

OEA UPDATER

May 26, 2008

Next Meeting:
May 28, 2008

Speaker:
Royal Rosarians

Chair:
Ray Hanson / Pragma Ventures, Inc.

Greeter:
Jim Chiodo / 1-800 Water Damage

Tickets:
Cindy Kasch / Protec, Inc.

Sheriff:
Rick Grimshaw / Smith Barney

Business Reports:
Nancy Zieg / Nancy Zieg, Interior Designer

Pledge:
Jeff Smith / Bob Thomas Auto Body Carstar

Today's speakers: Tracey Williams & Bev Ray / Reynolds High School Business Program

Today's chair: Kelly Kemper / Sign-A-Rama

Cascade Academy Foundation (CAF) Business Partnership:
"Preparing our emerging workforce for success."

Kelly and Tracey and Bev have all worked together and been friends for many years. Tracey is the "School To Work" Coordinator at Reynolds HS, working with the students on their career pathway. They provide 49 majors and have dozens of business partners. The program is strong because of the students' hard work and the solid business partnerships in the community. The students learn how to set budgets, keep a checkbook, take responsibility for their own financial needs. Part of their internship is working with businesses and applying what they've learned in the classrooms. Bev works at a construction company who has been a business partner of Tracey's program. She has worked with many of the interns and staunchly vouches for the great work and long-term relationships she's had with them.

If you—or someone you know—might be interested in working with a young entrepreneurial student this summer, contact Tracey 503.667.3186. For more information, go to: www.thecenterforadvancedlearning.org/whatisca.php

Upcoming Speakers:

June 4th—Greg Chase / Resource Graphics

(Lili Pang chairs)

June 11th—Christy Aiken / N&C Service, Inc.

(Jeff Smith chairs)

Special Event:

Event: Annual Auction

Date: Saturday, July 19th

Location: Rose Quarter

PRIZES/TICKETS:

Jeff Smith and Sacha Basho donated tickets which went to **Ted Miller III and Debra Utberg**.

The pot is up to \$95... **Christy Aiken** pulled the lucky number... and drew a red chip. She went home \$10 wealthier :)

TESTIMONIALS:

Nancy Zieg thanked **Hal Hallmark** for the new laptop.

Sam Kress thanked **Christian Nielsen** for the great work and service they just provided for him and for hooking him up with a great cell phone.

Ted Miller III thanked **Christian**, also, for helping him with his new car charger.

Sam Kress thanked **N&C Services, Inc.** for doing a great job helping get his wife's new listing in showable shape.

A Warm Welcome To Our Visitors:

Jason Mays and Chris Fiser of **Rogue Natural Designs** www.roguellc.com

Jason and Chris already filled out their Membership application and we'll be sending out some Membership committee members to have an OnSite Visit in June.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Earle Wicklund thanked **Chris Casteel** for sponsoring the Easter Seals fun Golf Tournament last week on Monday, May 19th, at the Eugene Golf Club. Thanks for your time and efforts and donations for such a worthy cause, Chris.

Mike McKelligon echoed Earle's sentiments.

Hal Hallmark announced that he just received TONS of laptops—contact him if you want one—they are priced to move!

Steve Ferree encouraged everyone to go and check out Sandy and John Hendricks' new digs! Everything at Ovation Design looks gorgeous!

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Chris Casteel reminded us that the **Special Events** committee is hard at work procuring creative and generous donations for the Auction in July. Bring them to the Wednesday lunches or call Cathy and she'll pick them up from wherever it's convenient for you 503.286.9959

Sam Kress of the **Long Range Planning** committee said that he and the Board reviewed all the responses to the survey sent out last month. There will be some changes made over the next several weeks which will be announced in June. Thank you to all members who participated in the survey—your feedback is valuable to the success of the OEA overall and to the success of your individual businesses.

Christine Deegan of the **Programs** committee is booking speakers for July and August. Call her and let her know which date you'd like and she'll set you up. 503.666.3021