

OBITUARIES

Jan Markstaller Donnelly
Lake Oswego
Oct. 18, 1936 — Oct. 29, 2018

Former Rose Festival Queen Jan Markstaller Donnelly was born Oct. 18, 1936 to Hilda Robinson Markstaller and Edward Markstaller in Portland. She died peacefully Monday, Oct. 29, 2018 at her home in Lake Oswego, surrounded by family and loved ones.

Raised in Portland by her mother, Hilda, a real estate broker and investor, Jan developed a strong yet gracious competitive drive. Through her mother's leadership in the Chin Up Club, a group that helped home-bound disabled people get out to festive events several times a year, she also developed a solid moral compass, as well as a desire to make a positive difference in the world.

As a young girl Jan, along with her brother, Gary, became a top competitive roller skater. Together they went on to become Oregon state champions in the Junior Dance category. She was signed as a model by the Maria Easterly Agency at the age of 13, and modeled steadily through her early 20s.

During her senior year at Washington High School, Jan was elected as the Rose Festival princess for her school, and was subsequently chosen as Queen Jan of Rosaria in 1954. Legendary TV host Ed Sullivan was the grand marshal, and among her many civic duties, she knighted him Sir Ed Sullivan, Knight of the Rose. She continued to have a strong presence in the Rose Festival, holding various positions over the next 60 years.

Jan went to Oregon State University for two years, and then transferred to Brigham Young University, where she graduated with a business degree in fashion merchandising. While at Oregon State, she met her future husband, Bob Donnelly, who was a top golfer, and president of the Varsity Letterman's Club.

After college she moved to the Westwood area of Los Angeles, and continued her successful modeling career, before moving back to Portland. Jan and Bob married Oct. 28, 1961, and had three children, Mark, JillXan and Devin.

Jan and her brother Gary became members of the New Oregon Singers, a popular globetrotting singing group led by Bruce Kelly. During her decade with the group they recorded two albums and traveled to festivals and performances in Austria, Switzerland and Monaco, among other international lo-

cales. While in Monaco in the 1960s, she met Princess Grace, who accompanied the group on visits to hospitals and nursing homes in the principality.

Jan was always active in her community, and led the successful campaign to "Save Glendoever" Golf Course from development in the early 1970s. She was a den mother, PTA member and general Super Mom for her very active children.

Her hobbies included gardening, loving a multitude of dear pets over the years, and long walks on Cannon Beach, her favorite vacation retreat. She took great pride in her beautiful yards, creating an outdoor landscape at her Lake Oswego home that eventually won Garden of the Year honors.

As her children were growing up, the Donnelly home became known as the place to take lost or hurt animals, whether a stray dog, an injured bird or anything in between. Jan received expert veterinary advice from her dear friend Matthew Maberry, head veterinarian at the Portland Zoo, for many years. She even tolerated her son Mark bringing tadpoles home and turning her back yard fountains into frog ponds.

After her children were grown, she embarked upon new business endeavors. The first was a luxury home furnishings boutique in Lake Oswego called Hollyhocks and Roses with her daughter, JillXan. After a successful run through the 1990s, she and JillXan started CareerExposure. This ongoing network of job sites helps Fortune 500 companies and people connect, and has won multiple national awards as a woman-owned business. Upon her husband Bob's death in 1999, she assumed the role of chairwoman of Contact Lumber Company until the company was sold in 2003.

Jan was preceded in death by her husband, Robert L. Donnelly; her mother, Hilda Markstaller; and her son, Devin Donnelly. She is survived by her son, Mark Donnelly; her daughter, JillXan Donnelly; and her brother, Gary Markstaller.

In her coronation speech as Rose Festival Queen in 1954, Jan shared that to her, the petals of a rose represent her core values: love, virtue, humility, charity, integrity and faith. Values she lived to her last breath.

Services have been held.



PHOTO BY LAURIE LOMAX

Jan Donnelly

New officers welcomed



BRENNIA VISSER/CANNON BEACH GAZETTE

Christian Salinas and Joshua Utley were sworn in as Cannon Beach's newest police officers Tuesday, Nov. 6, at the City Council meeting. Utley, a former serviceman from the Air Force, will be sent to the police academy in December. Salinas, a retired serviceman from the U.S. Coast Guard, will be serving as a reserve officer.

County to test alert system

Cannon Beach Gazette

Clatsop County Emergency Management will conduct a countywide test of the ClatsopALERTS! emergency notification system on Friday, Nov. 30.

The test will occur between noon and 3 p.m., and will go out to all residential and business landline phones, as well as to all cell phones and email addresses whose users have registered for ClatsopALERTS!

ClatsopALERTS! is designed to provide local citizens with immediate information and warnings about storms, floods and tsunamis, water contamination alerts, missing persons reports, road closures and other events.

In the event of these or other scenarios, ClatsopALERTS! will send out recorded voice or text messages to home phones, cell phones, pagers and email addresses, alerting them to the emergency and providing important response information.

The Nov. 30 test is intended to identify areas for possi-

ble improvement, familiarize citizens with the system and help distinguish it among other alert systems.

To receive alerts register at www.co.clatsop.or.us.

Coast Radio board

More than 100 members of Coast Community Radio celebrated KMUN during the

annual meeting and breakfast held Nov. 3 at the First Presbyterian Fellowship Hall in Astoria.

New board members were elected and volunteers received yearly awards.

Elected to the board were Victoria Stoppello, Lisa Smith, Sarah Lu Heath and Josh Marquis.

CANNON BEACH POLICE LOG

- Oct. 26**
1:25 a.m., Hemlock and Sunset: A visitor to the community in need of a lift is given a courtesy ride home.
7:08 p.m., Haystack bus stop: A rowdy, possibly intoxicated group of young males waiting for bus to Tillamook are warned to keep the noise down.
- Oct. 27**
9:59 p.m., Police headquarters: Police are notified someone lost their phone and their glasses in the surf.
- Oct. 28**
2:20 p.m., Second Street restrooms: A child's prescription sunglasses are reported found.
- Oct. 29**
12:42 a.m., Cannon Beach Welcome sign: Campers are told to move on.
- Oct. 30**
12:22 a.m., Seaside Providence Hospital: Cannon Beach police assist Oregon State Police with a DUII to wait on a check of the subject's blood alcohol.
1:22 a.m., Avenue G and Downing: Cannon Beach police assist Seaside police on scene.

- Nov. 1**
1:41 p.m., Second Street: A vehicle is tagged as abandoned.
- Nov. 2**
10:30 a.m., 300 block N. Chinook: Police conduct a welfare check on an individual reported to possibly need assistance; the subject says they are fine. No further action taken.
3:23 p.m., Hemlock and Adams: Police respond to a report of a dog left to bark inside a rental house. When

- Nov. 4**
9:24 p.m., Gower: Dog reported on Highway 101. Dog is taken to kennel and shortly after reunited with its owner.
- Nov. 5**
11:45 a.m., 200 block Sitka: Police respond to a report of trees being cut, resulting in a code violation.

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