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Cooperation is a word that signifies thought and action.

Here in Bandon, cooperation between for profit and non profit groups keeps our community vital and ensures goods and services get to those who need them.

Take Henry, for example. He's a big fish who recently swam into Old Town. As a figurehead for the Washed Ashore project, Henry represents countless hands recovering plastic waste from nearby beaches to create something new, something educational, something unforgettable. Henry and the Washed Ashore project are built on the cooperation and support provided by individuals, businesses and organizations.

In this issue, learn how Bandon business owners are working toward even better cooperation with local organizations.



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**Bandon Visitors Center Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon
 Best Western Inn at Face Rock**

It was my great privilege to be able to honor, along with the Chamber Board of Directors, the Bandon Visitor Center Volunteers today. They do so much for this community . . . My hat is off to all of you!

—Julie Miller, BCC Executive Director, March 13, 2013



**40 Years and Counting
 Bandon Card and Gift Shoppe**

Lynn Davies joined the Bandon business community in 1973 when she opened Bandon Card and Gift Shoppe in Old Town. This year marks 40 years of colorful cards, gifts, accessories, toys and more.

From her shop, Davies has enjoyed a front row seat to changes in Bandon's tourist and shopping district. From new sidewalks to improved lighting, she describes the

transformation as an Old Town Renaissance.

"We're very proud to be part of Old Town and the waterfront," she said.

Other local businesses got their start sharing space at Bandon Card and Gift, including Cobbler's Bench, Whiskey Run Jewelry and Campbell Glass. What began as a single shop now spans three storefronts co managed by Davies' daughter Jessica Markham-Brink: The Toy Room, By-the-Sea Treasures, and Bandon Card and Gift Shoppe.

Stop by to register for a monthly drawing and celebrate 40 years in business with a chance to win a \$40 gift certificate. No purchase necessary.

Serving Bandon through cross-organizational cooperation

This winter, Greater Bandon Association volunteers asked how they might improve communication between local organizations. The GBA got the ball rolling on March 21 with an open invitation Civic Summit at the Bandon Community Center.

The March conversation centered on the topic of event planning. The meeting closed with the consensus that groups can improve event participation and avoid scheduling conflicts through regular use of the community calendar maintained by the Bandon Chamber of Commerce at its bandon.com website.

"It seems to me we have the vehicle," said Maureen Haggerty, adding that the BCC calendar is a good tool for centralized event communication.

Haggerty attended the summit as a member of Bandon Cares.

More than 30 individuals gathered at the summit, representing 20 civic and service organizations. Many attendees are also local business owners.

GBA coordinator Harv Schubothe moderated the discussion. The GBA is a volunteer association working to revitalize local economy, building on history and culture, to preserve Bandon's historic assets. Schubothe is a graduate of the Ford Family Leadership Program and 2013 Ford Community Fellow. Ford Fellows receive a stipend and are assigned to explore, learn, and practice the art of community building.

Schubothe explained that the March summit is the first of what he hopes will be several such cross-organizational meetings.

Peter Braun is owner of The Cobbler's Bench, board member for the BCC, and a GBA member. Braun worked with Schubothe to organize the first summit. Braun said future meetings will focus on fund raising and shared support for organizational projects. His goal is to facilitate productive use of local human and financial resources.

Braun said the consensus in the March meeting is a good start.

"Everyone can help market the BCC community calendar as a community resource," he said.



Your Contributions Count

Proactive steps for better impact

1. Set a budget for annual giving.
2. Adopt a donation request form: Say yes to each organization with an offer to complete your donation request form; allow yourself time to review the request; politely decline those who do not match your criteria.
3. Initiate invitations for your choice organizations to complete your donation request form and discuss sponsorship opportunities.

Get your request form template at the BCC.

Source: Jon Schallert, <http://destinationuniversity.com>

When Giving Isn't an Option

How to say no—gracefully

State reason clearly: We are unable to participate in your fundraising/event at this time due to our budget ~or~ scheduling conflict.

Keep the door open: Decline the event, but invite the organization to contact you again.

Counter-Offer: Offer a coupon or gift certificate when cash, product or service donation isn't an option.

Source:

ForbesWoman contributor Nina Rodecker

<http://www.forbes.com/sites/yec/2012/07/17/too-many-donation-requests-how-to-say-no-while-still-giving-back/>

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WHAT'S HAPPENING
More events at bandon.com

Washed Ashore Art to Save the Sea

Exhibit and Workshop at Harbortown Events Center
Tuesday through Saturday, 2 to 5 PM
325 Second Street SE, Bandon
<http://washedashore.org>
541-250-1140

Bandon Card and Gift Shoppe

Monthly 40th Anniversary Drawings through 2013
265 Second Street SE, Bandon
Register for a chance to win a \$40 gift certificate.

BCC Annual Meeting and Board Installment

April 16, 8 AM
Edward Jones, 1160 Oregon Ave SW (Highway 101), Bandon
BCC members must be present to vote.

National Volunteer Appreciation Week

April 21 through 27

BCC Micro Biz Fair

April 24, 1 to 5 PM
Bandon Community Center, 1200 11th Street SW, Bandon
BCC members showcase products and services. Exhibitors and fair participants sign up with Julie Miller, 541-347-9616.



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