

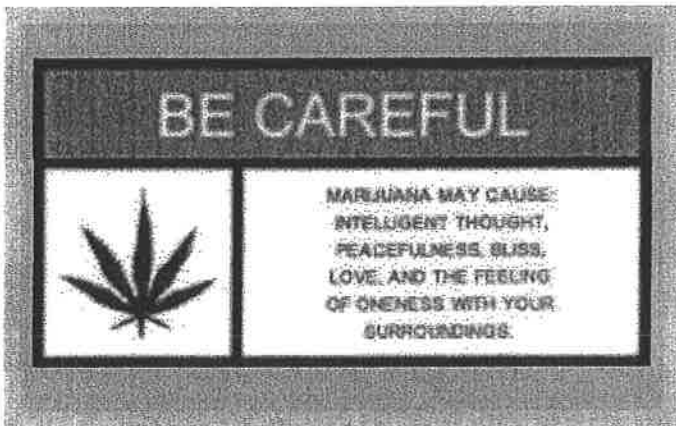
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Public Safety Coordinating Council's community forum on medical marijuana at Keizer Civic Center, February 11th, 2014.



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Who is S.C.I.A ?

We are the Salem Cannabis Industry Association we are medical marijuana dispensary owners, employees, and activists who are working together to provide safe access to medical marijuana for Oregon Patients. We are affiliated with the National Cannabis Industry Association, as well as the Oregon Cannabis Industry Association.

What is it all about?

Our vision is to work together as a community, and to go above and beyond the state requirements of House Bill 3640. We strive to provide high quality medicine to our patients. We work together to ensure that not only are the requirements being met, but brainstorm on ideas to improve patient access to medicine. Every dispensary is important and unique, it is these unique characteristics that brings patients to our dispensaries. We value each other's differences and opinions, and understand that it is these differences that make our community better. We can achieve so much more as a team, than we can working independently. I am so pleased to have this association begin, and am excited for what the future will bring for all of us.

Who are we?



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Voice of the patients

Below are local Oregon Medical Marijuana Patient testimonies. These are our very own patients who come into our dispensaries that took a moment to explain the magic of the medicine in their own words, and how it has positively effected their lives

Dear SCIA,

I wanted to briefly share my story. I am a 55 year old woman who has been struggling with chronic stomach distress (due largely to IBS), and cluster migraines for over 20 years. I moved from Florida to Oregon, in 2000, and, unfortunately, my symptoms worsened. I was given a variety of tests, all to no avail - with the exception of my neurologist finding that I had Chiara Malformation, which may have contributed to my migraines. I had a craniotomy last year, and have many less migraines. However, they do occur, and my stomach issues are worse than ever, largely due to the stress of going through surgery (and the long recovery process)

Taking all of this into consideration, I decided to research the affect of marijuana on people with similar problems that I have. Initially, I was given pain pills for my headaches, and more for my surgery/recovery. Additionally, I was told to take GasX, Zantac, and probiotics for my stomach. While they gave me comfort for a small amount of time, the distress kept coming back sooner, and eventually, they stopped working altogether.

As a result, I applied for and got my OMMP card, and visited the first (and only) dispensary I have been to to get input as to what was the best variety/method, based on my issues. Although I did a LOT of research about medical marijuana, I wanted to find out specifically the type of medicine they had available, and how it could address my ailments. I chose not to smoke, and instead, got an oil that is added to food. Had I decided to smoke, there are a variety of vaporizers (vape pens) that lesson the harm from smoking.

Not only have I been extremely happy with the results, I know exactly what amount to use to receive what I need. The syringe is marked and measured, and I don't ever worry whether or not I've taken enough. I know that there are people that complain about the difficulty of accurate dosing, but there are plenty of items that give medical marijuana patients choices, so that they can decide which product will help them measure their medicine quite accurately.

Had it not been for using medical marijuana, I would be taking pain medication (possibly running the risk of becoming addicted), and/or over the counter stomach 'remedies'. I am a responsible user, meaning I don't engage in any behavior that could harm myself or others (i.e. drive). I am an adult, who struggles with ailments with symptoms that are controlled by the use of medical medicine. Taking away dispensaries would greatly limit my opportunity to participate in life in a meaningful, distress-free manner.

Respectfully yours,
Diana
Salem, OR 97305



Top Ten Facts about Medical Marijuana according to The Drug Policy Alliance.

Fact #1- Roughly 750,000 people are arrested for marijuana each year, the vast majority of them for simple possession, with racial minorities over-represented.

Fact #2: Most marijuana users never use any other illicit drug

#3: Increasing admissions for treatment are a reflection the criminal justice system's predominant role, rather than increasing rates of clinical dependence.

#4: Marijuana potency is not related to risk of dependence or health impacts

#5: Marijuana can be good for mental health

#6: Marijuana can be protective against the formation of cancer

#7: Marijuana has been proven helpful for treating the symptoms of a variety of medical conditions. The body's endocannabinoid system may explain why.

#8: Rates of marijuana use among young people tend to DECREASE when a state adopts medical marijuana

#9: Marijuana does not cause long-term cognitive impairment in adult users.

#10: There is no compelling evidence that marijuana contributes substantially to traffic accidents and fatalities

Trivia Time

1. According to one report, it would take _____ joints to kill a person- but the cause of death would be carbon monoxide poisoning.
2. Cannabis seeds were used as a food source in China as early as _____.
3. During the temperance movement of the 1890s marijuana was recommended as a substitute for alcohol. The reason for this was that the use of marijuana did not lead to _____ while alcohol abuse did.
4. The first two drafts of the _____ were written on paper made from hemp.
5. From 1850 to 1942, marijuana was listed in the _____ as a useful medicine for nausea, rheumatism, and labor pains and was easily obtained at the local general store or pharmacy
6. In 1996, _____ because the first U.S. State to allow medical marijuana for patients with a valid doctor's recommendation.
7. About _____ people are arrested each year for marijuana offenses in the U.S.
8. Recent research out of Spain suggests that THC actually _____ brain cancer cells, while leaving healthy cells alone.



To Salem Cannabis Industry Association,

I was in a severe car accident 8 years ago and have suffered from chronic back and neck pain ever since. Despite physical therapy, massage, chiropractic and pharmaceutical treatment, the pain has persisted. A year ago, I was diagnosed with Psoriatic Arthritis, perpetuating the existing pain even more while adding in my hands, feet and knees. I was never able to sleep through the night without waking due to pain, and my mood and overall quality of life depleted immensely.

Medical Marijuana has changed that. I do not use recreational drugs. I rarely drink alcohol. I work in a respected leadership position in the community, and now that I am able to sleep at night and have some relief from the pain I experience, I am thriving more than ever. For the first time in years, my pain isn't holding me back.

Please do not make my life more difficult than it already has been for so many years by banning medical marijuana facilities. If not for me, for the people who have it worse than me. I am lucky. As much as I've been through physically, I can't begin to imagine how difficult it must be to live with cancer, AIDS or any other debilitating disease.

Sincerely,
Fritz



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Upcoming Events

SCIA Meeting

2nd Wednesday of each month from 7:30pm-8:30pm. Meeting held at The Hong Kong Restaurant, located at 3583 Commercial St SE, Salem, OR 97302

Marijuana Business Law 101

An informative seminar providing an opportunity to learn from professionals across the legal spectrum. Attorneys and professionals will cover basic business law, employment tax, tax law and more. Held on February 22nd, 2014 from 11am-5:30 @ The Occidental Brewing Company in Portland, Oregon. Tickets are \$150 and further information can be found on the OCIA website.

1st Choice Cannabis & International Women's Cannabis Coalition

"Keep our Community Thriving Food Drive"

Bring any 3 nonperishable food items during March 10th-31st and receive 5% off your Farmacy donation or Left Coast & Sun Rays Art and Glass Gallery. We are working together with "Move for Hunger" to fill the cupboards of families within our own community.

At this time we are still collecting for our event calendar. Please feel free to e-mail Susansmeds@yahoo.com with your upcoming events, and we will include them in our newsletter and Facebook. Please also visit us at www.facebook.com/SalemCIA for the latest updates on news and local events.

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