



CHAMBER NEWSLETTER

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Note from the Director

On January 16th we celebrated the installation of our 2016 Board of Directors and gave recognition to a number of people and businesses that work tirelessly to make Cottage Grove a better community. Approximately 200 attendees were present to help congratulate all of the award nominees and congratulate the winners. Candace & Danny Solesbee did a fantastic job as Master of Ceremonies as they walked us through an evening filled with gratitude and inspiration. A lot of thanks need to go out to all of the people it took to pull this event together. Chamber staff members, the 2015 Board of Directors, members of the Promotions and Events Committee, the Greeters, our many sponsors, and generous donors all played an important role in making this banquet a success. Also special thanks to our two retiring board members; Sheri Henry and Linda Schmale. Your time and contributions to the Chamber are much appreciated and you will be missed!

Although it takes a monumental team effort to pull an evening like this together, the real credit belongs to the Nominees and Award Winners. These people and businesses work hard year after year to make Cottage Grove a better place to live, work, and do business. The Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce would again like to thank and congratulate this year's nominees and award winners:

Junior First Citizen Scholarship

Winner - Eve Cornelius

Runner up scholarship winner
- Kale'a Galbreath

SLSD Classified Employee

- Diana Teixeira

SLSD Co-Certified Employee

- Debbie Taie and Peggy Lintula

Distinguished Service Award

- Joe Raade

First Citizen Award - Paul Tocco

Honored Nominees - George Devine
and Darby Valley

Business of the Year - South Lane Wheels

Honored Nominees -
Cascade Home Center and
Carousel House B&B & Catering

Please help us recognize and congratulate all of the winners and nominees for their contributions to Cottage Grove. They are true leaders and the entire community benefits because of these people and businesses.

THANK YOU ALL!!!

Travis Palmer, Executive Director, Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce

February Business After Hours

Join us at Opal Center for Art & Education for this month's Business after Hours on Thursday, February 18 from 5:30 - 7:00pm, 513 E. Main Street. Bring your business card to enter the door prize drawing, learn something new about Opal Center, and have some fun! Your attendance reinforces the spirit in which the Chamber provides these monthly activities. We look forward to seeing you there! Many thanks to those who support our efforts by attending this Chamber program.

Annual Business Meeting

We hope you'll plan to attend our Annual Business Meeting. This meeting is designed to let our members know how we've been doing, what our goals are for the coming year, introduce our 2016 Board, and answer any questions you may have. The meeting will be held on **February 24** at El Tapatio, 725 E. Gibbs at noon. Cost for lunch is \$15.00. All Chamber of Commerce members are welcome. **Please RSVP by Friday, February 19th** to Beth: (541) 942-2411 or beth@cgchamber.com.

Menu: Build your own beef taco bar
Chicken Taquitos
Chicken, Pica & Cheese Enchilada's
Rice & Beans
Dinner Salad
Chips & Salsa
Coffee, Tea, or Soda



Carousel Deli Ribbon Cutting



(l-r) Peggy Lintula, Debbie Taie, Suzanne Hubbner-Sannis, Ruth Linoz, Gary Manly, Joe Raade, Eve Cornelius & Kale'a Galbreath



Joe Raade, Distinguished Service Award winner and Gene O'Neil



Krista Parent & Dianna Teixeira



2016 Chamber Board of Directors, Advisors and Staff

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2016 Chamber Board of Directors: Thank you for your hours upon hours of volunteer time, commitment, and service!

Officers

Joe Raade, President	South Lane County Fire & Rescue
Candace Solesbee, Vice President	Shampoo Dolls Salon
Rhonda Worley, Secretary	CJW, LLC
Amanda Akers, Treasurer	Commonwealth Financial Network
Tiffany Thackara, Past President	Emerald Valley Resort Event Center

Directors

Chloe Becks	Jack Sprats
Lorraine Eriksen	Cottage Grove Souvenirs
Lindsay Laycock	Lindsay Laycock - Keller Williams Realty
Gary Manly	Cottage Grove Sentinel
Danny Solesbee	Five Flying Monkeys
Don Williams	Retired, Past Board President
Lloyd Williams	South Lane Television
Judd Van Gorder	Carousel Delicatessen & Ice Cream Shoppe

Advisors

Tim Herrmann	PeaceHealth Cottage Grove Community Medical Center
Richard Meyers	City of Cottage Grove
Mayor Tom Munroe	City of Cottage Grove
Krista Parent	South Lane School District

Visitor Center Volunteers:

Heidi Abbott, Bill Caldwell - Volunteer Coordinator, Tara Sue Hughart, Susan Jeppesen, Suzy Kanich, Sunny Kennedy, Chieko Tomasulo, Jim Vander Platt, Sharon Van Gorder, Sherry Wendt, Penny Westling, Nolene Wheeler.

Staff:

Travis Palmer	Executive Director
Beth Martin	Office Manager
Mavis Bradsby	Bookkeeper