

## Toby Luther & Dori John Named Roseburg's 2022 First Citizens!

The Roseburg Area Chamber of Commerce held its 68<sup>th</sup> annual awards dinner and meeting of the membership on Thursday evening, March 23. Along with presenting its executive team for 2023, chamber leadership also shared the organization's activities and accomplishments for 2022, as well as some of the chamber's key priorities for 2023. This annual celebration of local businesses provided the chamber the opportunity to recognize business excellence and distinguished volunteer service of individuals in our community.

At the event, the Roseburg Area Chamber of Commerce introduced its executive leadership for 2023. Chelsea Buckbee of Rogue Credit Union will serve as chair of the board in 2023 and 2024. Also holding leadership positions in 2023 are Guy Kennerly, Umpqua Insurance Agency and Umpqua Valley Tractor as vice chair and Jami Seal, Lone Rock Resources, as treasurer. They join immediate past board chair Tammy Turner from the Community Cancer Center and chamber president & CEO Debbie Fromdahl as the five corporate officers for the organization this year.

Roseburg Chamber priorities always originate from its mission to serve, promote and protect the businesses of Douglas County. The chamber will continue its work to create a strong local economy; representing the interests of business through political advocacy; promote the community and our member businesses; and, of course, provide the quality programs chamber members have come to expect. In 2023, the chamber will focus much of its efforts on defeating anti-business legislation and promoting pro-business legislation during Oregon's 82<sup>nd</sup> Legislative Assembly. The chamber will continue its participation in local and statewide coalitions for economic development and government affairs endeavors.

The evening saw the chamber recognized three local companies for their excellence in business. The 2022 small business of the year recognition went to **Cascade Community Credit Union**. **Douglas Electric Cooperative** was honored as the chamber's medium-sized business of the year for 2022, with **Con-Vey** receiving large business of the year honors. Con-Vey subsidiary **7robotics** was celebrated with the chamber's Excellence in Business Innovation recognition.

Dori John and Toby Luther received First Citizen honors for their longtime service and outstanding volunteerism in our community. John was recognized for her service and commitment to area youth including serving on numerous program/project teams and the board of directors for both the Boys & Girls Club of the Umpqua Valley and YMCA of Douglas County. Other community involvement includes Future Business Leaders of America, youth sports and music programs, Umpqua Bank regional board and previous tenure on the Roseburg Area Chamber board of directors, serving as board chair in 2015. Dori is general manager of Roseburg Disposal.

Luther served as Roseburg Chamber board chair in 2018. His community service includes serving on the boards of Mercy Medical Center, Wildlife Safari and The Ford Family Foundation, for which he is the current board chair. He is actively involved with Umpqua Valley Christian School, Covenant of Life Fellowship and numerous industry organizations and councils. His wide and varied volunteer activities include past service with the Riverside Center, Umpqua Community Health, the United Way, Cap Ripken, UCC Strong and the turf project for Legion Field, to name a few. Toby is president and CEO of Lone Rock Resources.

For more about our incredible honorees, take a look at RACC's "[Press Packet](#)" for the event and check out pictures of our honorees on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#). The chamber's annual awards dinner and meeting of the membership was generously supported by the evening's title sponsor [Cascade Community Credit Union](#) and corporate sponsors [Lone Rock Resources](#) and [Umpqua Insurance Agency](#).

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