welcome to Cottage Grove" signs on the North and South entrances of the highway. He also provides free meals for Veterans on the 11th of every month.

Faye Stewart accepted the award on his behalf. He told an anecdote of how Tocco would guard playground equipment overnight during the construction period, and when the National Guard came in to assist, he invited the servicemen to be fed everyday for two weeks straight.

The final award of the year was Business of the Year. This award is given to a Cottage Grove business for outstanding achievement in good business practices and involvement in the community. This year the award went to South Lane Wheels, a transportation service for senior citizens. The business was established in 1982 as a non-profit. Over the past year, the business gave approximately 17,300 one-way rides for senior citizens and drove over 137,000 miles. Executive Director Ruth Linoz, Board President Gary Manly and advisor Suzanne Huebner-Sannes accepted the award on behalf of the business.

The Chamber Banquet ended successfully (with a few hiccups and laughs along the way) and the presentation was then closed by Director Travis Palmer.

## LORANE COUNTRY NEWS

BY LIL THOMPSON  
For the Sentinel

There are several events this week and weekend for everyone to consider. On Thursday, Jan. 21, Crow-Applegate-Lorane School Board meets at 7 p.m. after executive session in Applegate Elementary. The School District needs budget committee members to work with the board members on the District budget. Those who would like more information and can give three evenings can contact Lee Ann Hartwig. The first budget meeting is Thursday, Feb. 4 at 5:30 p.m.

Lorane Grange also meets this Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. There are several items on their agenda, including the spaghetti dinner. The spaghetti dinner and bingo evening is this Saturday, Jan. 23. Dinner starts at 5:30 p.m. with bingo at 6:30 p.m. There will be great food and fun for all ages plus a growing blackout pot, all in Lorane!

For your information: This applies to all Loraneans — the prefix 686 for Applegate and Crow Middle/High School is currently not in use. The 935 prefix must be used.

The next half-day art class is Friday, Feb. 5. Students will construct and decorate their own musical instruments, then play them in a band. Music teacher Amy Humphreys will guide this session. Contact Alyssa Shepherd at 541-556-8151 or malysa2@yahoo for scholarships or more information. Rebekah's are still collecting bottles and cans plus scrap metal. Lorane Grange continues to collect pop tabs to turn in to help those who need kidney dialysis. Turn those in to any granger or call 541-942-5701.

The Lorane General Store and Deli has reopened. Be sure to stop by and say hello plus have a bite to eat!

A reminder to all talented community members in Lorane: We need your talent for the annual talent show in April. Every year, we hear exceptional talent. Also, for all artists, we have displays of stationary talent in the kitchen. Those are needed too. Please plan on this and talk to Lil Thompson or Lisa Livelybrooks.

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