



# 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.

## Director's Note

The 2018 season of Concerts in the Park is off to a great start! We had an awesome season opener last week. The band was great, the crowd was plentiful and everyone seemed to be having a great time despite the cool and breezy conditions. There WILL be a concert on the 4th of July and we're adding something special to this concert to acknowledge and celebrate our Independence Day. We're working with the Cottage Grove Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion and the Bohemia Park Foundation to retire the old tattered flag that's currently flying in the park and replace it with a nice new flag to start the show on the 4th. Be sure to arrive early to enjoy all of the 4th of July acknowledgements. Local singer, Cora Branstetter will sing the National Anthem after the installation of the new flag. It's going to be a great way to start off all of the Independence Day celebrations around town so bring your blankets or chairs to Bohemia Park on July 4th and enjoy another great concert in the park! 6-8pm.

## Animal House 40th Reunion and World's Largest Toga Party

Toga, Toga, Toga! You're invited to the World's Largest Toga Party on Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup> in Cottage Grove. Help us celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of National Lampoon's Animal House movie and try to break the Guinness World Record for Largest Toga Party ever! Meet original cast and crew and enjoy performances by Otis Day & the Knights, The Kingsmen, The Cry, and others. Don't wait to buy your tickets to the Toga Party because the Super Early-Bird pricing will end on July 6<sup>th</sup>. For ticket information and details go to [www.animalhousetoga.com](http://www.animalhousetoga.com) or contact the Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce.

## Keeping You Informed - Chamber Committee Briefs

**Greeters** – Chair Cassie Barrong

The Greeters hosted a very successful fundraiser serving lunch at Wings & Wheels June 23rd, taking in nearly \$1200 for the Greeters Scholarship. We will also be participating in quite a few upcoming events including this year's chili cook-off, both the Bloomers parade and the Bohemia Mining days parade- Linda Trombly has been working diligently getting the float up and ready! You can also find us at regular Chamber activities such as business after hours, upcoming ribbon cuttings, and at concerts in the part to purchase your "Toga Kit" - a sheet, laurel headband, and gold Greek temp. tattoo starting July 18th! Our July meetings will be July 12th and July 19th @ 8am at the Oregon Aviation Historical Society Museum- 2475 Jim Wright Way, come join the fun!!

**TEAM** (Training, Education And Membership) – Chair Don Williams

Group members are interested in helping with recruiting new members.

Community conversations are continuing regarding mental health and transient issues and possible solutions that weigh pros and cons.

Business and personal safety seminar is given by the police dept. staff and are available to perform assessments and trainings at a work site.

## SHARE YOUR NEWS

Tell the membership "What's New" with your business. Its good business to let other chamber members and businesses know if you have a new manager/employee(s), new hours, an exciting event, or any news you wish to share. You can drop off or mail your information to the chamber office or email it to [beth@cgchamber.com](mailto:beth@cgchamber.com).

## What is Transit Tomorrow?

Transit Tomorrow is Lane Transit District's (LTD) effort to find out how we can better move the people we serve to the destinations that are important to them.

Transit Tomorrow will take a deep look at LTD's current bus system and ask two important questions:

**How can LTD help people get to where they are going?**

**What shape should LTD's services take in the future?**

## LTD Is Asking You, The Community, To Help Shape The Answers To These Questions.

**Engage Online:** Share your opinions and learn more about the project from your phone or computer. Provide feedback through our [transit choices survey tool](#). Participants are eligible to win a gift certificate to local businesses or free bus passes.

**Attend a Community Listening Session:** Join LTD staff to discuss transit system design choices, and to share your opinions and insight. You are experts in your communities, organizations, and neighborhoods. Help us understand the choices and priorities that are most important to you.

## UPCOMING LISTENING SESSIONS:

Wednesday July 11, 2018 12-1pm at the LTD Next Stop Center, Downtown Eugene

Monday July 16, 2018 6-7:30pm at the City of Springfield Library Meeting Room

Tuesday July 17, 2018 12-1pm at the Community Meeting Room at EL Tapatio Mexican Restaurant & Cantina in Cottage Grove

Thursday July 19, 2018 6-7:30PM at the Elks Lodge in West Eugene

**Schedule a Presentation:** Invite project staff to your neighborhood association, community group, or agency to talk about the Transit Tomorrow project, and to discuss transit design choices. [Email us](#) to book a presentation today.

## July Business after Hours

**Lane Electric Cooperative** will host Business after Hours on **Thursday, July 19** from 5:30 – 7:00pm, in Bohemia City at Coiner Park. 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.

## Future Business after Hours:

August – EPUD

September – South Lane County Fire & Rescue

October – Banner Bank

**Join us** in supporting Chamber member businesses and our local economy and **"Shop Chamber Members first"**! 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 thank each of you for your **New** and **Renewed** commitment to the Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce and your support of contributions through volunteered time and service to the Chamber. We look forward to a bright and successful year!

## New Members

### Avalon Home Health

Karen Marshall-Stephens  
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Home Health Agency

### The Cottage Events Venue

Kim Still  
2915 Row River Road  
(541) 942-6888  
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Event/Conference Centers

### Pig & Turnip

Natalie Shield  
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Restaurant

### Renewing Members

El Tapatio, Emerald Fitness Club, Health Revolution Chiropractic, Shampoo Dolls Salon

## Concerts in the Park Have Begun!

We are excited to bring you weekly entertainment throughout the summer for your enjoyment. In addition local vendors gather to offer a variety of food, craft, and other items. Market hours are from 5pm – 8pm. Concerts begin at 6:30pm. Bring a friend and support your local vendors, musicians and their sponsors by attending the Wednesday evening activities. These concerts are made possible with financial support through sponsorships so join us and take a moment and thank them.



## 2018 Chamber Board of Directors, Advisors and Staff

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### 2018 Chamber Board of Directors:

Thank you for your hours upon hours of volunteer time, commitment, and service!

#### Officers

Chloe Beckes, President	Jack Sprats Restaurant
Danny Solesbee, Vice President	5 Flying Monkeys
Ruth Linoz, Secretary	South Lane Wheels
Gary Manly, Treasurer	Cottage Grove Sentinel
Candace Solesbee, Past President	Shampoo Dolls Salon

#### Directors

Cassie Barrong, Greeters Chair	Oregon Aviation Historical Society
Don Williams, T.E.A.M Chair Retired,	Past Board President
Judd Van Gorder	Carousel House B&B and Catering
Lloyd Williams	South Lane Television
Ryan Gifford	Gifford & Gifford Attorneys at Law
Shauna Neigh, Promotions Chair	Buster's Main Street Café
Cameron Reiten, Legislative Chair	KNND AM 1400

#### Advisors

Tim Herrmann	PeaceHealth Cottage Grove Community Medical Center
Richard Meyers/Mike Fleck	City of Cottage Grove
Garrett Bridgens	South Lane School District

#### Visitor Center Volunteers:

Heidi Abbott, Dotti Bittner, Suzanne Heubner-Sannes, Tara Sue Hughart, Susan Jeppesen, Suzy Kanich, Marie Longfellow, Judd Van Gorder, Sharon Van Gorder, Penny Westling, Sherry Wendt, 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.