

Elders Spring Retreat Meeting – Approved at the 5/22/25 meeting
Saturday, May 3, 10 a.m.
Location: Alice's

Committee Members Present: Diane Albino, Jain Elliott, Nancy Hafner, Kay Kintzley, Robert
"Mouseman" McCarthy

Committee Members Absent: Heather Kent, Eric Nicholson, Michael James Long, Ann Rogers

Board Liaisons Present: Sandra Bauer

Board Liaisons Absent: Kevin Levy

Others Present: Synnove Abrahamsen, Rolyn Arata, Roberta Austin, Amber Bacigalupi, Mark
Bacigalupi, Malka Barber, Mike Barkhuff, Steve Barnes, Anna Brown, Alice Chadd, Amber Coates,
Paul Compton, Tom Conlin, Katie Cousins, Sue Dewitt, Molly Elliott, Carolyn Gsell – Scribe, Leone
Gholston, Bonne Gibson, Kehn "mambo" Gibson, Shaun Hearn, John Higby, Percy Hilo, Annemarie
Hirsch, Paxton Hoag, Chris Howe-Harrison, Lois Inmann, Rocky Jawad, Jerry Joffe, Gina Kaldahl,
Roy Lisi, Jim May, Suzanne Philips, Jon Pincus, Jane Robin, Fran Rosenthal, Jerry Shultz, Patricia
VanEsso, Jenny Wilson

5 of the 9 committee members were present.

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- Wristbands (again) – Nancy
- Fundraising for Elders - Kay

Introductions: Each person in the room introduced themselves by name.

Announcements:

- Please sign in for the attendance record. There is a clipboard going around - Carolyn
- We have 4 2024 Elder T-shirts for sale – See Carolyn
- mambo - KOCF is raising funds with a Bottle drive. To participate, pick up blue tags at the Fair office, tag your returnable cans and bottles with the blue tag and drop off at designated bottle drop locations. KOCF will get credit.
- Diane -Next year is the 25th year anniversary of getting the Elders program approved by the board.
- Roy Lisi /Jerry Joffe - The Late-Night Trips bus is running this year. It is wheelchair accessible. See page 10 of [April FFN](#). Find schedule here: [Late Night Trips FAQ](#)
The Bus is comfortable, has music and party lights. It's a lot of fun.
- Kay – Elder Volunteer Sign-ups are available at this meeting. See posts on refrigerator door.
- Tom Conlin offered to give a tour of the Art Barn during the lunch break.

Events Subcommittee Volunteering (Meet & Greet/Special Events) – Kay

Upcoming Elder Events are:

Meet and Greet July 10

June in-person meeting, Thursday 6/19 at Kay's

Fall retreat Sept. 19 20, 21

Spirit Walk Oct 4, or Saturday evening (9/20) of fall retreat

Elders Holiday Party T.B.D. – Wow Hall vague possibility, McDonald Theater is a NO.

The Events Subcommittee is looking for people to contribute to individual events (listed above).

The setup for our Meet & Greet event starts at 10 a.m. on Thursday pre-Fair. This involves gathering benches, preparing the firepit space, carrying in supplies, setting up our own tables, getting the power cords plugged in for entertainment, carrying coolers, chopping food for food trays. Volunteers can arrive anytime between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. to lend a hand. After the party everything needs to be put away and cleaned up. The sign-up sheets are on the fridge in the kitchen.

Everything for Meet and Greet happens at Alice's Firepit.

Mollie chimed in that the key component for volunteering to set up the M&G is to show up to take directions from the Events Subcommittee; not run the program.

The Events Subcommittee is looking for one more volunteer to join their year-round work.

This year's Meet and Greet theme is LOVE.

Kay reminded us that the Meet and Greet event was originally designed to introduce new Elders to the Group.

Acknowledge First time attendees / New Elders - Jorjan

Sue Dewitt

Gina Kaldahl

Rolyn "Ro" Arata

Bonnie Gibson

Shaun Hearn

Acknowledge Elders who have resigned from volunteer positions - Annemarie

- Fran Rosenthal and Daniel Levine stepping down from Geezer Pleezer. Roy Lisi is stepping in. We are looking for another person to co-coordinate with Roy.
- Sandra Bauer is resigning as SLR decorator. – Teresa Vaughn is taking over. We are looking for a volunteer to assist Teresa.
- Jorjan is stepping back from SLR staffing. Ro Arata is taking on this duty.
- Jean Bryant was our Water Genie. She is stepping away this year. David Brooks is stepping back from Camp co-host for Del Boca Veneta. Annemarie reported that Kelly may have found someone to take David's place.
- Larry Lynch and Annemarie Hirsch have stepped back as Elder camp hosts – Anna Brown and Jorjan Plimmer are taking Larry and Annemarie's places.
- Steve Schweitzer and Ani Sinclair are stepping away from the Memorial Kiosk. Alice Chad volunteered to take this on.

Elder Volunteers Subcommittee Overview – Annemarie & Synnove

There is an overview posted on the Fridge along with sign-up sheet. You can find the [Volunteer Outreach 2025](#) document here.

Annemarie bragged on Mark Bacigalupi. He rebuilt the sinks at the showers that Elders and 4A folks use during the Fair.

REMINDER – Elders have a website. www.ocfelders.weebly.com

More on the Meet & Greet - Kay

Food served at this year's Meet and Greet will be finger foods. The food service is not meant to be a meal. It's about meeting and greeting and introducing new Elders.

How it started: It's been going for 12 or 15 years. Licia dropped out a few years ago. Kay is stepping back and acting more in a supervisory and consultant role.

Wine needs to be purchased with our own money. Budget money cannot go towards alcohol.

John Higby is our Wine Steward. He reported that we have a lot of Cabernet Sauvignon left over from last year. Anyone is welcome to donate bottles of wine. Donors can bring them to the event.

Roberta donated \$275 to purchase the banquet tables. We have 6 ea. 6 ft. table and 1 3 ft. table (for the wine).

Still Living Room Timelines – Jerry Joffe

Every year we retrieve the timelines from archive storage at the Fair Office and deliver them to the SLR site. Kevin McCormick has offered to bring them out (again) to the fair site with his truck. Jerry asked if someone would volunteer to meet at the Fair office at 8 a.m. Saturday pre-Fair. It's best that 2 people carry each timeline.

SLR Peach Pit article/ OPB's directive for screening their videos/ Invitation to CHC discussion on Sunday, 4 p.m. at the Magical History Tour (MHT) theater – Jerry J.

The Peach Pit staff allows us to enter an article about the SLR in the paper. The SLR Magical History Tour Theater schedule is a bit more complicated this year. Vanessa Roy asked if we would be willing to show the videos in the theater. At the April Elders Committee meeting, the committee voted "yes" to show the videos (with the caveat that they are closed caption).

OPB hasn't decided yet how many programs and the titles of the programs for the videos. The Peach Pit deadline is May 5.

Jerry read out loud the article to see what the group thinks. The group approved.

Last year we had 6 one-hour sessions in the MHT Theater where specific Counterculture topics were discussed. This year, Jerry proposed we host a discussion at 4 p.m. Sunday at the MHT theater. Members of the Counterculture History Coalition, who will be at Spoken Word this year, will be available to participate in a discussion about the many aspects of the Counterculture that are still relevant today.

Because we don't know what videos we'll be getting, nor the titles, Vanessa Roy, Marketing Manager, has agreed to proof and edit the Peach Pit article before it goes to print. If she doesn't have this info, then we'll have a generic announcement.

Jerry said that OPB agreed to give a 5-minute presentation between videos. We will also run the 8-minute continuous loop video that was put together some years ago.

Paxton said he has been working with Vanessa on the OPB project. On June 25, the McDonald Theater will present the OPB videos. The OPB crew actually came out during the floods to film for Oregon Outdoors. The first showing on air is June 27. Paxton is hoping to show the videos during a pre-fair movie night.

Mouseman – The relationship between the Fair and OPB is very important. Education is one of the foundations of the OCF.

The question was asked about the videos from last year of the MHT presentations. They are unedited and need to be cleaned up. If someone steps forward to editing videos they should reach out to Paxton.

SLR Decorating - Sandra

We'll have the same setup as last year. Teresa Vaughn is retiring from Spoken Word and will take the lead on decorating. Teresa's husband is a good carpenter.

Decorating begins at 2 p.m. on Wednesday and takes about 3-4 hours.

There's an article about the SLR on the Elders Website <https://ocfelders.weebly.com/still-living-room.html>

OCF Educational Project Grant (SLR) – Carolyn/Sandra

This new Grant allocates up to \$5,000 per year. The grant has conditions. No additional wristbands can be requested, and the project should be interactive. The grant info is on the .net site.

Carolyn is willing to be the point person for requesting a grant. Project needs to be something new; not updating an existing program.

Paxton said that the purpose of the grant is to generate new programming, something creative, different. History goes hand and hand with Education. The world is changing around us. We need to change with the world, and we also need to acknowledge the history of how we got here.

SLR Staffing - Jorjan

Jorjan is assisting Rolyn this year in recruiting volunteers to staff the SLR. Ro will take over the staffing responsibilities.

SLR Setup and Takedown – Carolyn

The Still Living Room setup requires transporting the SLR furniture that is stored in the Conex, along with some Elder Camp equipment, and delivering items to the camp and the SLR site. Last year, due to the heat, we split the workload up. That worked well for everyone. We will duplicate that plan this year. Wednesday July 2 a group will meet at the Conex, load the trailer, and deliver the items to the SLR. We may install some of the furniture. Then we can meet again on Saturday or Sunday pre-Fair to install the remainder of the furnishings. The goal is getting things set up so that the decorators can come in the following Wednesday.

The SLR take down occurs in two stages. On Sunday night all the décor and light items are removed and placed in the storage box. On Monday morning post-Fair, a group meets to load the furnishings onto the trailer and return them to the Conex. It takes two trips. The furniture setup and takedown require a lot of heavy lifting. Carolyn is looking for younger and strong elders to assist. We also remove the Timelines from the display wall and Kevin McCormick returns to pick up the timelines and deliver them back to the Fair office archival storage.

It's possible that the crew showing up on July 2 to retrieve SLR furniture can get a Fair lunch. The names of volunteers need to be called in ahead. For the Saturday or Sunday setup, we should only need a few hours to finish up, and with the large number of crew people onsite getting meals, we will need to supply our own snacks.

Storage Box clean out - Carolyn

The large storage box that requires getting moved with a forklift is very full and contains many items no longer of use. Sandra said that the memorial photos are no longer stored there. There are some items that could be used for the Meet & Greet and Elder Camp. Terry Baxter has been taking care of photo storage. Sandra needs to be part of that effort.

Mouseman reminded us that we share the Conex with another group. Per Annemarie there is still plenty of room in the Conex.

Carolyn will organize a work party to clean up the storage box.

Geezer Pleezer – Anna B.

Anna B. and Cathy P., along with Cathy's husband Kelly, made 9 signposts for the Geezer Pleezer. (Anna shared a photo of what they built).

Roy L. – Will hit the ground running. He has not seen the job description. Annemarie will send Roy a link to the job description posted on the Elders' website. Roy will be scheduling drivers and managing the radios.

Paul C. - Given the designation of the new camping spots for Elders, there should be regular service to these remote camp locations. If the Fair will not budget for that, he thinks we should raise money to rent a second cart separate from the Fair's allocated budget.

Cathy P. – In her experience, the gas-powered cart has been more reliable.

Chris H. – back in 2016 Chris said she would go to the rental place in January to book the cart. There was a process for charging the cart by the Elders Hub camp overnight, using the cart in the morning, and then recharging it early afternoon. By then they would have enough charge to use the cart for the remainder of the day. Back then, we used a gas-powered cart as a backup. Now things have changed. We don't have electric carts as a first choice. Fumes are a problem for many Elders.

Nancy - Any independent retail of carts needs to go through Mark Malaska.

Paxton – Negotiate with the Fair. Buy one and get it categorized as a Mystery Machine.

Paxton can assist with the radios. We are on the list to receive 3 radios.

Elder Camps – Anna and Jorjan

Hub Elder Camp:

Anna and Jorjan reported that they will renumber the campsites at Hub Elder Camp. The week before the Fair, each campsite will be flagged. The protocol is: When you go to your site, turn in your flag in exchange for a tent tag.

Camp Safety was mentioned. Elders will have a Camp Safety Officer for each Elders Camp group (Hub, Del Boca Veneta, and Sweats). The Camp Safety Officers for each camp need to be recruited.

Wristband distribution came up during the Elder Camp discussion. This year, **any Elder who purchased a wristband will be able to get banded in town at the Unitarian Church in Eugene on Tuesday pre-Fair.** Hours are Noon – 3 p.m. Elder VOLUNTEERS

On Wednesday pre-Fair, **ONLY ELDER VOLUNTEERS** can get their wristbands onsite at Elder Camp Hub. Otherwise, Elders must go to the Sticker Booth to pick up their wristband.

Camp safety protocols came up during Elder Camp discussions.

- Paxton – There is a safety manual being developed by the Fair.
- Annemarie – As previous camp host, we had Elder Camp Guidelines, including first aid options.
- There was a request that Camp Safety be an agenda item at the June meeting.
- There was more discussion about certifiable fire extinguishers. Anyone with a camp stove should have a fire extinguisher.

Anna reflected that last year we had Fair magic breaking down camp on Monday post-Fair.

Pre Camp Clean up dates

- Sunday, May 18, 10 – 2
- Saturday, June 7, 10 - 2
- Sunday, June 8 (same day a coordinators' mtg), 10 - 2

REMINDER! Any group holding a **pre-Fair work party** needs to fill out a form online. The staff needs to have an idea of how many volunteers are onsite at a given time. Click [HERE](#) for a link to the form.

Del Boca Veneta and SWEATS – Annemarie

Annemarie spoke with Kelly D., and he has recruited some help but needs more help. His goal is to have better coordinated rideshare with Geezer Pleezer.

Annemarie did a walk about and currently the ground at Del Boca Veneta is extremely undulated. There is a tree that fell in SWEATS.

Individuals can go to clean up their individual campsites anytime.

Showers – Steve B.

Steve will clean the showers before the Shower Crew takes over. Showers and Sinks have been updated thanks to Mark B.

Pre-Lunch Announcement:

Nancy has Pass Request Forms (PRF's) and will write receipts for folks who want to turn forms in to Nancy while she is here.

Lunch break Noon to 1:30 p.m.

Post-Lunch Announcement

Darlene sends her best wishes to everyone. She is in rehab.

Budget - Nancy

Our 2024 budget is the same for 2025 with an adjustment for inflation.

Total budget is \$3500 + inflation adjustment plus \$600 for vouchers

Food vouchers for 2025 are valued at \$ 4 each, compared to \$ 3 last year.

Last year we spent 101% of the budget.

\$3500 covers supplies and services:

- SLR \$800
- Admin \$1950
- Events \$750

GP expenses are covered under the Motor Pool

A question came up about reimbursement for expenses. If someone incurs an expense, submit to Nancy. Nancy submits reimbursement requests to the office where the checks are cut. It's best to get pre-approval. Bottom line, everything related to expenses gets funneled back to Nancy.

Paxton – suggests when you get a receipt, write on the receipt what the spend is for.

Kay – each individual subcommittee has their own budget. The subcommittee looks at their expense allotment. They save their receipts and submit.

Food Vouchers go to people who volunteer during the Fair: Meet & Greet, Geezer Pleezer and Still Living Room volunteers are eligible for food vouchers.

Synnové expressed her appreciation for Nancy's transparency about the budget.

Patricia – We have only been receiving food vouchers for the last two years. It's a new thing.

Wristbands – Nancy

We are now in crunch time. There are many questions about the Sunshine Database. People who want to avoid going into Sunshine can send payment with their PRF.

The Fair is moving to all electronic communications, with mail-in options, including voting.

Fundraising – Kay

The Events Subcommittee has been fundraising for the past year. At the last in-person June (2024) meeting they raised over \$100 selling ice cream sundaes and floats. They have also been doing "pass the hat" at in-person events.

The 2023 holiday raffle basket brought in over \$500.

Kay reminded the group that at the end of the meeting the banquet tables need to be marked with permanent markers (to identify the tables are the property of Elders) and stored in the Conex.

Kay wants to form another subcommittee to do fundraising for Elders.

Nancy mentioned using the Fair's 501C3 status to get a tax-deductible receipt.

Paxton – Keep in mind that the Elders serve the board, so theoretically any money we raise would be for "the Fair", not Elders.

Diane – The board sees Elders as more of an operational group.

Mambo pointed out that KOCF does a ton of fundraising. Paxton pointed out that KOCF is in a different category.

Suggestion – Consider donating money for a golf cart in your estate planning.

Kay suggested that we call the fundraising group a Donations Subcommittee.

Mission Statement

Mouseman – We created a mission statement for THE COMMITTEE. That one is done. There was no appetite within the group for discussing an Elders at large Mission Statement.

TO DO: Post the Elders Committee Mission Statement to the Elders Website.

Fair Camping - Annemarie

Annemarie has spoken with the Fair Camping Crew, and there is no additional space available on site. Mouseman Has given thought to establishing a Fair camp for Elders at his place, but there are some missing pieces. Establishing such a camp would require transportation due to distance, along with insurance to cover liability.

Paxton mentioned the winery as a potential future camping site. The Fair really needs to provide a shuttle system due to the distances that some campers must traverse.

Lois – The main issue is that many Elders get pushed out of their pre-Elder status camp spots. Jane R. mentioned that Water Crew is going to clear space along Aero and Chickadee. It is a two-year project. It will allow for a place for the trucks to turn around and dump water. They have been dumping water at Dodeca Farm. Water crew will build huge water tanks there. There was some speculation that this project could potentially allow for another camp that would be more accessible for Elders, but apparently this project won't create space for new camps.

Patricia – if it wasn't for Elders, the rest of the Fair wouldn't be here.

We held a moment of silence for Peggy Day. We remembered many other Fair Family who have departed this earthly plain,

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

PARKING LOT:

Put Camp Safety on the agenda for the June 19 meeting

Put Formation of Donations Subcommittee on the agenda for June 19 meeting.