

# Cottage Grove Retrospective

A look back at Sentinel stories from 30 and 60 years ago

## Rotary inducts first women: 1987



The principal of Lincoln Junior High School and the manager of the Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce were inducted last week as the Cottage Grove Rotary Club's first female members.

But being the first women in Rotary is not the issue for either Billie James or Pam Baysinger.

"I did not choose to be part of the organization so that I could one of the first women," says James who has been principal at Lincoln for 8 and a half years.

"I like to think in terms of doing what I do because I am capable and competent

in what I do. Not because I'm a male or female," she said.

Baysinger, the Chamber manager for the past three years, expressed similar sentiments. "I'm not a gate crasher," she said.

But both said they see the once all-male service club as an opportunity for them to serve the community.

"Cottage Grove is such a small community that there are few opportunities in the kind of service that the Rotary, Kiwanis, etc. provide," Baysinger said. at the same time, women provide a needed resource that is an asset to the clubs, she said.

James and Baysinger were installed as members at the noon-time meeting Thursday, following a decision by the club in July to allow women members. This makes the Cottage Grove club the second in the state to open its doors to women, said Rotary President Jim Jentzsch.

"I think it's good," he said. "It's going to

release to the club an untapped source, a wealth of intelligence and knowledge."

The 32-member local organization is part of Rotary International, which has 1.3 million members worldwide. Though the International has not yet changed its bylaws to allow women, it has said it will not revoke the charters of clubs that do so, Jentzsch said.

The main purpose of the club is to promote world peace, he said, and this is done through encouraging the development of leaders. The Rotary's two main projects have been providing scholarships for study abroad and working to eradicate polio. Locally, the Rotary sponsors the annual Community Christmas Party and provides scholarships totaling \$3,000 for five area high school students each year.

Members of the Rotary must own a business or hold a high-ranking management position, he said.

## POLICE BLOTTER

Cottage Grove Police Department 24-Hour Anonymous Tip Line: 767-0504

### September 4

Suspicious subject reported on G St. Caller advised a subject was going through people's recycling bins.

Suspicious condition reported on N 21st St. Complainant advised they saw someone on their security camera approach the residence, possibly heard a voice say, "hey."

Intoxicated subject reported at Gateway McDonalds. Two males sitting in the grass between McDonalds and Chevron.

### September 3

Welfare check conducted in Veteran's Park on River Rd. Reported a male subject in the park tweaking, rolling around on the ground, has his property scattered about. Not a danger to self or others.

Suspicious subject reported at Gateway business. Reported a male transient acting strangely, disrupting business and making customers uncomfortable.

Theft reported at Gateway Chevron.

Complainant advised theft of approximately \$17.

Suspicious subject reported at First Baptist Church. A male subject reported using a flashlight peeking into the windows of the church.

### September 2

Illegal camping reported in Prospector Park. Camp behind Snapp House.

K9 deployed with a positive alert on 2.3 grams of meth.

Drinking in public reported at Gateway Emerald Fitness. Complainant advised two subjects are on the sidewalk drinking alcohol. Two arrested.

Trespass reported at Walmart. Subject from a previous hit and run call entered the men's bathroom, stripped all his clothing off and refused to come back out.

Drug information taken in regards to the Gateway area. Complainant has received complaints from semi-truck drivers con-

cerning a green Ford van with a camper. Subjects may be using and/or dealing meth out of the vehicle.

### September 1

Theft of bike from Walmart reported. Mongoose bike next to Walmart entrance. No description of suspect.

Suspicious Subject reported at Riverside Apartments. In the center of the complex, two subjects arrived in bicycles, appear to be doing drugs.

Suspicious Subject reported on Whiteaker Ave. Complainant advised they heard someone knock on the side of their house, husband went outside to scare them off and shot an airsoft gun in the air.

Illegal camping reported on the riverbank at the end of Washington Ave.

Tresspass reported at Burger King in Gateway area. Advised the business had closed and a male transient was sleeping on the sidewalk next to the front doors.

### August 31

Suspicious condition reported on Village Dr. Advised that a male subject came into the ER to be treated for "accidentally cut on glass" ER doctor advised injury is more like a stab wound. Subject left ER prior to being treated.

Welfare check conducted in RV park. Received third-hand information that a male was laying on the side of the road screaming, possibly laying down.

### August 29

Trespass at McDonalds. Advised two motor homes and a car that have been asked to leave multiple times and have refused.

Intoxicated subject reported on Adams Ave. between the school district office and the church.



## News from the state legislature and around Oregon

### From around the state

More than 100 hikers found themselves trapped after a wildfire broke out near Columbia River Gorge. The hikers—who were reportedly attempting to access popular waterfalls and swimming pools via Eagle Creek Trail—were told by officials to stay put rather than attempt a more advanced trail to exit the area. Overnight supplies were dropped to the hikers who were eventually rescued Sunday morning.

Two children nearly starved to death and now Oregon's child welfare agency will pay \$7 million dollars. The settlement is the result of a lawsuit brought on behalf of two children starved by their foster parents who were approved by the state. The children, brother and sister, reportedly weighed just 27 and 30 pounds at ages four and five.

University of Oregon's new football coach Willie Taggard had a good weekend. The Ducks won their first game, despite smoky skies. The Ducks beat Southern Utah 77-21.

Two Oregon dogs are making headlines after their owners were ordered by the court to have their vocal cords snipped. The order is a result from a lawsuit brought by a neighbor who said the Tibetan and Pyrenean Mastiffs did not stop barking, beginning at 5 a.m. each day.

### From around the nation

North Korea may have a new bomb. Seismic activity was recorded this weekend with experts noting the cause may have been a hydrogen bomb test by North Korea. Defense Secretary James Mattis threatened military action hours after the reported tests stating, "Any threat to the United States or its territories including Guam or our allies will be met with a massive military response—a response both effective and overwhelming."

Hurricane Irma threatens the East Coast just says after Hurricane Harvey hit the region dumping more than 50 inches of rain on Texas and causing flooding the forced people from their homes.

As wildfires continue to burn in Oregon, California firefighters face the largest fire in Los Angeles history in battling the LaTuna fire which has burned nearly 6,000 acres.

An announcement was expected by the Trump Administration concerning the fate of the DREAMers—children of undocumented immigrants who were brought to the United States as children. The program allows individuals who were brought as children to the U.S. to remain as long as they are currently studying or graduated from high school or were honorably discharged from the Coast Guard or military, do not have a criminal record and were brought to the U.S. while under 16 years of age. If President Trump ends the program, those currently protected under DACA could be deported.

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**6-day weather forecast**

<b>THURSDAY Sept. 7</b> 72°   55° Some showers	<b>FRIDAY Sept. 8</b> 75°   52° Mostly cloudy
<b>SATURDAY Sept. 9</b> 78°   53° Sunny	<b>SUNDAY Sept. 10</b> 82°   54° Sunny
<b>MONDAY Sept. 11</b> 87°   56° Sunny	<b>TUESDAY Sept. 12</b> 85°   55° Sunny

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