



CHAMBER NEWSLETTER

Our Mission: The Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce promotes economic vitality through advocacy and collaboration with its members and the larger community.



Travis Palmer,
Executive Director

Director’s Note:

On January 21st we celebrated the installation of our 2017 Board of Directors and gave recognition to a number of people and businesses that work tirelessly to make Cottage Grove a better community. Over 200 people were present to help recognize all of the award nominees and congratulate the winners. Diana Knous from Pacific Power did a fantastic job as Master of Ceremonies as she walked us through an evening filled with gratitude and inspiration. A lot of thanks go out to all of the people that it took to pull this event together. Chamber staff Beth Martin and Mavis Bradsby, the 2016 Board of Directors, members of the Promotions and Events Committee, the Greeters, Greg Lee, our many sponsors and generous donors all played an important role in making this banquet a success. Also special thanks to Candace and Danny Solesbee, Savannah Palis and the lovely Paparazzi! There are far too many people to list who helped with the success of our awards banquet but we want them all to know that their time and contributions to the Chamber are much appreciated.

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:

JuniorFirstCitizenScholarshipWinner–ToriRaade
Runner up scholarship winner – Hannah Albrecht

SLSD Teacher of the Year – Kerry Clawson
SLSD Classified Employee of the Year – Chris Heath

Distinguished Service Award – This award is chosen by local service clubs and given in recognition for significant community contributions and volunteer service to Cottage Grove.
Congratulations Park McClung, III!
Other Honored Nominees – Ric Christian, Don Strahan and Cindy Weeldreyer

Community Impact Award – Given to honor a person or organization that has made a lasting impact on the community in the last year.
Congratulations Bohemia Foundation!

Non-Profit of the Year – The recipient of this award is considered an outstanding model of mission achievement and community impact through: Innovation, Leadership, Partnerships, and Community Empowerment.
Congratulations South Lane Mental Health!
Other Honored Nominees – Community Sharing, Cottage Theatre, Family Relief Nursery, and South Lane Television

First Citizen Award – The recipient of this award participates actively in a variety of service projects and programs leading to civic improvement, human welfare, and/or environmental enhancement. The nominee has made a positive impact on the social or economic climate of the community, and has influenced the community through his or her leadership.
Congratulations Tom Munroe!
Other Honored Nominees – Gary Ackley, Don Strahan, Kurt Walker and Cindy Weeldreyer

P.A.C.E. Award – The President’s Award for Community Excellence is chosen by the Chamber Board President at times when they feel additional special recognition is warranted. It conveys gratitude for years, decades, and sometimes even a lifetime of service and dedication to the betterment of the community.
Congratulations Gary Ackley!

Business of the Year – This award is given to recognize a Cottage Grove business for outstanding achievement in good business practices and involvement in the community.
Congratulations Cottage Grove Sentinel!
Other Honored Nominees – Carousel House B&B and Catering, Commonwealth Financial Network, Cottage Grove Speedway and Smith Lund Mills Funeral Chapel & Crematorium

Special Congratulations and Thanks to Smith Lund Mills Funeral Chapel & Crematorium who has been a member of the Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce for 50 Years!!! Your support of the Chamber of Commerce has helped us to promote economic vitality through advocacy and collaboration with our members and the larger community for half a century! Our organization would not be what it is today without you!

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 from the work of these people and businesses.

Chamber 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 the 2017 Board, and answer any questions you may have.

This year our State of the Industry keynote speaker is Tim Herrmann, from PeaceHealth Cottage Grove Community Medical Center. The meeting will be held on **February 15** in the Cascadia room at the Village Green Resort, 725 Row River Road at noon. **Menu:** Oven Roasted Turkey Croissant Sandwich, pasta salad, and beverage. Vegetarian option on request. Cost for lunch and program is \$18.00. All Chamber of Commerce members are welcome. **Please RSVP by Friday, February 10th** to beth@cgchamber.com or (541) 942-2411.

February Business After Hours – Hosted this month by Parent Partnership. Join us at Al Kennedy High School, 1310 S. 8th Street for Business after Hours on **Thursday, February 16** from 5:30 – 7:00pm. Bring your business card to enter the door prize drawing, learn something new, 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.

Ribbon Cutting

A Ribbon Cutting means things are happening in Cottage Grove and we want to help celebrate those occasions! Health Revolution Chiropractic invites you into their office to meet their staff and learn what they’re all about in a relaxed, fun environment. Their friendly staff and innovative technology allows them to provide a positive chiropractic experience. They value every member that comes into their office and empower them to reach their fullest potential. Please join us at 5:30 on Thursday February 23rd , 1498 E. Main Street, Suite 104 and help us welcome them to Cottage Grove!

COTTAGE GROVE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EDUCATIONAL FORUM - Sponsored by Banner Bank

TheSafeTravelseminaristargetedatbusinesseswith regular travel requirements. Suggested attendees are business owners/founders, executive management, corporate counsels, HR directors, corporate security officers, and corporate stakeholders.

Seminar Speaker Steve Cash is a veteran of 40 years’ experience in international business and U.S. national security. This training is part of a range if international travel and security training and field support provided by Talus Group (www.talus-groupplc.com), a Eugene, Oregon-based company.

This 90-minute presentation will address Corporate Duty of Care with regard to international business travel, tensions between company and traveling employee expectations, and an overview of topics ranging from personal security, travel planning, travel, preparing for the unexpected, street crime, abduction avoidance, protecting IP and more.

The seminar will be held at the Brewstation, 106 S. 6th Street on March 8, 2017. Doors open at 5:30, seminar is from 6:00 – 7:30pm.

Ticket prices:
Chamber Member
In Advance \$5.00 At the Door \$7.00
Non-Member
In Advance \$15.00 At the Door \$17.00
Included: 2 free drinks with each ticket purchase
To register in advance, contact Travis Palmer, Director of the Chamber of Commerce (541) 942-2411, travis@cgchamber.com

MEMBER NEWS

The chamber’s number one goal is to create a strong local economy. All of the programs and benefits supported by your membership investment go toward achieving that goal. Your membership is also a commitment to the entire community and a pledge of support for the economic growth and vitality of the Cottage Grove area. We look forward to a successful and profitable year!

New Members
Please join us and welcome our newest chamber member
Health Revolution Chiropractic
Dr. Blair Wilkinson
1498 E. Main Street, Suite 104
(541) 849-2111
info@heal-love.com
www.heal-love.com
Chiropractors

Rewing Members
American Legion, Anchor Insurance – Allstate, Ann White, CFP, Auto Art Body & Paint, Inc, Automotive Specialties, Axe and Fiddle, Birch Avenue Dental, Inc., Bohemia Gold Mining Museum, Bohemia Mining Days, Inc., Brad’s Cottage Grove Chevrolet, Cascade Home Center, Inc., CJW, LLC, Coast Fork Willamette Watershed, Cobalt Computer Services, Inc., Commonwealth Financial Network, Cottage Grove Business Park, Cottage Grove Community Foundation, Cottage Grove Genealogical Society, Cottage Grove Grocery Outlet, Cottage Grove Museum Perpetuation, Cottage Grove Professional Grooming, Cottage Grove Ranger Station, Cottage Grove Safe Haven, Inc., Cottage Theatre, Creswell Chamber of Commerce, D & D Automotive, Dairy Queen, Dirtcheapcopies.com, Dutch Bros. Coffee, Earthclick.net, LLC, Edward Jones, First American Title Insurance, Fort Rock Construction, Gateway Counseling & Consulting, Goodwill Industries of Lane & South Counties, Grace Olson, Healing Matrix, Jack Sprats, LLC, Kepson’s Garage, Lane Transit District, Lavender Field Embroidery, Masonic Lodge #51, McDonald’s Restaurant, Mickey’s Affordable Auto Sales, Mudslinger Events, Northwest Community Credit Union, Northwest Natural, Opal Center for Arts & Education, Oregon Aviation Historical Society, Parent Partnership, Pinocchios Pizza, Prospectors & GoldDiggers, ReMax Advantage Plus – Sherry, Rogers & Son, Rotary Club of Cottage Grove, Scarpelli’s Short Stop, Shelly D Insurance, Inc., South Lane Mental Health Services, South Valley Athletics, Starfire Lumber Company, State Farm Insurance, TBS Consultants, The Espresso Bar’n, The Flower Basket & Gift Boutique, Tinika Ossman-Steier, Wildish Sand & Gravel Co.

We encourage you to support Chamber member businesses and our local economy and **“Shop Chamber Members first”!**



2017 Chamber Board of Directors:
Thank you for your hours upon hours of volunteer time, commitment, and service!

Officers
Candace Solesbee, President
Chloe Beckes, Vice President
Gary Manly, Treasurer
Joe Raade, Past President
Shampoo Dolls Salon
Jack Sprats
Cottage Grove Sentinel
South Lane County Fire & Rescue

Directors
Ryan Gifford
Dean Kruschke
Danny Solesbee
Don Williams
Lloyd Williams
Judd Van Gorder
Gifford & Gifford Atty at Law
Cascade Home Center
Five Flying Monkeys
Retired, Past Board President
South Lane Television
Carousel Bed & Breakfast

Advisors
Tim Herrmann
Diana Knous
Richard Meyers
Shuana Neigh
Garrett Bridgens
PeaceHealth Cottage Grove Community Medical Center
Pacific Power
City of Cottage Grove
Cottage Grove Main Street Program
South Lane School District

Visitor Center Volunteers:
Heidi Abbott, Dotti Bittner, Tara Sue Hugart, Susan Jeppesen, Suzy Kanich, Marie Longfellow, Sharon Van Gorder, Penny Westling, Nolene Wheeler.

Staff:
Travis Palmer, Executive Director
Beth Martin, Office Manager
Mavis Bradsby, Bookkeeper

Five Year Vision Statement:
The Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce promotes Cottage Grove as a prosperous destination community. Economic vitality is at the heart of everything we do. As a resource for businesses, we are the conduit that provides advocacy, marketing, education, and networking opportunities to over 300 members.