

▶ 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
July 2009



Chamber *focus*

New and Exciting

Attend the Forum Lunch and meet our new President/CEO

Gian Paolo is the former Executive Director of the Lincoln City, Oregon Chamber of Commerce, has been Director of Community and Economic Development for municipalities in Oregon and Idaho. Gian Paolo has a **Masters Degree** in Urban Administration from Wright State University, Dayton, Ohio, a **Masters Degree** of City and Regional Planning from Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, a **Bachelors of Science** in Architecture from Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio and a **Diploma Di Geometra**: Five-year Professional Civil Engineering Degree, Como, Italy.

Gian Paolo has extensive skills and expertise in the coordination and direction of all local government activities, finances and personnel. He has strong, proven ability and experience in intergovernmental and inter-agency relations. He has extensive experience in business retention, expansion and attraction. He also has strong emphasis on technical writing, public speaking and public relations. He has extensive experience in downtown/main street development and redevelopment, waterfront planning and campus master planning.

International Economic Development Council (IEDC): He has attended all required seminars/classes to sit for the Certified Economic Developer Exam (CEcD).

Is a member in the WACE (**Western Association of Chamber Executives**) Academy Program.

Is a past member of:

ICMA International City/County Management Association

IEDC International Economic Development Council

APA American Planning Association

AIA American Institute of Architects - Associate

Gian Paolo will create stunning changes in our cities such as urban renewal programs, make private partnerships for economic development and seek out and write grant requests all of which will effect not only the power of our Chamber but our economic development as well.

WELCOME!

Are You Ready for Tourist Season??

Tourist season is "fast-approaching" - have you taken a really hard, objective look at the outside of your business lately? I mean - REALLY take a look at it - like a visiting tourist might. Does the front of your business reflect "pride of ownership" with sparkling, clean windows and a nice paint job? Is your sidewalk swept and free of litter?

Now go in the front door - what do you see? Is your business cluttered and messy? What would you think if you were a visitor and walked through the door for the very first time? Is your merchandise displayed in an attractive manner that makes people want to linger and shop? Perhaps you have a restaurant, a hotel or other "service-type" business. Be objective now - what would make you want to patronize your business - if you were a visiting tourist???

Let's all do our part to make our community successful! We all have an obligation to make South Lewis County a welcoming place where our tourists want to spend more time - and, let's face it - the more time they spend, the more money they spend. So much can be accomplished if we all work together toward one specific goal. If we show our visitors that we are a community with pride - why wouldn't they want to stay an extra day??

Welcome New Member

Public Utilities District #1 of Lewis County, PO Box 330, Chehalis, WA 98532, 360-748-9261

Renewals

United Country Northwest Realty, 476 State Hwy 505, Winlock, WA 98596, 360-785-4919

Chiechi and Associates, 4324 Sunset Beach Drive NW, Olympia, WA 98502, 360-754-8141

Business Referrals

The Chamber receives requests for names of businesses and establishments. As a member of the Chamber of Commerce you will be included in the Membership Referral System. Only Member business are referred when the Chamber receives an inquiry. Place your business ad in the Chamber's Membership Directory, the most complete business reference in South Lewis County.



A special thank you goes out to all those who attend the Business After Hours held at **CC's Photography** in Winlock on June 23rd. We wish Chastity all the best in success with her new business. Stop in and see what she has to offer.

July 2009 Events Calendar

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			1	2	3	4 <i>Independence Day</i>
5	6	7	8	9	10 <i>Toledo Cheese Days</i>	11 <i>Toledo Cheese Days</i>
12 <i>Toledo Cheese Days</i>	13	14 <i>Forum Lunch Noon Guadalajara Mexican Restaurant/Winlock</i>	15	16	17 <i>Napavine Funtime Festival</i>	18 <i>Napavine Funtime Festival</i> <i>Lavender Festival</i>
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26 <i>Lavender Festival</i>	27	28 <i>Board Meeting</i>	29	30	31	

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.

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



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