

Pacific Islanders Club Meeting

The Pacific Islanders Club (PIC) will hold a gathering of island transplants in Oregon on Saturday, June 7 at North Bend/Coos-Curry Housing Authorities Auditorium, 1700 Monroe St. in North Bend. The event, from 2-5 p.m., will feature the spirit of aloha and island-style hospitality, music, and food. Bring your ukulele to join the fun.

More than 40 members from Hawaii, Samoa, the Philippines, and other Pacific islands have been coming together for over a year. RSVPs are appreciated.

For more information, call either "Big Kahuna" coordinator, Momi Moore at (541) 290-0055 or Gael Mustapha (541) 888-2862.

FARWEST LAPIDARY & GEM SOCIETY MEETING

The Far West Lapidary & Gem Society will meet at 7pm on Tuesday, June 3rd at the Faith Lutheran Church, 2741 Sherman Avenue, North Bend, OR.

The business meeting will also be in combination with workshop activities that include: stone identification, the art of wire wrapping and beading, as well as, the cutting, grinding, and polishing of stones. Anyone interested in any one of the many phases of the lapidary arts are always welcome to the clubs on-going meetings that occur twice a month on the first and third Tuesday of the month with the exception of December. For more information, those interested can call Don Innes at 396-5722

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HOW THEY VOTED

This feature will appear in Koos News on a regular basis whenever votes take place in the U.S. Senate or House of Representatives. This is in keeping with our policy of holding our elected officials accountable for what they do rather than what they say.

RECENT VOTES IN THE U.S. SENATE:

*Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2008
 Vote Agreed to
 (75-22, 3 Not Voting)

With this vote, the Senate attached more than \$10 billion in domestic spending to the \$165 billion supplemental spending bill funding military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Sen. Ron Wyden voted YES
 Sen. Gordon Smith voted YES

*Overriding the Veto of the Food and Energy Security Act of 2007

Vote Passed
 (82-13, 1 Present, 4 Not Voting)
 The Senate voted to override the President's veto of the farm bill, but a clerical error will require the vote to be taken again. This is perhaps the largest pork barrel spending bill this session.

Sen. Ron Wyden voted YES
 Sen. Gordon Smith voted YES

RECENT VOTES IN THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

*Gas Price Relief for Consumers Act
 Vote Passed
 (324-84, 26 Not Voting)

The House passed a measure authorizing the Justice Department to pursue energy antitrust and price-fixing cases against members of the OPEC oil cartel.

Rep. Peter DeFazio voted YES

*Renewable Energy and Job Creation Act

Vote Passed
 (263-160, 12 Not Voting)
 The House passed this bill to extend temporary tax provisions that expired at the end of 2007.

Rep. Peter DeFazio voted YES

*Overriding the Veto of the Farm, Nutrition, and Bioenergy Act

Vote Passed
 (316-108, 11 Not Voting)
 The House voted to override the President's veto of the farm bill, but a clerical error required that the House vote on the bill again.

Rep. Peter DeFazio voted YES

*To provide for the continuation of Department of Agriculture programs through FY2012

Vote Passed
 (306-110, 19 Not Voting)
 The House voted to suspend the rules and again pass the farm bill, after a clerical error invalidated a previous vote, the President's veto, and a veto override.

Rep. Peter DeFazio voted YES

*Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for FY2009

Vote Passed
 (384-23, 27 Not Voting)
 The House authorized \$600 billion in defense appropriations for fiscal year 2009.

Rep. Peter DeFazio voted YES

Chair Yoga

At Unity By The Bay

Mark your calendar for Saturday, May 30, 2008 from 1:00 to 2:00 pm. You are invited to join Jevanna Toribio for Chair Yoga at Unity by the Bay, 2100 Union Street, North Bend. Simple, easy exercises will relax and rejuvenate the body, mind and spirit.

This experience is open to everyone regardless of Yoga experience. There is no charge; donations are appreciated. For more info., call Jevanna at 756-5790.

FINGERLINGS TO BE RELEASED AT NOBLE CREEK HATCHERY

The Coos River STEP Association at Noble Creek will release approximately 650,000 chinook fingerlings into Coos River system at 12 noon on Saturday, May 31st at the Noble Creek hatchery in Green Acres. This release will signify the culmination of over six months of effort by a group of dedicated volunteers to ensure future fisheries for Coos Bay under the direction of ODF&W. The public is welcome to attend the event.

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