

MARCH 2020

ChamberWorks

The Goonies 35th Anniversary -- And You!

Submitted by Regina Willkie, AWACC Marketing Manager

Eager to relive one of the most beloved coming-of-age stories of the 1980s, fans will flock to Astoria and the surrounding area to celebrate the 35th anniversary of the cult classic film *The Goonies*, June 4-7. With previous anniversary celebrations, many business owners have reported record-breaking sales and overwhelmingly positive interactions with attendees. Our planning team invites you to take part and wants to help you make the most of this event.

Join us on Wednesday, March 18, at the Liberty Theatre. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. Presentation is at 6:30 p.m. and will be followed by a screening of the film. We look forward to telling you more about the celebration and how you may take part:

- A history of *Goonies* fandom in Astoria and the Oregon Film Museum.
- An overview of 35th Anniversary Celebration events and activities.
- An invitation to get involved as a volunteer, sponsor or event host.

The evening will conclude with a showing of *The Goonies*, providing an opportunity for community members who maybe haven't seen it recently and those who have it memorized alike to enjoy the film on the big screen.

Contact Regina at regina@oldoregon.com if you'd like more information on sponsorship, partner or volunteer openings. Visit the event's website at thegoondocks.org for updates.

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Wanted: Crab Festival Volunteers

Submitted by Barbi England, AWACC Volunteer Coordinator

We need volunteers for the 2020 Astoria Warrenton Crab, Seafood & Wine Festival! More than 250 volunteers are needed April 24-26, for a variety of shifts and roles.

We are seeking both new and returning volunteers for this event, as it really does take a "whole village". Volunteers get perks for their participation, such as free festival admission and a free wine glass after volunteering for one shift -- plus a festival retail booth voucher after volunteering for two or more shifts. We also provide a dedicated volunteer shuttle to the event.

If you're interested, sign up to volunteer online through our festival website, astoriacrabfest.com. Just click on the "Volunteers" link at the top of the homepage. Or stop by the Chamber to pick up an application.

Email AWACC Volunteer Coordinator Barbi England at barbi@oldoregon.com for more information.



More than 750 high school juniors and seniors are expected to attend this year's Job & Career Fair. *Image courtesy of CEDR.*

CEDR Hosting Job & Career Fair

Submitted by Clatsop Economic Development Resources

Finding and retaining good employees is a constant issue all businesses face, from small businesses all the way up to our largest employers in the county and region. What is being done about this great workforce need in Clatsop County, both from an immediate hiring opportunity and also showcasing career options in Clatsop County?

Clatsop Economic Development Resources and WorkSource Northwest Oregon are spearheading the annual Clatsop County Job & Career Fair, which will be held on Thursday, March 12, from 10 a.m. to 3:15 p.m., at the newly-remodeled Seaside Civic and Convention Center.

Astoria, Ilwaco, Jewell, Knappa, Naselle, Seaside and Warrenton High Schools will be sending all Juniors & Seniors in the morning and will be finished by 1 p.m. At 1:15 p.m. the doors will re-open for adult job seekers, Clatsop Community College students, and those seeking more information about career and job opportunities in Clatsop County. We estimate over 750 high school students will be in attendance, and many college students and adult job seekers.

To register as an employer to participate, contact Debbie Newton from WorkSource Oregon at (503) 325-4821 ext. 226 or Debbie.M.Newton@oregon.gov. Or register online at clatsopjobfair.com, under the "businesses" 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' websites for job seekers to review, and also provided to the schools in advance.

Questions? Please contact CEDR/CCC SBDC Executive Director Kevin Leahy at k Leahy@clatsopcc.edu or (503) 338-2402.



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Thank You, Renewing Members

Thank you for renewing your Astoria-Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce membership. Your continued support of the Chamber and the business community is greatly appreciated and highlights your commitment to make Astoria and Warrenton a better place to live, work and do business. Thank you for your investment! Renewals processed through the month of January are reflected on this list.

- AAA Oregon/Idaho
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- Assistance League of the Columbia Pacific
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- United Finnish Kaleva Brothers & Sisters Astoria Lodge #2
- Wendy's
- World Kite Museum

Welcome New Members

The following businesses, organizations and individuals have pledged their commitment to helping Astoria and Warrenton grow into an even better community through their investment in the Astoria-Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce. Stop by or give them a call and thank these new members for their support of business growth and development in the area. Applications processed through the month of January are reflected on this list.

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Find our complete, searchable membership database on our website, oldoregon.com. Just click on "Members" in the menu at the top of the homepage.

Commercial Kitchen Available for Rent

Submitted by North Coast Food Web

The North Coast Food Web commercial kitchen space hosts our community cooking classes, youth cooking programs, and a our weekly farm stand. Now, in 2020, you can apply to rent the kitchen!

To support the growing local food scene in Astoria and on the North Coast, we are opening the kitchen space for rental. We want our certified commercial kitchen to be used as a community resource and an economic driver in Clatsop County for local food and food business.

We are especially interested in renting the kitchen to food entrepreneurs, local food producers, and community projects that support good, local food. Applications to rent the kitchen are open and available at northcoastfoodweb.org under the tab "Kitchen".

Rental fees on a for-profit project start at \$30/hour. We prefer long-term partnerships with people or organizations who align with our mission to "cultivate healthy communities and a vibrant economy through food and agriculture". If you've been looking for a commercial kitchen space in Astoria, check out our website or contact us for more information at (503) 468-0921 or info@northcoastfoodweb.org.

NCC Presents "Lux Aeterna" Concert

Submitted by North Coast Chorale

The North Coast Chorale and River City Singers of St. Helen's will present two joint performances of internationally-honored Northwest composer Morten Lauridsen's "Lux Aeterna", which means "light eternal".

Without light there can be no life. People throughout the ages have celebrated and been comforted by the concept of light giving life and hope when all seems dark. Many wonderful pieces of music have been inspired by this concept.

Lauridsen's moving interpretation of this idea was written in 1997 and is a five-part requiem sung in Latin. The composer's creations have been described as "radiant choral works combining musical power, beauty and spiritual depth".

Join us for a celebration of the growing light of spring and the joy of eternal light – spiritual, artistic and intellectual. "Lux Aeterna" will be performed in both cities: at The Christian Church of St. Helens, 185 S. 12th St., St. Helens, on Sunday, March 15 at 3 p.m. and at The Performing Arts Center, 588 16th St., Astoria on Sunday, March 29 at 3 p.m. General admission is \$10 for adults. Children under 12 are free when accompanied by an adult.

Director's Corner - A Little Light "Reiding"

Please welcome our newest team member, Jerry Sandness. Jerry is our new membership coordinator, and we're thrilled to have him on board. You can read more about Jerry in a separate article in this newsletter, but suffice to say we are lucky to have him on the team and back in the community. Please expect to hear from or meet him soon.

At the Chamber's wildly successful and -- dare I say it? -- entertaining Annual Meeting & Banquet on Jan. 25, we got to give out a little hardware to some really great people and companies.

Our 2019 Board President, Caroline Wuebben, selected Astoria Brewing Company as her President's Award winner for their work supporting their tenants and neighbors during the 11th Street bridge closures last year.

The Ambassadors' Choice Award went to Hyak Tongue Point, LLC, for -- among other things -- making the 2019 4th of July fireworks display possible with a barge, a tug, and a champion in Bob Dorn. Bob is driving the effort to double the size of the display this year and add some new elements to the party.

And then we got to celebrate some fantastic community members with the Richard Ford Distinguished Service Award and the George Award. Debbie Morrow was the perfect choice for the Ford Award this year, and I think everyone in

attendance agreed. For the George Award there was a three-way tie honoring four individuals: Teresa Brownlie, Mike & Mary Davies and Dulcye Taylor were all selected for the honor, and all were well-chosen.

One of my favorite things about our towns is how very hard it is to choose recipients for these things -- not because there aren't enough candidates, but because we are blessed with an abundance of highly worthy people and institutions, and it's impossible to adequately thank them all. Believe me when I tell you the selection committees agonize over the nominees each year. What a luxury that is for the place we call home.

I hope that in a small way our recognition of these fine people and companies fosters the ideal of community contribution and paves the way for a new generation of volunteers and leaders. We'll keep on celebrating, you keep on nominating and volunteering.

Let's get to work.



David Reid
Executive Director, AWACC

Scan Fest 2020 Court Announced

Submitted by Astoria Scandinavian Heritage Association

The 2020 Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival Court is being introduced to the community at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 10, at Astoria High School. Please join us in welcoming our new ambassadors of the 53rd annual Scandinavian Midsummer Festival. The presentation of the 2020 court is free and open to the public.

The princesses will be visiting local groups this spring, sharing their traditions and heritage and telling the community more about this summer's festival.

Held the third full weekend of June every year, the 2020 Midsummer Festival will kick off at 2 p.m. on June 19 at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds. The Queen's Coronation begins at 7 p.m., followed by a bonfire and public dance. More to come this spring.

The 2020 court members are as follows:

- Sofia Morrill, Miss Scandinavia
- Lila June Anderson, Senior Miss Denmark
- Emma Biederman, Senior Miss Finland
- Elle Espelian, Senior Miss Norway
- Kaisa Liljenwall, Senior Miss Sweden
- Carole Chase, Senior Court Chaperone
- Avery Hoyer, Junior Miss Finland
- Kilee Svensen, Junior Miss Norway
- Petra Cereghino, Junior Miss Sweden
- Max Rathfon, Crown Bearer
- Constance Waisanen, Junior Court Chaperone

For more information about the festival go to AstoriaScanFest.org.

CHAMBER CALENDAR - MARCH

The Chamber is open MONDAY-FRIDAY, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
and SATURDAY & SUNDAY, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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| 4 | Chamber Ambassador Meeting
5:30 p.m. @ Mo's Restaurant,
101 15th St., Astoria |
| 7 | UnWined
5:30 p.m. @ The Liberty Theatre
1203 Commercial St., Astoria
<i>Purchase tickets in advance at the Chamber or
online at oldoregon.com. Tickets are limited!</i> |
| 8 | Ribbon Cutting
3 p.m. @ NW Style Loft Salon and Boutique,
1365 Commercial St. Astoria |
| 12 | Business After Hours (BAH)
5:30 p.m. @ Watershed Wellness,
10 Pier One, Suite 308, Port of Astoria |
| 16 | Newsletter Articles & Advertisements Due |
| 19 | Chamber Board Meeting
4 p.m. @ Chamber Admin. Building,
111 W. Marine Dr., Astoria |
| 20 | Newsletter Fliers (650 copies) & Payment (\$50) Due |
| 26 | Business And Social Hour (BASH)
5:30 p.m. @ TBD |
| 31 | Chamber Networking Breakfast
8 a.m. @ Astoria Brewing Company Pub,
144 11th St., Astoria
<i>Networking starts at 7:45 a.m. Breakfast buffet
is \$8.50, plus tip. Coffee is free, thanks to Pacific
Power. Speaker: State Sen. Betsy Johnson</i> |

Learn Best Practices for OSHA Inspection

Submitted by LCHRMA

Lower Columbia Human Resources Management Association proudly presents "Employer Best Practices During an OSHA Inspection" featuring Alex A. Wheatley.

Alex is an associate in the Portland office of Fisher Phillips. He defends employers in employment-related administrative claims and lawsuits. He also advises and provides training to company owners and supervisors on issues relating to workplace discrimination, family leave, wage and hour laws, and noncompetition, nonsolicitation and nondisclosure agreements.

Alex graduated from the University of Alabama and The Northwestern School of Law at Lewis & Clark College. He graduated magna cum laude from Lewis & Clark, where he received the Legal Analysis and Writing Honors Award and served on the editorial board of *Environmental Law* as the editor for the online journal.

In this seminar, we will explore how to plan and prepare for potential Occupational Safety and Health Administration inspections and discuss employer best practices in the event of an OSHA inspection. Few things cause employers more anxiety than an unannounced inspection by OSHA. However, proper planning and a strong understanding of OSHA's role and the employer's rights and obligations can significantly reduce that fear. We will examine the limits of OSHA's inspection authority, employers' rights during such inspections and the steps employers should take before, during and after the inspection to ensure the best possible outcome.

Join LCHRMA for this seminar on Wednesday, April 1 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Fort George Brewery (upstairs), 1483 Duane Street, Astoria. The cost, including lunch, is \$20 for LCHRMA members, \$25 for non-members and \$15 for students. Register online at lchrma.org. Anyone with an interest in the topic is welcome to attend. Cancellations must be made by 5 p.m. on March 30 for a refund. No-shows will be billed.

Women Invited to Attend WINGS Seminar

Submitted by Clatsop Community College

Women Interested in Going to School (WINGS) is a one-day, free conference offering women all aspects of information to return to school and set them up for success. This year, the conference will be offered on Saturday, March 14, at Clatsop Community College from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with free lunch and child care available. Registration is required.

Co-hosted by Clatsop Community College and the Seaside and Astoria branches of the American Association of University Women, WINGS will offer sessions on GED, certificate and degree information, job skills, financial aid and career guidance. Women looking to develop or update their job skills, change careers or complete their next level in education are encouraged to attend. In addition to informational sessions, guest speakers -- who include past WINGS attendees -- will share stories of their educational journeys.

To register for the free 2020 WINGS Conference, visit clatsopcc.edu or call Pat, an AAUW representative, at (503) 717-1852.



This year's event will be the 2nd Nordic Park Benefit Dinner.

Image courtesy of Astoria Scandinavian Heritage Association.

Support Nordic Park at Benefit Dinner

Submitted by Astoria Scandinavian Heritage Association

Tickets are now available for the 2nd annual Astoria Nordic Heritage Park Benefit Dinner at Carruthers Restaurant in Astoria. This five-course, fine dining, Nordic-themed event has limited seating, so reserve your spot as soon as possible.

This year's main course choices are Honey Baked Salmon, Pork Meatballs or Beet Root Risotto. Nordic-themed specialty cocktails will also be available for purchase. The cost of your dinner ticket includes gratuity.

The dinner will take place at 6 p.m. on March 28. Reserve your spot by emailing clatsop41@yahoo.com or by calling (503) 791-9156. Tickets are \$150 per person, and \$100 of that goes directly to the park's capital campaign. The doors open at 5 p.m., and Nordic attire is encouraged.

Payments can be mailed to Astoria Scandinavian Heritage Association, P.O. Box 34, Astoria, OR 97103 or made online at astorianordicpark.org/contribute.

CEDR Hosting Business Awards Event

Submitted by Clatsop Economic Development Resources

Clatsop Economic Development Resources, Clatsop County's economic development organization, is hosting its annual awards event on Tuesday, April 7, celebrating business success in Clatsop County!

Businesses will be recognized that have demonstrated achievement in job creation, technological or manufacturing advancement, customer service, economic impact, entrepreneurship or service (on the part of the business) to the community. Last year, several businesses were honored, and this is a highlight of the year for the winning businesses! It also serves as a great opportunity to meet and network with business leaders and elected officials from throughout Clatsop County.

This year's event will be held in Patriot Hall at Clatsop Community College in Astoria and will start at 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$25 per person and includes a hors d'oeuvre buffet and complimentary beer and wine. The Clatsop County business community, elected officials, CEDR supporters and interested citizens are all invited to attend.

To register for the event, email sbdc@clatsopcc.edu or call (503) 338-2402.

Liberty Theatre Celebrates 95th Birthday

Submitted by the Liberty Theatre

The Liberty Theatre turns 95! Join us on Saturday, April 25, for the recreation of the 1924 "From Ashes to Concrete" New Astoria Reconstruction Celebration. (The text that follows was copied from the original 1924 program.)

INTRODUCING ASTORIA!

"Though the oldest American city west of the Mississippi, Astoria is in many respects the newest in the land. December 8, 1922, fire swept the heart of Astoria, leaving behind it a desert of ashes 40 acres in extent where the business district had been. The loss was in excess of \$11,000,000... The problems of reconstruction were tremendous."

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- *40 Dancing & Singing Girls One of the Big Features!*
- *Montana Hank - The Barbecue King The Man That Made Shelby Famous!*
- *Belly Dancers Doing All The Latest in That Line!*
- *Athletic Show The Bigger They Come The Harder They Fall!*

This vaudeville spectacular will feature Giants in the Trees, The Hackles, Holiday Friends, Snake Farm Family Band, Odd Fellows Dance Collective, Triple Moon Belly Dance, Daric Moore, Bill Ham and Mac Burns.

Thank you to our fellow 95+ year-old sponsors: Gimre's Shoes, Loop Jacobsen Jewelers and the Astoria Public Library. The Liberty Theatre would like to thank the Clatsop County Historical Society for its support and research.

Costumes from the 1920s are encouraged. Doors open at 6 p.m., and the show starts at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20-\$30 per person. Will-call tickets are available in the box office after 2 p.m. on the day of the show. Bring your Liberty Cups and enjoy a beverage while you watch! Cups and concessions available in the lower lobby.

Purchase tickets at the Liberty box office, or online at libertyastoria.org.

Help Support Emergency Food Bank

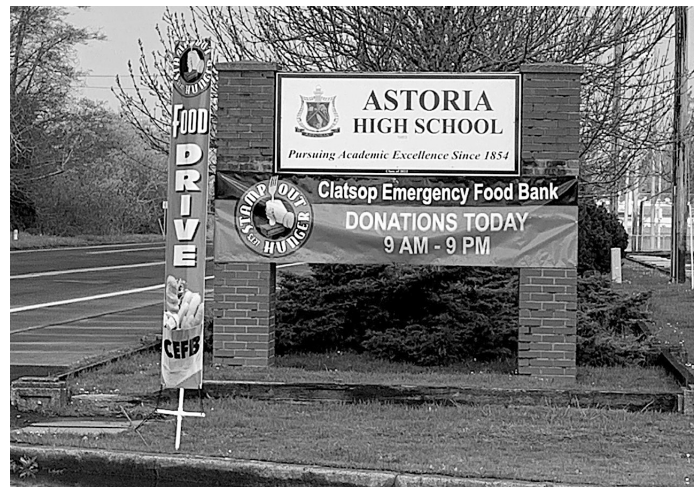
Submitted by Red Dwarf Graphx

Designed to raise funds and food for the Clatsop Emergency Food Bank, Let's Stamp Out Hunger is an all-day crop for scrapbookers, card-makers and paper crafters of all kinds. You do not have to be a paper crafter to help! Volunteers from the food bank, First Interstate Bank, or the LSOH board will be standing by at Astoria High School from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday, April 4, to accept donations of money or non-perishable food items for the food bank. (No entry fee required for drop offs.)

For \$10, or a donation of 10 items of non-perishable food, pet food, or personal hygiene products, participants (aged 15 and over) gain entry into the event, get a free lunch (compliments of NW Natural), a chance for door prizes, and make-and-takes every hour. Participants should bring their own projects to work on in addition to the tools and materials needed to complete them. There will also be a craft "Tool Time" silent auction and raffle tickets available for purchase. Cash only!

Spring is a slow time for donations to the food bank so come join us for a day of crafting fun or just drop by with a monetary donation or some canned food to help us feed the hungry. All proceeds go to the food bank. This event is sponsored by Red Dwarf Graphx.

For updates about the event, be sure to like the Facebook page, facebook.com/letsstampouthunger.



The Let's Stamp Out Hunger event will be held on Saturday, April 4.
Image courtesy of Red Dwarf Graphx.



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Cruise the Columbia River this November

Submitted by ENCORE Learn

Tired of cooking Thanksgiving dinner? How about a week-long trip down the Columbia River with your ENCORE friends instead? The trip committee is planning a seven-day Pacific Northwest cruise from Nov. 22-28, aboard the lovely American Empress, a vessel of the American Queen Steamboat Company.

The trip will include the Columbia River Gorge, museums and interpretive centers, cascading waterfalls, acclaimed wineries, picturesque towns and onboard holiday entertainment. The rate per person based on double occupancy and including port charge is only \$1,248. We have a group rate on the Deluxe Veranda Staterooms. This small ship has only 220 passengers and 80 staff, with all meals included plus beer/wine at dinners.

For those willing to drive, the trip committee will pay gas expenses and the \$10 storage fee at the Hilton garage in Vancouver, where the cruise begins. Carpooling will be arranged for 4-6 passengers in each vehicle.

Booking information (group #35024) is available from Verne Lane by calling (888) 749-5280. If you are interested or just want more information call Kathleen or Jim Hudson at (503) 861-2802.

ENCORE (Exploring New Concepts of Retirement Education) is an association of retirement-age people who share a love of learning and the desire to meet new friends. The group, created in partnership with Clatsop Community College, is open to adults age 50 and over. Members come from Oregon's North Coast and the Southwest Washington Coast.

ENCORE annual dues of \$50 entitle members to attend any or all of the group's course offerings during the year. For more information, call the CCC Community Education Office at (503) 338-2408 or visit encorelearn.org.

Ambassador Report: March 2020

Submitted by Teresa Brownlie, Chamber Ambassador

The Astoria-Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors are a committee of the Chamber that helps support its members and serves the community.

This is one of our busiest times of year as Ambassadors because we are gearing up for the annual Astoria Warrenton Crab, Seafood & Wine Festival at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds on April 24, 25 & 26. During the festival, the Ambassadors run the Beer Garden in the Exhibit Hall. We run this Beer Garden to raise money for student scholarships and Chamber activities, such as the annual Independence Day fireworks and the annual Chamber BAH-B-Q. We give \$6,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors at local high schools to help the next generation of leaders.

We are not the only group at the Crab, Seafood & Wine Festival that needs volunteers. The entire event requires hundreds of volunteers to make it successful.

So when you see a volunteer recruitment email from the Chamber -- or one of the other organizations serving at the event -- please consider signing up for one of the many fun jobs available.

Spring Into Fitness with Hiking Club

Submitted by the Angora Hiking Club

The Angora Hiking Club invites you to "spring" into fitness this month with its scheduled hikes.

- Wednesday, March 4: Astoria Riverwalk. Participants will meet at the Columbia River Maritime Museum parking lot (east end) at 1 p.m. for a tour of the city's waterfront along a level paved walkway. This easy hike will walk east from the museum past Pier 39 through Alderbrook and back through the woods. At the end of the walk, those who wish may tour the Lightship Columbia. Members are free and guests only \$2. All participants must register with Dory Lukas, hike leader, by March 3, at (907) 302-1054.
- Saturday, March 14: This is a two-part hike. The first part, Four County Point Trail, is the only place in Oregon where you can be in four counties at once: Clatsop, Columbia, Tillamook and Washington counties. This mile-long hike passes the N. Fork of Wolf Creek. The second part is a drive to the Steam Donkey Trail. This trailhead is at the Sunset Highway rest stop on Hwy 26. This is also a mile-long loop that might be muddy. All participants will meet at 9 a.m. at the parking lot west of Burger King, off of 2nd Street in Astoria. Call hike leader Arline LaMear at (503) 338-6883 by March 13, if you wish to join.
- Wednesday, March 25: Warrenton fish dock and dike hike at 1 p.m. Learn about Oregon's seafood and local fisheries at this easy walk around the commercial docks in Warrenton Marina, guided by Amanda Gladics. Call Kathleen Hudson at (503) 861-2802 by March 24 if you plan to join us. Meet at 2nd Street location to carpool.
- Wednesday, April 1: April Fools' Day mystery hike at the beautiful Lewis and Clark National Park. We will meet to carpool at our usual spot at 9 a.m. Bring your National Parks Pass. We will meet inside. There are some hills, but we will take it easy for those that need a slower pace. Call hike leader Gail Sunderland (541) 213-4793 by March 31 if you plan to join.

You do not need to be an Angora Hiking Club member to participate. All are welcome. Find more information about the group and its hikes at angorahikingclub.org.

Community Organization Meeting Dates

AAUW - 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 p.m., Astoria Public Library

ADHDA - 1st Friday, 8:30 a.m., Baked Alaska

Astoria Kiwanis - 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 4 p.m., El Tapatio

Astoria Rotary - Mondays, 12 p.m., Elks Lodge

Elks - 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7 p.m., Elks Lodge

LCHRNA - 1st Wednesday, 11:30 a.m., Fort George Brewery

Lions - Tuesdays, 11:30 a.m., Astoria Senior Center

Moose - Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., Moose Lodge

Toastmasters - 1st, 3rd, 5th Mondays, 6:30 p.m., Hotel Elliott

Warrenton Kiwanis - 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 1 p.m., Arnie's Cafe

Join CASA at Hands & Hearts Fundraiser

Submitted by Clatsop CASA Program

Clatsop CASA's 22nd annual fundraiser, Hands & Hearts, will be held at the Bridgewater Bistro in Astoria on March 19, from 6 to 9 p.m. This annual celebration provides the opportunity to enjoy great appetizers and competitive bidding as groups vie to win the dessert of their choice. The appetizers and desserts are specially created by notable Clatsop County chefs.

Hands & Hearts honors the many volunteers who have trained to become Court Appointed Special Advocates and who advocate on behalf of Clatsop County's foster children. CASA volunteers are the only participants in the child welfare system who speak solely for the child's best interest in making recommendations to the court and advocating for services.

Hands & Hearts also celebrates the many others in the community who support the continuation of this valuable work through their contributions to CASA. Clatsop CASA relies on community support to fund the recruitment, training and supervision of volunteers. Funds raised support the activities of Clatsop CASA in working on behalf of Clatsop County children. With more than 100 children in foster care in the county today, the goal is to have and support at least 50 CASAs.

Guest speakers for the event will be Seaside Police Lt. Bruce Holt and his wife, Dana, who have fostered 19 children over the years. A highlight of the evening will be the drawing of the winning raffle ticket for a round trip Norwegian Cruise Lines Seattle/Alaska cruise for two, worth \$2,000. Raffle tickets are \$50 and only 200 will be sold. Raffle ticket sales began Feb. 18. Winner need not be present to win.

Enjoy an evening of gourmet small bites and libations, listening to live music from NW Basin Street and bidding for very special desserts while raising money for advocacy services for children in foster care. Space is limited for this benefit event, as only 150 tickets will be sold. Tickets are \$30 each, \$225 for a table of eight or \$275 for a table of 10. For raffle or event tickets, call (503) 338-6063 or email casa@clatsopcasa.org.

Learn About Jesus in the Eucharist

Submitted by St. Mary Star of the Sea Catholic Parish

Please join St. Mary Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 1465 Grand Avenue, Astoria, on Tuesday, March 3 at 7 p.m. to hear Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers talk about Jesus in the Eucharist -- the body, blood, soul and divinity.

Deacon Harold is a dynamic speaker, evangelist, radio host and author. He is a powerful and passionate evangelist preacher, whose no-nonsense approach to living and proclaiming faith is sure to challenge and inspire those who hear him. He is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and lives in Portland with his wife and four children. He is a Benedictine Oblate of Mt. Angel Abbey.

This is a perfect way to begin the Lenten Season (Ash Wednesday was Feb. 26). The talk will be appropriate for all faiths and family members. It will last until approximately 8:30 p.m. including a question and answer session. There will be a freewill offering taken up at this event. For more information, contact Toni Mitchum at (503) 325-3671.



Residents and local businesses impacted by tourism are invited to attend this forum. *Image courtesy of Donna Quinn.*

You're Invited: Tourism Community Forum

Submitted by Donna Quinn

On Monday, March 9, the first free and open-to-the-public North Coast Tourism Community Forum will take place at McMenamins Hotel in Gearhart. The event will run from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and a complimentary lunch will be served.

Residents and local businesses are all impacted by tourism. Overtourism in Oregon is currently a hot topic in certain parts of the state. The North Coast Tourism Management Network is offering this event for North Coast residents and tourism professionals to network and engage in a larger conversation about tourism.

"The North Coast is clearly entering a new part of its destination 'lifecycle'," said Kristin Dahl, vice president of destination development for Travel Oregon. "Key to moving forward will be finding the right balance between the economic and social benefits of tourism, and the impacts that high visitation can have on traffic, local services, natural resources and quality of life."

Topics of discussion will also include the history of tourism on the North Oregon Coast, how tourism is currently impacting businesses and residents, tourism trends, innovative sustainable tourism practices and how other communities are addressing these issues.

There will be important updates from the North Coast Tourism Management Network as well as presentations by Travel Oregon staff. The North Coast Tourism Management Network represents 24 organizations and agencies on the North Oregon Coast from Astoria to Pacific City. This community forum is sponsored by Travel Oregon, Oregon Coast Visitors Association, Tillamook Coast Visitors Association, Astoria-Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce, City of Seaside and Cannon Beach Chamber of Commerce.

The event is free, but please register online to reserve your spot and help plan for lunch: <http://bit.ly/NCcommforum>. For more information, please contact Donna Quinn at (503) 338-9363 or donnarquinn@gmail.com.

Check out the flier in this newsletter, too!

Baked Alaska Hosting RIVER 2 RIVER

Submitted by Baked Alaska Restaurant & Lounge

Baked Alaska and Chef Outta Water's Chef Chris Holen is proud to welcome Chefs David Crews and Stewart Robinson of Mississippi's Delta Supper Club for a southern family-style dinner, followed by a live performance with singer-songwriter Steve Azar.

This event is presented by Baked Alaska, Chef Outta Water & Paul Mitchell and proudly sponsored by Warrenton Kia, Sowins Real Estate and Property Management, Hits 94.3 KRKZ, US Bank Astoria and Van Dusen Beverages.

Following an intimate performance and food event here in Astoria in early 2018, Steve helped put in motion a Chef Outta Water and Delta Supper Club collaboration taking Chef Holen on a food adventure to the Mississippi Delta. A dining event was held in the middle of a park in Greenwood, Mississippi in October 2018, featuring a globally-inspired menu using the ingredients of the Mississippi Delta.

After 18 months in the making, it's time to return the favor. The Delta Supper Club will partner once again with Chef Outta Water -- this time in Astoria, Oregon. In the Delta Supper Club's spirit of hosting dining events in historic locations, the RIVER2RIVER event will take place on Saturday, March 14 at The Astoria Armory.

The event will begin at 5 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres, followed by a southern family-style dinner. The live performance with Steve Azar will begin at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for this event are \$80 per person. Tickets for the Steve Azar performance only are also available for \$20 each, and doors will open at 7 p.m. for general seating.

Tickets can be purchased through Eventbrite under the title "RIVER2RIVER" or through the event on Facebook at facebook.com/events/475056393178979/.

Want to Be "Member of the Month"?

Submitted by Kelsey Balensifer, AWACC Publication Editor

Did you know that any Chamber member can sign up to be our ChamberWorks newsletter "Member of the Month"? It's an exclusive benefit for Chamber members only, and it's completely FREE!

Sign up for the month of your choice and fill the prime back cover with anything you want to talk about regarding your business or organization. Have a special event you'd like to promote? Hoping to bring more business to your store during slow months? Use the space however you'd like!

The back page can fit about 400 words with average sized photo. Be sure to send your logo, too! Our publication editor will format your provided materials and give you a chance to proof the layout. Chamber members can be "Member of the Month" once every two years.

For more details, or to find out what months are still available, contact AWACC Publication Editor Kelsey Balensifer at (503) 325-6311 or newsletter@oldoregon.com.

Meet the New Chamber Staff Member

Submitted by David Reid, AWACC Executive Director

In late 2019, we waved goodbye to Mark Kujala, as he took the director position at the Columbia Memorial Hospital Foundation. Our loss, but definitely CMH's gain! In his new role, Mark also serves on the Chamber board of directors, so we still get to see him around.

After looking for the right person to take Mark's spot, we are excited to announce that Jerry Sandness has joined the Chamber staff as membership coordinator.

Jerry was born in Astoria and is glad to be back in the beautiful North Coast area. After working for Fred Meyer in many locations throughout the northwest, he had the opportunity to finish his retail career at the store in Warrenton, where he was the store director for almost four years.

Retiring from "Freddy's" in 2018, he is excited to start a new chapter with the Astoria-Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce as the membership coordinator.

"Having served on the Chamber Board of Directors, and having the opportunity to be involved in many of the great events that take place in our area, I am excited to work with the Chamber staff and all of the Chamber members," Jerry said.

Jerry and his wife, Vel, have been married for 25 years. (You may remember that Vel is the former financial services manager at the Chamber.) They have two boys who live in Bend, Oregon.

Please help us welcome Jerry to the Chamber! You can contact him by calling (503) 325-6311 or emailing him at jerry@oldoregon.com.



Jerry Sandness is the Chamber's new membership coordinator.
Image courtesy of AWACC.

Top New Member Referrals

YOUR NAME HERE!

This space features a shoutout to the Chamber member business or organization, as well as the employee or representative, who referred the most new members to the Chamber in a given month!

Want to get your name listed? Contact AWACC Membership Coordinator Jerry Sandness at jerry@oldoregon.com or (503) 325-6311 when you encourage a local business to join the Chamber.



MEMBER OF THE MONTH - March 2020



Olivers Gourmet Company was started during the summer of 2012 in Camas, Washington. After a decade in the gourmet food industry and over 30 years as a manufacturer's sales rep, it was time to pursue the dream of starting my own brand.

As a purveyor of fine pickled foods and all-natural cocktail mixes, Olivers specializes in pickled garlic and hand-stuffed olives. Particularly known for the "cold packing" process, our pickled garlic is enjoyed simply as a snack or in cold salads. Highly medicinal, crispy and delicious, most new pickled garlic connoisseurs are pleasantly surprised that "it tastes like a pickle!" We also offer pickled veggies, Bloody Mary mix and -- coming later this year -- margarita mix!

In 2017, we relocated to Grays River, Washington, in Wahkiakum County -- just 28 miles northeast of Astoria. As a small, local family business, we feel fortunate to have become part of the North Coast community.

Now we're closer to some of our long-time favorite markets: the Columbia-Pacific Farmers Market (Long Beach, Fridays from 12 to 5 p.m., June-Sept.) and the Ilwaco Saturday Market (Ilwaco, Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., May-Sept.) and still able to attend the Vancouver Farmers Market (Vancouver, Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., March-Oct.).

Available primarily at festivals and farmers markets, we can also be found locally at Warrenton and Seaside liquor stores, Gulley's Butcher Shop and most grocery stores on the Long Beach Peninsula. Or check out our website to get your favorite Olivers products shipped to your home.

The Astoria Warrenton Crab, Seafood & Wine Festival has always been special, too! Please visit our booth there next month, April 24-26, at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds. Check out astoriacrabfest.com for more information. Mention this newsletter article and receive \$2 off any purchase of \$20 or more -- and, as always, the tasty samples are free!

Cheers,

Allan Berry, Olivers Gourment Company

If you're into pickled food, you've come to the right place! We hope to hear from you soon!

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