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Press Release

Santiam Hearts to Arts Elects New Officers for 2016

Santiam Hearts to Arts (H2A) Board elected a new President and Secretary Treasurer for 2016

On December 17, 2015, Santiam Hearts to Arts Board elected its officers at its regular year-end board meeting. Our new president is Thomas Peters of Gates Oregon. Our new Secretary/Treasurer is Jeffrey Keto.

Thomas Peters

Tom is a graduate of Centralia High School, Centralia, WA and Capital Business College, Olympia, WA and has continued education in the housing field including Real Estate Practices in Oregon and certifications from National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO).

He worked in a professional capacity as a business manager of a fortune 500 water treatment firm for 11 years in Oregon and Texas, worked as a Finance Manager in low-income housing finance development for the Portland Development Commission and Home Forward (formerly the Housing Authority of Portland) for 21 years before retiring in 2008.

In recent years, Tom served as President of two non-profit organizations and from May 2014 to December 2015 as Secretary Treasurer for Santiam Hearts to Arts.

Jeffrey Keto

Jeff is a Graduate of North Salem High School and University of Oregon School of Business. He had additional training in financial analysis, auditing and risk assessment, business plan review, business lending, bond financing and loan portfolio management.

Jeff worked over 15 years in commercial banking for US Bank with positions in auditing loan portfolios for documentation and risk, commercial lending to small and medium size businesses and as a district manager in NW Oregon. He also worked for Oregon Department of Energy for 14 years analyzing new energy projects for funding and managing the state energy loan program with over \$150 million portfolio. For 2 ½ years, Jeff worked in business finance to promote economic development for Oregon Economic Development Department prior to retirement in 2014.

Prior civic activities include Clatsop County United Way financial advisor, president of Astoria Kiwanis Club, Commander of Lower Columbia Power Squadron. Current activities include serving on the Santiam Hearts to Arts board and volunteer work as a small business financial advisor to promote economic development.

Outgoing President, Sheila Hoover served as President of Santiam Hearts to Arts for several years. Her leadership and dedication to Santiam Hearts to Arts is vastly appreciated. Sheila will remain on the Board of Directors. Thank you Sheila.