



The Outlook

AUGUST, 2009

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Letter from the President

With summer here in all its glory, the Chamber has decided to host its August luncheon at Legion Park on Olympic Avenue in downtown Arlington! We are very excited about this and look forward to cooking your hamburger or hotdog just right. I will be grilling myself as that seems to be where I end up at every barbeque in recent memory anyway. Please make sure to put August 11 in your calendar and bring a friend and your sunglasses. Ties are definitely not required.

Remember to continue voting FOR you local businesses with your dollars. If Arlington business is healthy, Arlington is healthy. I know you're with me in keeping our community strong and growing.

As always, I look forward to seeing you at the August barbeque. Say hi when you pass my grill. It doesn't look like much, but the food tastes great!

Please feel free to contact me anytime with a question or comment. Log on to www.arlingtoninfo.org or www.smokeypointinfo.org for all your community information and upcoming Chamber activities.

Hope to see you soon,
Paul Graves, Mortgage Advisor
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AUGUST GENERAL LUNCHEON

**Please join us Tuesday, August 11th at 12 p.m.
at Legion Park for YOUR Annual BBQ Luncheon.**

Our very own Becky Foster along with Herb Hamilton Jr. will be providing the beautiful music from the gazebo while we enjoy our great food by some of your fellow chamber members. For more details and a flyer to invite other business owners you know, please refer to page 7 (or flyer insert).

\$25.00 General Admission

\$15.00 Members with reservation by Thursday August 6th

\$20.00 Members with out reservation

*Please contact the Chamber by **Thursday, August 6th** if you would like to **sponsor a raffle item**. We would like the opportunity to thank you on our meeting agenda and **allow time for your commercial** at the luncheon.*

Thank you to all of last month's show boaters: Bob and Lisa Watkins of River Rock Inn, Keith Yarder of Warm Beach Camp, and Tarin O'Brien of Arlington Travel. We also like to thank Leona Berg of Costco, Steve Bartek of Bajios, Renaee James of Hometown Values, and Jessica Stickles of Stickles Press along with the show boaters for all of the wonderful door prizes.



ARE YOU IN THE KNOW ?

GOVERNOR ATTEMPTS TO IMPOSE CLIMATE CHANGE BILL WITHOUT LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

By Rep. Dan Kristiansen Special to chambers of commerce

In my last article to the chamber of commerce, I listed good and bad business bills considered by the Legislature, including Senate Bill 5735. That's the big "cap and trade" legislation that would have forced businesses to pay to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Legislators, citizens and small business owners successfully fought to stop this measure which would have imposed some of the state's most costly regulations against businesses.

Unfortunately, Gov. Gregoire decided to issue an executive order to impose the provisions of the bill, ignoring the concerns voiced against the measure by Washingtonians. "We can't further delay action on climate change," she said, as if it is an emergency that immediately threatens our state.

Certainly none of us want to see our polar ice caps melt or have drastic changes in our weather systems that could affect the populations of the world. Whether or not you agree with environmentalists that global warming exists, let's put away that argument for just a moment and get to the heart of the matter here in Washington.

Pay close attention to this paragraph: Washington is one of the **cleanest** states in the nation. Our state produces only three-tenths of 1 percent of global greenhouse gas emissions. That's like a pebble of sand on an entire beach. With such little output, no amount of reductions we attempt in Washington will have any effect on global greenhouse gas emissions. Washington is already green!

Apparently, that doesn't matter to the governor, whose executive order includes such provisions as:

Develop emission reduction strategies and industry emissions benchmarks to make sure 2020 reduction targets are met.

Work on low-carbon fuel standards or alternative requirements to reduce carbon emissions from the transportation sector. (That likely could mean future tax increases as evidenced in proposed bills the last couple of years, such as taxing the size of your automobile engine [Senate Bill 6900 - 2008 session], and/or a mandatory reduction of the vehicle miles you travel. [House Bill 2815 - 2008 session; House Bill 1490 - 2009 session])

Work with six other Western states and four Canadian provinces in the Western Climate Initiative to develop a regional emissions reduction program design.

Work with the Obama administration to help design a national program that is strong and reflects state priorities. (AWB President

Don Brunell notes Obama's cap-and-trade proposal would be "a \$650 billion hidden tax on all Americans.")

Why are we spending millions of dollars on policies that would kill thousands of jobs and force businesses to leave Washington? It makes no sense to take such drastic steps that would merely polish an already clean state.

If there's any salvation to our businesses about the governor's executive order, enforcement is questionable. A 1991 attorney general's opinion noted: "The legislative authority of the state of Washington is vested in the Legislature. The governor cannot create obligations, responsibilities, conditions or processes having the force and effect of law by the issuance of an executive order."

Even if the executive order is unenforceable, you can be sure it won't be the last we'll see of this attempt by government to seize more power and tax dollars on the pretense of creating a better environment. So please stay alert and involved.

*State Rep. Dan Kristiansen, R-Snohomish, represents the 39th Legislative District, and also serves as chairman of the Washington House Republican Caucus. He can be contacted at (360) 786-7967 or from his Web site at: www.housepublicans.wa.gov/Kristiansen. For more information, contact: **John Sattgast, Senior Information Officer: (360) 786-7257***

NEW LAW ON FILING YOUR RETURNS

Beginning with the July 2009 return due on August 25, all monthly filers must file and pay the excise taxes electronically. This change is the result of SSB5571 passed by the 2009 Legislature.

To file your return using E-file, you must first create an online account on www.dor.wa.gov. You will need your Tax Registration Number and Pre-Assigned Access Code (PAC). If for some reason you can not file and pay electronically, you may request a waiver.

To learn more information on this NEW LAW and others, along with how to use E-filing, please visit www.dor.wa.gov.

GOVERNOR'S COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY SEEKS NOMINATIONS FOR EMPLOYER AWARDS

19th Annual Governor's Employer Awards Event to be held in October

The Governor's Committee on Disability Issues and Employment and the Washington State Business Leadership Network are calling for nominations of employers who deserve recognition for their achievements in providing employment for people with disabilities. The Governor's Employer Awards Program honors private and public sector employers of all sizes. This year's event will be hosted by Microsoft, a previous recipient, and held in October on the Redmond Campus. **Nominations can be made at <http://tinyurl.com/gov-nom>, until August 21st.** Self nominations are encouraged.

Awards are for companies and organizations who have made extra efforts to include and support individuals with disabilities through recruitment, hiring, and job retention. Strong candidates for the Governor's Employer Awards demonstrate practices that make them role models to the broader community.

In 2008, Employer Award winners included: Coastal Candies and Gifts, The River Casino, Inc., Eurest Dining Services, Eastern Washington Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Skills, Inc., Clark County Government, and the WA State Department of Social & Health Services. The Carolyn Brown Governor's Trophy was presented to two individuals, Randy Revelle and Brenda Carlstrom, for their exceptional contributions that have led to the empowerment of people with disabilities in the community and the workforce.

The Governor's Committee on Disability Issues and Employment advises the governor, legislature and other policy-makers on issues important to people who have disabilities. The Washington State Business Leadership Network is a business-to-business initiative providing education and support on hiring, retaining, and improving customer service for people with disabilities.

For more information about the Governor's Employer Awards Program contact Melinda Johnson at (509) 532-3148, FAX (509) 532-3110 or e-mail GCDEawards@comcast.net or Jan Peters at (360) 486-5896 or e-mail jpeters@esd.wa.gov.



ARE YOU IN THE KNOW?

ARLINGTON SCHOOL NEWS

***NEW* ONLINE DISTRICT CALENDAR!**

We are excited to announce that Arlington Public Schools has moved to a web-based calendaring program, allowing us to provide accurate, detailed, and up-to-date information for school district events and activities, improve our efficiency, and save money!

This online calendar will allow you to go to one place for current information about all school activities. Featured calendars have been created to provide easy access to school events and popular groups of activities. You may also use the My DynaCal feature to create your own customized calendar to include only those events that are of interest to your family, request email or text messages for canceled events, and subscribe to your personal calendar on your handheld computer and personal calendar programs (i.e. Outlook, iCal, Google, etc.)!

This powerful online calendar program will replace the multi-page printed calendar. One-page planning calendars are still available for download and the District and School offices will be happy to print calendar pages for those without internet access.

We believe you will find this "WebCal" very helpful and easy to use, however, free information sessions will be offered this Fall for those who would like to learn more about the calendar features and customization.

Visit www.asd.wednet.edu and click on the calendar tab at the top of the page.

LAKESWOOD SCHOOL NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

7/31	Special Board Meeting Tech Training Lab	9:00 AM—1:30 PM
8/5	School Board meeting LHS Library	6:30PM
8/17-8/19	LWSD Staff Tech Boot Camp	9:00 AM—12:00 PM
8/17	LHS New Student Registration	11:00 AM—2:00 PM
8/18	LMS New Student Registration	9:00 AM—3:00 PM
8/18	LHS Student Registration (Seniors & Juniors)	8:00 AM—10:30 PM 12:00 PM—2:30 PM
8/18-8/19	LMS WEB Leader Training (8th Graders Only—LHS GYM)	8:30 AM—1:30 PM
8/19	LHS Student Registration (Soph & Freshman)	8:00 AM—10:30 PM 12:00 PM—2:30 PM
8/19	LHS Football Begins	LHS
8/19	School Board Meeting	6:30 PM LHS Library
8/20	LMS WEB Orientation 6th Grade Orientation—LMS GYM	7:30 AM—11:30 AM
8/24	LMS Student Registration (A-L Students)	9:00 AM—11:30 AM & 1:30 PM—4:00 PM
8/25	LMS Student Registration (M-Z Students)	9:00 AM—11:30 AM & 1:30 PM—4:00 PM
9/1	First Day of School	2009-2010 School Year

For more information, visit www.lwstd.wednet.edu.

PRESS RELEASE

MountainCrest Credit Union Wishes To Thank Chamber Members for Spreading The Word About The Education Exchange 2009 College Grant Program

July 2009 – MountainCrest Credit Union has announced that Claire Wilson is the recipient of a \$1000 Education Exchange 2009 College Grant. Claire Wilson is a graduate of Lake Washington High School where she was a member of the National Honor Society, Student Government, Model United Nations, Girl Scouts, Environmental Club, and the Drill/Dance team. She recently received the USA President's Volunteer Service Award and the Good Citizen Scholarship from the Daughters of the American Revolution. Ms. Wilson will be attending Scripps College in California where she plans to study political science.

Availability of the grant program is publicized via the business community, via the credit union website, in the branches, by members and staff, and through a network of school counselors, human resource professionals, and teachers of Marketing and Business in Snohomish, King and Skagit Counties.

The Education Exchange College Grant program is sponsored annually by the ACCEL/Exchange® EFT Network, an electronic funds transfer network owned and operated by Fiserv, Inc. Through the program, 34 outgoing high school seniors from across the country are selected to share a total of \$50,000 in college grants. From an initial pool of thousands of applicants, grants of \$1000 and \$5000 are offered to students based upon scholastic achievement, community involvement, qualities of character and leadership, an essay and financial need.

"We are delighted for Claire Wilson and pleased that she was selected," commented Bob Schumacher, CEO and President of MountainCrest Credit Union. "We enjoy sponsoring the Fiserv ACCEL/Exchange grant program and we encourage members and the surrounding community to check back with us each January until about mid March for its availability."

JULY LUNCHEON HIGHLIGHTS

At July's Luncheon YOUR fellow chamber members had an opportunity to hear from Representative Kirk Pearson. The Representative shared with us his candid views of the 2009 Legislative Session.

YOUR Chamber President Paul Graves helped bid farewell to Jennifer Shaw, our outgoing executive director and officially welcomed in YOUR new Executive Director Michael Prihoda.

The luncheon was filled with bouquets of flowers as we thanked Dorothy Petersen a faithful chamber volunteer who has served in the office for over 5 years. The chamber also passed along thank you's to Tarin O'Brien and Julie Morse for all of the hard work they do around this chamber putting together our different fundraising events.

And as mentioned on page one, the luncheon had some wonderful "getaway" showboat table hosts: River Rock Inn, Warm Beach Camp and Conference Center, and Arlington Travel.

CHAMBER INFORMATION

CONGRATULATIONS SHEILA FRAZIER



Photo by chamber staff

Sheila Frazier with the help of Mayor Kendall cut the ribbon on the new office location of Eaglesnest Secretarial Service on July 10th. Sheila put out quiet the spread of goodies, door prizes and fun gifts for all of her guests which included members from both the Arlington-Smokey Point Chamber and the Greater Marysville Tulalip Chamber.

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS GOES QUARTERLY

Business After Hours networking events are now available once every 3 months. Your chamber staff members are currently looking for the next business or businesses to host the SEPTMEMBER BAH. Start thinking about what other Chamber Members you could team up with to host one of these events. It is a great opportunity to open your doors to allow members and community guests to have a little face to face time with other business owners, while becoming more familiar with your business.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your chamber office at 360-659-5453. We are more than willing to help you come up with ideas to make your event a great one!

UPCOMING SHOWBOAT THEME

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- August - Annual BBQ
- September – Health/Wellness
- October – Restaurants/Food
- November– Real Estate

Please contact YOUR chamber office at 360-659-5453 or email carin@arlington-smokeypointchamber.com to take advantage this great networking opportunity.

MEET OUR MEMBERS

New Members

Ferrill's Auto Parts dba Pull A Part

Bruce Thomson/Mindy Ferrill-Bollerslev

6323 172nd St Ne, Arlington, WA 98223

360-403-9606

www.pullapartwa.com

Lakewood Dental Care

Mike Hyodo, Kevin Lee, Shawn Magelsen, Johann Yi

2704 171st PL NE, STE L101, Marysville, WA 98271

360-652-1400

www.lwdentalcare.com

Turk's Head

Rosemary Heckman

(Studio) 13545 Erikson Place NE, Seattle, WA 98125

206-782-4164

www.turkshead.com

Airgas—Nor Pack, Inc

Patrick (Pat) Merkel

5925 199th Street NE, Arlington, WA 98223

360-435-7151

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August Anniversaries/Renewed Members

Arlington Travel

Costco

John L. Scott– Arlington

La Hacienda

MOTT Law Firm

Pacific Learning Solutions

Thank you for your continued support and payment for yearly membership.

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBER

Congratulations to Katie Stevens of Aflac who gave birth to her second baby girl on July 3rd. Alyssa was born 7lbs 1 oz, 19 1/2 inches long. Alyssa has already attended her first board meeting as her dedicated mommy wanted to make sure to fulfill her board member duties in order to have a quorum present at the July Board Meeting. Thank you Katie and congratulations to you and your growing family!



UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

DON'T MISS THIS!!

AUGUST~

- 11th — General Membership Meeting 12:00 noon
*****LEGION PARK*****
- TBA — Government Affairs Committee Meeting
Chamber Board Room
- TBA — Program Meeting
Chamber Board Room
- TBA — Membership Committee Meeting
Chamber Board Room
- TBA — Communications Committee Meeting
Chamber Board Room
- 19th — Finance Committee Meeting 7:45 a.m.
Chamber Board Room
- 25th — Board Meeting 7:45 a.m.
Chamber Board Room
- 25th — Ambassadors Meeting 9 a.m..
Chamber Board Room

Call the Chamber office for more information on our NEW Ambassadors Committee or any other committee you would like to serve on. There is something here for EVERYONE!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

AUGUST~

- City Council, Council Chamber
7:00 p.m. 1st/3rd Monday
- Planning Commission, Council Chamber,
7:00 p.m. 1st/3rd Tuesday of month
- D.A.B.A., Quiltmakers Shoppe
8 a.m. first and third Wednesdays
- Kiwanis's Club, B & G Club
7:00 p.m. 1st/3rd Wednesday
- Rotary Meeting, Eagle Crest Restaurant
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Every Thursday
- Airport Commission, B & G Club Hadley Hall
7:00 p.m. 2nd Tuesday.
- Lions Club, Local Scoop
6:30 p.m. 2nd/4th Wed.
- Library Board Council, Library
5:30 p.m. 3rd Thursday
- PARC Council, Library
7:00 p.m. 4th Tuesday

For Information on upcoming City Council Agenda's, please visit the City of Arlington website at: <http://www.ci.arlington.wa.us/>

EVENT CALENDAR LISTINGS YOU CAN FIND ON YOUR ASPCOC WEBSITE

www.arlington-smokepointchamber.com

TOUR NEW BUILDING AT HOSPITAL

Free Public Tours of the New Building Come See Our Growth!

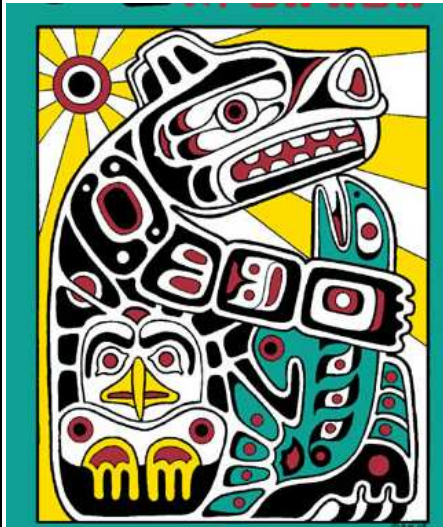
- When: First Sunday of each month at 1:00 pm
Where: Meet in front of the new building near the bus stop at 330 South Stillaguamish Avenue
Who: Due to the inherent risks of any construction site, tours are limited to adults

Please wear flat shoes with closed toes. You will be required to wear a hard hat and safety vest (provided during the tour). You will also be required to sign a waiver indicating you accept the risks of entering a construction site.

For questions or more information, contact Community Relations at 360-618-7849.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

STILLAGUAMISH FESTIVAL OF THE RIVER



AUGUST 8 & 9
10AM—8 PM

AT RIVER
MEADOWS PARK
20416 JORDAN
ROAD

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**SUPPORT CHAMBER MEMBERS BY
SHOPPING LOCALLY.**



Back Row: Paul Graves, Steve Griffith, David Matheisen, Dennis Haddock. Middle Row: Deb Borgens, Katie Stevens, Susan Bonasera, Heather Logan, Renae James, Norma Jean Syrie. Front Row: Julie Morse and Simona DeVries. Not Pictured: Jim Lonkeker, Jessica Stickles, Marv Monty, Barbara Tolbert

FROM THE DESK OF YOUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



As I settle into my position I am at first overwhelmed by the task ahead of me. The first thing I had to do is to cram everything Jennifer could tell me into my brain in a matter of days. This is of course was impossible, so I will be speed dialing her from time to time. I want to thank Jennifer Shaw for graciously spending time with me to familiarize myself with the daily tasks of the office. She will be a great resource for me in the future, and I am still trying to get her to volunteer in the office, although she laughs every time I suggest it!

I look forward to working for you at YOUR chamber. Your comments and concerns are important to me as we prepare for the future. Please feel free to call me to discuss matters that are important to you.

Remember to join in the fun at the annual Arlington-Smokey Point Chamber of Commerce BBQ. This year it will be held at Legion Park in downtown Arlington with a start time at noon. We are honored again to have Becky Foster as our entertainment along with her keyboard accompanist Herb Hamilton Jr. who is the former White House pianist to Presidents Johnson and Nixon. See you there!

Michael Prihoda

UPCOMING CHAMBER AND COMMUNITY EVENTS



Join Us!

Annual Arlington-Smokey Point Chamber of Commerce BBQ!!

Tuesday, August 11 2009

11:45—1:00 p.m.

*Legion Park next to the Gazebo
in Downtown Arlington*

*Music by
Becky Foster
accompanied by
Herb Hamilton Jr.*

*Bring a
door prize!*

RSVP By Thursday, August 6, 2009

carin@arlington-smokeypointchamber.com or

360-659-5453. See you soon!

\$25.00 General Admission

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**TJK Communications is proud to welcome Tracy Crain as our
new Service Manager!**

Tracy provides a great deal of experience and professionalism to TJK having been in the industry for 27 years, previously with Baron Telecommunications in Bellingham, WA. Tracy's certification and knowledge not only allows us to add expert service in Toshiba Systems, but his expertise brings versatility in the field on many other systems including our Panasonic Systems. With owner Tim Knibbe and Tracy Crain, TJK is able to provide over 50 years of combined excellence in the telecommunications industry to our customers.



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