



CHAMBER NEWSLETTER

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



Danny Solesbee
Board Chairman

Happy New Year from all of us at the Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. We have had a great run these last 8 years with Travis Palmer as our Chief Executive Officer. We so appreciate all he did for our community and our Chamber. We are sad to see him leave, but we are also excited to have this opportunity to take the Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce to new heights. We want to use this time of change to energize your Chamber and grow it further as a business resource and partner.

As your Board Chairman, I want to let the Community know what we are currently working on. Two big items on our agenda this month are; posting for the CEO/President position and the Awards Banquet on January 18th. The last day for accepting applications is January 24th; as of now we have 8 applicants. The task force will evaluate the applications and make a recommendation to the Board of Directors on a list of applicants to take to an interview panel. Reservations for the banquet need to be made as soon as possible, seating will be limited. Our Office Manager, Beth Martin, will be doing all she can to keep operations running as normal as possible during the CEO vacancy. The office hours are 9am-5pm, Monday – Friday. The Board will be filling in where needed to maintain an effective Chamber of Commerce during the transition.

The Board and I would appreciate any feedback the community would have regarding our Chamber. Please contact the office in writing with your comments, info@cgchamber.com.

Cheers to a great 2020 and a Cottage Grove business community we can all be proud of

Danny Solesbee, Board of Directors Chair

January 2020 Breakfast Club



WHEN: Friday January 10, 2020
WHERE: The Brewstation, 106 S. 6th Street
PROGRAM: FREE to Chamber Members \$5 for Non-Chamber members

We need to know if you'll be eating so the gang at the Brewstation can make the right amount of food. Please RSVP by noon on Thursday the 9th. Breakfast can be purchased for \$10

8:00am - Breakfast is served
8:00 - 8:30am - Networking
8:30 - 9:30am - Program

This month's speaker: Noel Nash of the Creswell Chronicle



After 25 years in the newspaper business as a reporter, page designer and senior editor, Noel joined ESPN to help create the Stats & Analysis Team in 2006. In 2015 he became Vice President of the Stats & Information Group – a staff of more than 200 part- and full-time employees around the globe who generated unique and differentiating content across all media platforms, including TV (studio and event production), Digital (mobile/tablet, websites, Fantasy, Gaming), Audio and Print. Our primary areas of focus within SIG included the BottomLine, Content Research, Stats & Analysis (supplying all clock, score and statistical content to every ESPN platform) and Sports Analytics, which created industry-changing metrics such as Total Quarterback Rating and the Football Power Index. SIG also collaborated with a variety of partners across the company, including Product Development, Technology, Ad Sales & Marketing, international businesses, and many more. Noel left ESPN in 2017, and purchased The Chronicle in February 2019. He and his wife Dee Dee have a son, Benjamin, 29, who lives in Connecticut, and a daughter, Melissa, who lives in Salem, OR.

A New Year's Resolution for your Business

In 2020 we hope you'll resolve to make the most out of your Chamber of Commerce membership. Pick one Chamber of Commerce activity to participate in each month and put it on your calendar today. You don't have to participate in everything that the chamber does, just pick one thing each month that relates to your own business goals and by the end of the year, you'll have accumulated a significant amount of time and effort to promote your business and achieve your professional goals. Check and update your business listing in our online directory. Each member has their own log-in for our website and we hope you'll take the opportunity to maximize your online presence. Finally, talk to other Chamber members about what your goals are for growing your business. Most people genuinely want to help you succeed but they can't help if they don't know what you are trying to do. Your membership dues support hundreds of activities throughout the year that are designed to stimulate the local economy and make Cottage Grove a better community by providing networking, educational opportunities, and advocacy for local businesses. Tell us how we can better serve you and together we can all resolve to make 2020 a year for the record books.

Join us for the first Business after Hours of 2020

Cottage Theatre will host this month's networking event on Thursday, January 16 from 5:30 to 7:00pm, 700 Village Drive. In addition to the usual networking, food/drink, door prizes and fun, participants will be able to:

- See Cottage Theatre's new seats and learn about CT's remodeling plans
- Spend a few minutes watching part of a rehearsal of *Arsenic and Old Lace*
- Take a backstage tour
- Have a chance to win a free ticket to *Arsenic and Old Lace*

Cottage Grove and Creswell Chamber members are encouraged to attend this classic, fun networking event! *We hope to see you there!*

71st Annual Awards & Installation Banquet

SATURDAY JANUARY 18, 2020
Cottage Grove Armory
628 E. Washington Avenue
Cottage Grove, OR 97244

Cocktail Hour begins 5:00
Catering by Stacy's Covered Bridge Restaurant

Sponsorships Available:
Presenting Sponsor: \$1500
Oscar Sponsor: \$1000
Red Carpet Sponsor: \$500
Star Sponsor: \$300
Individual Reservation: \$60

RSVP to beth@cgchamber.com or call 541.942.2411. Seating is limited to 200. Be sure to include level of sponsorship, names of all attending, and vegetarian requests if any.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

The chamber's number one goal is to create a strong local economy. All of the programs and benefits supported by a chamber membership investment go toward achieving that goal. Membership in the chamber is also a commitment to the entire community and a pledge of support for the economic growth and vitality of the Cottage Grove area. Join us in supporting Chamber member businesses and our local economy and "Shop Chamber Members first"!

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2020 Chamber Board of Directors, Advisors and Staff:

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

OFFICERS

Chair	Danny Solesbee, 5 Flying Monkeys
Vice Chair	Len Blackstone, Blackstone, Inc. – Windermere Real Estate
Secretary	Ruth Linoz, South Lane Wheels
Treasurer	Gary Manly, Cottage Grove Sentinel
Past Chair	Candace Solesbee, Shampoo Dolls Salon

DIRECTORS

Chrissy Chapman	Covered Bridge Brewing Group
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Brent Hoover	The Grove Café & Lounge
Cameron Reiten	KNND
Dale Smith	Coast Fork Feed Company
Shane May	Emerald Fitness Club
Tiffanie Williams	PayneWest Insurance

ADVISORS

Richard Meyers	City Manager
Tim Herrmann	PeaceHealth Cottage Grove Community Medical Center
Dr. Yvonne Curtis	South Lane School District
Ryan Gifford	Gifford & Gifford Attorneys at Law
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Visitor Center Volunteers:

Heidi Abbott, Dotti Bittner, Suzanne Huebner-Sannes, Tara Sue Hughart, Susan Jeppesen, Rebecca Lane, Marie Longfellow, Judd Van Gorder, Sharon Van Gorder, Penny Westling, Sherry Bricher-Wendt.

Staff:

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

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Chamber Calendar

For more details on the events listed below, visit the Event Calendar on our website at www.cgchamber.com.
(Chamber events in bold)
* Bingo every Friday night at the American Legion Hall
* Downtown Art Walk the last Friday/month
* FREE Dementia Support Group – 4th Wednesday monthly
* Penny Poker with Magnolia Gardens Resident every Friday

January

9 Promotions/Events/Tourism Committee
10 Breakfast Club - January
10 Paul Simon Tribute - One Trick Pony
13 Regular City Council Meeting
14 Chamber Ambassadors
18 Annual Bald Eagle Count
18 Chamber Awards & Installation Banquet
18 January 16mm Film Night: The Great Primitives
21 Grief Support Group
21 Poetry Night!
27 Regular City Council Meeting
28 Jazz Jam at The Cottage
29 Training, Education & Membership Committee Meeting
31 Arsenic and Old Lace Opening @ CT

February

4 History Pub [Partners in History]
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Best Wishes Travis!

Special Thanks
to our 2020
Enhanced Members

PLATINUM PLUS

Cottage Grove Sentinel

GOLD

Pacific Power

SILVER

Banner Bank

City of Cottage Grove

Emerald People's

Utility District

Lane Community

College - Cottage Grove

Center

Lane Electric

Cooperative

Northwest Natural

PeaceHealth Cottage

Grove Community

Medical Center

South Lane School

District Weyerhaeuser