

▶ CHAMBER BOARD MEETING, SPIFFY'S RESTAURANT AT 7:30 AM, LAST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

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

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

South Lewis County Chamber of Commerce



Chamber *focus*

Monthly Newsletter
February 2010



Speaker of the Month

Shavanna Burlingame, Lewis County EDC

Shavanna will be offering snap shots of min-training sessions she does with small to medium businesses. The topics range from I-9's and how to pass an audit, Job Descriptions- why should they have one?, Performance Evaluations and employer policy handbooks. She will be sharing snippets from the training to see if any interest is generated for employers to sign up for various sessions. Sign up sheets will be provided.

Have You Received Your New Membership Directory?

If not, please contact the Chamber today!!

South Lewis County Subarea Transportation Plan Update

The State worked with partners and other stakeholders to determine a vision and mitigation plan for future development for the SR 505 corridor between the cities of Winlock and Toledo.

Partners have also produced a corridor study identifying future improvements for the corridor. Both plans depict necessary capital facility improvements mitigating traffic congestion to 2030. The preferred implementation strategy for constructing identified improvements is through the use of transportation impact fees.

Numerous intersection improvements are forecast in the SR 505 corridor between the cities of Winlock and Toledo. While the city of Winlock has expanded its Urban Growth Area (UGA) to Interstate 5, no development proposals currently exist forcing immediate intersection improvements. Partners have evaluated necessary intersection improvements utilizing signalization and by the use of roundabouts. Partners prefer using roundabouts to mitigate forecast future traffic congestion in the corridor. Please contact Cy with any questions regarding this focus and the Subarea Plan

Why join your LOCAL Chamber of Commerce?

Larger businesses tend to join because it's the right thing to do. The older, more established businesses have seen the benefits of participation in the *Chamber* and support its mission. When newer companies moving into our cities join, it's because they have the vision to know that the *Chamber* can help provide an introduction to the community and a network of other business people to help them succeed! Our *Chamber* refers your business to new move-ins, promotes your product or service through advertising opportunities or our monthly newsletter and gives you the chance to hear informative speakers at our monthly meetings.

Our *Chamber* receives calls each month asking for referrals to local businesses. The consumers recognize that a chamber member is more likely to maintain ethical business practices. Most members agree, that the *Chamber* provides a springboard to many other opportunities when growing their businesses and see their investment many times over, especially when they actively participate in *Chamber* activities!

What are we going to do for you?

The question "What will you do for me?" is a re-occurring question heard by pretty much anyone involved with a Chamber of Commerce. The question to ask should instead be "What can I do to help my Chamber?" After all, it's participation in the Chamber which helps to build a strong community.

With an active Chamber in your community, there are many things that will happen. Certainly not everything will help to propel your business to some new level of corporate utopia, but many things will indeed create steps for you to get there. Whether through business to business networking or taking advantage of all the work going on behind the scenes (government lobbying, member discounts, strategic planning) the Chamber can only be as strong as the many voices it represents.



You can help build a strong Chamber in your community. Your involvement does not have to translate to a major time commitment. Simple responses to a member survey will often be enough to decide how a community stands on important issues. Without your voice, how will the Chamber properly represent you and your business investments?

The need for an effective chamber is greater today than ever. Many of our communities continue to suffer from a critical lack of leadership involvement from the business sector, and a properly functioning chamber can fill that void and provide vital direction.

The demand for those quality chamber products and services needed by the business community is as great as ever. A competent chamber that listens to its customer-members is really the only game in town.

The vision of building the kind of community in which we all want to live, work and play is alive and well. And a focused, member-driven chamber can deliver that dream. The right ingredients in a powerful chamber truly represents the last guardian of the competitive enterprise system.

February 2010 Events Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 Lewis County EDC 27th Annual Banquet @ Historic Washing- ton Hotel ~Social 6PM, Dinner 7PM	5	6
7	8	9 Forum Lunch 12:00 pm Guadalajara's Mexican Restaurant	10	11	12	13
14 Valentine's Day 	15 President's Day 	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 Board Meeting 7:30 am Spiffy's Restaurant	24	25	26	27
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Don't forget to Renew your Membership Dues!

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

Member Renewals

EZ Come EZ Go 204 NE 1st Street, Winlock, WA 98596, 360-785-3526

Hartzel Bark & Country Flowers, 313 S Military Road, Winlock, WA 98596, 360-785-4318

The Silver Agency, 109 N Tower Ave., Suite 200, Centralia, WA 98531, 360-736-8065

Patricia Dobyns, Individual, 920 Byham Road, Winlock, WA 98596, 360-785-3281

New Members

DeVaul Publishing Inc., 429 N Market Blvd., Chehalis, WA 98532, 360-748-6848

The Advocate Agency, 433 N Market Blvd., Chehalis, WA 98532, 360-748-6836

E2 Land Use Planning, LLC, 215 54th Street, Vancouver, WA 98660, 360-750-0038

Mary's Corner Medical Clinic, 4254 Jackson Hwy., Chehalis, WA 98532, 360-262-3966

Cy Meyers, Individual, 302 NE 2nd Street, Winlock, WA 98596, 360-520-2498

Board Members

Mary Garrison, Chair
Old Hatchery Antiques

Rachel Phillipps, Board Member
Rachel Phillipps Insurance

Mark Cook, Board Member
Cook Engineering and
Development Services

Bill Jones, Board Member
Anchor Bank, Centralia

Mike Alvarez, Board Member
EZ Come EZ Go Pizza & Deli

Maria Chiechi, Board Member
Chiechi & Associates

Cy Meyers, Director of
Economic Development

Announcement!!!

The Annual Fundraiser will be rescheduled for a later date. Please remove February 28, from your calendars.



The **Chamber Board** is asking that you please bring your business card to the next Forum Lunch or mail one in. We are updating our rolodex and would like the most quickest and convenient way to reach our members.

***Happy Valentines Day
From Your Chamber!***



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