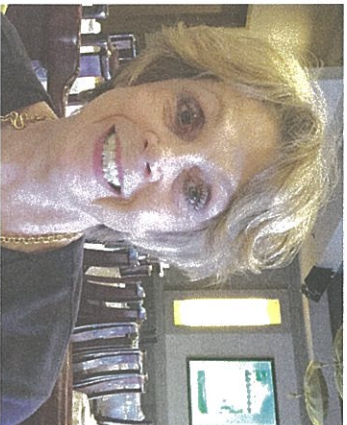


School of Baking Wins Award

Bend's International School of Baking recently won *Lux Magazine's* Best Educational Baking Establishment — USA award for 2016. Lux is the world's leading global luxury magazine. This prestigious award acknowledges outstanding performance within the food and drink industry. Award-winners were chosen through votes gathered from respected industry partners and through rigorous in-house research scrutinizing performance over the past 12 months, commitment to innovation and methods.

The International School of Baking was founded in 1985 by Bend resident Marda Stolar who serves as director and chief instructor. The school trains beginners and professional chefs in the culinary art of



Marda Stolar

baking, and focuses on baking for high-end, European style bakeries using the best ingredients from around the world. www.schoolofbaking.com

Ariana Restaurant Named One of 100 Best

Ariana Restaurant in Bend has been awarded a 100 Best Restaurants in America for 2016. Determined by more than 10 million reviews submitted by verified open table diners over the last year, the Top Restaurant honorees each bested more than 24,000 restaurants. Other winners include Roe in Portland, Oregon and Eleven Madison Park in New York.

Ariana, Andres, Susan, Glenn and The Family at Ariana say, "We are so honored

and humbled by this acknowledgement from OpenTable Diners. Making sure our customers have an exceptional meal with incredible service is our mission at Ariana and we are so very pleased our customers feel that and have responded with such high praise. We realize we are in the best of company and offer congratulations to all of the other restaurants in Oregon and across the country!" www.arianarestaurantbend.com

Crestcom New Leadership Development Company

Cale Pearson says his new business will help you get better results throughout your organization. Pearson started Crestcom a Leadership Development Company with a passion for creating leaders. Pearson previously served as president and national director of sales at Central Oregon Truck Company before starting his new company.

Through his interactive training sessions Pearson plans to bring real world experience with proven leadership strategies into your organization. "Leadership is not a onetime event and we must train our employees to think like leaders. If we hope for them to propel our business to new levels of success," he says. Pearson served as president of Central Oregon Truck Company for nearly 13 years during which they tripled in size and expanded to a national footprint serving all 48 states and Canada.

Leadership classes are currently being held in Redmond and Eugene, Oregon with more classes coming in the future.

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Cale Pearson

The House That Real Estate Built

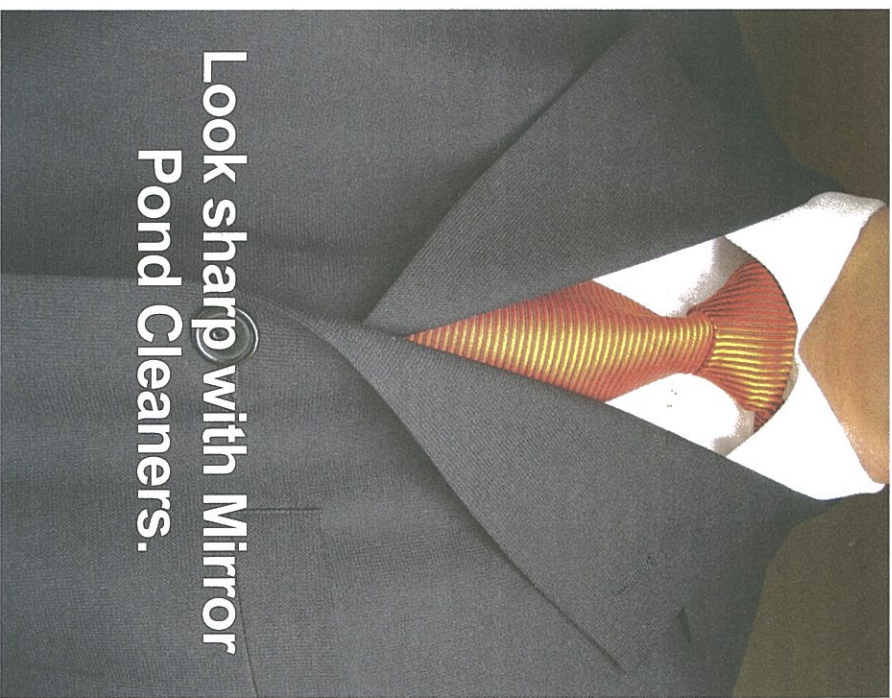
Bend Area Habitat for Humanity partnered with the Central Oregon Association of Realtors (COAR) and Ashley Furniture Home Store on The House That Real Estate Built.

COAR and Bend Area Habitat for Humanity have partnered for many years but the Association had never fundraised for a whole house. Beginning in the fall of 2015 COAR has been fundraising ever since and has nearly met the goal of \$75,000. This cost does not include land and system development charges.

Said Dave Feagans, Alpine Real Estate and COAR board president, "The entire real estate related community generously gave from their hearts and wallets to help improve the lives of a very deserving family and program. Habitat for Humanity works in harmony with the values shared by our association; making this goal and project a perfect match."

"I'd like to say it was challenging to raise the money, but frankly the real estate community here welcomed us with open arms. When we reached out to make an ask at each real estate office, not one office turned us away. Not one Realtor, builder, lender, title, inspector, appraisers. It didn't matter. All the partners banded together as one unit and raised the money with ease. I love this community," said Derek Meyer, Prime Lending and COAR public relations committee chair.

Earlier this spring, Bend Area Habitat was contacted by Ned Church, a long-time volunteer of Bend Area Habitat for Humanity's Restore and current employee of Ashley Furniture Home Store. He said the new owner wanted to partner with a nonprofit for 2016 and donate a whole house of furniture and they selected Bend Habitat. www.bendhabitat.org



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