

# Albany Area Chamber Network

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**January Membership Forum Luncheon**  
With Guest Speaker Dr. Di Lacey,  
Assoc. Vice President, WesternU Oregon,  
Western University of Health Sciences  
"Our Future Physicians: From the Northwest,  
In the Northwest, For the Northwest"

Wednesday, January 26th | 11:30-1:00 PM  
Linn County Expo Center

\*Chamber Board Raffle Prize:  
\$100 Coastal Gift Card, Lori McKinnon

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DIAMOND MEMBER





## Happy New Year!

It's here, the new year we've been waiting for! We have new hopes, new dreams, new expectations for a happy, healthy, and abundant 2022. It's good to know that whatever this year has in store for us, we'll be in it together.

Since summer the Chamber started bringing people back together in person. The annual golf tournament, weekly Greeters, Albany Business Extravaganza, Leadership Albany, Membership Forums, and Women in Business have successfully navigated the pandemic, mandates, and masks. These programs have given members and guests a great way to reconnect and see friends in person that for over a year we've only seen on a computer screen. And what a positive difference getting in person makes!

This new year will give us other opportunities to convene, connect and collaborate. Plans are underway for the Distinguished Service Awards Banquet on March 12th with nominations due on January 28th. We all know there have been some amazing acts of leadership, generosity, and kindness during the pandemic. I hope you take time to nominate your friends, co-workers, and businesses that deserve to be recognized for all they have done for our community.

This month brings a change in the Chamber's Board Chair position. Bill Draper has accepted a new position at Oregon State University and stepped down as Chair with the start of the new year. Fortunately, we had just the right person willing to step up (again) as Board Chair. Jon Kloor, 2020 - 2021 Chair, has agreed to help lead the Chamber through the next 6 months. Jon was an outstanding Board Chair during his previous term, and I know he will continue to serve you well.

It's not often I write this column, but doing so this month gives me a great opportunity to extend my New Years wish for you.

My wish is that you are able to dream big, yet satisfied with the simple blessings that come your way. May you and your friends and family enjoy good health and reconnecting with those you've been waiting to see.

So Happy New Year chamber friends and members! There's not another team I'd rather be a part of.

Janet Steele  
President



# Welcome to the Chamber!

## New Members

### SMI Property Management

3625 River Rd N Ste. 125

Keizer, OR 97303

[www.smiproperty.com](http://www.smiproperty.com)



SMI Property Management provides facility maintenance, asset management, leasing and tenant placement, marketing and advertising to their managed properties with the goal of improving owners return on investment.

### E3 Leadership Development

[mgoff99@gmail.com](mailto:mgoff99@gmail.com)

(503) 887-4827



E3 Leadership Development's team focuses on developing ethical and equitable PreK-20 educational leaders the shepherd learners into our diverse and globally connected future.

### Denine's Bookkeeping & Payroll, LLC

252 SE Madison St. Suite 130

Corvallis, OR 97333

[www.deninesbookkeeping.com](http://www.deninesbookkeeping.com)



Denine's Bookkeeping and Payroll offers office organization for new and small businesses. Their mission is to help those businesses navigate the waters of finances with smooth sailing; so they can do what they do best with clarity and integrity.

## Thank You to Our Milestone Members

### 20 Years

Phoenix Inn Suites

### 10 Years

Servpro of Linn & Benton County

### 5 Years

Edward Jones - Hanson

## Reinvesting Members 11/16/2021-12/15/2021

ABC House

Accuity, LLC

Albany Box Company

All Star Labor & Staffing

AmeriTitle

Barbara Jenkins Tax Service

Bergby Construction, Inc.

Coldwell Banker Valley Brokers

Comfort Suites of Albany

Pat Eastman

Edward Jones - Basden

Fitzpatrick Painting & Construction

Frankie's

Gamberetti's

Garland Nursery

Homegrown Oregon Foods

Koontz, Blasquez & Associates

Ray Kopczynski

Lifetime Gutters

Lumina Hospice & Palliative Care

North Albany Self Storage

Pacific Power

Peak Internet

Salvation Army

William Summers

Sweet Red Coffee & Wine Bistro

Top Form Contracting

Ultrex Business Solutions

W.R. Grace & Co.

Weatherford Thompson, P.C.

Willamette Community Church

# Upcoming Events

## Membership Forum Speaker



### January Forum with Dr. Di Lacey

"Our Future Physicians: From the Northwest, In the Northwest, For the Northwest"

Wednesday, January 26th

11:30-1:00 PM

Linn County Expo Center

\$22 Members | \$32 Non-Members

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\$100 Coastal Gift Card thanks to Lori McKinnon



**Business Unwind  
with AAsum-Dufour  
Funeral Home**  
to celebrate their  
Diamond 60th  
Anniversary!

Tuesday, January 18th

4:00-6:00 PM

805 Ellsworth St. SW, Albany, OR 97321

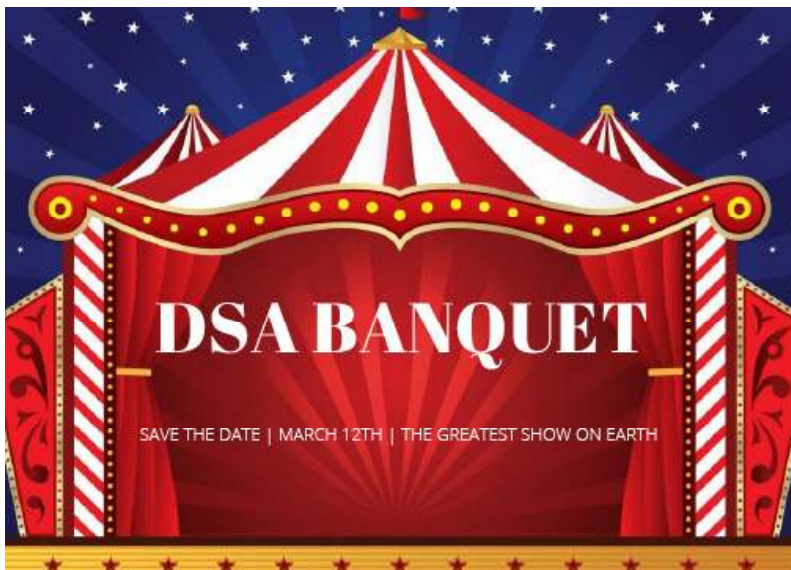
\$7 Member Pre-Registration | \$8 Member at Door

\$10 Non-Members

AAsum-Dufour's prize will be a .25 carat loose diamond! (Valued at \$1100)

In addition every chamber member is eligible to win \$500 in Chamber dollars, they must be present to win.

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## Distinguished Service Awards Nomination Time!



2019 DSA Winners

Nominations are now being accepted in these categories:

- Distinguished Service Award (age 56 or older)
- Jim Linhart First Citizens Award (age 40-55)
- Junior First Citizens Award (under age 40)
- Large Business of the Year (25 or more employees)
- Small Business of the Year (24 or fewer employees)

**Nomination Deadline: January 28th**  
**Awards to be presented at the DSA Banquet**

# In The News

## News from our Members



Michelle Duncan, 47, will be sworn in as the first female sheriff in Linn County Law Enforcement history by Linn County District Court Judge Rachel Kittson-MaQatish.

Linn County Commissioners Roger Nyquist, Sherrie Sprenger, and Will Tucker recently appointed Duncan, who was the undersheriff, to succeed former Sheriff Jim Yon, who retired at the end of December. Duncan will serve the final year of Yon's term of office.

## Ribbon Cuttings for our Members

### The Beem Team at eXp Realty

375 Pacific Blvd SW Ste. C  
Albany, OR 97321  
[www.midvalleyhomesource.com](http://www.midvalleyhomesource.com)  
(541) 231-3109



### Weekend Coffee Roasters

2059 14th Ave SE  
Albany, OR 97321  
[www.weekend-roasters.com](http://www.weekend-roasters.com)  
(530) 310-2332



## GREETERS SCHEDULE JANUARY 2022

Meet with us for an interactive, small group networking and to learn about a Chamber member. Thursday mornings at 8:15am, members attend for free.

Interested in hosting? Contact Janet at 541-926-1517 or email [jsteele@albanychamber.com](mailto:jsteele@albanychamber.com)

6th  
American Legion Post 10  
1215 Pacific Blvd SE, Albany

13th  
Homegrown Oregon Foods  
212 1st Ave E, Albany

20th  
10D Tech  
503 W 1st St., Albany

27th  
Mennonite Village  
5353 Columbus St. SE, Albany



## Your Business and Community Advocate

## 2021–2022 Officers and Directors

### Board Officers

**Chair:** Jon Kloor (Consumers Power Inc.)

**Chair-Elect:** Stacie Wyss-Schoenborn (Central Willamette Credit Union)

**Sr. Vice Chair:** Jennifer Stanaway (Samaritan Albany General Hospital)

**Vice Chairs:** Kristal Dufour (AAsum-Dufour Funeral Home) James Ramseyer (Consumers Power, Inc.)

**Treasurer:** Loren Roth (Citizens Bank)

### Board Members

Abel Condrea (Edward Jones), Sue Creel (First American Title), Brian Dietrich (Parr Lumber), Joe Folds (Oregon Freeze Dry), Lori McKinnon (Coastal), Roger Nyquist (Lakeshore Lanes), Brian Oare (Oare & Associates), John Pascone (Albany-Millersburg Economic Development Corp.), Cordell Post (Post Law Firm), Sarah Steen (AmeriTitle), Mike Sykes (Mike's Heating & A/C), Brice Winney (Stack HIP)

### Committee Chairs

**Ambassadors Chair:** Liz Tilson Ramirez (AMOR Events)

**Albany Business Extravaganza:** Chrystal Hart-Meeker & Arthur Meeker (Xtreme GrafX)

**Golf Tournament:** Dick Perdue (Retired)

**Emerging Leaders:** Janet Steele (Albany Area Chamber)

**Finance:** Loren Roth (Citizens Bank)

**Governmental Affairs Co-Chairs:** Jon Kloor (Consumers Power), James Ramseyer (Consumers Power)

**Greeters Co-Chairs:** Peggy Burris (Albany Historic Carousel and Museum), Mr. G Nassar (G & Jenny Insurance), Kristin Smith (Keller Williams-Smith), Sarah Steen (AmeriTitle)

### Women In Business:

Janet Steele, President

**Youth Job Fair:** Janet Steele (Albany Area Chamber of Commerce)

### Chamber Staff

Janet Steele, President

# Upcoming Events Calendar

Tuesday, January 18th

11:30 Board Meeting

4:00 pm Business Unwind

Thursday, January 6th

8:15 am Greeters

Tuesday, January 11th

3:30 pm Exec Committee

Thursday, January 20th

8:15 am Greeters

Wednesday, January 26th

11:30 Membership Forum

Thursday, January 13th

8:15 am Greeters

Thursday, January 27th

8:15 am Greeters

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