

**GLIDE COMMUNITY CLUB**

**PO BOX 397**

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To: Glide Community Club Members

**February 9, 2024**

You are invited to the Annual Meeting of GCC March 21 at 7 PM at GCC. Families which have paid their 2024 dues will be eligible to vote. You may mail your dues to GCC at the above address or bring them to our Annual Meeting. We will be electing Directors for the Board and officers for the coming year at that time. You can register to vote at any time before the meeting starts.

As you know, the mission of the Glide Community Club is to offer a variety of community-based activities to the community – social, cultural and educational events which provide opportunities for people of all ages to play, learn and work together. The Club develops and maintains the Glide Community Center, which is registered as a non-profit organization to provide an inviting and versatile facility to meet the community's changing needs. Through volunteering and collaborative partnerships, members help the Club thrive and flourish for the benefit of all North Umpqua area residents. Our mission is to maintain this historic building and upgrade its safety. We rent, or in some cases, provide free rental for classes, the Senior Meal program, and other community functions. We also provide annual educational scholarships for Glide-area senior high-school students financed through our Bingo Fridays and our pie sales at the Glide Wildflower Show. We were honored to award 5 scholarships totaling \$6500 last May to our high-school seniors and will continue this effort for 2024.

This year, we applied for and received two grants – one from the Ben Sarafin Foundation for new tables, chairs and electronic equipment for the main hall; and a grant from the State of Oregon to replace ageing appliances in our kitchen. We have a new audio system and a big screen tv as well as furniture, which our renters have often requested..

Additionally this year we moved and provided shelter for the octopus sculpture crafted for the Glide community after the Archie Fire. We are nearly finished and plan a celebration this summer for the community. We are resuming the First Citizen celebration which was recessed by the COVID pandemic and are actively seeking volunteer nomination for the Glide 2023 First Citizens.

Enclosed with this letter is an application for 2024 membership; the fee is \$10 per family. If you know of someone who may be interested, we welcome them. This application is also available on our website [www.glidecommunityclub.org](http://www.glidecommunityclub.org) under **About Us**, then go to **forms** where you will find the application and also a proxy form for voting in the elections if you are unable to attend. We are interested in adding new members to the Club and would like to involve the younger families of the area. If there is another activity which you think the community could benefit from or would enjoy, please let us know. **If you are a current member and your contact information and household members have not changed you do not need to fill out a new application form.**

We look forward to seeing you at our Annual Meeting. Come see what we offer this community.

**Your Glide Community Club Board: President Don Kidd; Vice President Mark Csernak; Secretary Nan Smith; Treasurer Kristy Strong; Members -at-Large Rebeccah Dunnivant, Olivia Meisner, Sharon Gow, Kara Weber, and Barbara Pieske**