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**Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year to you
and all your Bees! May
2019 bring you and your
loved one good health and
happiness as well as**

healthy bees and a strong honey flow!

President's Message By Patti Johnson

I can't believe it's mid-December. I was hopeful winter would slow everything down and I might be able to catch up on those lists I have held over from week to week, sometimes, month to month. My lesson; the weeks, the months and the seasons don't slow down... I do. But winter does seem to allow more time to read and catch up on my bee journals and often more time to just think. That's when it became clear. Keeping bees is more than my hobby, it's a passion. I truly care about bees and want to do the best I can to not only help them survive but help pollinators in general. It's both fascinating and scary that scientists are developing tiny drones to help pollinate crops due to the declining number of pollinators. And while those tiny drones might be fun to watch, they will never replace the mystique and fascination one finds when peeking into a hive, smelling sweet honey and hearing the sound of thousands of bees.

Winter is also the time the "The Oregon Coast Honey Lovers Festival" is planned, speakers solicited, and vendors queried. And going back to my earlier realization that keeping bees is a passion, the Honey Festival is one way to feed it. What better venue than to bring beekeepers, scientists, honey and mead connoisseurs, children, and seniors together to have fun, learn about pollinators and their wonderful products. But most importantly come away from a fun outing more mindful of what we each can do to protect and enhance their habitats.

So, at this point, I am focusing on the festival and feeling lucky to have Jon Sumpter focusing on the club, in his new role as President. Jon will do his best to lead the club and meet your needs. And I will be doing my best to make the Honey Festival fun and educational for all who choose to attend. Of course, I will see you at club meetings, but really hope to see you in Yachats, Saturday February 9th for the 2nd annual "Oregon Coast Honey Lovers Festival" followed by a Honey Hoedown with music, mead and a good time.

Happy Holidays,

Patti

As a reminder, it is time to begin thinking about starting a club membership or renewing your current membership, particularly if you want to order bees through us in 2019 as our suppliers require that all orders come from active club members. If you have not paid/renewed yet, you can either bring your dues to the January meeting or send them, along with the attached membership form to the treasurer – Gaelyn Matthews at P. O, Box 414, Seal Rock, 97376. Membership runs on a calendar year, so your membership will run through the end of 2019.

Our January meeting is Wednesday January 23rd at 6 pm at the Newport Library. January's guest speaker will be Dr. Eric Brown, Jon Sumpter's veterinarian. With the new regulations regarding getting antibiotics for our bees, he will be speaking on what he needs to know in order to dispense medication for our bees.

TIME TO BEGIN THINKING ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT YOU PLAN TO ORDER BEES WITH US IN 2019

We will need to know if you are interested in joining our 2019 group order of bees by the end of the January 23rd club meeting. We now have a firm price for packages – and remember that these are 4-pound packages as opposed to the 3-pound packages typically available from other

vendors – of \$95 per package plus a \$5 fee on your entire order (no matter how many packages you order) to cover transportation costs to a location near you. We have yet to hear back about a firm price for nucs, but assume that it will be in the \$110-\$120 range, plus the \$5 fee on your entire order as outlined above, per nuc with a laying queen and 5 frames of brood and honey stores. If for some reason you will be unable to join us at the January meeting, please respond back to this e-mail with you name and order request by January 23rd. We tentatively plan to deliver the bees in early April, but once again this will depend on the weather.

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