



The Breeze

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Editor's Message

As you read this Breeze issue, it is a new year. It amazes me that we are starting another year. On the one hand, it seems like 2025 went on forever. On the other hand, it seems like we just started 2025. Either way, we are entering this new year whether we like it or not.

Just like what happens in the bigger picture of life, a new year in Bayshore brings new happenings and new opportunities. One example of a new and important happening will be the election of new directors to the Board in May. This is no small event. When you read Bayshore's founding documents (C&Rs, Bylaws, Policies and Procedures), you realize the importance of the election. The Board must have at least five members on it; it can include up to nine. For the most part, Directors serve for three years. Board directors, who are volunteers, have a large responsibility. They are responsible for carrying out the affairs of our homeowners association, including ensuring that Bayshore's common areas are maintained, managing the budget both short term and long term, supervising hired employees, keeping Bayshore insured, and overseeing Bayshore committees, to name a few duties.

There also will be new opportunities for members this year. First and foremost, members can volunteer to serve on a Bayshore committee. (See two ideas on page 2). The effort required for the different committees varies. What they have in common, though, is the ability to meet and form friendships with your community neighbors. It truly is a win-win situation. Committee members can help Bayshore continue to offer the type of services, experiences, and, in some cases, the maintenance of Bayshore's property, building and facilities, and equipment, while also developing friendships that go beyond work on the committee.

We may not be able to predict what will happen at the state and national levels, but we can be involved in helping Bayshore continue to thrive. That's a pretty good new year's resolution, if you ask me.

Kenn Apel



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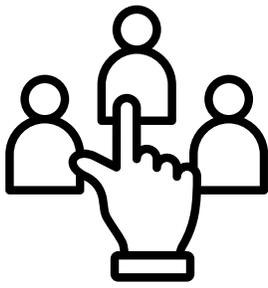
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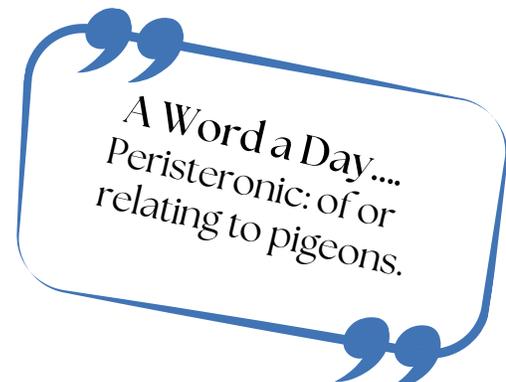
Volunteers for the Nominating and Election Committees Needed

At the January 17 Board of Directors meeting, members of the 2026 Nominating Committee will be appointed. Two Bayshore members who are not planning on running for the Board are needed. The Committee's main responsibility is preparing a slate of candidates for the Board (election is held in May). The committee members will determine how many open seats will be on the board and which divisions need representation. The committee then will convey that information to the membership via emails from the office and postcards mailed to all members. When a member steps forward to run for the Board, the committee will ensure that the member is eligible to run (ie, is in good standing and owns property in a division with an open seat). The entire process is relatively short; committee members are chosen at the January Board meeting and place eligible candidates to the Board at the April meeting.



Volunteers are chosen for the Election Committee at the March Board meeting. That committee accepts between four and six member volunteers. The committee's main responsibility is running the election for new Board members. Working with the office administrator, they ensure that ballots go out to all members and include details on how to cast a vote. On the day of the election (3rd Saturday of May, this year on May 16), the committee members count the ballots and convey the results to the Board president. Again, the commitment for members of this committee is fairly short.

For members who have been searching for a way to volunteer for Bayshore, membership on either of these committee is a good way to start. The time commitment is not long and the processes involved in preparing the slate of candidates and running the election are well-spelled out. Please consider putting your name in for serving on the Nominating Committee (chosen in January) or the Election Committee (chosen in March). If you wish to put your name forward for consideration in serving on one of these committee or have any questions about the committee, contact your division director or me (Roger Smith, BOD President) via the Bayshore office.



The Nature of Bayshore

by Lynda Apel

Meet Our Neighbors: The Pinnipeds

A Closer Look at Bayshore's Most Common Marine Mammal

Is it a sea lion or a seal? What we most often see here in Bayshore are harbor seals, lounging on the beach or bobbing in the waves. They are the most widespread seal species on Earth and a familiar sight along the Oregon coast.

Seals are pinnipeds, meaning “fin-footed.” These marine mammals live in oceans, estuaries, and coastal rivers; they are superb swimmers and divers. Harbor seals are the smallest of Oregon’s seal species and are commonly found along the Oregon and Washington coasts, in Puget Sound, and throughout California. They are generally non-migratory, though they may travel in response to food availability or environmental changes.



Like all seals, harbor seals lack outer ear flaps. They have short front flippers, and hind flippers that provide propulsion in the water but cannot rotate forward. Both sets of flippers are covered in fine hair. They have large, dark eyes, plump torpedo-shaped bodies, and fur patterned with dense spots ranging from silvery gray to dark brown. Adults typically weigh between 110 and 375 pounds and grow to about five or six feet long. Unlike sea lions, seals cannot lift their bodies off the ground. Instead, they move on land by wriggling along—more like an inchworm, or perhaps a “seal slug.”

Although they lack visible ears and limited hearing on land, harbor seals have excellent underwater hearing. They see well underwater but poorly on shore and likely do not perceive color. Their sense of smell on land, however, is acute and especially important for mothers identifying their pups. Unlike the raucous sea lions at

Newport’s Bayfront, harbor seals are the quietest of all pinnipeds. On land, they may snort, hiss, or growl when threatened, but most of their vocalizations occur underwater, where males vocalize during breeding season.

Harbor seals eat a wide variety of foods, depending on the season and region, and they consume about 10–18 pounds a day. Their diet includes fish, squid, crustaceans, and mollusks. They don’t chew their food, but instead swallow it whole or tear it into chunks. Using their back molars, they crush shells and crustaceans. In murky or low-light conditions, they rely on their sensitive vibrissae—the long, stiff whiskers around their mouths—to locate prey.

Unlike many pinnipeds, adult harbor seals are usually solitary and interact mainly to mate. During low tide, however, they often “haul out” in loose groups on sand or rocks to rest and conserve energy. This is especially important because the Pacific Ocean is cold and maintaining body heat requires significant effort, particularly for young seals still learning to hunt. Seals also spend extended time on land in late summer and fall to molt, shedding their entire coat and growing a new one. To do this, they raise their skin temperature by nearly 20 degrees, a process that takes several weeks.



During hauling out and molting season, it's especially important to respect the 100-yard viewing distance required by the National Marine Fisheries Service—or more if the seals appear aware of your presence.

There's much more to share about these shy and fascinating pinnipeds, so be sure to check next month's Breeze to learn about harbor seal pups and just how intelligent seals really are. In the meantime, if you have a good photo of our local seals, please send it to bayshorebreezeditor@gmail.com.



The two photos and the chart in this story are compliments of Lynda Apel

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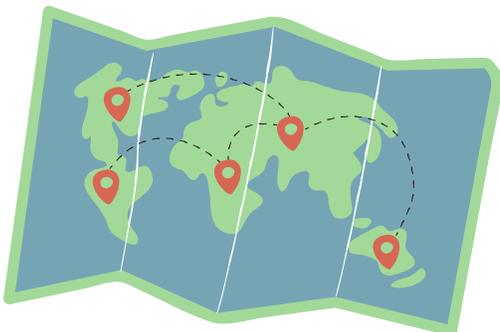
Five Non-Negotiable Days You Can Schedule Every Month*

Get Your Stuff Together Day

A day to clear clutter - pay your bills, organize your inbox and desktop, do meal prep, laundry, and errands. A bit boring but it keeps your life from spiraling out of control.

Unplug Day

Put your phone down, turn off notifications, log out of social media. Avoid technology as much as possible and surprise your mental health.



Be-A-Tourist Day

Visit a random neighborhood, try a new restaurant, snap photos like a traveler. Routine makes time fly; exploration slows it down.

Mini-Adventure Day

No plan ticket needed. Try a new class, visit a museum, take a new route to get home. Break your routine and make your days more story-worthy.

Reconnection Day

A day to connect with people who matter - reach out to an old friend, grab coffee with a mentor, call someone in your family. There is no agenda or hidden motive. Just a real connection.

*From levelupwithfriend

Bayshore Gardens: Tips in the Garden

By Carrie Davis*

Got Fungus Gnats on Indoor Plants ?

Fungus gnats are now one of the most common and annoying of all indoor plant problems. Although the gnats are generally harmless to plants and people, they are not something you want around the dinner table or anywhere else in your home.

Fungus gnats are usually introduced because packaged potting mixes are not regulated and often include ingredients that harbor gnat larvae. When the gnats are present, remove and discard all loose soil from the top surface that is not in immediate contact with the roots. Larvae live in the uppermost portion of soil so removing the top soil will allow the soil in the root zone to dry out sooner. Letting the soil dry as deep as possible without harming the plant is the best long-term solution, because the gnat larvae require moisture to survive. Importantly, bottom watering is a false solution to a gnat problem. Always water from the top but allow the soil to dry as deep as possible before watering again.

The winged adults that emerge from the soil live for only about a week while they fly about looking for damp soil to lay their eggs. Yellow sticky traps will help monitor the source and frequency of the gnats, but are not an effective treatment for them because more continue to emerge from the larvae in the soil. Eradication of the larvae in the soil is the key.

Systemic pesticides, especially those with imidacloprid, can be effective in treating soil-born pests, but be aware of the risks when using them.

The toxins remain in the soil and are absorbed by the roots and spread throughout the plant, making them a potential hazard for children and pets that munch on the plant. Indeed, some adults have allergic skin reactions to pesticides when they prune those plants. Being careful in attempting to solve the problem is the key.



*Carrie Davis is a Bayshore member, an Oregon State Master Gardener, and President of the Seal Rock Garden Club



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A Bird's Eye View

by Staci Louie

"In vain have I struggled. It will not do. My feelings will not be repressed. You must allow me to tell you how ardently I admire and love you." - Jane Austin, Pride and Prejudice

Harlequin Duck



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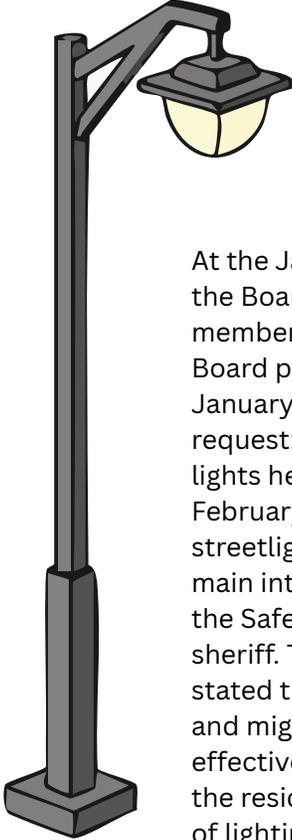
Are you a fan of Downton Abbey or the Bridgerton series? Maybe you secretly- or openly (no judgement here)- read those trashy romance novels with the hunky guy on the cover. Then I have a bird for you! The Harlequin Duck is the bird equivalent of Mr. Darcy from Pride and Prejudice. This is the smallest of the sea birds. It can dive up to 70 feet underwater and stay underwater for up to 45 seconds looking for small fish and invertebrates (mussels, crabs, etc).

During nesting season, Harlequins move inland. The female will find her mate while wintering along the coast, then return to the place of her hatching to breed and nest along fast moving streams. Male and female Harlequin Ducks are monogamous, generally staying with one partner for life. They have the nickname of "sea mouse" due to the squeaks they make when interacting with one another.

Want to see this beauty for yourself? During the winter months, they can often be spotted hanging out on or near the rocks of the Newport Jetty.



Streetlights in Bayshore



At the November 2025 Board of Directors meeting, a Bayshore member requested that Bayshore streetlights be turned on. She was concerned that some streets were too dark and that she did not feel safe. The member's request was not unique. Indeed, the same topic was brought up as recently as the February 2022 Board meeting. Thus, a bit of history about streetlights and facts about them seems appropriate.

At the January 2018 Board meeting, Bayshore's Safety Committee recommended to the Board that the most Bayshore streetlights be turned off. At the meeting, five members attending the meeting spoke in favor of shutting down the streetlights. The Board president asked for more member feedback via emails/letters between the January and February 2018 Board meetings. Seven members responded to that request: three asked that the lights remain on for safety reasons, two believed the lights helped reduce crime, and two discussed house lighting vs. streetlights. At the February 2018 Board meeting, Board members unanimously voted to darken most streetlights. Exceptions to that recommendation were lights at some of Bayshore's main intersections (e.g., Westward and Oceania). The Board's decision was based on the Safety Committee's recommendation and through discussions with the local sheriff. The sheriff did not believe streetlights affected crime/personal safety. He stated that constant lighting of a residence served to provide illumination to intruders and might be irritating to neighbors. The sheriff further mentioned that more effective lighting for homes to reduce property crime would be sensor lighting around the residence with the light directed down and within 10ft of the residence. This type of lighting results in sudden illumination of the residence, deters intruders, and alerts neighbors. Finally, the sheriff mentioned that the most effective deterrent for property crimes was a surveillance camera. Of note: some Bayshore members had installed streetlights on their property and were paying for those lights at the time of the Board's decision. The Board agreed to grandfather in those lights.

The issue of streetlights was brought up again at the February 2022 Board meeting. There were strong feelings expressed by members for both sides of the issue; much of the focus on returning to active streetlights was about walking at night. Importantly, the Board had conducted a member survey in September of 2021, and although given an opportunity, no members asked that the streetlights be turned on. In that February meeting and the following meeting, multiple members stated they preferred the lights off to allow viewing of stars and planets and to ensure appropriate orientation for migrating birds. (See a Breeze article about night skies in the June 2017 issue).



Streetlights in Bayshore (cont.)

The concern about dark streets in Bayshore and safety issues is an important one for some members. I conducted a search for scientific articles that discussed streetlights and crime. I found several recent (2021-current) articles about the topic. One article[1] seemed to suggest that streetlights may help control crimes. Unfortunately, those researchers admitted they did not differentiate between crimes that occurred during the daytime or nighttime. Other researchers[2] found that improvement in lighting (i.e., having active streetlights) may result in displacement of crimes to other areas, and thus, investments in streetlights may not provide the type of public safety that was their intent. Another article[3] that used power outages to determine the effect of darkness on crime, found that outages (i.e., darkness) reduced assaults by 72%.



These studies provide data at a general level, but they do not address the concerns at the local (Bayshore) level. Recent statistics about Waldport are encouraging, though. Total crimes in Waldport are 53% lower than the US average. Violent crimes are 66% lower than the national average. Those numbers definitely are reassuring.

Finally, the cost to light up Bayshore streetlights is not cheap. The cost to turn on one light would be anywhere from \$29 to \$31 per month. Lighting 20 streetlights would cost anywhere from \$6,960 to \$7,440 year. Of course, Bayshore also would need to determine where the streetlights would be lit.

For those who wish to have Bayshore streetlights lit because of concerns about safety, other possible remedies available. For example, at the November 2025 Board meeting, Vice President Josh Hanselman talked about a well-respected headlight (model: Niterider 1200) that he uses when he is riding his bicycle after dark. He found it to be highly reliable, waterproof, and easy to use, leaving his hands free for steering his bike. He also reported that Oregon law ([ORS 815.280](#)) requires headlights on bikes. Although the law does not mention walkers/runners, headlamps enhance walkers' visibility and safety after dark. There are a number of highly rated headlamps available for walkers and runners.



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Good Sendoff*

by
Tom Snethen

2026 has arrived. The US mint has generated a coin celebrating 250 years as a nation. Hats, t-shirts, and bar napkins will follow.

This is nothing compared to the hoopla beginning in 1975, the bicentennial. The Vietnam war was fresh in our rear-view mirror. Everyone wanted to be a patriot. A petroleum company even changed its name, incorporating number 76. No one thought it was odd.



The bicentennial celebration commenced July 3, 1975, with a wagon train retracing the Oregon Trail from the finish line to its origin: from Oregon City, Oregon to St. Louis, Missouri.

The launch was made from Clackamas Community College. Organizers arranged a ceremony with guest speaker Senator Robert Packwood. I was to MC this event.

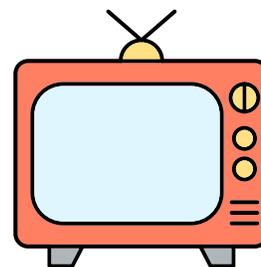
2000 people stood in the audience. Attending were three TV networks: CBS, NBC, and ABC. July 3 was a very slow news day.

I had never spoken in public before. I was terrified. The Secret Service interrupted me as I walked to the stage. "There has been a death threat to the Senator," one said. "You need to be prepared in case bullets start flying."

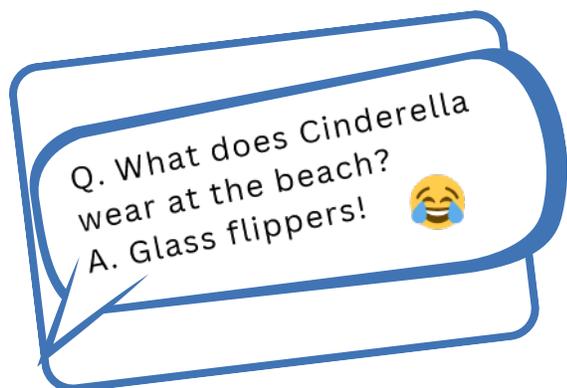
I completed the senator's introduction while looking for reflections of rifle scopes in the trees.

I did my duty and survived the day.

Film at 11 that night. The networks interviewed the wagon master, the horse wrangler, and the trail cook. No mention was made of the Senator or me. It was all a matter of human-interest programming.



*A true story from the Seventies



Compliments of Bernie Williams

Sisters in Stitches: Part 2

In the last Breeze issue, you learned about the Bayshore Ladies quilting group that meets every Friday in the clubhouse, including how they got started and their typical daily routine. This month, you will learn much more about this group and what they do for the community.



When I met with the quilters, it became clear that they were a very close group. Perhaps the best testament to this tight connection is the annual retreat they hold. Many of the members go to a ranch located in Elkton and, for five days, do pretty much nothing but quilt and converse. The group members described the location as a place with a great view and, even better, no need to do cooking or cleaning! The real testament to the closeness of the group is that former members who now live in Phoenix, Portland, Idaho, and New Orleans come for the five-day retreat.

As I interviewed them, I was struck with the outreach the quilters do. For example, for about three to four years now, they have been making baby quilts distributed to new mothers by Grandma's House in Bend, OR. They also have

created the a "Bayshore Challenge." For this project, one of them picks a theme. Each member then secretly creates a quilt that matches that theme. In June, there is a big reveal, when each member shows off her quilt. Then, those quilts plus a book that matches the theme are given to a target organization. This year, foster children of the Siletz tribe will be the recipients of the quilts and books.

Most of the current Bayshore Ladies are part of the Oregon Coast Quilters Guild. When that Guild started, there were about 67 members. Today, there are at least 108, and they come from all up and down the central coast (e.g., Pacific City, Newport, Waldport, and Florence) and even from Albany. In fact, one Guild member lives in London, PA, and Zooms in for meetings!

Documentation is one unique and highly admirable activity performed by some members of the Bayshore quilting group. Originally started by Twy, the group helps time-date old quilts that individuals in the community have. For only a \$5.00 charge, the group will work on identifying the history of a quilt. They do this by investigating the fibers, thread, batting, and number of stitches. In the beginning of this service, they helped identify quilts that came across the Oregon Trail! Some of the time-dated quilts are given to the Historical Society. Others are owned by individuals who now know the history of their quilt. So far, the group has successfully dated over 300 quilts.

You may have seen the quilt shows the Guild puts on annually at the Newport Recreation Center during the first Friday and Saturday of August (that's August 7 and 8, 2026). One of the many highlights of this show is the tribute the Guild gives to veterans. Following an Honor Guard that marches into the Center, veterans are presented with quilts made by members



Sisters in Stitches (cont.)

of the Guild. The Guild also presents veterans quilts at some of their scheduled general meetings. At a recent meeting, six veterans, all women, were each be honored with a quilt.

The title of this article, and the one published in the November/December issue, is “Sisters in Stitches.” I did not make that title up. During my interview, that is how they described themselves. I feel quite lucky I was able to meet and learn more about this “family” of quilters. And I think many in our community, and indeed the Central Coast of Oregon, are as fortunate as well.



There was an error in the labeling of this picture last month. Twy Hoch is the quilter sitting in the chair.

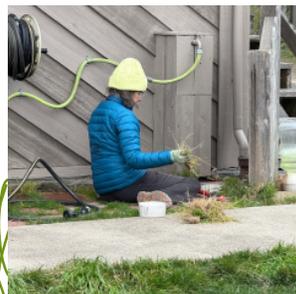
I so enjoyed my interview time with this special group. They made a point of saying that new members (including men) are always welcomed with open arms. One only needs some basic knowledge of sewing to join the group. As part of my interview, I asked the members the group’s main mission. Without a hesitation, one of them said: “To enjoy each other, solve world problems, eat chocolate, and make quilts.” They also said they are not mean to one another, or to others outside of the group. I can attest to the latter. When I’ve had to be upstairs in the clubhouse during their work time, they have been nothing but sociable and kind.



Weed Whackers at Work Again



The Bayshore Weed Whackers were at it again, sprucing up the front of the clubhouse. Thanks to all who helped out.



New Member Spotlights



Anita Badri is a recent newcomer to Bayshore, having moved here late August 2025. She is originally from Nebraska but she lived on Whidbey Island in Washington before moving here. Before she retired, Anita was an executive assistant in Seattle. She also worked for and volunteered with Island Senior Resources, a non-profit that “seeks to share the joys and help meet the challenges of aging...by providing integrated programs and services” for individuals in Island County Washington.



Ask Anita who she thinks is the most precious person on the earth, and you will hear her talk about her granddaughter Miette, who, along with Anita’s daughter and son-in-law, lives near Greenlake in Seattle. Anita’s sister, Jana Hanford, whom many of you know, has assisted Bayshore in implementing ADA policies. She is also a Bayshore member who divides her time between Bayshore and Seattle.

Anita loves being near the Pacific Ocean and the gorgeous Oregon Coast, particularly in what she calls the friendly, beautiful community of Bayshore. Although Anita is quite new to Bayshore, she told me she will be offering her assistance to Bayshore in some way in the new year. Anita, welcome to Bayshore. We are quite excited to get to know you better.

Mike Tatro and **Mary Cooke** are very recent newcomers to Bayshore. They moved into their home on November 1, 2025. I was lucky enough to have both of them answer some of my questions, so by reading this “Flashlight,” you will get to know both of them better. I know I did. Let’s start with where they are from.

Mike is a long-time Californian. In fact, he lived there 53 years before moving to Newberg, OR, late in 2009. Since 2021, he had been actively looking for a home on the Oregon coast, exploring communities from Long Beach to Brookings. He finally settled on Lincoln County. Mary, on the other hand, is a native Oregonian. She was born and raised in Portland and then spent 38 years in Spokane, Washington (she went to Gonzaga University and then stayed there for many more years). Given neither of them grew up on the Central Coast. Mary says she and Mike need to pinch themselves every day because living here on the coast and in Bayshore is so special for them.

Mary spent 15 years in advertising sales and then another 15 years selling gift items to shops and nurseries. She retired in 2016. Mike retired two years later in 2018. Before that, he spent most of his working life as a technical writer, although he also managed publication departments for various tech companies later in his career. He also has been and continues to be a semi-pro musician (guitar, bass, steel guitar, and voice).

Both Mary and Mike are active volunteers. Mary enjoys her volunteer time at the Aquarium as a Concierge and is looking forward to volunteering for the Oregon State Parks as an official Whale Watcher at the Yachats State Recreation Area. Mike is currently on the Board of Directors for KYAQ radio. He also engineers their in-studio Club KYAQ concert series. Obviously, these two believe in keeping busy. They may even, in the future, provide some volunteer help to Bayshore.

Mike and Mary answered my question about their favorite part of Bayshore pretty much the same way: the beach accesses and coastal views. Mary says she loves walking her Bichon Frise, Louie, on the beach (and agate hunting) and throughout Bayshore neighborhoods. Both of them talked about how special our Bayshore community is, how gracious and interesting their neighbors are, and how friendly and welcoming everyone is.



Mike and Mary, I join others in Bayshore in welcoming you to your new community. We all are quite pleased to call you neighbors and friends.



Artisans' Holiday Bazaar



The Artisans held their annual Holiday Bazaar on December 6 and 7. A total of 18 vendors, all Bayshore members, displayed their crafts for sale. Despite the pouring rain, there were lots of shoppers interested in their products.



The Artisans had requested that all who came to the event to bring non-perishable food items and soft goods (paper towels, toilet paper, Kleenex, shampoo/conditioner, soap, lotion, etc.). A whopping 266 lbs. of goods were collected and then donated to the Waldport Food Share. Now that's what is called success! The profit from the Bazaar was added to the funds the Artisans are collecting to help create a new entrance sign for Bayshore.



All and all, a fun time was had by vendors and attendees alike. Stay tuned for the 2026 Artisans Bazaar, possibly a bit earlier in the season.

Holiday Party a Success!

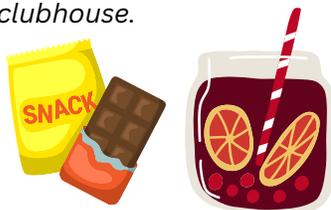


The holiday party, sponsored by Bayshore's Social Committee, was a huge success, drawing an impressive 70 attendees. The clubhouse was beautifully decorated, creating a warm, and festive atmosphere that perfectly captured the spirit of the season. Members enjoyed a wide variety of delicious food with something to please every palate. Adding to the excitement were the fabulous raffle items which generated plenty of enthusiasm and smiles throughout the evening. Overall, the event was a wonderful celebration filled with great company, great food, and holiday cheer.



Happy Hour

The next First Friday Happy Hour will be held on February 6 from 5:00-6:30pm in the clubhouse.



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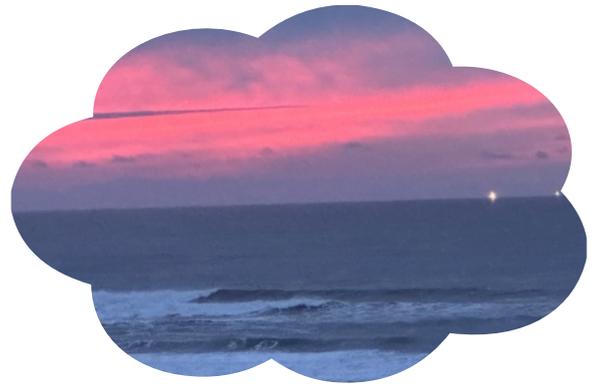
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- Division 1: Kenn Apel (2026)
- Division 2: Sarah Harris (2027)
- Division 3: Roger Smith (2026) - President
- Division 4: Joshua Hanselman (2026) - Vice President
- Division 4: Megan Hanselman (2026)
- Division 5: Carolyn Gardner (2027) - Treasurer
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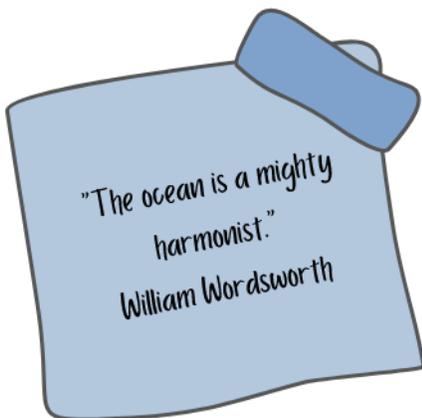
That's My Oregon!

Crater Lake is the deepest lake in the United States at 1,943 feet.



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