

# Weekly Update South Coast Development Council Inc.

October 7 – 11, 2019



What a busy week! Shaun attended 10 of the **Business Oregon** events in the region, and Sam was able to attend three. These events facilitated the headquarters team that we talk to on the phone but rarely get to see in person.

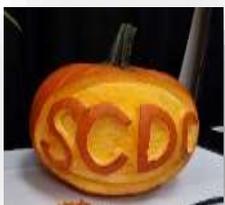
There will be more funding through ROI (**Rural Opportunities Initiative**), this is the group that was funding the REEF project.

Sam and Kath conducted a second session for the **Gold Beach Mastermind** group and discussions were good. While there, we continued introducing Kath to various partners such as **Commissioner Gold** and **Commissioner Boice**. They also met with **Julie Schmelzer** and **Miranda Plagge** from the County Community Development department.

On Monday evening, Sam attended the **Coquille City Council** meeting regarding their membership level. The Council is discussing the level of involvement they would like and will make that determination at their next meeting.

The annual **SCDC Board Retreat** was very well attended and had a robust discussion on strategic planning options.

There was a lot of great input and a follow-up taskforce was formed to gather information and create some proposed



action steps. Speakers included **Mike Meyers** from Business Oregon and **John Bacon** who helped guide the group discussion.

"I was very pleased with the eagerness of those that wanted to help," Sam said. "I was very impressed that it was a consensus vote that one of our biggest strengths is our staff." Sam indicated that he appreciates working with Shaun and Kath on a daily basis.

The fundraiser, coordinated by the **SCDC Events Committee** was fun and let members explore creative branding. It also just about paid for lunch. **Great deal!**



**Top: Rick and Tracie Skinner** brand pumpkin cookies before the meeting. **Bottom: Scariest and Best Overall winner Boost of Southern Oregon** with the glow in the dark pumpkin! Photos by Rachel Richardson.



**Trophy Winner: Bandon Dunes/WRCA, Best Corporate Logo.**

There was a **Coos Bay**

**Mastermind** group on Friday morning where many great ideas were shared and problems resolved. Afterwards, Sam and Kath traveled to Brookings where they met with the **Off-Season Events Committee** who have created a list of potential events and prioritized the list. The next steps are to look at date and combination potentials. There were 10 attendees including **Janell Howard**, from the City of Brookings. Kath and Janell had an opportunity to chat and get to know one another.

After the Off-Season Events Committee Sam and Kath traveled to Gold Beach and spoke with **Summer Matteson** about several **county community development** and Business Retention/recruitment visits and opportunities.

On Saturday Sam attended the **Memorial Service** in Coquille for the Police K-9 Sophie that passed away due to kidney failure. The City was very appreciative of the support from SCDC at this event.

**Upcoming:**

This coming week will also be a little hectic. Shaun is on vacation Monday through Thursday and will be back in the office Friday. Sam is out of the office on Monday, in the office on Tuesday all day and ½ day on Wednesday.

Starting Wednesday, he will be traveling with the **Ford Family Foundation** on their South Coast Tour. They will visit **Langlois** on Wednesday evening, **Port Orford, Brookings**, and **Gold Beach** on Thursday, and Friday planned a retreat to discuss their findings on their trip. Sam has been asked to facilitate a

leg of this event. Sam also has a meeting with **Lakeside** City manager **Andrew Carlstrom** on Tuesday to discuss their Mainstreet program.

Kath is in the office and can assist you as needed. She will be focusing on outreach efforts that include an update on the Trade Center Expo, a guest blog by **Dick Leshley** on cash or credit use for small business, a story on how Mastermind groups support small businesses, how Spain is using mushrooms to strengthen their economy and more. She is also working on stories related to collaborative medicine, economics of destination weddings, and many more. Next Monday she will be assisting the local Housing Action Team.

On Saturday, Sam is one of the guest speakers at the **Wind Energy Discussion** sponsored by DB Western, SCDC, and others. This event will be held in the Hale Center Theater at 6 pm on Saturday the 19th. Kath assisted with the poster content and design.

Kath will also be attending an artistic unveiling in Brookings on Saturday. The art piece, created by **Judy May Lopez's** late husband, Manuel Lopez, will be featured at the Great American Smokehouse restaurant.



*Again, thank you for your support I look forward to talking to each of you.*