

One of our favorite events, with a new name

'THE BOB'
DARREN GOOCH



Over my 16 years with the park and recreation district here in Seaside, I have had the opportunity to be part of many special events.

From egg hunts to haunted houses, each event has been put on with all the care and attention to detail that is humanly possible. I have watched thousands of our local residents and visitors alike enjoy these events and it is a very gratifying feeling.

One of my favorite annual events is A Sweet Affaire, hosted by the Sunset Park and Recreation Foundation in partnership with the Seaside Rotary Foundation. It has been a staple since my early years with the district.

The event has been newly rebranded this year as the Sip and Savor, a change prompted by the event's evolution from a wine and chocolate tasting to an event featuring delectable appetizers from more than 20 local restaurants, as well as wine and beer tastings from a large array of vendors. I feel that Sip and Savor really captures the true essence of what this amazing event has become.

Although the name has changed, the spirit of the event still remains the same.



Shawn Wagner, Seaside Rotary Club member, conducts an auction during 2019's A Sweet Affaire, an annual joint fundraiser for the Seaside Rotary Foundation and Sunset Park and Recreation Foundation.

It is an opportunity for our foundation to raise money for scholarships, which benefit those in our community who need some support in affording essential programs like preschool classes, after school care, swimming lessons, and community art programs to name a few.

I have experienced the impact of these scholarships first-hand. Having taught pottery classes for a number of years here at

the center, I had the fortune of meeting Paul. He was from a local group home and experiencing a developmental disability.

Paul was able to take part in one of my pottery classes, thanks to a scholarship provided by the foundation. He was a long-term attendee and the other students in the class adored him, even remembering his birthday from year to year with a birthday cake and ice cream. He would get very ani-

mated and tear-up a bit when they brought it out with the candles. It was an amazing experience to be a part of.

There are hundreds of other stories like that from our other departments, where a scholarship has made the difference in someone's life.

Many of our young families who are just starting out in life really benefit from the help it provides so they can ensure a safe place for their children to learn and grow while they work to put food on the table. I can't imagine many better ways to help the community.

The Sip and Savor will take place on Sunday, March 15, from 4 to 6:30 p.m. at the Seaside Civic and Convention Center. Tickets are \$35 and give you access to an endless array of savory appetizers and a large assortment of craft beers and wines as well.

We will also have some fantastic live and silent auction items to bid on. Tickets are available here at the Bob Chisholm Community Center, the Sunset Pool, and your friendly neighborhood Rotary Club member if you happen to have one on speed dial.

Don't miss out on this event, it's a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon. I'll be waiting for you at the check-in desk on the 15th!

Every month, The BOB will bring you information on current events and items of interest here at the center. See you next month!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

School superintendent Roley addresses COVID-19 concerns

There are many questions and concerns from our families and communities regarding the coronavirus which causes the respiratory illness called COVID-19. Coronaviruses are a large group of viruses that usually cause mild respiratory illnesses, but COVID-19 is a new variety and more is being learned daily about its impact on human health and how it is spread.

The Oregon Health Authority and the Clatsop County Health Department will provide guidance if we were to have a confirmed diagnosis in our area. Our district will diligently follow the recommendations of the health officials. This would include any recommendations regarding possible exclusions from school or potential school closures.

While the coronavirus situation is troubling, it is important to remember that fear, rumors and stigma do not stop the spread of disease and can create difficulties in sharing accurate information. The OHA is the best source of current and reliable information and is available on their website in both English and Spanish. <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/Pages/index.aspx>.

OHA officials recommend that our best course of action is to continue to take everyday precautions to prevent the spread of many respiratory illnesses, including COVID-19 and influenza:

- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue, sleeve or elbow, throw the tissue in the trash and wash your hands.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
 - If you are sick, stay home and seek medical attention if necessary.
 - Clean and disinfect surfaces that are often touched.
 - Take care of your health overall. Staying current on your vaccinations, including flu vaccine, eating well and exercising all help your body stay resilient.
- Thank you for your support as we all strive to keep our focus on student learning, as well as their health and safety. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or concerns.
- Sheila Roley, Superintendent**

Providence chief medical officer offers statement

The following statement was delivered by Steven Freer, M.D., chief medical officer for Providence in Oregon.

Here at Providence, we are closely monitoring the situation nationally and internationally, in anticipation of the time we could be called on to care for patients with COVID-19 (coronavirus). We are working in conjunction with clinicians and caregivers across our broader seven-state Providence St. Joseph Health system.

In Oregon, we have set up a task force overseeing 10 teams of physicians and caregivers, including infectious disease and infection prevention experts, as well as department leaders and caregivers at all levels in making preparations, checking our infrastructure and supplies, and preparing information to ensure we are ready.

Examples:

- We have established careful protocols for screening patients and responding to their clinical needs in accordance with Centers for Disease Control recommendations.

- We have special isolation and negative pressure rooms that can be activated to minimize the risk of exposure.
 - We are following established infection control protocols, working closely with our partners in state and local public health to ensure the safety and well-being of our caregivers, patients and visitors.
 - We've established an online library for internal use so that information is readily accessible for clinicians, nurses and specialists.
 - We have initiated enhanced training in the use of personal protective equipment to keep our caregivers safe as they attend to the needs of patients.
 - We're reviewing scenarios involving potential risks and identifying what we can do to eliminate those risks.
 - And we have developed a surge plan, in case the needs of the community exceed our current capacity.
- More information on prevention and treatment of the coronavirus can be obtained on

the CDC website or by contacting The Oregon Health Authority.

Support WINGS

On March 14, Clatsop Community College will host the 18th annual WINGS Conference (Women Interested In Going to School).

The college and volunteers from the Astoria and Seaside branches of AAUW help put the event together. Our North Coast area is so fortunate to have such a wonderful program helping women in our area seeking to further their education. The conference offers directions toward a GED, job skills, degrees, and career directions.

I urge you to support this worthy conference and to recommend any woman you know who might benefit from such a conference. Contact the college now to offer your referrals and or dollars.

Karen Beck Warrenton

Clatsop Job Fair invites job-seekers, employers

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side Civic and Convention Center.

To register as an employer to participate in the career and job fair, call Debbie Newton from WorkSource Oregon at 503-325-4821 ext. 226, email her at Debbie.M.Newton@oregon.gov, or register at clatsopjobfair.com, under the employer tab.

This event is free.

Employers are asked to register as soon as possible as the entire list of employers participating will be on the website, with links to the businesses website for job seekers to review, and also provided to the schools in advance.

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