

▶ CHAMBER BOARD MEETING, EZ COME EZ GO RESTAURANT AT 8AM, EVERY 1ST AND 3RD THURSDAY

▶ FORUM LUNCHEON @ GUADALAJARA MEXICAN RESTAURANT AT NOON, EVERY 2ND TUESDAY

▶ THE CHAMBER OFFICE IS LOCATED @ 408 SILVER ST., TOLEDO, WA (360) 864-8844

## Monthly Newsletter May 2009

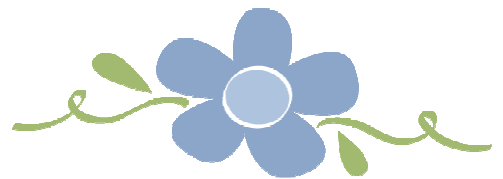


# Chamber *focus*

*Guest Speaker*

*Gian Paolo Mammone, Executive Director,  
Lincoln City Chamber of Commerce*

*How chambers have evolved and what a chamber should be*



## *Member Spotlight Of The Month*

A Business After Hours and Grand Opening event will be held May 19th for our newest member, **Chastity Clark of CC's Photography** who has recently relocated to Winlock and opened her own studio, which is located at 203 NE First Street in downtown Winlock.

Chastity has been providing professional photography services for a little over 8 years. She has extensive experience in many styles of photography including portraits, events, weddings, businesses and much more. She attended college for Photography at The Pacific Northwest College of Art in Portland and then DeVry University to receive her Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. She has worked with "Hi-end" professional photographers both in the studio and during weddings before going out on her own. Her passion is to take pictures of people, either in the studio or at an event. For her, it's not just the images, but for people to look at the picture and say "Oh yea, that is so them, look at that expression!". Those are her favorite moments! After meeting her fiancé Eric Anderson, she found Winlock. She stumbled into her current location after inquiring at the former Lewis County News office for some furniture. She became even more excited about her studio when Eric told her that his Grandma, Phyllis Kupias, worked there when she was a realtor. Chastity hopes she can become a part of this history. She has really fallen in love with Winlock and appreciates that our kids can walk down the sidewalks and we don't have to worry as much.

As part of her grand opening she is offering a free session with a free 8x10 print. She has a wide variety of packages, choices and items that can be printed with a photo: such as mugs, t-shirts, key chains and much more. Be sure to come by for refreshments, have your photo taken and enter your business card for door prize drawings.



**See You There!**

Dear Chamber Members,

Another icon has passed. Bonita Meyers, longtime staff person at Lewis County News (Town Crier) passed away this April. She wrote the column Loose Ends in which she kept track of community members, travels, health and up to's. She had opinions and did not hesitate to state them. One never had to guess where she stood. She is and was many things to many people. Some knew her very well, others a little.

For me, at the tender age of 18, she was an example of a strong, independent career woman. In those days there were not that many roll models. I looked up to and admired her. She never hesitated to tell on herself, even if it was painful to her. Once, when in agony over what I believed to be a moral mistake I confided in her and asked her opinion. She took a risk, but related to me something similar of which she was not proud that she had done. She did not hold back and in the telling made me human, less alone and most of all, forgiven. She couldn't have bestowed upon me, a greater gift. Countless times I have heard people say that she personified the community, giving us a connection in times of increasing disconnectedness. She mothered, cajoled, inspired and caused us to think. She or her times will never be again. It is the end of an era.



## **Thinking of Not Renewing Membership?**

When a Chamber member decides to cancel its membership investment, it is REALLY saying...

- Please cancel our support of promoting a good public image for business and industry.
- Please cancel our support of broadening the tax base and creating more jobs by attracting new business and industry to South Lewis County.
- Please cancel our support of a united business voice at all levels of government. We have no interest in what happens in the agencies that tax, license and regulate business.
- Please cancel our opportunity for further enlarging our business contacts.
- Please cancel our support of the welfare of the residents of South Lewis County.
- Please cancel our support of the tourism activities in South Lewis County

Goals that the Chamber has accomplished could not have been possible on an individual basis. The South Lewis County Chamber of Commerce does together what no one business could do alone. We will miss the member who cancels, but he will miss much more than he realizes.

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## **Top Reasons To Join The Chamber of Commerce**

Make new business contacts

Invest in a healthy economy

Increase your presence on the internet

Heighten your company's visibility

Market your products and services

Gain a voice in government

Get involved

Learn new skills for small business success

# May 2009 Events Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <i>White Cane Days</i>	2 <i>White Cane Days</i>  <i>Vader May Day Celebration</i>
3	4	5 <i>Cinco de Mayo</i>	6	7	8	9
10 <i>Mother's Day</i>	11	12 <i>Forum Lunch Noon</i> <i>Guadalajara Mexican Restaurant/Winlock</i>	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 <i>CC's Photography Business After Hours</i>	20	21	22	23
24	25 <i>Memorial Day</i>	26	27	28	29	30
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## Suggestions from the Membership

We would like to hear from you with any suggestions, ideas, or input of what you would like for us to put in the monthly newsletter. Your input counts. We appreciate any feedback that we receive. Please help us to become the best Chamber that we can be.

Don't forget to Renew your Membership Dues!

Call the Chamber office to find out when you need to renew.

## Member Renewals

Timberland Library, 322 NE First Street, Winlock, WA 98596 (360) 785-3461

## Volunteers Needed

The Chamber of Commerce needs board members. The current Board has three remaining positions available. Though we understand everyone is busy, it is important that we have a full complement of 10 members sitting on the Board. This is important not only because it would be unfair to members to have an organization run only by a handful of its members, but also because the work and time commitment will be more equitable for all. Please give a little of your time to help promote our local businesses and serve the community.

**If you would like to serve on the Board, please call 360-864-8844.**

**Board Members**

**Mary Garrison**, President

Old Hatchery Antiques

**Rachel Phillipps**, Vice President

Rachel Phillipps Insurance

**Mike Alvarez**, Secretary/Treasurer

United Country Real Estate

**Debbie Blum**

Special Moments Floral & Gifts

**Dan Godat**

United Country Real Estate

**Jackie Steveson**

Board Member



May 10th

**CHAMBER CHUCKLES**



We would like to express our gratitude to **Independence Printing** for all that they have done for us. Independence Printing has printed and mailed our newsletter for the past year and a half. Providing this service for us has been a tremendous help, given we are a *volunteer* board. THANK YOU!



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