



March 2018

HAPPENINGS IN MARCH

* The annual **Quilt-A-Thon** put on by Coquille Valley Quilters is upon us. Come help us make quilts for our kids on Saturday, March 3rd from 10 am to 4 pm at the Art Center on Hwy 42 in Coquille. Come when you can if you can.

* **Peer Coordinators** help us mentor new CASAs while they learn their way into CASA Advocacy. If you think you would like to be a Peer Coordinator please reach out to us. We will be having a training/meeting for PCs in March.

* **CASA Monitor Project:** We are fully operational with our monitoring program. This program is aimed at volunteers who don't have a flexible work schedule and wouldn't be able to be a full fledged CASA. They are trained and sworn-in, but will only be visiting the children and reporting to us. It's a way to keep closer eye on those children on our wait list.

* **VOCA;** We are in the process of applying for Victims of Crime Assistance funding, If obtained we will be assigning all new cases to the VOCA grant. What this means for CASAs is that we will be tracking certain data to report back to the VOCA folks. There is actually a VOCA tool that we will turn on in Optima, which will make this easier. We'll have a training for this when we know of our grant acceptance. Steve will be our VOCA supervisor for this project. What this means for our program is that we will be able to increase Alyssa's hours to full time so she can take over much of the administrative duties and give Steve more time to supervise our wonderful volunteers.

ORCCA's Iron Chef; On April 14th, 2018, ORCCA will be sponsoring an Iron Chef Event at the North Bend Community Center. 3 local chefs, in a friendly competition cooking two different courses from items commonly found in an emergency food box. The event is to raise awareness and raise funding for our programs, including CASA. Our CASA Iron Chef Basket Team has created a couple very nice baskets of donated goods to raffle off at the event. Silent Auction, Raffle, Live Music, Local Brewers. Catering by the Bulldog Industries Students from North Bend High School

Please come and join us. Ticket are available online through a link our Iron Chef Event page for \$35: <http://www.orcca.us/orcca-iron-chef>

-Greg



IMPORTANT EVENTS

March 3rd

Quilt-A-Thon

March 26

Foster Parents Association

New DHS Offices 6:30pm-8:00pm

March 29

CASA In-Service

Collective Strengths

12:00—2:00 pm

ORCCA Meeting Rooms

Lunch RSVP TBA

Coming Up

April 14th

ORCCA Iron Chef!

<http://www.orcca.us/orcca-iron-chef>

BIRTHDAYS !

- Christian Allgood
- Robin Thomas

Happy Birthday and Thank You for helping us slay those dragons!



STEVE SAYS

My Fridays are not 'chemo Fridays' any more!

Done with Chemo, back to actually working on Fridays now, so I am available to all volunteers Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

It's all good!!

I thank everyone for your support throughout this trying journey.

Thank you!



Our Mission

To recruit, train, and supervise volunteers to advocate for the best interests of abused and neglected children.

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Thank You to our Iron Chef Sponsors!

CASA was gifted with a couple really special donations to auction off at the Iron Chef Event in April.

Our CASA Debi Smith procured a 3-night RV Rental from Gib's RV, which is valued at \$675.

Greg received a Tuna Fishing Trip for 4 from Fishin' Trips Charters, which is valued at \$1000.

Steve received a Bottom Fishing Trip for 2 from our former CASA Bob Bauman an Chinook Charters, Value of \$250.

These are just a few of the generous donations received to help support our program.



Liz Says

February has been a busy month! Our six CASA trainees are really enjoying the training. They have lots of questions and we have great discussions. I believe they will be wonderful advocates. I know that a few of them will be coming to our in-service training meeting Thursday, March 29th, so please introduce yourself and welcome them aboard!

Thank you for all you do!

Optima: Where do I put foster parents in Optima?

For Relatives, make sure the relatives are already input in the **"Family Members"** section.

Non-relative foster parents can be assigned in the **"Associated Parties"** section of the case page. When you open the **"Associated Parties"** tab (on the bottom of the page) you can select the **"Add"** button. This takes you to a new screen. For foster parents, select **"Interested Party"** next to **"Party Type."** Once selected you can click on the arrow (triangle) for Associated Party. If you don't see your foster parent's name on the list select **"New"** to add a new foster parent. Here you can fill in the appropriate information and select **"Create"** when you are done. This takes you back to the Associated Party page. Follow the steps above to then select the foster parents, whom should be on the drop down list now.

2) One the foster parent has been added, it will take you back to the case screen. Proceed to the **"Current Placements"** section (about the middle of the screen). Select **"Add."** Select the child(ren) placed. Non-relative foster parents will be in the **"Interested Party"** drop down (see note below for relatives). Don't worry about the **"Hearing"** section, select the date of placement and other pertinent data, then **"Create."**

For relative placements, select the relative from the drop down next to **"Family Member."**