



# 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

We could never have imagined 40 years ago when the movie premiered that our town would soon be the backdrop for one of the most successful comedies ever made. Who would have thought that a bunch of rowdy rejects would resonate so well with audiences across the world and that they'd continue to do so for generations yet to come? We certainly recognize that the world is a much different place now versus when the film was made and while some of the situations, language and jokes no longer belong in today's society, what makes this movie so timeless is the fact that we'll always love a good underdog story. Watching the Delta House boys defy the rules and have the time of their lives despite being told that they're not good enough to belong with the rest of society is something that I think almost everyone wishes they could do at some awkward point in their lives. Triumph in the face of adversity is never out of fashion.

In Cottage Grove, we have faced a lot of our own adversity over the years. With an economy that once thrived on mining and lumber mills, we've been knocked down more than a few times. Each time however, we've managed to dust ourselves off, pick up the pieces and look for a way to get back into the fight. The Delta House spirit lives on in Cottage Grove as much today as it did in 1978. As Bluto once asked, "Was it over when the Germans bombed Pearl Harbor?" We in Cottage Grove believe nothing is over. When times are tough, and things seem to be at their worst, sometimes the best thing to do is throw a toga party.

## SHARE YOUR NEWS

Tell the membership "What's New" with your business. It's 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).

## August Business after Hours

Emerald People's Utility District will host Business After Hours on Thursday, August 16 from 5:30 – 7:00pm. Please join us for a time to network with others, learn something new, and have some fun at Saginaw Vineyards, 80247 Delight Valley School Road! Their theme/focus for the evening will be Electric Vehicles!

And don't forget your business card to enter the door prize drawing. Your attendance reinforces the spirit in which the Chamber provides these monthly activities. Cottage Grove and Creswell Chamber members are encouraged to attend this classic, fun networking event!

## Future Business after Hours:

September – South Lane County Fire & Rescue

October – Banner Bank

November – Village Green Resort

**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 Member in July

South Valley Plumbing, Inc.

Kreg Britton

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## Renewing Members

5 Flying Monkeys; Advanced EyeCare Associates, LLC; Advantage Dental Clinics; Another Way Enterprises; Best Western Cottage Grove Inn; BigBites; Boyce & Sons, Inc.; Carl's Jr.; Century 21 Nugget Realty; Coast Fork Feed Company; Dave & Morre' Hoffman; Eugene Airport; Family Relief Nursery Friends of the Cottage Grove Public Library; Gifford & Gifford LLP, Attorney At Law; Great Western Pub, Sports Bar & Grill; Grill & Chill; Iris Vineyards; Kimwood Corporation; Lane Workforce Partnership; New Breed Seed; Pacific Yurts, Inc.; Shady Oaks; Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel & Crematorium; South Lane Television; Sud N' Shine Car Wash; Williams & Mathis; Womenspace.

## Main Street Chili Cook Off was a HIT!!!

**What a fun day!** The streets were full of people who weathered the heat for the Main Street Chili Cook Off and KNND's Rock Roll N' Rumble Car show. There were 10 contestants who cooked up some chili with a variety of flavor to please everyone. That was evident as we sold out of our tasting kits!

We want to acknowledge this year's sponsors: Pacific Power, Cottage Grove Sentinel, Emerald People's Utility District, and Lane Community College, and offer a special thanks to Jake Boone for representing Mayor Jeff Gowing. Additional contributors were the Cottage Grove Garbage Service, City of Cottage Grove, and Grocery Outlet. Thanks to those from the Greeter's committee and Board members who volunteered their time to serve, and the community for attending and tasting. This event wouldn't be what it is without all of you!



## This year's contestants:

Axe & Fiddle - New  
 Birch Avenue Dental - New  
 Blazing Saddles - Returning  
 Cottage Grove Police Department - Returning  
 Elu Fusion - New  
 Flavor Explosion - New  
 Grill & Chill - Returning  
 Hunks of Burnin' Love - New  
 Iris Vineyards - Returning  
 VooDoo Chili - Returning

## And the Winners Are...

### Judges Choice:

1st Place: Grill & Chill  
 2nd Place: Blazing Saddles  
 3rd Place: Newcomer Birch Avenue Dental

### People's Choice:

1st Place: Blazing Saddles  
 2nd Place: Axe & Fiddle  
 3rd Place: Birch Avenue Dental

### Mayor's Choice: Grill & Chill

### Most Festive Booth: Blazing Saddles

Thanks to all for your participation. We look forward to another successful event next year. Mark your calendar for the next cook-off on July 27, 2019!

## Bohemian Film Festival &

## 40th Anniversary Animal House Toga Party and Parade!

### Bohemian Film Festival

This summer, Cottage Grove, Oregon will be home to a new international film festival. This premier inaugural jubilee connects audiences to artists in film, theater, storytelling, ideas and new media from around the globe. Beginning Friday, August 17, and going through Sunday, August 19, the Bohemian Film Festival will screen over 50 films; national and international, shorts and feature-length.

During the submission period, more than 180 films were submitted from 28 countries. Films screened at the festival will be in seven categories: Adventure-Drama-Mystery, Animation, Documentary, Narrative, Pacific Northwest, Sci-Fi, and Spirituality. A \$3,000 GRAND PRIZE will be given to the Best Film. For more information or to purchase tickets visit [www.BohemianFestival.com](http://www.BohemianFestival.com)

### The World's Largest Toga Party plus "Food Fight Drive" for Food For Lane County

The small town of Cottage Grove (pop. 10,000) was a key location in filming the movie, *Animal House*. We held the record for the world's largest toga party until 2012, when two universities in Brisbane, Australia assembled 3,700. Help us win back the World Record by attending the Toga party and have a blast at the same time. All tickets need to be registered online so get in on the early bird price and order your tickets today. To stay up to date, follow us at [www.facebook.com/animalhousetoga/](http://www.facebook.com/animalhousetoga/)  
 Interested vendors should direct all inquiries to **Vendor Manager** Missy Estep at (541) 514-2959 or [cgtogavendors.com](http://cgtogavendors.com)



## 2018 Chamber Board of Directors, Advisors and Staff

Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce

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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	Carousel House B&B and Catering
Judd Van Gorder	South Lane Television
Lloyd Williams	Gifford & Gifford Attorneys at Law
Ryan Gifford	Buster's Main Street Café
Shauna Neigh, Promotions Chair	KNND AM 1400
Cameron Reiten, Legislative Chair	

### 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, 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.