

6 a

MEMORANDUM

TO: Lane County Board of Commissioners
FROM: Steve Manela, Human Services Manager
SUBJECT: Commissioners Attendance at Senior Holiday Dinner
DATE: November 19, 2008

ISSUE

The Department of Health and Human Services Human Services Commission Division is requesting the consideration of County Commissioner attendance on December 25th to acknowledge the 30th Anniversary of the Senior Holiday Dinner.

BACKGROUND

The Senior Holiday Dinner is celebrating its 30th Anniversary, coordinated by the Human Services Commission on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners. Senior citizens are given an opportunity to celebrate the holidays together with their friends and peers on a day when all the Senior Meal Sites and Meals on Wheels are not operating. Many seniors are unable to travel out of town to loved ones during the holidays and this event keeps them from feeling isolated during the holiday.

Any senior citizen may attend the 12 p.m. dinner, and approximately 650 seniors are expected to attend the full turkey dinner that includes entertainment, dancing and door prizes. Transportation to the dinner, which must be scheduled in advance, can be arranged for when purchasing tickets.

Beginning Friday, November 15, tickets are available for the 30th Annual Senior Holiday Dinner scheduled Thursday, Dec. 25, at 12 p.m. at the Eugene Hilton Hotel, 66 E. 6th Ave. in Eugene.

A majority of the funding for the event comes from private donations solicited by the HSC Extra Help Event Coordinator Julianne Harris. Participants purchase tickets for \$5 per person at the Willamalane Adult Activity Center in Springfield (736-4444) or the Campbell Senior Community Center in Eugene (682-5318).

ACTION

One Commissioner is needed to make a public statement of acknowledgement at 12:30 p.m. If interested also volunteers are needed to serve as host-hostesses, servers and greeters.

To confirm your attendance for speaking, volunteering, or to make a personal financial contribution, please call Diana Alldredge at 682-3798.