

C4C Community Builders Meeting

August 2025 meeting notes

Attendees:

34 attendees, 17 first-timers

- Kellen Klein, C4C Executive Director
- Jane Paxson, Board Vice President, C4C
- Adam Koller, Board President, C4C
- Jim Barnett, Treasurer, C4C
- Al Walters, community volunteer, retired CPA
- Carli, Kibak Tile
- Judy Smith, AFSC
- Leslie Waltz, Sisters Museum volunteer
- Maggie Jackson, High Desert Music Collective
- Rennie Morrell, Executive Director, STARS
- Chloe Lepeltier, social media work for Seed to Table, also Zero Waste Lead for Sisters Folk Festival
- Nicole Woodson, Executive Director, Circle of Friends
- Cora Poole, Youth Program Lead, Circle of Friends
- Jane Ann Pighin, Board Member, Council on Aging of Central Oregon
- Paul Zosel, community member, interested in developing emotional
- Inez Hagen, Joyful Connections, provides emotional
- Heidi Mead, recently moved here from the valley, used to work for Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce
- Allie Trueblood, Mosaic Community Health, community outreach for School-Based Health Center in town
- Eric Strobel, Sisters Director, EDCO
- Kimberly Brown, HeadStart program for NeighborImpact
- Rachel Hawkinson, NeighborImpact
- Regan Roberts, Executive Director, Sisters GRO
- Ronni Duff, Board Member, Three Sisters Historical Society and Sisters Museum
- Dawn Cooper, Grants Specialist, Roundhouse Foundation
- Liz Crandall, Events Assistant, Roundhouse Foundation
- Esther, new Arts Program Manager, Roundhouse Foundation
- Bill Kelly, former president of Rotary Club of Sisters, Director for Living Well With Dementia Sisters
- Susan Taylor, The Grant Lab
- Rachel Alex, Co-Founder, The Slow Down State
- Renee Reitmeier, Owner, Fika Sisters Coffeehouse
- Ginger Kretschmer, community member, web developer, aspiring artist
- Dawn Boyd, Executive Director, Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show
- Morgan Schmidt, Executive Director, Red Cross of Eastern and Central Oregon

- Gracie Sherill, local artist, community member, mom
- Keith Sherill, business advisor at COCC, also leads the Small Business Development Center
- Chris Laing, community volunteer, working on project to serve local seniors, also a member of 100 Women Who Care Sisters (local giving circle)

Organizational Updates:

Request that all speakers keep their remarks under 3 minutes, and share the following:

- *Name*
- *Organizational affiliation*
- *Up to 3 total things from the following list:*
 - *Organizational updates (What are you up to?)*
 - *Requests (What do you need from the community?)*
 - *Offers (What can you offer to the community?)*

Remarks from Carli, Kibak Tile

- Started by Carli's mom 40 years ago in Sisters. Been in Central Oregon making tile since then.
- Fully women-owned and operated. Carli's mom used to have a much bigger factory, but have now settled into a "working studio," selling directly to people.
- Used to work through Anne Sachs Tile and Stone, now sell directly to consumers and designers. Also carried in about 15 boutique showrooms across the country.
- Focus is "making beautiful tile!" Tile can often get overlooked in a house, but it is a great opportunity for artwork. They really focus on tile that's perfectly made for a space. Everything is hand-made and hand-painted.
- Everything is customizable – color, pattern, etc. But they also offer things as-is.
- They do commercial, residential...their tile is in Disneyland, Disneyworld, Hard Rock Cafe, celebrities, etc. Really have a wide reach across the country.
- They love getting to see how their product can transform a space into a timeless, "liveable piece of art."
- In the last few years it's been a goal to focus more on local projects and businesses, infusing their tile into the local community.
 - E.g. You can find their tile at The Slow Down State, Inscape Plant Co., local homes, etc.
- The process
 - They silk-screen their patterns on, then hand-glaze each piece
 - Fire them in their on-site kilns overnight, they're ready to go the next morning
 - They can do a lot of different styles – modern, ranch, geometric
 - Four women who work here together right now, have a lot of fun
- They're also starting to make stuff like tile tabletops, trivets, tile wall hangings, etc.
- How the community can support them
 - Know that they're here, and think of them for your tiling needs!
 - They've played around with the idea of doing tile painting nights, they might try again this year

- They also love a swap! Right now they're trading for website design.
 - They always love photos of their tiles installed! Feel free to share.
- What's behind the name?
 - It's Carli's mother's maiden name. It's Danish. That's also why you'll see a lot of Danish design infused into their patterns
- How do they market?
 - They don't do much! They have a strong Instagram presence, but mostly word of mouth
- Do they ever do stuff with their broken tile?
 - Yes! Some folks come in to use it for mosaic work, but if you ever want some they often have LOTS leftover so get in touch.

C4C

- The Hub is now open, M-F 10-4! Amenities include private offices for C4C and Explore Sisters; drop-in, pay-what-you-can coworking; lounge area; bookable semi-private meeting space; a shared kitchen; 1 gig wifi; rotating art exhibits; after hours event rental; a lending library; and more! Learn more at sistershub.org.
- Outdoor Movie Nights coming this August and September!
- We've created new online resources for local nonprofits and community members:
 - volunteerinsisters.org – New dashboard for posting and viewing local volunteer opportunities
 - citizens4community.com/meetings – New database of local meeting and event spaces
 - citizens4community.com/resources – Updated Sisters Country Resource Guide

Roundhouse Foundation

- Just closed fall open grants cycle. Had 180 applications come through, up to \$30k/org
- Serve 501c3s, tribal entities, and government entities
- Launched new grants
 - Technical assistance grants for food security (food pantries affiliated with regional food banks)
 - Multi-year funding for regional food banks in rural communities
 - Technical assistance grant for rural fire/EMS, arts and culture, and journalism and storytelling. Can be for conferences, special equipment, etc.
- Will open next Open Grants Cycle in January
- Pine Meadow Ranch's upcoming Open Studios
 - Opportunity to meet their Artists in Residence
 - Come on August 28th to meet the artists, see their work

NeighborImpact

- Hosting a listening session next Tuesday. Will help inform their strategic planning for future programs and services
- Opportunity to inform how they serve Sisters!
- Tuesday 8/26, Parks and Rec Center, 5:30-7

COCC/SBDC

- Small Business Management Program – starts in October, is for growth-phases entrepreneurs in the area. 9 months long, ends with a capstone project that allows you to compete for \$10k. \$1,500 to enter
- STRIVE – Startup Training and Resources to Inspire Veteran Entrepreneurs. Free, for veterans and their spouses in the ideation phases of entrepreneurship. Comes with a \$10k potential award at the end of the program. Next one starts next year.

High Desert Music Collective

- “Keep Your Head Up” fundraiser music event for suicide prevention.
- 9/6 @ Volcanic Theater

Living Well With Dementia Sisters

- Fundraiser dinner on 9/22 @ Frankie's (formerly Sisters Depot). 32-seat interactive meal where you'll learn how to cut up a full beef tenderloin and use it for various meals. Bring home extra meat! \$125pp, sign up online.
- Tomorrow – monthly resource training on dementia. Focused on end-of-life care, held at the library at 10:30 in partnership with The Peaceful Presence Project.
- Offer two support groups on a monthly basis – 2nd and 4th Wednesday at SPRD community center. One is for early-stage dementia, other is for care partners.

Rotary

- Glory Daze Car Show on 9/13

Sisters Business Association

- Come to the Sip and Mingle at The Hub tonight! Great opportunity to connect the nonprofit and business communities together.

SOQS

- Thanks to all who came and volunteered!
- Had 1400 people come to Quilters Affair, had 12-13,000 for the Saturday show

Community Mentorship Program

- If you know someone who has time to help Paul with technical challenges, etc.

EDCO

- Will host a mixer on 9/18 at The Hub! Networking, introducing the board of EDCO, awareness building, etc. Sign up at edcoinfo.com

Sisters Festival of Books

- September 12-14. Workshops, story slam, authors coming to town. And they're looking for volunteers!

Local orgs looking for board members:

- Council of Aging

Seed to Table

- 9/11 - fall farm tour
- 9/17, 10/9, 10/24 - Volunteer days at the farm
- 9/6 - fall harvest dinner at the farm

Circle of Friends

- They've had amazing programming this summer run by Shea, supporting local at-risk youth.
- They have their back-to-school BBQ tomorrow – feed families, supply kids with school supplies
- They have a real need for mentors. Already over capacity with kids they're serving. They pair kids with 1-on-1 mentors. Commitment need only be 1 hour/month (but can be more), they ask for minimum 1 year commitment. Can do a lot of different activities with kids.
- Get ready for Halloween scavenger hunt.