

Commons Facility Manager Report

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Alsea Bay Granite has repaired the flooring in the MP room - and it seems to be holding up very well underneath the rigors of Exercise, Zumba the youth program, and other activities. And overhead, near the ceiling, I have removed the remainders of the Yachats Pride event decorations (the colorful and much loved streamers attached to the cages that protect the LED lights - removed by two local volunteers Ellis and Ron). On the walls, I have also removed the historic photographs from the Yachats Anniversary Celebration. Both the streamers and the historic photographs have been appreciated by many folks. Also down, are the theatre lights on the ceiling bar, in the MP room. Also, I fabricated cages for the heat exchange units in the MP room to protect them from harm's way. These changes were made to accommodate the newly begun Volleyball group that is playing their sport in the MP room on Mondays from 3:30 - 5:30 pm. All are invited to attend this by-donation event. Mondays are now bustling with events in the afternoon and evenings. Also occurring is Zumba from 6:00-7:00 pm and then Ping Pong from 7:00-9:00 pm. Whew, I am exhausted from just writing about all of the activities.

Upcoming is the annual 2-week reservation for the Church of God event from October 1st through October 12th. Exercise class will move to the 501 building during those dates. As always, I will assist other regular users, impacted by this reservation, as needed.

On the weekend of September 9th, a wonderful group held a wedding reception in the Picnic Shelter and in Room 8. It was a charming event. The mother of the bride (in particular), and many others, greatly appreciated our Commons facilities. Fun note: they were the first group to use the new stand-up cabaret tables! After a wedding reception in the outside pavilion catered by delicious food from Ona Restaurant, the wedding party moved to Room 8 where they hooked up our sound system and danced till the cows came home (at 10:00 pm). Catherine Lucito provided flowers (very beautiful) and Blythe, with Bread and Roses, provided two amazing and spectacularly delicious wedding cakes. Did I also mention that the Farm Store provided local brew and ciders. Lots of local involvement, both artistic and economic, with an event like this.

Three of us did a dish/utensil inventory in the Kitchen this month. Here is what we came up with - for your information and for the record:

200 Large Dinner plates
98 Medium (tan) plates
100 dessert plates
135 coffee cups
180 Champagne
160 wine glasses
95 water glasses
7 water pitchers

I am working with Dan, Dan the Iron Man - who launders and irons our tablecloths - to count and accurately label the tablecloths we have in our inventory. Once we have this count, I will suggest to the Friends that we purchase additional tablecloths - both for the larger tables (rectangles and round banquet) as well as for the new Cabaret tables. The relationship with Dan, Dan the Iron Man and his handling of the care of the tablecloths seems to be working quite well.

I have scheduled the end of October with Stephen Farish to do the cabinet work in the Friend's office. Between his busy schedule, and the flow of events at the Commons - it seems like the end of October will work for both Stephen's schedule and the Commons activities.

We have a room layout plan for the upcoming Sept 23 Banner Auction event that will utilise the new pipe and drape system for displaying the banners.

Ongoing: the North Front doors by Friends office are still working improperly.

This is an important time in the Friends' life - and I want you to know that I appreciate all that you do. The Friends, and the Friends of the Friends are alive and well.