



CHAMBER NEWSLETTER

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



Chrissy Chapman

January had a very busy start as the Chamber feverishly prepared for the Annual Dinner, which was a great success. Although, I do have to admit that Travis Palmer was greatly missed, at least by me! If you were unable to attend the annual dinner, I would like to share again that the Coast Fork Brewing and Feed Co. won Business of the Year and Lloyd Williams, citizen of the year. Congratulations to both! And a huge thank you to all who volunteered their time and efforts in the planning, preparation, setup and tear down in the Armory.

The Board had chosen last fall to move their annual retreat to early on in the year so that new board members may be a part of the vision and planning for the upcoming year, instead of having it late in the year when those members attending may not be on the board in that next year. We hope that this will further improve our Board and the Chamber for its members and our city overall.

The Board is proceeding with its candidate search for a replacement for Travis' position as Executive Director. The position is being renamed to President/CEO to follow suit with the standard for that position with other Chambers of Commerce. Interviews are to be conducted in early February and it is our goal to have a new President/CEO in place very soon.

With the absence of an Executive Director/President/CEO, Beth has been

managing the ship and taking on many additional duties to keep our Chamber moving forward every day. Beth goes above and beyond to make sure our Chamber functions as best as possible, wearing many hats, and keeping things going all with a smile and grace that not many could do. Thank you, Beth, for all you do!

I look forward to finding and working with a new President/CEO who is as excited and enthusiastic about our great town as well as all the exciting things happening now and on the horizon.

Chrissy Chapman, Director
Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce

February Breakfast Club



Topic: Assembling Your Team of Trusted Advisors

What value could an advisory board add to your business? Build your very own 'advisor map' and a plan to make it happen.

Friday February 14, 2020

The Brewstation

106 S. 6th Street.

Program is FREE to Chamber Members. \$5 for Non-Chamber members

Breakfast can be purchased for \$10

8:00am - Breakfast is served

8:00 - 8:30am - Networking

8:30 - 9:30am - Program

Let us know if you'll be eating. Please

RSVP by noon to Beth at (541) 942-

2411 or beth@cgchamber.com on Thursday the 13th.

About our Speaker: Robert Killen is a fifth generation Oregonian with a far-reaching professional history. He has managed for-profit and non-profit organizations. He is an artist with a talent for branding who spent seven years as an art director. He spent another decade in finance as a branch manager and commercial banker, helping businesses better understand and manage their resources.

Over the past five years, Robert worked with the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce designing and delivering educational content, building collaborations in support of local businesses, and consulting on ways to improve organizational culture.

Robert has recently stepped into the role of Director of the Lane Small Business Development Center, where his team provides low-cost education, no-cost advising and a suite of specialized services to support business growth throughout Lane County.



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 thanking Chamber member businesses and support our local economy and "Shop Chamber Members first"!

Join us for February Business after Hours

Quality Inn Cottage Grove will host this month's networking event on Thursday, February 20 from 5:30 to 7:00pm, 845 Gateway Blvd. In addition to the usual networking, food/drink, door prizes and fun, come check out their new lobby and breakfast area! Cottage Grove and Creswell Chamber members are encouraged to attend this classic, fun networking event! *We hope to see you there!*

WELCOME To Our Newest Member Western Oregon Exposition

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THANK YOU Renewing Members

5 Flying Monkeys, Ambrose Collectibles, American Legion, American Pump & Spa, Inc., Ann White, CFP, Army Corps of Engineers, Automotive Specialties, Best Little Printhouse in Town, Birch Avenue Dental, Inc., Bohemia Foundation, Bohemia Mining Days, Inc., Bohemia Sunrisers Kiwanis, Books on Main, Brad's Cottage Grove Chevrolet, Inc., CASA of Lane County, Cascade Home Center, Inc., CJW, LLC, Coast Fork Willamette Watershed, Commonwealth Financial Network, Community Sharing Program, Cottage Grove Business Park, Cottage Grove Chrysler Dodge, Jeep, Ram, Cottage Grove Community Development Corp., Cottage Grove Community Foundation, Cottage Grove Garbage Service, Cottage Grove Genealogical Society, Cottage Grove Lions Club, Cottage Grove Museum Perpetuation Corp., Cottage Grove Ranger Station, Cottage Grove Safe Haven, Inc., Cottage Theatre, Covered Bridge Brewing Group, Covered Bridge Church of the Nazarene & Oak Park Christian School, D & D Automotive, Dairy Queen, Dirtcheapcopies.com, Dot's Trophy Shop, Dutch Bros. Coffee, Edward Jones, Eileen Machida, Emerald Fitness Club, Fort Rock Construction, Friends of the Cottage Grove Carousel, Goodwill Industries of Lane & South Counties, Grace Olson, Habitat for Humanity of Central Lane County, Kalapuya Books, King Estate Winery, Lavender Field Embroidery, Life Flight Network, Lillibolero, Inc., Lily of the Field Bed & Breakfast, Log House Plants, Looking Glass Rural Program, Masonic Lodge #51, McCoy's Pharmacy, McDonald's Restaurant, Northwest Natural, Opal Center for Arts & Education, Oregon Aviation Historical Society, PakTech, Paul Henrichs Insurance, Pinocchio's Pizza, ReMax Advantage Plus - Sherry, Rogers & Son, Rotary Club of Cottage Grove, Shampoo Dolls Salon, Shelly D Insurance,

Inc., South Lane Mental Health Service, South Valley Athletics, Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce, St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Stacy's Covered Bridge Restaurant, Starfire Lumber Company, State Farm Insurance, TBS Consultants, The Espresso Bar'n, The Flower Basket & Gift Boutique, The UPS Store, Tinika Ossman-Steier, Trinity Lutheran Church, Village Green Resort & Gardens, Wildish Sand & Gravel Co., William J. Welt, Inc.

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 American Legion Hall every Friday
- * Penny Poker with Magnolia Gardens Resident every Friday
- * Grief Support Group 3rd Tue/mo
- * Dementia Support Group - 4th Wed/mo
- * Downtown Art Walk the last Friday/mo

FEBRUARY

- 14 Breakfast Club**
- 15 Great Backyard Bird Count with Coast Fork Birders
- 17 Chamber Office Closed**
- 18 Poetry Night!
- 20 Business After Hours - Quality Inn Cottage Grove**
- 24 Regular City Council Meeting
- 25 Jazz Jam at The Cottage
- 25 Science on Tap - Willamette River-Rio Laja, Mexico Twinning
- 28 Rise of The Queens Opening @ Opal Center

March

- 3 History Pub [Partners in History]
- 9 Regular City Council Meeting
- 10 Chamber Ambassadors**
- 13 Breakfast Club**
- 16 Promotions/Events/Tourism Committee**
- 17 Poetry Night!
- 19 Business After Hours - LCC**
- 23 Regular City Council Meeting
- 24 Jazz Jam at The Cottage

April

- 3 Mamma Mia Opening at Cottage Theatre
- 10 Breakfast Club**
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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

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
Alyssa Gomez	Sweet Springs Family Farm
Brent Hoover	The Grove Café & Lounge
James Kline	The Espresso Bar'n
Shane May	Emerald Fitness Club
Cameron Reiten	KNND
Dale Smith	Coast Fork Feed Company
Judd Van Gorder	Carousel House B&B & Catering
Tiffanie Williams	PayneWest Insurance

ADVISORS

Richard Meyers	City Manager
Candace Solebee	Cottage Grove City Council
Tim Herrmann	PeaceHealth Cottage Grove Community Medical Center
Dr. Yvonne Curtis	South Lane School District
Ryan Gifford	Gifford & Gifford Attorneys at Law
Molly Murai	Main Street Program

Visitor Center Volunteers:

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

Staff:

Beth Martin, Office Manager
Mavis Bradsby, Bookkeeper

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