

Member Focus

OCTOBER, 2010

Chamber Board Positions On Ballot Measures

The Chamber government affairs committee reviews all of the ballot measures and recommends that the Chamber Board support, oppose or take no position on each measure. It is the responsibility of the Board to determine the stand that they feel is appropriate for the betterment of the business community that they are elected to represent.

On November 2, we will vote on seven statewide measures and five countywide measures. Here is the position the Board has taken on each.

Four of the statewide measures amend the State Constitution, which is necessary because the items are already in place.

STATE MEASURES

#70 - Amends Constitution, deals with expanding availability of home ownership loans for Oregon Veterans. **(Board Supports)**

#71 - Amends Constitution, requires legislature to meet annually, limits length of sessions. **(Board Supports)**

#72 - Amends Constitution, authorizes exception to the \$50,000 state borrowing limit for state real and personal property projects. **(Board took No Position)**

#73 - Requires the increased minimum sentences for certain crimes. **(Board took No Position)**

#74 - Establishes medical marijuana supply system,

and other details. **(Board took No Position)**

#75 - Authorizes Multnomah County casino. **(Board Opposes)**

#76 - Amends Constitution to continue lottery funding for parks, beaches, wildlife habitat, watershed protection beyond 2014. **(Board took a No Position; will help with informing members)**

COUNTY MEASURES

#33-70 - Local option tax for animal control and shelter. **(Board took No Position)**

#33-71 - Establishment of One Percent Transient Lodging Tax for Wasco County to go entirely to retire the Discovery Center indebtedness for which the County of obligated. **(Board Opposes)**

#33-72 - Columbia Gorge Community College \$8.02 million bond for workforce center, renewable energy training facility. **(Board took a No Position; will help with informing members)**

#33-75 - Makes Wasco County Commissioners Offices nonpartisan. **(Board took No Position)**

#33-76 - North Wasco County Parks & Recreation District Pool Bond, \$19.455 million. **(Board took a No Position; will help with informing members)**

None of these decisions came easily for the Board. Each of them will have some good and some negative results for some members.

As the ballots arrive in a couple of weeks, please take the time to review each measure thoroughly and cast an informed vote.

Power Breakfast in the month of October

The Dalles Area Chamber of Commerce invites all of its Chamber members and their guests to attend the October 1, 2010 Power Breakfast beginning at 7:00 am.

Power Breakfast is sponsored by Wasco County Co-op and NW Natural.

October's guest speaker will be Mr. Jim Weed of NORCOR. His report will be on what is happening at the regional corrections facility located in The Dalles.

This season Power Breakfast will be held at the Columbia Gorge Community College in the theater on the third floor of the main building. Chamber Ambassadors will be at the door to direct you!

Breakfast is being prepared by Dave and Sandy Lutgens of Class Act Catering.

To make reservations for this event call the Chamber at 541-296-2231.

Nominations Open: Board of Directors Positions

The Chamber Board of Directors has four members whose terms in office are up as of December 31, 2010.

As directed in our bylaws the President has appointed the Nominating Committee who will put together the slate of six nominees (two more than the number of positions to be filled) for the ballot.

Chamber members may petition to be on the ballot by submitting an approved form with the signatures of 30 members that are in good standing.

Chamber bylaws state:

"Any thirty (30) active [Chamber] members may nominate one or more members for a board position by filing a petition form, approved by the Chamber, not later than 5:00 p.m. on the 3rd Thursday in

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“To provide value to our members through advocacy and leadership, promoting a vigorous economic climate for business, community and education.”

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Do you have a basket, gift certificate, or promotional item that you would like to donate to the Business Card Drawing at Power Breakfast? Call 541-296-2231 for details.

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A View From The Inside

By Dana Schmidling, Executive Director

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.”

Margaret Mead
American anthropologist
(1901-1978)

Last week, I watched as your Chamber leadership took positions on upcoming state and county ballot measures. As I sat there it was very obvious that some of the decisions were difficult for them to make. Their job was to support, oppose or take no position on each initiative.

Some of the measures, particularly those that are local, dealt with issues about which individual directors were passionate.

No decision was easy.

There was healthy debate on both side of each issue. In the end, they put personal feelings aside and made the best decisions they could for the business community. It was not easy but they did it and I appreciate their dedication and leadership.

Business advocacy is one of the most important functions of the Chamber. This function is led by the Government Affairs Committee. Each week, this group educates itself on issues affecting the business community and the community at large.

Armed with this information they formulate positions and make recommendations to the Board of Directors on City, County and State legislation that impacts business. In this way we present a unified business voice when there are challenges, issues and regulations that negatively impact the business community.

The Chamber is nonpartisan in its approach and does not endorse or oppose legislation or initiatives based on political philosophies or party sponsorship. Nor do we endorse or support candidates for public office.

Elected and government officials are welcome to actively participate, comment and provide information on topics discussed at the Government Affairs Committee.

More often than not, our Government Affairs Committee is attended by State Representative John Huffman, the Mayor, County Commissioners, City Manager, representatives from the Port Commission and the College, along with leaders in the local business community.

I also believe that the Chamber should be a resource of credible information that supports business concerns, not impeded by politics or partisanship. We need to be realistic in our approach to issues important to business.

Our elected and appointed officials need to have confidence that we support a sound process in identifying workable solutions to problems facing business.

The Chamber Government Affairs Committee is a forum where business people can come together to work on real solutions to the challenges faced by business today. It is the place where members can examine issues, devise a common message and speak with one powerful voice -- the voice of business.

I urge you to get involved with your Government Affairs Committee -- together we can change our corner of the world.

Hospice of the Gorge Joins Providence Health & Services

Hospice of The Gorge has signed a final merger agreement with Providence Health & Services. The new service will be known as Providence Hospice of the Gorge.


Hospice of The Gorge leaders originally approached Providence in January of 2009 to discuss a potential merger. After a thorough review process, the two organizations have signed a final agreement, which goes into effect Dec. 1, 2010. Hospice of The Gorge employees will join Providence at that time.

“Our goal was to find a new way to expand and enhance end-of-life care, and we believe Providence is an excellent partner in that work,” said Gretchen Hagen, R.N., executive director of Hospice of The Gorge.

As part of this agreement, and also in recognition of the community support and contributions to Hospice of The Gorge through the years, Providence will transfer funds to Providence Hood River Memorial Hospital Foundation for a designated hospice fund. This fund will be used for special services and projects for end-of-life care to be provided by Providence Hospice of the Gorge in the eight counties it serves.

“This is a good fit for us, and we look forward to serving people in the communities of the Gorge through our Providence ministry,” said Jerry Hunter, chief executive, Providence Home and Community Services.

Providence Hospice of the Gorge will provide home hospice, bereavement, Hispanic outreach, as well as children’s grief support services.



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- City of The Dalles
- Coburn Electric
- Columbia Gorge Real Estate
- Crestline Construction Co. LLC
- Cousin's Restaurant, Inc.
- Dufur RV Park
- Durow, Jill
- Ericksen, Dan & Kay
- Fix Auto The Dalles
- Freedom House of The Dalles
- Friend & Reagan, PC
- Granite Northwest (formerly Mid Columbia Asphalt)
- Griswold Marketing
- Hattenhauer Distributing Co.
- HAVEN From Domestic Violence
- Hospice of the Gorge
- Meadow Outdoor Advertising
- Mid-Columbia Housing Resource Center
- NW Communication Systems Inc.
- Oregon Cherry Growers
- Rebecca Street Physical Therapy
- SERVPRO of E. Clackamas, Hood River & Wasco Co's.
- Spartan Promotional Group, Inc.
- The Dalles Furniture
- W C Construction
- Woolsey, Sam
- Zephyr International, Inc.

Directory Changes

Please add the new members listed on this page to the 2010 Membership Directory. If your business name, or contact information has changed, please let us know right away. Call 541-296-2231 or email info@thedalleschamber.com.

It really is in your best interest that our database and web site are as up-to-date as possible! A potential customer might be calling us or checking our website right now!

Government Affairs Committee

Government Affairs Committee meets at 7 AM every Thursday morning at the Barbecue restaurant on West Sixth Street in The Dalles. Some weeks we have a guest speaker, other times we have open discussion about current issues in the community. Our meetings are open to anyone interested. Please join us!



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A Word From The Board

By Board President, Celeste Hill-Thomas

October has arrived and our children are back in full swing at school or away at college and everyone is gearing up for fall.

The cooler weather brings with it cozy jackets, warm sweaters and fall sports. I hope everyone is able to make it out to support our local teams, there is nothing like a Friday night spent under the lights watching your favorite team play their hearts out.

Along with the cooler weather, October brings political posters, mailers and commercials vying for your attention and votes in the upcoming elections.

The Chamber's Government Affairs committee has been busy reviewing all of the measures coming up for a vote in our November election.

They review the measures at length and scrutinize and debate the pros and cons of each measure and its possible effect on our local businesses.

This month's newsletter contains a very brief review of the measures and the Chamber's position, if any, in relation to the measure's effect on our local business community.

We encourage each and every one of you to personally review each measure so to determine your vote.

You can help your business succeed by taking an informed position on the business related measures in this election.

Advocacy for your business through the power of your vote is an invaluable way to help your business.

Another way to become an advocate for your business is to attend the many events held each month through the Chamber.

We have several networking opportunities each month with Business After Hours, Coffee Connections, special events and committee membership. Meeting other local business persons can increase their awareness of your business and help create a strong voice for unified local business.

Did you know any employee of a Chamber member business is welcome to attend these networking events or become a member of one of our committees?

We encourage you to foster any of your employee's interest to become involved.

The benefit is twofold; first, an employee that becomes involved in representing your business around the area feels more connection and loyalty to your business and secondly it increases your businesses' opportunity to make new customers and new connections.

Yet another way to be an advocate for your local business community is to run for election to the Chamber Board of Directors.

We have our own election coming up for 2011 and will have four open positions.

Please contact the Chamber office and see this newsletter's short article if you have interest in running for a seat on our Board of Directors (*see front page*).

We have so much happening in our local area; that it is almost difficult not to get involved.

I encourage all of you to become a strong advocate for your business and employees by getting involved and exercising your power to vote.

We are stronger together than any of us might be alone.

Celeste Hill-Thomas
President

Community Outreach team in Washington D.C.



Members of The Dalles Community Outreach team met with Congressman Greg Walden during their recent trip to Washington D.C.

From Left to Right: Dr. Frank Toda, Dan Spatz, Bob McFadden, Mayor Jim Wilcox, Dana Schmidling, Congressman Walden, Nolan Young, Judge Dan Ericksen and John Arens.

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OCTOBER 2010 Chamber Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				Gov. Affairs 7am, the BBQ	1 Power Breakfast Columbia Gorge Community College, The Dalles, 7am	2
3	4 Yo-Pro Meeting, Taco Del Mar, The Dalles, 1pm	5 Downtown Committee 8am, The Dalles Chronicle	6	7 Gov. Affairs 7am, the BBQ Candidate Forum 7pm @ Civic Auditorium	8 Economic Development 7am, Northern Wasco County PUD	9
10	11	12	13	14 Gov. Affairs 7am, the BBQ	15	16 Deadline for Newsletter Articles, Inserts, Etc.
17	18	19	20	21 Gov. Affairs 7am, the BBQ Ambassador Mtg. 8am, Mill Creek Point Senior Living Executive Committee 3:30pm, City Hall Business After Hours, Bob Stone Freeway Auto, 5-7pm	22	23
24	25	26 Coffee Connections Boulder Path Design, 7:30am Marketing Committee 5pm, The Mint	27	28 Board Meeting 5pm, PUD	29	30
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Discovery Center Receives National Pinnacle Award

For Outstanding K-12 Standards-Based Video-Conferencing Programs.

The Columbia Gorge Discovery Center and Museum received the 2010 Pinnacle Award from the Center for Interactive Learning and Collaboration (CILC). This award is presented annually to organizations delivering outstanding K-12 standards-based video-conferencing programs.

Recipients of The Pinnacle Award are determined by evaluations from educators across the country, who assess programs according to both effectiveness and content.

The Discovery Center has provided a tremendous amount of live interactive videoconferences to over 12,000 students in 26 states and Canada, since 2005. Teachers may choose from nine lessons

ranging from Lewis and Clark and the Oregon Trail to salmon lifecycles and raptors. Noteworthy other recipients of the Pinnacle Award include the Philadelphia Museum of Art, Louisville Science Center, Royal Botanical Gardens, and the NASA Digital Learning Network at the Kennedy Space Center.

Steven J. Thompson, Education Director for the Discovery Center since 2004, uses his 37 years of teaching experience, Masters' Degree in Social Sciences, and sense of humor to deliver personal and memorable Columbia River Gorge experiences daily to classrooms as far away as New York. His props are costumes, museum artifacts, black powder rifles, and even buffalo chips.

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October Community Events

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| <p>1 Power Breakfast
Columbia Gorge Community College, The Dalles; 7-8am</p> | <p>3 Dufur & Dufur Valley Homes on Tour; 1-5pm; tickets @ Klindt's, PEO Chapter E.J. Members or @ homes on tour date. Signs posted</p> | <p>16 <i>Double Trouble</i>: Bike Ride from Across Oregon Deschutes - the John Day & Back; Info: registration online 9/4/10 www.raceacrossoregon.com</p> |
| <p>1 Women, Art & Wine <i>Trading Cards</i>, 6-8pm
The Dalles Art Center
Info: 541.296.4759</p> | <p>4 Wonderworks Museum Fall Music Class, children 0-5, \$15 per child. Scheduled Mondays in October
Info: 541.980.5922</p> | <p>16 Traveling Exhibit of Oregon Pre-History w/Dr. Leland Glisan, 9am-5pm; Discovery Center
Info: 541.296.8600</p> |
| <p>1 Oregon Archeology Celebrations <i>Invitations to the Past</i> exhibit at The Discovery Center
Info: 541.296.8600</p> | <p>6,13, 20,27 The Dalles Rotary Club Meeting Noon @ the Civic Auditorium</p> | <p>16 Harvest Fest @ Renken Farms 10am-5pm; 3050 Three Mile Rd., The Dalles; Fun for Whole Family; Info: 541.296.3024, 541.296.7579 or renkenfarms@gmail.com</p> |
| <p>1-2 2nd Annual Rocktober Fest @ <i>The Dalles Eagles</i>; over 21 event
<u>Fri., Oct.1</u>: Covertones & Stones tribute band The Rolling Tones, and Tommy Tutone ("867-5309")
<u>Sat., Oct.2</u>: The Pretty Deep, Dragonfiles & Ozzy tribute band Crazy Train; Tickets \$15
Info: Randy, 541.296.1300</p> | <p>6 <i>Richie Havens</i>, from Woodstock to Stevenson. 1.800.494.8479
www.SkamaniaArts.org</p> | <p>17 Gorge Winds Band Concert @ Civic Auditorium
www.thedallescivic.org</p> |
| <p>1-23 Anthony Kiser (oil), Scott Berger (oil) & Linda Steider (glass) show @ The Dalles Art Center, 296.4759
Opening Reception Oct. 1, 5-7pm</p> | <p>7 CANDIDATE FORUM
<i>Meet your candidates. Be an informed voter.</i>
@ Civic Auditorium
5:30PM - Meet & Greet
7:00PM - Forum
Info: TDACC, 541.296.2231</p> | <p>21 Business After Hours
Bob Stone Freeway Auto Chamber Members & Guests
Info: TDACC, 541.296.2231</p> |
| <p>1-31 Artists Series: Stained Glass by Melisa Smith; Sherman Co. Historical Museum;
Info: 541.565.3232</p> | <p>7,14, 21,28 The Dalles Kiwanis Meeting Noon @ Spooky's</p> | <p>22 <i>Terri Clark</i>: A night of Country Music at Kah-Nee-Ta; 8PM
Info: 541.553.1112</p> |
| <p>2&9 The Dalles Farmers Market City Park (5th & Union) 8am-1pm</p> | <p>7,14 21,28 Toastmasters Meeting Noon @ CGCC Board Room
Info: Patti Blagg, 541-298-4352</p> | <p>23 Gorge Square Dance Club 7PM @ Civic Auditorium</p> |
| <p>2 <i>Appraisal Clinic @ Maryhill</i>
Appraisers will evaluate paintings, prints, sculpture and more. 1-4pm
www.maryhillmuseum.org</p> | <p>7,14 21,28 Oil Painting w/Todd Smith The Dalles Art Center
Info: 541-296-4759</p> | <p>24 Columbia Gorge Marathon Hood River, Oregon
Info: 541.980.2338
www.breakawaypromotions.com</p> |
| <p>2 Making Jewelry with PMC <i>Clay Kathy McCullough</i>, The Dalles Art Center
541.296.4759</p> | <p>8 <i>Understanding Emotions Before the Explosions ... How Children Beat the Odds!</i>: Dr. Ann Corwin; @ Discovery Center; The Dalles
Info/Register: 541.298.5104</p> | <p>26 Coffee Connections
Boulder Path Designs; 7:30am 110 E. 2nd Street, The Dalles Chamber Members & Guests
Info: TDACC, 541.296.2231</p> |
| <p>2 Trail Horse Challenge, 9am @ Fort Dalles Riders Club
Entry fee, multiple age divisions
Info: 541.993.7661 or visit: www.fortdallesriders.com</p> | <p>9 A Vintage Evening of Fine Wine & Art; Fundraiser @ Discovery Center 5-9pm; Tickets \$50
Call: 541.296.8600</p> | <p>26 "Legal Hiring Practices" @ Discovery Center; 7:45am
Info: Anita, 541.296.5435 x231</p> |
| <p>2 14th Annual Nez Perce Art in the Wallowa; Wallowa Lake Lodge
Info: 541.432.9821</p> | <p>12-14, 19-21 <i>Wham! Bam! Zowie</i>
3rd and 4th grade classes spend a day of exploration and fun @ Maryhill Museum: \$3 per student, teachers/chaperones free.
Reservations: 509.773.3733 or education@maryhillmuseum.org</p> | <p>27 Singer/Songwriter Kelly Joe Phelps 7PM @ Civic Auditorium
www.thedallescivic.org</p> |
| <p>2 Grand Prix Party! @ <i>Grass Valley Pavilion</i>
Dinner, dancing, live music; Doors open @ 5:30PM
Tickets \$10; available @ door</p> | <p>12 PubTalk in Hood River 5:30-7:30pm; Cathedral Ridge Winery, 4200 Post Canyon Dr.</p> | <p>27 Celilo Park Community Open House; RE: Confluence Project; Erin Glenn Winery; 5:30-7:30pm
www.confluenceproject.org</p> |
| <p>2-3 Car is King Weekend
Open car show w/races for kids & Sunday's hill climb race w/many vintage cars. Historic Maryhill Loops road opens to the Public on Sat.
www.maryhillmuseum.org</p> | <p>14 Portland Spirit Crusies to The Dalles & Dinner Cruise @ The Dalles; Details: 800.224.3901
www.portlandspirit.com or sales@portlandspirit.com</p> | <p>29 Downtown Trick or Treat 3-5pm; Downtown The Dalles</p> |
| | <p>12-16, 21-23, 28-30 <i>Steel Magnolias</i>, presented by Theatre Company of The Dalles; CGCC Theatre Building, Floor 3A
Info: 541.370.2513</p> | <p>29-30 Haunted House @ Civic Auditorium
www.thedallescivic.org</p> |
| | | <p>30 Heaven & Hell Halloween Costume Party @ Civic Auditorium; 8PM</p> |
| | | <p>30 Annual Wasco Co. Historical Society luncheon & meeting; 1PM; St. Paul's Episcopal Church, The Dalles</p> |

Business News

Y102 presents "Business Beat": Coming Soon to a Radio Station near you

Business Beat, a new local business show with Rodger Nichols, starting Monday September 13 and every Monday during the noon hour on Gorge Country Y102.

For 19 years, Rodger covered local businesses for The Dalles Reminder and The Dalles Chronicle. Last year he was named Small Business Journalist of the Year for Oregon by the Portland district of the Small Business Administration. Now he's putting that experience to work in a brand new medium.

Listeners will hear interviews with local businesses and updates on local business news and government actions affecting businesses, all in the breezy style that made his Word on the Street column a long term fixture in the newspaper.

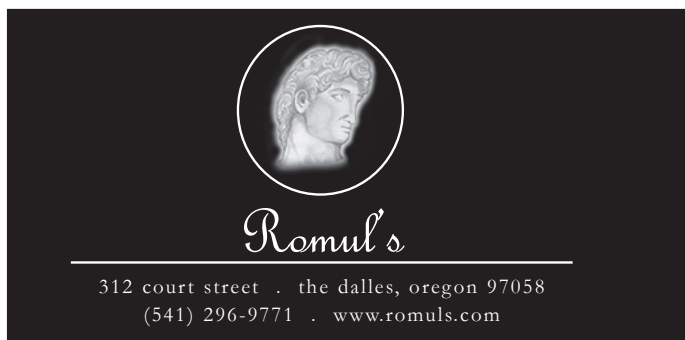
Contact Rodger with any news about your business:
news@haystackbroadcasting.com or 541-296-9102, ext. 312

Pinnacle Award

Steve was excited to hear of the Pinnacle Award Presentation. "It's a great award, and fairly difficult to get! I enjoy the interaction most of all," he says, "and so do the students."

Interactive learning is becoming more popular as school budgets tighten, and transportation costs for field trips rise.

"Because the Pinnacle and other quality designations are based on direct input from teachers who have experienced the programs first hand, they are highly credible," says John Ittleson, CILC board member and Director of Instructional Technology for California Virtual School.



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Community Open House: October 27th for the ongoing Celilo Park Project

The Confluence Project is pleased to be co-hosting a community open house with Lee Weinstein, Dan Spatz and Dana Schmidling on Wednesday, October 27th, from 5:30-7:30 PM at the Erin Glenn Winery.

- We are inviting folks from the region to enjoy food, wine, and:
- view Maya Lin's model for the Celilo Falls memorial
 - learn more about plans to refurbish Celilo Park and restore indigenous plants and habitat there
 - meet organizers and community partners behind the project
 - enjoy a short informational program
 - have fun and enter a raffle for prizes!

About the Confluence Project at Celilo Park:

It began in 2000 as a collaboration between Pacific Northwest tribes, renowned artist Maya Lin, civic groups from around Oregon and Washington, as well as other artists, architects, and landscape designers. Four out of the seven permanent public art pieces are completed at historical sites in the Columbia River Basin, places that are being transformed through much landscape restoration and public artwork. The final art site is at Celilo.

The essence of this project is to engage people, both in the short and long-term, in a deeper understanding of the meaning of the Columbia River, indigenous cultures, the value of land/place, and of the interconnectedness of all of these throughout time. The mission involves using art and place to increase awareness for how we treat the earth and each other, with a strong emphasis on envisioning the future -- the next seven generations.

Strong community involvement is a hallmark of the Confluence Project's work at each site. Six specific and measurable outcomes will result from the Celilo Park project:

- Memorial artwork, inspired by historic fishing planks, designed by internationally recognized artist Maya Lin
- A completely refurbished recreational area
- Restored habitat with native plants
- Historical interpretation of the significance of Celilo Falls
- Meaningful community and stakeholder partnerships
- Economic development opportunities for Celilo Village and neighboring communities

For more information, contact Aili Schreiner: 503.381.0539 or via email at: aili.schreiner@confluenceproject.com

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Business After Hours

Business After Hours events are the area's premier networking opportunities, offering guests the chance to meet and mingle with other Chamber members in a relaxed, social setting. Not only will you meet representatives from the host company and caterer, but since BAH attracts between 100 and 200 business members, there's no telling who you'll see!

Business After Hours in October will be held on Thursday, October 21 at Bob Stone Freeway Auto, 2222 W. 6th Street, The Dalles, OR 97058.



Chamber members & guests participated in the 50/50 drawing upon arriving to the most recent Business After Hours at MCEDD & Red Wagon Antiques.

Ambassador Visits

Ambassadors of The Dalles Area Chamber of Commerce are member volunteers who serve as liaisons between the Chamber and its members. The Committee is a vital part of outreaching and member retention for the Chamber.

They encourage involvement and promote good relations with new and current members each year. The Ambassadors are the faces you see at Ribbon Cuttings, Grand Openings, and working during registration at Business After Hours.

For more information please call us at The Dalles Chamber: 541-296-2231.



Ambassadors enjoying their time and company as they welcome Chamber members to the BAH at MCEDD.

Young Professionals Network (YoPros)

Looking to become a Young Professional in the Columbia Gorge but aren't sure how?



Introducing the new Young Professionals Network of The Dalles - a growing group of professionals, age 21-40, who want to positively impact the community, network, advance their careers, and have fun while in the process.

For the last two years, the Yo-Pros worked together to save the environment with the "Save Taylor Lake" campaign.

Join the Young Professionals to be inspired and empower other local young professionals to advance their career and networking with business leaders in our community, while being socially responsible.

For more information contact The Chamber of Commerce at: info@thedalleschamber.com

Our next meeting is Monday, October 4, at 1PM at Taco Del Mar, in The Dalles.

Board Nominations

October. Said filing is to be made with the Nominating Committee or the Executive Director.

The thirty (30) active members designated above shall not include more than one (1) signature per membership."

If you are interested in obtaining a petition form, contact Dana at 541-296-2231 or via email to danas@thedalleschamber.com.

Wake Up And Network With Coffee Connections!



7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

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Economic News

Call for Company Presenters:

Who would like to connect with capital investment and advice.

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PubTalk™ in Hood River is seeking company presenters. Companies must have good growth and profit potential seeking capital within the range of \$100-\$1M, with a clear opportunity for investors to obtain a return on their investment. Companies must be located in or be willing to be located in the Gorge.

Application deadline is 10/1/10 - For more information, contact Robin Cope, robinc@gorge.net, 541.296.8080.

This month's PubTalk™ will take place on Tuesday, October 12th, from 5:30-7:30 PM at the Cathedral Ridge Winery, located at 4200 Post Canyon Drive, in Hood River.

Agenda for PubTalk™ in Hood River

- 5:30 Networking - Drinks & Snacks
- 6:15 Keynote Speaker - "Building Efficiency and Sustainability Into Your Business" by Shelia Holden, Pacific Power
- 7:00 Company Presentations
- 7:30 Adjourn for more networking

(Admission is \$10, which includes program and snacks)

This event is presented by Gorge Oregon Entrepreneurs Network (OEN), sponsored by the CenterPointe Community Bank and hosted by the Port of Hood River.

For **Event RSVP**, contact **Mike Doke**:
mdoke@portofhoodriver.com or at 541.386.1645

SEPTEMBER STATS

Walk ins: 365	Relocation Packets: 11
Telephone: 262	Tour Packets: 124
Emails: 152	Total Mailings: 122

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Festival of Trees: Just Around the Corner

Message from the Mid-Columbia Health Foundation

Fall is in the air and the Mid-Columbia Health Foundation's Festival of Trees is just around the corner!

This year the Festival falls on December 1st through the 4th. It is time to register your tree for this spectacular event.

Due to the fact that Festival of Trees is the premier Holiday event in the gorge and space is limited, we can only accept the first 35 trees registered.

Decorating Day is scheduled for Wednesday Dec. 1st from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM at The Dalles Civic Auditorium. We will provide extension cords, floor mats, and bags for the trees. You may want to bring a step stool if needed.

Proceeds from this year's Festival of Trees will go toward Celilo Cancer Center and the Next Century Campaign which is now focusing on providing subsidized mammograms to the uninsured, the under-insured, those living in geographic isolation and those facing cultural barriers.

Now is the time to create a tree that will highlight your business!

We would like to extend a big thank you to Columbia State Bank for our Presenting sponsorship and Fred Meyer for their support of Community Day.

For more information on the Festival of Trees, tree registration or the Mid-Columbia Health Foundation call 541.296.7275 or email mchf@mcmc.net.

Information about the Mid-Columbia Health Foundation can be located at: www.mcmc.net under "Support MCMC".

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New Member Profile

Columbia Portage Grill

The Columbia Portage Grill located in The Shilo Motel. It offers Northwest and Cajun Cuisines with a great Columbia River view.

As a full service restaurant, lounge and banquet facility, the Columbia Portage Grill opens its doors 7 days a week from 5:00AM to 12:00 Midnight.

The Columbia Portage Grill also offers a complete catering menu for events on site as well as events at your business or home.

Schedule your next meeting or reception with The Columbia Portage Grill located at 3223 Bret Clodfelter Way in The Dalles.

For more information about their services and menu items, make sure and check on line at: portage_grill@pacificwest.com

Come and enjoy the view at:

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Eastern Oregon Center for Independent Living (EOCIL)

EOCIL is a disability resource and advocacy center that provides an array of services for seniors and people with disabilities. These services are designed to empower clients to improve the quality of their lives and promote full access to society.

EOCIL is operated by people with disabilities and seniors who themselves have been successful in establishing independent lives, as well as is a non-residential program.

Among the many services available are the following:

- Information and Referral
- Independent Living Skills Training
- Peer Counseling
- Life Transitions
- Employment Services
- Benefits Planning Services
- Social and Recreation Project

For more information in The Dalles area, you can contact:
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Western States Insurance Hires New (Local) Agent

Western States Insurance, formerly Hudson Insurance, recently hired Casey Klaviter as a new agent in The Dalles Branch.

Klaviter was born and raised right here in The Dalles, but left for a few years to pursue his bachelors at Oregon State University.

Since graduating, Klaviter began analyzing insurance and the fundamentals of what is known as risk management.

His enthusiasm for helping people excelled him into an insurance career, and before he moved back to The Dalles, as an agent through Farmers Insurance.

Now, married and with a son, he works with a regionally recognized Independent Agency that represents big city insurance but provides small town services.

"It's easy to write a policy and take a check, however, covering someone's assets and protecting their financial future is my passion," said Klaviter.

Now more than ever, it's imperative for business' to have protection from the unknown.

Having Klaviter and Western State on your side is one benefit you can count on in this troubled economy.

"Representing hundreds of companies, I can find the right policy, the right coverage, and the right premium," said Klaviter.

Mary Rollins painting display

Newest Chamber member, Mary Rollins, would like to invite you to the following presentations of her work.

"Childhood Remembered" show at the Columbia Art Gallery, 215 Cascade Avenue, Hood River. Opening reception will be held on Oct. 1st, 6-8 PM, and the show will run through Oct. 31st.

Featured artist at The Pines Winery and Gallery, 202 State St., Hood River. Don't miss their great live music on Thursday nights!

Participating artist for The Columbia Gorge Discovery Center "Vintage Evening of Fine Wine & Art". The center's major fund-raiser will be held on Oct. 9th, starting at 5 PM.

Visit www.maryrollins.com for more details.

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October 1, 7-8am
Columbia Gorge Community College
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October 21, 5-7pm
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