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**Next Meeting:
October 24, 2007**

Speaker:

Jeff Smith, Bob Thomas Carstar
Auto body

Chairperson:

Mike Weidman, TeamLogic IT

Greeter:

Sandy Hendricks, Ovation
Design/Build

Tickets:

Sacha Basha, Integra Telecom

Sheriff:

Jim Southwick, Southwick Specialty Advertising

Business Reports:

Christine Deegan, Travel Matters

Pledge:

Kevin Karth, Pridestaff

Welcome today's guests: **Jim Kleisen, Mr. Electric** and guest of Steve Ferree and **Arnie Lopez, Golden Touch NW Landscaping** and guest of Patrick Bolan.

Today's Speaker: Cindy Kasch, Protec introduced by Christian Nielsen, Alltek.

Christian Nielsen, Alltek: provides cellular phones for business and individuals. There are always new features and new plans, so have your business cell phone plan evaluated at least yearly. Reminder: 1-800-FREE-411 for information calls.

Cindy Kasch, Protec, Inc. has worked with Protec for over 9 years. Protec is a locally owned alarm company that started 21 years ago. They provide fire, intrusion and other alarm systems for homes, small businesses and large companies. Everything from a single detector to complete systems with video surveillance are available.

Protec does all local monitoring and has staff that reviews all reports on systems to insure accuracy, quick response and appropriate resets are done for each occurrence. This is very valuable in maintaining high quality control.

Protec has 24-hour dispatch service for problems and runs tests on each system installed on a weekly basis to insure correct operation.

Good leads for Protec: new businesses or homes needing a system installed; businesses or individuals with systems that don't operate correctly or where the owner is unhappy with the service provider.

October/November Speakers:

Oct. 31: Speaker: Roberta Nopson, Re/Max
Chair: Phil Erickson, N&C Service

Nov. 7: Business Crawl!!

Nov. 14: Angela Hall, Office Interior Concepts

Nov. 21: No Meeting, Happy Thanksgiving

Nov. 28: OEA Annual Meeting/Elections
No Guests, Please

PRIZES/TICKETS:

Door Prizes: Christian Nielsen brought a Bluetooth set happily won by: **Mike McMillen**. **Cindy Kasch** brought a gift certificate to Nordstrom's won by **Greg Leineweber**.

Raffle Drawing: **Phil Erickson** drew a white chip worth \$5.00 in this week's drawing. The total drawing is now up to: \$135.00.

TESTIMONIALS:

Ted Miller thanked **O'Donnell & Associates** for their great service and **SmithBarney** for sponsoring the excellent presentation last Wednesday evening.

Patrick Bolan thanked **Hal Hallmark** for his business support and advice.

Greg Chase thanked **Greg Leineweber, Affordable Tire & Brake and Cornerstone Auto Group** for their help.

John Hendricks thanked **Southwick Specialty Advertising** for their great shirts used at the Portland Home & Garden Show.

Chris Casteel thanked **Sign-A-Rama** for quickly printing airport signs.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership Committee: Ted Miller received a \$50 Nordstrom gift card for bringing a HVAC guest last week.

Bring an electric contractor and be in the drawing for a new IPOD from STUFF.

Programs Committee: Opening for a Business Crawl on November 7. Anyone interested in hosting, please contact Cindy Kasch at Protec.

Special Events: Holiday Party will be in January!!

We will still host the Lents Boys and Girls Club at a December lunch meeting and a gift tree for their kids.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Bob Wolcott, Pragma Ventures: Kruse Way Economic Forum coming up. See Bob for details.

Chris Casteel, Prestige Limousine: Looking for chauffeur drivers—part-time work that's great for good drivers. Thanks for the referrals—keep them coming!

Sacha Basho, Integra Telecom: Looking for salespeople in their Bend and Medford offices. Any referrals would be great!

Mike McMillen, Affordable Tire & Brake: Rainy weather means busy windshield wipers. See Mike to get new ones installed.

Christine Deegan, Travel Matters: Passport regulations change again in January, 2008. Get yours in process now for summer travel.

Space is still available for some holiday travel. See her for details. Consider Spring Break trips today!

Charity Cruise to New Orleans is filling fast. Call Christine to book today and have a great cruise while helping Habitat for Humanity.

MaryAnn Gray, Westside Secretarial: Special thanks to Rob Charlton for writing an article for a national association newsletter. She heard him quoted at the national conference by a member from Iowa!!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Business Crawl: November 7 (No lunch meeting)

No Meeting on November 21: Happy Thanksgiving

Board Elections/Annual Meeting: November 28

No Meeting on December 26: Merry Christmas

No Meeting on January 2, 2008: Happy New Year