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FORTY YEARS OF PROVIDENCE SEASIDE, AND THE PARTNERS WHO MADE IT A REALITY



Providence Seaside Hospital

ABOVE: Providence Seaside Hospital, 1990. **BELOW LEFT:** Sr. Ignatia Marie Lindekugel (right) in pastoral care at Providence Seaside Hospital, 1990. **BELOW RIGHT:** Remodeled lobby, Providence Seaside Hospital, 1982.

GUEST COLUMN

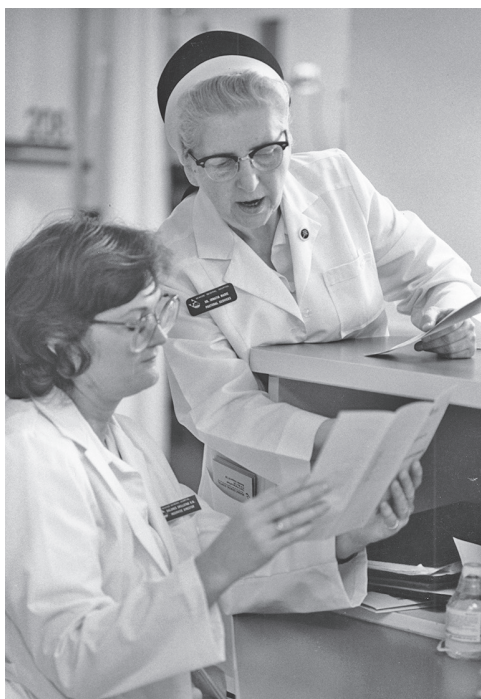
MIKE ANTRIM

This year marks the 40th anniversary of Providence Seaside Hospital. But how did we get here? The Sisters of Providence have been part of providing health care on the North Coast for nearly 90 years.

A look back on how we got here: On Dec. 7, 1856, the first Sisters of Providence docked in Astoria during their first trip to the Pacific Northwest. This was one of their last stops during their months-long journey from Montreal, Canada to Vancouver, Washington, 165 years ago.

Then 24 years later they were called to return, and in 1880, the sisters founded and operated St. Mary's Hospital in Astoria for 90 years.

In 1964 the Union Health District was established under the provisions of Oregon Revised Statutes, Chapter 440, for the specific purpose of assuring the residents of the area that there would continue to be a hospital in the Seaside area. The Union Health District is a taxing district, which encompasses the area from the Astoria Country Club to the Tillamook County line and from the ocean to just east of Highway 53. The health district board



in 1968 asked the taxpayers to pass a bond to provide funds to construct a new hospital at 725 S. Wahanna Road. In September of 1970, the new Seaside General Hospital was opened.

The Sisters of Providence were once again called to serve the community, this time in Seaside. In the spirit of working with others, Providence partnered with the



Union Health District to assume the operations and management of Seaside General Hospital in 1981.

Providence first agreed to operate and lease the hospital from the Union Health District for 10 years. Just four months later, the lease agreement was extended to 30 years. And extended again to encompass our current agreement.

Because of the strong and successful relationship with the Union Health District, Providence has been able to grow and expand services throughout the North Coast. Over the years that support has helped increase quality health care in our community. Most recently the Union Health

District provided key financial support, along with fundraising efforts of Providence Seaside Hospital Foundation, that helped fund the remodel and expansion of our emergency department.

Today we have more than 450 caregivers and an active and engaged service area advisory council that volunteers their time to assure the hospital stays committed to providing high quality and compassionate care to our community. We are honored to serve the communities throughout the North Coast and look forward to continuing this journey together.

Mike Antrim is communication manager for Providence Seaside Hospital.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Golf tournament a success

On behalf of the board of directors of the Eugene Schmuck Foundation, I would like to thank Matt Brown and Jeff Mitchell, of Manzanita Links, who made the 2021 Manzanita Open golf tournament possible. Matt and Jeff graciously provided their advice and experience to help create a seamless, fun, and successful event. This year the Eugene Schmuck Foundation raised \$76,653.00 in much-needed funds which are given back and reinvested in our community.

We also want to give a big thank you to the many vol-

unteers, supporters, donors and sponsors who have made our foundation a success. I am personally grateful for the dedication of my fellow board members Corey Douma, John Durkin, Beth Gienger, Tom Moore, Breanna Stephens, Dave Stephens, Karen Stephens, Connie Vander Waal, Sally Vanebo, Camy VonSeggern, and, Erick White. This year we also welcome Breanna Stephens, Chris Bennett, and Troy Bowers to our board.

Please join us for this year's Manzanita Open Golf Tournament, planned for May 13, 14 and 15. We look forward to seeing you there!

David Matthews
President, ESF

Guidelines for school sports spectators

Dear Seaside families, community members, and visiting schools:

Seaside High School is scheduled to begin hosting indoor athletic events beginning December 3, 2021. As we have all year, and in order to continue to ensure that our students have opportunities to compete, we will continue to follow the COVID-related mandates issued by the Oregon Health Authority and adopted by the Oregon State Athletic Association. In order to attend Seaside High School-spon-

sored athletic events during the winter season, the following current OSAA guidelines will be followed with zero exceptions:

- Spectators will be required to wear a fitted face covering/mask that covers both mouth and nose.
- Spectators will be required to sit in designated areas and observe physical distancing to the extent possible.

Spectators that refuse to follow guidelines run the risk of having the competition stopped, may be removed from attendance, and potentially be trespassing from venues.

Attending high school athletic events in support of our student-athletes is a privilege for all spectators. Our coaches, school staff, and I are excited about the opportunity for our student-athletes to resume playing in front of crowds that we are accustomed to having at our venues. However, the vigilance required to ensure that spectators are adhering to mandated policies has become more challenging over time.

If you are asked by a staff member to observe the mandates outlined above and/or other policies please do so respectfully and with the understand-

ing that we are fulfilling our job responsibilities. Your prompt and courteous cooperation helps protect competition opportunities for our students.

Thank you for your understanding as we continue to monitor and adjust to the guidelines issued by our governing agencies. We will work to implement and communicate updated guidelines as needed.

Other questions regarding our athletic programs should be directed to Aaron Tanabe, athletic director, at 503-738-5586 or atanabe@seasidek12.org.

Jeff Roberts
Principal,
Seaside High School

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Contact local agencies for latest meeting information and attendance guidelines.

TUESDAY, DEC. 7

Seaside Community Center Commission, 10 a.m., 1225

Avenue A.

Seaside Library Board of Directors, 4:30 p.m., 1131 Broadway St.

Seaside Planning Commission, 6 p.m., work session, 989

Broadway.

THURSDAY, DEC. 9

Seaside Civic and Convention Center Commission, 5 p.m., 415 First Ave.

Gearhart Planning Commis-

sion, 6 p.m., cityofgearhart.com.

MONDAY, DEC. 13

Seaside City Council, 7 p.m., cityofseaside.us.

TUESDAY, DEC. 14

Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District, board workshop, 4 p.m., www.seprd.com.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 15

Seaside Tourism Adviso-

ry Committee, 3 p.m., 989 Broadway.

TUESDAY, DEC. 21

Seaside School District, 6 p.m., seaside.k12.or.us/meetings.



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